FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

ENERGY WORKSHOP: Special Energy Areas Deserving Attention--10:00 AM, January 9

The Experiment Station Energy Committee will sponsor a workshop for Station staff preceding the Experiment Station luncheon of the IANR conference. This workshop will represent a final report of this committee which has been active during the past year. Dr. Splinter has chaired this committee. The room in which the session will be held will be posted on the East Campus Union bulletin board.

Howard W. Ottoson

NEBRASKA WATER RESOURCES CENTER

The University—and especially the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR)—has long recognized the key role that water plays in the economic, social and environmental well-being of the state and its citizens. For many years, the Institute and its predecessor units have been involved in meeting the water resources research and educational needs of the state, region and nation. The largest part of this effort, in terms of total expenditure of resources, is in research. However, water resources extension and academic programs are also significant components of this program. At the present time practically all of the units of IANR, and many other units of UN-L and of other institutions and agencies in the state are involved to some degree in this effort.

Established in 1964, the mission of the Nebraska Water Resources Center is to coordinate, foster, administer and conduct research, information dissemination, educational and training activities which are responsive to the water resources needs of Nebraska, the surrounding region and the nation. As the Center staff is, and will remain, relatively small, its major role is in coordination—to stimulate, guide and expedite the efforts of others with interests and responsibilities in water resources.

The Center conducts a three-step planning process to determine the state's water resources research and educational needs. First, an evaluation is made of the state's water problems, through solicited input from key individuals and agencies. The second step is the delineation of research and educational programs and the setting of priorities in consultation with the Agricultural Experiment Station and other appropriate parties. The third step in the process involves planning to obtain the resources to carry out the needed projects.

The latest iteration of this planning process has led to the recognition of several critical areas of research and educational needs including: water law; atmospheric drought research and monitoring; irrigation energy efficiency; drought tolerance of plants; water quality; and economic, social and environmental implications of alternative water policies. The Water Resources Center, in cooperation with other units and agencies with an interest in water, will be doing what it can to see that these needs are met.

M. W. Hall
PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Bigbee, Daniel E. - Prof. of An. Sci. & Ext. Poultry Specialist - New Appointment
Francis, Charles W. - Assoc. Prof. - Vet. Science - Resignation
Gustafson, William, Jr. - Asst. Prof. of Hort. - Dist. V Specialist - New Appointment
Harrington, Constance A. - Asst. Prof. of Forestry, Dist. Ext. Forester - Resignation
Martineau, Jess R. - Research Asst. - Agronomy - Resignation
Partridge, James E. - Asst. Prof. - Plant Pathology - New Appointment
Torres-Medina, Alfonso - Asst. Prof. - Vet. Science - New Appointment
Watts, Darrell G. - Assoc. Prof. - Ag. Eng. - Transfer from N.P. to Lincoln

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Baker, M. - Ag. Econ. - Lower Platte South Natural Resources Dist. $ 2,000
Clanton, D. C. - An. Sci. (NP Sta.) - NIPAK, Inc., Eli Lilly & Co. 8,900
Fenster, C. R. - Agron. (PH Sta.) - Shell Chem. Co., PPG Ind., Inc. 2,500
Fischbach, P. E. - Ag. Eng., - Stauffer, Delmhorst Instmt., Ciba-Geigy 3,500
Kelling, C. - Vet. Sci. - USDA-ARS 10,000
Kies, Constance - Food & Nutr. - Ross Laboratories 15,000
Klopfenstein, T. - An. Sci.-Delst Chemical & Research, Inc. 4,000
Nichols, J. T. - Agron. (NP Sta.) - Anna H. Elliott Fund 10,000
Retzlaff, R. - Agron. (PH Sta.) - Dept. of Agriculture - Wheat Division 2,500
Splinter, W. E. - Ag. Eng. - Alcoa, & James F. Lincoln Arc Welding 5,250

GENERAL NOTES

1. On December 10 the Board of Regents approved a recommendation from the IANR which changes the titles of all Chairmen of Departments in agriculture to Department Heads. In the connotations which have evolved with these titles, the term Head is more consistent with their functions in the IANR.

2. Many of you have recently been reminded of termination dates, past or pending, of your AES projects. We remind all project leaders that keeping project outlines current is one of your responsibilities.

3. Please be reminded to schedule participation in the 1978 IANR Staff Conference on January 9-12. You have each received a copy of the program developed by a committee of your peers.

4. The new headquarters facility for the South Central Station is now "on stream" and is providing a fine and much needed home for that District Station. The new swine facility at the Field Laboratory is nearing completion and will be dedicated in ceremonies January 19.

5. THE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE STAFF WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY HOLIDAY SEASON AND HAPPY 1978!
Journal Articles (contact authors for more information)


5419. Planning Curriculum to Reflect the Purpose of Home Economics. Shirley M. Kreutz.

Journal Abstracts (contact authors for more information)


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