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ANIMAL SCIENCE COMPLEX RECEIVES LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

In March, 1984, the Nebraska Legislature appropriated and Governor Kerrey approved funding for construction associated with the completion of the Animal Science Complex. The need for new and modern animal science teaching facilities and updated research capabilities on the UNL campus will be met as a result of this action. The plans and dreams of the Department developed over the last 10 years will become reality.

New facilities provided in this project include: 1) A livestock teaching center including an arena, 2) livestock evaluation and practicums laboratories, 3) livestock housing facilities, and 4) classroom, laboratory and office additions to Marvel Baker Hall. The classroom facility will have general classrooms for use in the College of Agriculture and the Animal Science Department. Some specialized classrooms and laboratories for Animal Science teaching will be included. Research laboratories for animal physiology, ruminant and monogastric nutrition and meat science will be included in the complex.

An addition to Loeffel Meat Laboratory will include: 1) pilot laboratories for meat cutting, processing, manufacturing, cooking and packaging of meat products, 2) poultry slaughtering facilities, and 3) specialized classrooms for meat demonstration and carcass evaluation classes.

Some renovation of Marvel Baker Hall, particularly in the intensive animal facilities and research laboratories, will be included in the project.

We express sincere appreciation to all segments of the Nebraska animal industry for the support needed to obtain approval of the project. The members of the Ag-40 Committee chaired by Mr. John Klosterman of David City, deserves special recognition for their long and diligent work to identify and communicate the need for new Animal Science facilities at UN-L. Completion of the Animal Science Complex will provide Nebraska with one of the most modern and complete animal science teaching and research facilities in the United States.

Total appropriation for planning, construction and equipment is $19,161,750. The design development phase of planning will be complete in July and construction documents will be finished in December, 1984. We anticipate that construction will start in February, 1985 and the facility will be ready for use in April or May, 1987.

COMING EVENTS

July 30-Aug 3 Poultry Science Meetings, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Aug. 7-10 Animal Science Meetings, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
Aug. 27 Classes begin - Fall Semester UNL
Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 17-21 Final Exam week
Dec. 22 First Semester Commencement
Jan. 14, 1985 Classes begin - Spring Semester UNL
Mar. 24-31 Spring Vacation
April 12 Honors Convocation
May 11 Second Semester Commencement
RAUN RECEIVES HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE AWARD

Dr. Ned S. Raun, Vice-President for Programs for Winrock International, Morrilton, Arkansas received the Honorary Doctor of Science degree at the 1984 Spring Commencement at UNL.

Dr. Raun is a native of Kearney County, NE. He received his B.S. degree in Animal Science from UNL in 1948 and his Ph.D. degree at Iowa State University.

Dr. Raun has been an effective leader in International Animal Agriculture in many parts of the world, having worked with the Rockefeller Foundation and the World Bank in Latin America.

He is married to Essie Zanger and they have 6 children. A son Bill is a graduate student in Soils at UNL.

DR. CHARLES ADAMS RETIRES

Dr. Charles H. Adams officially became Professor Emeritus of UNL December 31, 1983. “Charlie” as he is widely known by his many friends, joined the Animal Science staff in 1947 as the only instructor in Meats. He also coached the Meats Judging Team for many years. Adams probably is known by more former students and graduates in Animal Science than any other staff member in the College of Agriculture. In 1972 he was appointed Assistant Dean of the College of Agriculture where he advised and assisted most of the students in the college. He has received many awards for teaching from national and UNL organizations.

Just before his retirement Adams was the recipient of the L. K. Crowe award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student Advisor from the College of Agriculture. This honor recognized the many years of exceptional undergraduate advising he provided students at UNL. The award is named for the late Professor L. K. Crowe long time member of the Animal Science (Dairy) staff.

Following several national and international trips with his wife Eula Mae, Adams will be associated with the University of Nebraska Alumni Association. He will also have an office in Marvel Baker Hall.

Charlie, we wish the best for you and Eula Mae in the years ahead.

YA’LL COME TO THE BEEF BARN BALL

All former residents of the living quarters at the Old Beef and Horse barns and alumni of Animal Science are invited to the “Final Fling” in the Hay Loft of the Old Beef Barn, Friday evening, October 5, 1984.

Plans are underway to hold a “Genuine Barn Dance” in the Old Beef Barn on East Campus just before the old building is removed to make way for the new Animal Science Complex. Professor R. B. Warren and Dr. James Kinder are making plans for the event that is expected to attract many alumni.

It is anticipated that many “old-timers” as well as recent occupants of the living quarters of the old barns will enjoy an evening of nostalgia and reminiscence as the “band plays on”.

Be sure to put the date on your calendar and plan to join your friends at the REAL BEEF BARN DANCE October 5, 1984. Contact R. B. Warren or Jim Kinder for further details.

BURSON TO JOIN ANIMAL SCIENCE STAFF

Dennis E. Burson, a native of Burwell, NE will join the Animal Science faculty in November 1984 following the completion of his Ph.D. degree at Kansas State University. Burson received his B.S. degree in Animal Science from UNL in 1977. He was a member of both the Livestock and Meats Judging teams while an undergraduate at UNL. Burson will be teaching and serving as Meats Extension leader.

FRITSCHEN BECOMES DIRECTOR OF PANHANDLE STATION

Robert D. Fritschen, Professor of Animal Science became Director of the Panhandle Station, Scottsbluff, NE and Extension Director, District I, May 1984. Fritschen joined the Animal Science staff in 1963. He has served as Swine Extension Research leader at the Northeast Station, Concord, NE and as Associate Director for the Scottsbluff Station. Most recently he was a member of the teaching staff at UNL. Fritschen is widely known for his research dealing with swine housing.

DOANE RECEIVES GSD TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Ted Doane, long time professor in Animal Science received the Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award at the fall meeting of the Honor Society of Agriculture. Doane was recognized for his effectiveness in teaching introductory animal science courses and sheep production. As an advisor to many students he has developed a very effective way to know and help students during their years at the University.

Doane was the recipient of the College of Agriculture Bereuter Outstanding Teacher Award in 1982.
UNL BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB WINS NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The UNL Block and Bridle Club received honors at the National Block and Bridle Club meeting in Denver, CO January 10-12, 1984. The Club was awarded first place in CLUB ACTIVITIES and second place in CLUB ANNUAL AND FOR THEIR SCRAPBOOK. Approximately 200 students hold membership in the B&B Club.

VINCENT H. ARTHAUD MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. Catherine Arthaud has established the Vincent H. Arthaud Memorial Fund to commemorate the life and distinguished career of her husband. Vince received his Bachelor's degree in 1936 and his Master's degree in 1953, both from the University of Nebraska. He served as Professor of Animal Science from 1945-1977. The fund is established in the University of Nebraska Foundation and income will support travel fellowships for Animal Science graduate students. The fellowships will be used toward expenses incurred by graduate students in presentation of research papers at scientific meetings.

During his career in the Animal Science Department, Vince served as research farm manager, teacher, judging team coach, researcher and business manager. He was responsible for management and supervision of the Department's beef cattle herds. Much of the early research on feeding young bulls for slaughter was reported by Vince.

We express our sincere thanks to Mrs. Arthaud for this generous gift to support graduate education in Animal Science. Contributions to the fund are welcome and should be sent to the University of Nebraska Foundation for deposit to the Vincent H. Arthaud Memorial Fund.

BEVANS IS 1984 BLOCK AND BRIDLE HONOREE

Mr. Lloyd I. Bevans of Waverly, NE, prominent leader in turkey and sheep production in Nebraska was the honor guest at the Block and Bridle Banquet April 28, 1984.

Bevans, who began producing turkeys in the early 1940's to finance his college education, owns one of the principal turkey production units in the Midwest. He is also recognized as a leader in the sheep industry in Nebraska and is a practicing attorney.

A portrait of Bevans, presented to the Animal Science Department, will be displayed in the HALL OF FAME section of Marvel Baker Hall. Bevans is the 49th Nebraskan to be honored by the student club, since the program was initiated in 1938.

LEO MASEK RECEIVES OUTSTANDING IANR EMPLOYEE AWARD

Leo Masek, receptionist, personnel and payroll clerk in the Animal Science Department received the May 1984 Outstanding Employee Award presented by the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources. The award recognizes her outstanding performance and service in the departmental office. The award consists of a recognition plaque and a check for $100.00. Masek began her duties in Animal Science in 1975.

WARREN RECEIVES TEACHING AWARD

Professor R. B. Warren long time Livestock Judging team coach and Animal Science teacher received the Distinguished Teaching Award in the College of Agriculture at the May 13, 1984 Honors Convocation. R.B., as he is familiarly known to hundreds of former students and alumni, was recognized for his service and dedication to undergraduate student teaching. A leader in 4-H horse activities, R.B. was honored at the 1983 State 4-H Horse show by the establishment of a $10,000 scholarship fund in his name. The scholarship will be available to outstanding 4-H horse club members. Warren joined the UNL Animal Science staff in 1956. He received the Livestock Service Award for 1984, presented by Walnut Grove Feed Company.

DICKERSON RECEIVES SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD FROM USDA

Dr. Gordon E. Dickerson who holds a joint appointment in the Animal Science Department at UNL and the Roman L. Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center of USDA was recently awarded the Superior Service Award by the United States Department of Agriculture. The presentation was made during the award ceremonies at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. June 1984. The award recognizes the contributions of Dickerson in the fields of Genetics and Animal Breeding.

Before joining the faculty at UNL, Dickerson was with the Department of Agriculture in Canada. He was the Poultry Geneticist for Kimber Poultry Farms, Fremont, California for twenty years.
DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Livestock Judging was first introduced into the Animal Husbandry (Science) curriculum in the late eighteen-hundreds at the University of Wisconsin? Professor John A. Craig, Chairman of the Animal Husbandry department at the University of Wisconsin made this course a leading feature of the Animal Husbandry curriculum. In 1901 Professor Craig wrote a book entitled, "Judging Livestock". The book remained the leading textbook in this subject area for many years.

In 1900 the first International Livestock Exposition, with exhibitions from Canada and the U.S. was held at Chicago, IL. The first International Collegiate Livestock Judging contest was a part of this exhibition. This event soon became the "SUPERBOWL" of Collegiate Livestock Judging activities. Teams from the University of Nebraska have participated in this event since 1908. On two occasions Nebraska teams have won this intercollegiate event.

In 1926, a Meats Judging contest was initiated at the Chicago show. Teams from Nebraska have won the contest eight times.

1983 DAIRY JUDGING TEAM—(Seated left to right): Tracy Mohr, Omaha; and Beth Mohr, Omaha; Standing (left to right): Jeff Langemeier, Mead; Coach Dr. Franklin Eldridge and Rick Carson, Arlington.

1983 SENIOR LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM—Seated (left to right): Jeff Mencke, Blair; Kendall Schlake, Jansen; Scott Anderson, Blair; Marc Bauer, Pleasanton; and Paul Berger, Spalding. Standing (left to right): Dr. Elton Aberle, Department Head; Bryce Ritz, Comstock; Tim Arkfeld, Battle Creek; Greg Crawford, Lexington; Mike Sindt, Riverton; Terry Maul, Kearney; and R. B. Warren, Coach.

1983 SENIOR MEATS JUDGING TEAM—Seated (left to right): Brenda Leisy, Wisner; Joyce Beccard, Nebraska City; Bob Duer, Staplehurst; Jeff Rudolph, Dunbar; Kelly Conrad, Scottsbluff; and Duane Starkey, Denton. Standing (left to right): Dr. Elton Aberle, Department Head; Kent Anderson, Lexington; Mark Kliewer, Henderson; Kevin Pentz, Lexington; Chris Rhynalds, Oxford; Kenny Miller, Page; Bob Cameron, Dunbar; Chris Calkins, Coach; and Toni Day, Head Coach.

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