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Looking ahead:

Following my visits to the several units of the Agricultural Experiment Station, discussions with AES staff, and time to reflect on numerous comments and suggestions received, I have identified the following issues for major attention by the Station Office in 1981.

1) Station projects ... format, review process, reporting. A subcommittee of the Experiment Station Advisory Committee is developing recommendations in this area. These recommendations will be shared for discussion and comment.

2) Strengthen information and assistance capabilities within Station Office for research grants and contracts.

3) Promote more in-house "research update" workshops, and encourage more group research efforts, where appropriate. Some impressive examples exist, and numerous other opportunities have been pointed out.

4) Achieve greater visibility for research programs of the Station.

5) Seek improved funding for research programs of the Station (an on-going, long-term effort).

6) Completion of development plan for Field Laboratory at Mead and initiation of efforts to attract external funds to assist in this development.

7) Develop improved internal service capabilities for repair and maintenance of scientific instruments.

Welcome to Mrs. Linda Arnold:

Effective January 5, Mrs. Linda Arnold assumed the responsibilities of the Secretarial Specialist position in the Ag. Experiment Station Office. Linda comes to this position with 13 years of experience within the University. For the past eight years, she served as secretary to the Assistant to the Chancellor, UN-L, and receptionist in the Office of the Chancellor. Earlier assignments included the UN-L Personnel, Accounting, and Comptroller offices. Currently, Linda is serving as President of the University of Nebraska Office Personnel Association. Linda is a native of David City, NE. She and her husband, Chuck, have a 10-year-old son, Chris. We welcome Linda to this new position.

Federal Budget Update:

The Fiscal-1981 Federal budget for USDA-SEA included the following changes:

- Hatch formula funds: +8.4% (Note: Doesn't reflect actual increase for Nebraska programs, in that some additional eligible institutions are to be funded out of increase and elimination of earmarked funds for rural development.)
- McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry funds: +7.7%.
- Title V Rural Development Act funds: Eliminated as earmarked funds.
- Section 1433 Animal Health and Disease Research funds: Restored, and increased 8.3% ($ 6,500,000).
- Section 1419 Alcohol Fuels Research Grants funds: maintained at FY '80 level ($ 500,000).
- Competitive Research Grants: maintained and increased 3.2% (Plant Science research, $ 13 million; Human Nutrition research, $ 3 million).
- Special Research Grants (selected components of potential interest to Nebraska AES staff):
Food and agriculture policies $150,000
Soybean research 500,000
Integrated pest management (consortium) 1,500,000
Pesticide clearance 1,250,000
Pesticide impact assessment 1,810,000
Animal health research 5,050,000
Energy research 1,900,000
Germplasm resources research 500,000

Roy G. Arnold

The IANR is, or soon will be, recognized as the national leader in range and ranch related research. A multi-discipline IANR Planning Committee will convene Jan. 16th at North Platte to develop plans to operate, as of May 1, 1981, and later develop the recently acquired Gudmundsen 12,000 acre ranch north of Whitman, NE. It will be known as the Gudmundsen Sandhills Research Center and will be the site for extensive research, cooperative extension, and in time, possibly, off-campus teaching activities. We hope to have a suitable on-site dedication of the facility in June, 1981.

The IANR Pesticide committee visited project areas at the Field Laboratory in November and December. With their good help, advise and counsel, the Field Laboratory "passed inspection" as of December 23, 1980.

Grants and Contracts:
Amend, James F. (Veterinary Science) - Eli Lilly and Company 4,800
Baker, Maurice (Ag Economics) - USDA/ESCS 16,000
Bodman, G. R., DeShazer, J. A., & Schulte, D. D. (Ag Engineering) - USDA/SEA 54,300
Burnside, O. C. (Agronomy) - Diamond Shamrock 400
Chollet, Raymond (Ag Biochemistry) - USDA/SEA 58,000
Coyne, D. P. (Horticulture) - Anna H. Elliott Fund (via Foundation) 1,083
Coyne, D. P. (Horticulture) - Union Pacific Foundation (via UN Foundation) 6,500
DeShazer, J. A. (Ag Engineering) - Nebraska Inter-Industry Electric Council 1,000
Dickey, E. C. (Ag Engineering) - UN Foundation 31,000
Dickerson, C. E. (Animal Science) - UN Foundation 1,000
Doran, J. W., Wilhelm, W. W. (Agronomy), Fenster, C. R. (Panhandle) - Anna Elliott Fund (via Foundation) 6,500
Fenster, C. R. (Panhandle Station) - Eli Lilly and Company 2,000
Ferguson, Donald L. (Vet Science) Danielson, Murray (North Platte) - Hoechst-Roussel Pharmaceuticals Inc. 9,500
Froning, G. W. (Animal Science) - Poultry Science Association 100
Gardner, C. O. (Agronomy) - Institute of International Education 1,541
Ontvedt, I. T. (Animal Science) - USDA/SEA 50,000
Peters, Leroy L. (South Central Station) - Union Pacific Foundation 10,350
Roeth, P. W. (South Central Station) - Mobay Chemical Corporation 125
Roeth, F. W. (South Central Station) - American Hoechst Corporation 300
Rosenberg, N. J. (Center for Ag Meteorology & Climatology) - National Science Foundation 27,820
Rush, Ivan C. (Panhandle Station) - Eli Lilly and Company 9,300
Satterlee, L. D. (Food Science & Technology) - A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company 1,575
Schmidt, J. W., Johnson, V. A., Pattern, P. J. (Agronomy) - Rohm and Haas Company 1,000
Shahani, K. M. (Food Science & Technology) - International Multifoods 225
Thompson, Thomas L. (Ag Engineering) - USDA/SEA 23,500
Torres-Medina, Alfonso (Veterinary Science) - National Institutes of Health 12,800
Widaver, Anne K. (Plant Pathology) - USDA/SEA 32,800
Wicks, G. A. (North Platte Station) - Stauffer Chemical Company 500
Wicks, G. A. (North Platte Station) - Monsanto Company 750
Witkowski, John (Northeast Station) - American Cyanamid Company 1,500
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