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PROTECTION OF HUMAN SUBJECTS

Some Experiment Station staff have indicated a need for information concerning the requirements under the provisions of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare regulations on the protection of human subjects.

The University of Nebraska has formally assured DHEW that it will follow procedures which will assure the protection of any human being exposed to risk in sponsored research projects. Sponsored research projects are broadly considered to include any research, training, development, demonstration, or related activity involving human subjects without regard to whether or not outside funding is being requested. DHEW policy defines "subject" as "any individual who may be at risk as a consequence of participation in research, development, demonstration or other activities." The policies are concerned with the risks inherent in altered states or conditions imposed by project protocols, whether these risks are physical, psychological, sociological, or legal in nature.

The University has established a committee on investigations involving human subjects. The executive secretary of this committee is Dr. Louis L. Ouren. His office is in room 4115, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska, 68105. His telephone number is 8-541-7930.

All Experiment Station projects involving human subjects must be approved by this committee before final submission to Washington. Approval or endorsement of our peer
review group is a prerequisite for consideration of a proposed project by the human subjects review board. The project review we have for new or revised projects constitutes this peer review.

Complete instructions to investigators concerning projects requiring review procedures for the protection of human subjects may be obtained from Dr. Ouren's office. He has also been quite willing to answer questions by telephone. Francis Schmehl, Research Administrator for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is also an excellent source for information in this area.

John C. Woodward
Guest Editor

OVERTIME PAY

You are reminded that the Board of Regents policy does not allow for the working of overtime by classified employees (C-Line). However, in an emergency situation approval for a limited amount of overtime can be granted by the Comptroller with the consent of the Dean's office. Any overtime worked must be reported on the employee's timecard. Current payment for this time is at the regular rate of pay.

Managerial Professional (B-Line) employees are paid on a monthly basis and are not required to log their hours of work. They are employed to do a job and are not eligible for additional compensation.

C. H. Koopmann
Finance & Personnel

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Dickinson, Earl - Professor and Chairman, Veterinary Science - Appointment
Eldridge, Franklin - Professor, Animal Science - Return from leave
Holtzer, Thomas - Assistant Professor, Entomology - Appointment
McGill, Lawrence - Assistant Professor, Veterinary Science - Resignation
Simmons, James - Instructor, Agricultural Education - Resignation

CRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Farlin, S. D. - Animal Science - Smith Kline Corporation $  800
Klopfenstein, T. J. - Animal Science - Scott Paper Company  6,000
Mattern, P. J. - Agronomy - U. S., AID  586,000
Nichols, J. T. - Agronomy (NP Sta) - Sharp Brothers Seed Company  500
Owen, F. G. - Animal Science - Biochemical Corporation of America  500
Satterlee, L. D. & J. G. Kendrick - Food Sci & Tech & Ag. Econ - NSF 138,600
Wicks, G. A. - Agronomy (NP Sta) - E.I. DuPont De Nemours & Co.  600
White, R. G. - Veterinary Science (NP Sta) - Hoffman La Roche Inc.  1,742

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Christmas provides the occasion to express our sentiments and feelings. As I look at the Experiment Station retrospectively I conclude that 1976 was a good year -- maybe even a vintage year! I think of a number of things: some noteworthy research achievements; development and improvement in land and facilities; improved support; favorable budgetary treatment by the State and Federal government; new programs and new colleagues. But, most important, is the evidence of the initiative, energy, and dedication shown by each of you to our collective enterprise -- our research program.

All of us here extend to each of you our best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a satisfying 1977.

Howard W. Ottoson
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