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Budgeting is an activity which seems to preoccupy a great deal of our attention; presently we are in the process of a) closing the books for the year just ended; b) opening the accounts for the new fiscal year 1977-1978; and c) thinking about the budget which will be considered by the University, the Board of Regents, the Governor, and the Legislature for fiscal 1978-79. Additionally, we are watching with interest the Hatch budget for fiscal 1977-78.

For the new year the additional financial resources allocated to the Experiment Station were distributed to the Station by Vice Chancellor Massengale from the appropriation made to the Institute. I am pleased with the additional resources provided to the Experiment Station.

For the new year starting July 1 the Experiment Station will add the following new positions: 1) Half-time research staff member in range management in the Agronomy Department (also half-time teaching). 2) Stalk rot microbiologist in Plant Pathology, 75% research, 25% teaching. 3) Full-time turf breeder in the Department of Horticulture. 4) Animal pathologist in the Department of Veterinary Science, full-time research. 5) Carbon biochemist in the Laboratory of Biochemistry, full-time research. 6) Full-time research position in the plant physiology Area of Excellence for work on water use efficiency. 7) A 75% research, 25% teaching position in the water use efficiency Area of Excellence, Department of Agricultural Engineering, for work on irrigation efficiency.

Special allocations for research support totalling approximately $70,000 were made to Food Science and Technology, South Central Station, Plant Pathology, Biochemistry, Agricultural Communications, Entomology, Biometrics and Information Systems Center, Horticulture, Southeast District, Northeast Station, North Platte Station, and the Panhandle Station. Of particular interest in these allocations was the amount of $16,000 which was provided to the Department of Agricultural Communications for publication activity. In addition, the four district stations were provided $23,000 for increases in utility costs. A janitor was provided to the South Central Station for the new headquarters building there. Finally, an addition was made to the staff travel account in the Experiment Station to cover the increased commitment there. A special budget of $168,815 was appropriated to Veterinary Science for work on pseudorabies.

The Vice Chancellor has allocated $101,000 to the Station for equipment purchases during the coming year. These allocations are being made to various departments and stations in response to their previous requests.

All of these items represent significant enhancements of the Experiment Station program, either for new activities, or for the support of our work underway. I would like to say personally that Vice Chancellor Massengale worked long, hard and tirelessly on behalf of the Institute budget. We have all appreciated his efforts.

Howard W. Ottoson
PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Byers, Keith L. - Asst. Prof., Co-Chairman Prod. Ag. Tech. (UNSTA) - Resignation
Chambers, Donald R. - Instructor, Prof. Ag. Tech. (UNSTA) - Appointment
Gallick, Rosemary - Instructor, Ag. Communications - Resignation
Hunt, Thomas C. - Instructor, Conservation and Survey - Appointment
Kennedy, George A. - Asst. Professor, Veterinary Science - Appointment
Moeller, Alan R. - Asst. to Vice Chancellor for Finance & Personnel - Appointment
Poe, Stephen R. - Instructor, Plant Pathology - Courtesy appointment
Swartzendruber, Dale - Professor, Agronomy - Appointment
Twiehaus, Marvin J. - Professor, Veterinary Science - Retirement
Young, Dean - Instructor, Food & Nutrition - Courtesy appointment

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Anderson, F. A., Agron. (PH Sta) - Lockwood Corporation 2,195
Bashford, L. L., Ag. Engr. - State Energy Office 34,820
Bitney, L. L., Ag Econ. - Nebraska Banker’s Association 2,800
Burnside, L. B., Food Sci. & Tech - Monsanto Company 10,000
Burnside, O. C., Agron. - Amchem Products 1,250
Burnside, O. C., Agron. - Rhodia Incorporated & BASF Wyandotte Corp. 1,000
Burnside, O. C., Agron. - American Hoechst, E I DuPont, Gulf Oil 1,500
Compton, W. A., Agron. - Hoegemeyer Hybrids 500
Danielson, D. M., An. Sci. (NP Sta) - Pfizer, Inc. 500
Farlin, S. D., An. Sci. - Eli Lilly and Company 9,400
Fenster, C. R., Agron. (PH Sta) - Chevron Chemical Company 750
Fenster, C. R., Agron. (PH Sta) - Shell Oil Company 3,500
Fenster, C. R., Agron. (PH Sta) - Velsicol Chemical Corp. 750
Fenster, C. R., Agron. (PH Sta) - Monsanto Company 500
Fischbach, P. E., Ag. Engr. - Lincoln Labs, Massachusetts Inst. Tech. 114,258
Hagen, A. F., Entom. (PH Sta) - Shell Oil Company & Chemagro 700
Moomaw, R. S., Agron. (NE Sta) - BASF Wyandotte Corp & Shell Development Co. 1,000
Perry, L. J. & G. W. Rehm, Agron. - The Old West Commission 49,296
Rosenberg, N. J., Ag. Engr-Meteorology - National Science Foundation 84,200
Sander, D. H. & G. A. Peterson, Agron. - Tennessee Valley Authority 5,000
Sullivan, T. W., An. Sci. - American Hoechst Corporation 7,000

GENERAL NOTES

1. Bids are being solicited by September 1 for the sale of the several lots and larger parcels of land at the swine complex southeast of 70th and Adams streets. Dick Bennett or Ray Coffey can provide details and documents to anyone interested. Also included in this offering are 210 acres northwest of 84th and Havelock.

2. Mr. Alan Moeller has joined the TANR administrative group as Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Personnel replacing Mr. Koopmann. Al has fine training and experience for this important duty and we are pleased to have him join us.

3. Forage related research is a very extensive, important, and diverse portion of the NAES program. We are considering mechanisms for enhancing the coordination and/or communications between the several disciplines, locations, and scientists involved. We do not desire to proliferate formal organizations, operational complications, or committee meetings. We would welcome comments and suggestions.


5. Blame yourself as you would blame others; excuse others as you would excuse yourself.

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