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The importance of publications as a measure of academic achievement has long been a debated topic. Symbolic of the argument has been the phrase "Publish or Perish." Undoubtedly, the importance of publication, on the one hand, or its lack on the other, has been exaggerated, depending on which side of the argument one supports. However, for publicly supported research the obligation to make results available to all who may be interested cannot be legitimately rejected by scientists enjoying such support. The ultimate products of research are new concepts, practices, materials or information; they are the property of the society which foots the bill. Thus, it follows that communication of results is an integral component of the research process. Of the various methods of communication, writing and publishing are the most efficient, although not always sufficient for reporting research.

Thus, in the annual review and evaluation of individual staff performance in Experiment Station programs, the publication of results is necessarily an important factor. Of course, this factor cannot be used in isolation. It must be interpreted in light of time of service, nature of field, nature of the research program, support, other duties, etc. But, in a long range evaluation of research accomplishment a publication record of appropriate form and magnitude is hard to dispute.

Increasingly, technical journal articles are considered the appropriate outlet for technical reporting. Research Bulletins and Station Bulletins are used with less frequency for those cases where material should be published but because of its nature or magnitude does not fit the Journals. For material of direct interest to the general public, the Quarterly is a good vehicle. Symposia reports also are valuable although their distribution is normally limited.

Popularized writing for the public in Extension Circulars, farm magazines and trade journals is a highly appropriate and recognized form of reporting of many types of research accomplishments. This is often a modified presentation of material also reported in a technical journal for your professional colleagues. Both forms are important.

File cabinets pay no taxes and utilize no new technology.

Howard W. Ottoson

TRAVEL EXPENSES

As indicated in the January 2 Bulletin Board, all "miscellaneous expenses" must be itemized and receipts provided for those items over $1.00. Gratuities for meals may best be included in meal costs. Parking fees cannot be recovered except when security of valuable State property is involved.

Out-of-State travel authorization requests should be submitted at least three weeks in
advance of the desired travel. This has been mentioned before, but there continues to
be a few that come in so late that they cannot possibly be cleared before the travel.

Professional improvement travel requests and funding are handled by the Associate Dean
responsible for the area of your major duty (Instruction, Research or Extension)
following approval by your Chairman, Superintendent or Supervisor. Appropriated funds
cannot be used for participating in professional society meetings except as specifically
provided ($225 for three years). Cash revolving accounts (X funds) and Regional Re­
search funds are handled as appropriated funds. Grant and contract funds may be used
for professional improvement travel if project budgets and agreement terms provide for
such.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Cochran, Mary J. - Assistant Professor, Textiles, Clothing & Design - Resignation
Dudeck, Albert E. - Associate Professor of Horticulture & Forestry - Resignation
Farlin, Stanley D. - Assistant Professor of Animal Science - Clay Center - New
Holstein, Dorothea - Associate State Leader - 4-H - Physical Disability
Klein, Gary L. - Instructor in Agronomy - Resignation
Walker, Florence S. - Acting Chairman, Family Econ. & Management - New duty

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Burzlaff, D. F. - Agronomy - Colorado State University $ 447.59
Olson, R. A. - Agronomy - Farmland Industries 3400.00
Twiehaus, M. J. - Veterinary Science - Interstate Chemical Company 2000.00

GENERAL NOTES

1. Congratulations to the following staff members for recent election to the
   Graduate College Faculty:
   Chas. H. Adams - Animal Science
   Vincent Arthaud - Animal Science
   James DeShazer, Agr'l Engineering
   Glenn Helmers - Agr'l Engineering
   Thos. J. Helms - Entomology
   T. J. Klopfenstein - Animal Science
   Robert Klucas - Biochem. & Nutrition
   Robert Nakamura - Vet. Science
   James T. Nichols - Agronomy (No. Platte)
   Wm. H. Ross - Agronomy (ARS)
   Donald Sander - Agronomy
   Joseph Semancik - Plant Pathology
   Darryl Smika - Agronomy (ARS)
   Ernest Stair - Vet. Science
   Kenneth Von Bargen - Agr'l Engineering
   David S. Wysong - Plant Pathology

2. The eleven holidays provided by LB 1095 have been established for 1970 for the
   Lincoln Campuses and Outstate Activities as:
   Jan. 1 and 2, New Years
   Mar. 30, Monday after Easter
   May 29, Friday before Memorial Day
   July 3, Friday before Independence Day
   Sept. 7, Labor Day
   Nov. 25 and 26, Thanksgiving
   Dec. 24 and 25, Christmas
   Dec. 31, New Years Eve

3. The individual annual staff activities reports which each of you completed late
last fall have been used extensively in the review and evaluation process of
recent weeks. Perhaps the awareness that they are studied and used for a purpose
important to you, justifies your effort in preparing them thoroughly and well.

4. The new eight compartment storage building on the north side of the campus is
   completed and in use.

5. Finagla's Second Law: No matter what the research result, there is always someone
eager to misinterpret it.

R. W. Kleis


Studies on Wheat Stem Rust Resistance Controlled at the Sr. Locus. III. Ethylene and Disease Reaction. J. M. Daly, Paul M. Seevers and Paul Ludden. Phytopathology.


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