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EAST CAMPUS LIGHTING REPLACEMENT PROJECT

I know we have bothered you in the last 2 years with window replacement, which should have ended by now. Now for the bad news (or not): As you can see below, Facilities is going to put new lighting in Plant Sciences Hall, which will hopefully save energy. However, you will once again be inconvenienced by the contractor as they do the installation. As it stands now, installation will start about 7/27/2011 with 1st floor of Plant Sciences Hall. As we near the start date, we will keep you informed of any schedule changes and updates. Thank You for your patience as building improvements are made. Any questions or concerns please let Sam or I know. ----- TJ McAndrew

Contractors from Progressive Electric Company will be in the following buildings on East Campus beginning on Wednesday, June 22, until mid August: **Ag Communications, Ag Greenhouses 2, 3, & 4, Biochemistry Hall, Child Development Center, Chase Hall, Family Resource Center, Insectary Building, Plant Sciences Hall, Plant Pathology Greenhouse, Splinter Lab, Stewart Seed Lab, and Textiles, Design Studio.**

We will be replacing the outdated, energy hogs (light fixture lamps and ballasts) in an effort to conserve energy consumption across campus. We anticipate the work taking roughly 30 minutes. per

light fixture. We will disconnect the power to each fixture one-by-one so individuals may continue to work in their offices; however there may be short disturbances, i.e., if the light fixture is near a desk or work space. Note: The appearance of each light fixture will remain as it exists today. We are only replacing what is hidden and leaving all existing lenses and fixtures.

I will issue building notifications through the Facilities Service Desk for each building individually two (2) days prior to work occurring in each building in case we differ from the schedule as the project progresses.

We appreciate your cooperation and thank you in advance for your patience.

----- Josh Ward, Facilities Planning & Construction

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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN LACTATION SUPPORT PROGRAM, CHANCELLOR'S POLICY MEMORANDUM 2009-01 (REVISED 3/2/11):

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln recognizes the importance of supporting new mothers who wish to continue to breastfeed while they are at work or attending school. Accordingly, several sites on both City Campus and East Campus have been established for the purpose of providing semi-private or private spaces to new mothers.

The Department of Agronomy and Horticulture has established Room 276 Plant Sciences Hall as a "private lactation" support room. This room will be available for all departments housed in the Keim Hall/Plant Science building. This is a locked room. When needed, a request to unlock the room may be made at the front reception desk, Rm. 202 Keim Hall. A "Privacy" sign will be available inside the room for posting on the outside of the door when the room is in use.

Other locations on either campus with support rooms can be found at this website:

http://www.unl.edu/ucomm/chancellor/policymemoranda/Lactation_policy_2009.pdf

A WORD FROM YOUR OFFICE PROFESSIONALS



Annual Parking Permits Expire June 30



Faculty and staff parking permits for the 2010-2011 term expire June 30. Permit stickers can be renewed online through this link, <http://go.unl.edu/uti>, or over the counter at 625 Stadium Drive. To renew a permit, you must have an NU identification number (located on the NCard) and current vehicle information (license plate number, state, color, make, model and year). New annual permits *must* be displayed starting July 1. Fall semester and nine-month permits *must* be displayed starting Aug. 15. For more information, call Parking & Transit Services at (402) 472-1800.

If you need to use a vehicle that is not registered on your employee parking permit, you should transfer your permit to that vehicle and register the vehicle on the Parking & Transit website:

<http://parking.unl.edu/>. One example of this is if you need to use a rental vehicle. You could also

purchase an employee day permit for \$5.00. They are available at the Information desk at the East Campus Union.

Guest Parking Permits

Guest Parking Permits are issued monthly to UNL departments for visitor parking needs. Some of the rules for using guest permits are:

- Permits are not to be issued to students, staff, faculty, or vendors doing business with, working, or going to school at UNL.
- Permits can be issued to guest speakers, unexpected guests, or small groups of 4 or less. They are not to be used for meetings, seminars, conferences or workshops. In other words, if the event is planned, Department guest permits should **not** be used.

Special conference permits can be issued for planned events. The cost is \$6.00 per guest parking permit. Any of our Office Professionals can assist you in ordering permits.

Parking and Transit checks each license plate number listed on our guest parking permit form. Going forward, we will require a license plate number **before** issuing a permit. If an employee vehicle is listed or there are over four permits issued for a single event, we will lose the right to have guest permits for one year. **Parking and Transit is strictly enforcing these rules. Please help by not abusing the use of Department guest parking permits.**

New University Mail Delivery Process

Beginning July 5, Agronomy and Horticulture mail **pick up** and **delivery** will be reduced to odd-numbered days. Additionally, our mail will no longer be delivered by 8:00 a.m. Incoming mail will be delivered to the Department at approximately 10:00 a.m., the same time outgoing mail is picked up. Incoming mail will then be distributed to individual mailboxes between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Changes in mail services are part of the budget reduction process. Departments have the option to pick up mail on non-delivery days (even-numbered days) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, at Mail and Distribution Services. To pick up mail, employees must bring the Department "Mail Pick Up Authorization" card and a valid Ncard. Employees who pick up mail assume all responsibility and liability for the mail. The employee must pick up ALL the mail coming to our building. The Department authorization card will be kept at the front desk in 202 Keim. Questions? Contact Brenda Gibson, 2-2811 or bgibson2@unl.edu. For more information about the new mail delivery process go to <http://printing.unl.edu/mail>.

Office Depot Deliveries Will Still Arrive Daily

Deliveries from Office Depot will still arrive daily at UNL even though the mail system is switching to every other day delivery. According to Bob Gier in Moving Services, he said he still expects Office Depot deliveries to be made within 24-hours of the order. The exceptions would be: 1) back ordered supplies, 2) supplies that are mailed through the USPS, and 3) heavy delivery times (e.g. right before school starts). Bob said if we don't get our supplies within 2 days, we should call Stores at 2-2286 to find the supplies, track the order on the Office Depot website, or call the Office Depot Customer Service phone number at 888-263-3423.

Migrating to Blackboard 9.1

For faculty who haven't migrated to Blackboard 9.1, course information that was in Blackboard 9 can be found at the following website: <https://bb9.unl.edu/>. Log in and then click on the tab that reads "Migrate to Bb 9.1." Then follow the directions to migrate a class to version 9.1. Information about the transition to Bb 9.1, directions, and links to resources can be found at <http://is.unl.edu/myunlupdate>.

"Thank you" Message from Kathy Schindler

Thank you to everyone who attended the ice cream reception on June 8 and to those who extended congratulations to me for my IANR Impact Award. Thanks to Charlene Wendt for coordinating my nomination and to everyone who wrote nomination letters. Thanks to Charlene and Karen Kreider for

dishing up the ice cream! This has been a wonderful honor to receive and the reception was a fun and memorable event!

Mileage Logs

Mileage logs for June for employees who use department or project-owned vehicles are due Tuesday, July 5, to Kathy Schindler, 279 PLSH. Mileage logs for July will be due Wednesday, August 3. If you to print more copies of the monthly logs, please go to <http://transportation.unl.edu/forminfo> and click on the “**Monthly Mileage Log Sheet.**” You can save this form on your computer to print as needed in the future. (Don’t forget to write your vehicle number [Unit #] on the mileage log sheet.)

----- Brenda, Carola, Karen, Kat, Kathy, Linda, and Marlene

CONGRATULATIONS! ★

Agroecology Education Team Receives Award

The educator team that developed the Agroecology MSc degree program at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) in Aas, Norway, has received the 2011 all-university teaching award for innovative leadership in education, sustained student interest and enrollment, and initiating a model that has been adopted in four other countries. In a time of shrinking student numbers, this program continues to attract many applicants to fill the 25 new student places each year. Over the past decade, these students have come from 20 different countries and most have now completed thesis projects. Several papers based on student thesis research have been published in reviewed international journals. In addition to a certificate, the program will receive a new teaching position for three years, plus NOK100,000 (\$18,000) per year for operating costs. Our department participates through a cooperative agreement between UNL and UMB. The team receiving the award includes Dr. Geir Lieblein, Dr. Tor Arvid Breland, and **Dr. Charles Francis**. The program was initiated in 1999 with a prototype agroecology course when Francis was on sabbatic leave in Norway.

Wellness News from Aaron Franco

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Bike/Walk to Work Week last month. The Department of Agronomy & Horticulture came in 3rd place across the whole university, with nearly 150 miles saved! As a bonus, two participants from our department even won awards in the random drawing: **Cheryl Bogenrief** won a 20-ride bus pass and **Luciano Shiratsuchi** won a bike helmet. Nice job!

Scholarship Award

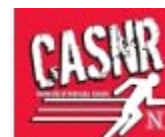
Christina Bavougian, a PhD student advised by Paul Read, was recently named a recipient of an American Society for Enology and Viticulture (ASEV) scholarship for 2011-2012. Congratulations, Christina!

Linda’s Retirement

Congratulations to **Linda Maser**, who is retiring June 30, 2011, after serving the University of Nebraska for 31 years, 13 of those years with the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture. Linda, you are wished the very best in your retirement!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 27 **Happy Birthday to CASNR:** 3:00-4:30 p.m., East Campus Union. The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources is 139 years old and is having a birthday party. You’re all invited for cake and ice cream.



Jun 29 **Retirement Reception for Dr. Milford Hanna:** 3:00-5:00 p.m., East Campus Union. Dr. Hanna will retire from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on July 1, 2011. This reception celebrates and acknowledges Milford's many years of service with the Biological Systems Engineering Department, Food Science and Technology Department, and the Industrial Agricultural Products Center.

2011 WALKING TOURS OF THE MAXWELL ARBORETUM



These informal walking tours are scheduled from 12:00–1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The tours are led by Emily Levine, Special Projects Research Horticulturist with Agronomy and Horticulture and former Grounds Supervisor for the arboretum. They are free and open to the public. Levine said no end date has been set for the 2011 tours.

Participants should meet at the Karl Loerch Gazebo one block east of the UNL Dairy Store, near 38th and Holdrege streets. Some metered parking is available on the East Campus Loop south of the arboretum. In the event of rain, that week's tour will be canceled.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For the latest news, information, and list of events at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please visit <http://ianrhome.unl.edu/home>. Click on **IANR News Feed** or the **IANR Calendar** under the heading "Timely Topics."

If you would like to submit events for the Agronomy & Horticulture calendar, give them to **Aaron Franco** after they have been approved by the department head. Our calendar also shows events posted on the IANR and CASNR calendars. Go to: <http://events.unl.edu/agronomy>.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FYI: Visit UNL's Office of Sponsored Programs web site for funding announcements in PDF format at <http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml> under "Funding Opportunities." These announcements are compiled from the funding opportunities offered by federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. If you want to subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or nmeier2@unl.edu). Additional funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.