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From The Director's Desk

Progress Report — Instrument Repair Service

The August newsletter reported the start of a scientific instrument repair service on East Campus. There has been a high demand for the service.

The office and shop areas for this service have been developed in Rooms 122 and 123 Agricultural Biochemistry Hall. This facility will be staffed from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Monday through Friday. Call 475-9020 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Progress Report — Format for Experiment Station Projects

Following several months of discussion with the Experiment Station Advisory Council and IANR unit administrators, a set of materials dealing with policies, procedures and format for Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station projects has been developed. These materials were mailed to unit administrators earlier this fall. Several unit administrators submitted additional comments and suggestions reflecting views of faculty in their units. This additional input will be considered in developing a revised draft for mailing to all Agricultural Experiment Station faculty in January, 1982. A 30-day comment period will be provided, after which a final version will be developed.

Summer Faculty Fellowship Program Suspended

Because of current year budget problems, the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station is suspending the Summer Faculty Fellowship Program for 1982. Although this program has provided the opportunity for several academic year faculty members from throughout the University to apply their talents to on-going Agricultural Experiment Station research programs, this program cannot be justified at a time when several critical support positions are frozen due to budget reductions.

Federal Budget Update

At the time this is being written, we are operating under a continuing resolution at about last year's level of Federal funding. Attitudes concerning Federal budget prospects for FY '82 range from quite optimistic to pessimistic. Both houses of Congress have continued to express support for agricultural research and extension through their actions on FY '82 appropriations.

Comprehensive Reviews

The Agricultural Engineering comprehensive review was held the week of November 30 to December 4. Review team members were: Dr. Norman Scott, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Cornell University; Professor Wendell Bowers, Agricultural Programs Leader/Extension Coordinator, Oklahoma State University; Dr. Paul Turnquist, Head, Department of Agricultural Engineering, Auburn University; Dr. Earl C. Stegman, Professor, Agricultural Engineering Department, North Dakota State University; Dr. Larry F. Stikeleather, Manager, Product Planning, Allis Chalmers Corporation; Dr. Clarence F. Becker, Cooperative State Research Service, U.S.D.A.; and Dr. Robert “Bud” Britton, Professor of Animal Science, UN-L.

An excellent self-study document was prepared by the Agricultural Engineering Department. Interaction with the review team provided an excellent opportunity for discussion of current programs and future goals in Agricultural Engineering research, extension, teaching and international programs.

Remaining comprehensive reviews scheduled include Agricultural Communications (April, 1982) and Agricultural Biochemistry (May, 1982).

Season's Best Wishes

The Agricultural Experiment Station office staff — Roy Arnold, Bob Kleis, Warren Sahs, John Woodward, Linda Arnold, Diane Mohrhoff, and Katie Bradshaw — express to each of you our best wishes for the holiday season and new year. It is our hope that this time may be restful, relaxing and fulfilling.

Roy G. Arnold
Dean and Director

Sahs Sez

Various IANR personnel met with John H. Sautter, District Conservationist and colleagues at Mullen, Nebraska on November 18. Resource data information on the Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center was presented and discussed, such as soils and range survey, a suggested conservation plan and suggested tree and shrub planting plans. This was an excellent report and represented much effort in cooperation with the Upper Loup Natural Resources District.
The Sandhill Agricultural Laboratory cow herd was moved to the Gudmundsen site the same week.

Warren W. Sahs
Assistant Director

Grants and Contracts

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