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FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR'S DESK

There were several needs of the Agricultural Experiment Station for which the 1975 legislative session did not provide. This was disappointing, but we must not fail to note that the Legislature and the Governor did provide substantial increases in support of our research programs for the state. An inventory of appropriation components reveals that they provided a 16 percent increase in appropriated dollars over 1974-75. The primary increase categories are:

1. Making permanent from tax funds the special 1974-75 salary adjustment which had been provided from nonrecurring land sale funds. ----------- $250,000
2. Water Resources Management, area of excellence-------------------------- 264,000
3. AES salary adjustments-------------------------------------------------- 438,569
4. Operating budget increase - 7.5 percent--------------------------------- 52,447
5. Specific increases in support budgets of present programs--------------- 178,400
6. Increased staff benefits cost------------------------------------------- 31,479

Items 1 and 2 are for IANR and not exclusively AES. Including only that AES components of these two items, the total increase in appropriated dollars to the Agricultural Experiment Station exceeds $900,000. We must recognize this as very significant.

It was a relatively good year in terms of capital facility legislation. The funding was provided for a major next construction stage in the Animal Health Complex and authorization was passed and planning funds were appropriated for the very large Plant Sciences Complex and the South Central Station headquarters building.

We have an obligation to analyze and define needs and problems in our research programs as a vital part of our public charge and to make every effort to cause them to be resolved. We have done this and will continue to do so through internal management and through the budget request process. The basic and overriding responsibility of everyone of us is to execute the most effective package of research that we possibly can with the public resources committed to us.

The NAES has 88 years of history distinguished by research productivity. It is stronger in 1975-76 than ever before. Let us continue this history of effective service to Nebraska as we also work to fill gaps and strengthen weaknesses.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Barber, Larry R. - Assistant Professor of Forestry - Dist. III Ext. Forester (Resignation)
Caldwell, William E. - Assistant Director--Extension for 4-H and Youth Development (Appt.)
DeFrain, John D. - Assistant Professor of Human Development and the Family (Appointment)
Edwards, Arthur P. - Associate Professor of Agronomy (Resignation)
Ina, Milford A. - Assistant Professor of Agr'l Engineering and Food Science (Appt.)
Linn, H. Robert − Extension Specialist, Irrigation - Associate Prof.--SC Sta. (Retirement)

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Personnel Actions (continued)

Sulek, Helen C. - Interim Chairman & Associate Prof. of Human Devel. & the Family (Appt.)
Sullivan, Kathleen A. - Shift to Associate State Leader, Home Economics (Promotion)
Watkins, John E. - Assistant Professor--Extension Plant Pathology (Appointment)
Webster, Jason S. - Assistant Professor of Agronomy, Emeritus (Retirement)

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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GENERAL NOTES

1. CORRECTIONS of last newsletter items!

Sandhills Agricultural Laboratory Field Day is August 8 (not Aug. 28)
North Platte Horticulture Open House is September 28 (not Field Lab)

2. Dr. Dickason has at his request returned to full-time duty as Chairman of Entomology. The functions of foreign programs administration will be handled through the Vice Chancellor's office with Dr. Sheffield providing assistance to the Vice Chancellor in this area.

3. The new three page "DAS FORM 2000-1" Data and Budget forms will be used for all grants and contracts. Except for federal agency accounts, page three need not be completed except for the approvals section.

4. Effective immediately all proposed research projects involving human subjects must be cleared by the review committee chaired by Louis H. Ourin, UNMC, before they may be activated or submitted to a federal funding agency. Six weeks should be allowed for such clearance. If human subjects are not involved, no problem (at least not this problem). If in doubt call our office or Mr. Ouren--8-7930.

5. Tractor Power and Safety Day is July 24. In addition to the opportunity to show our various programs at the Field Lab to a large audience, we plan also some public citation for 100 years of Experiment Station history. (See the lead story in the summer issue of the Quarterly).

6. Schnieder on Safety - Portable containers of gasoline should not be carried inside vehicles.

7. We welcome Dr. John Woodward as the new Assistant Director of the AES for Home Economics replacing Dr. Sailor.

R. W. Kleis
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