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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Budget Update

The state budget story for 1979-80 is fairly simple as far as the Station is concerned. Of course you are already aware of the average increase in salaries of 7 percent. There will be no increase in operating funds; in real terms this is actually a decrease of 10 percent or more owing to inflation. Coming on top of no increase for 1978-79, the Station will have in effect experienced a decrease of 20 percent in real terms in the operating funds during these two years. How can we adjust to this decrease? We can "tighten our belts" to a certain extent, but this is self-defeating. Increased reliance on grant and contract funds is another alternative. The long-run solution, unless we were to get future offsetting increases will be to reduce the number of positions as vacancies occur, and use the freed resources for operating purposes.

A bright spot in the budget picture is the $270,000 workload increase received by the College, involving eight additional teaching FTEs. Some new teaching staff will be hired; the teaching appointments of other jointly appointed staff will be increased. In both cases the Station will benefit through reduction in teaching obligations of Station staff, and the use of freed resources for research.

The Federal picture looks better for 1979-80, but has not firmed up yet. We will report to you later on that.

Howard W. Ottoson

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Anderson, Frank - Agronomy (PH Sta) - Chevron Chemical Co. $ 1,325
Burnside, Orvin - Agronomy - Ciba-Geigy Corporation 1,000
Burnside, Orvin - Agronomy - Dow Chemical Co. 2,000
Burnside, Orvin - Agronomy - Miscellaneous Donors 1,250
Daigger, Louis A. - Agronomy (PH Sta) - Lockwood Corporation 10,000
Fenster, C. R. - Agronomy (PH Sta) - Shell Chemical Co. 2,000
Fenster, C. R. - Agronomy (Ph Sta) - Miscellaneous Donors 500
Flowerday, A. D. - Agronomy - Ak-Sar-Ben 3,800
Fox, H. M. and Kies, C. V. - Human Nut. and Food Serv. Mgt. - Syntex, Inc. 2,000
Haderlie, Lloyd - Agronomy - Velsical Chemical Corp. 2,500
Haderlie, Lloyd - Agronomy - Miscellaneous Donors 750
Hergert, Gary - Agronomy (NP Sta) - Miscellaneous Donors 1,200
Mayo, Z. B. - Entomology - Mobil Chemical Co. 1,000
Moomaw, Russell - Agronomy (NE Sta) - Miscellaneous Donors 2,450
Moser, Bobby - Animal Science - Fats and Proteins Res. Foundation, Inc. 12,000
Nicholas, James T. - Agronomy (NP Sta) - Allied Chemical product grant 2,600
Omtvedt, Irvin T. - Animal Science - Nebr. Beef Industry Foundation 1,000
1. There are four newly elected members of the Experiment Station Advisory Committee who join five continuing members. They and their terms are:

   New
   Dr. LeRoy Peters (1 year)
   Dr. Gerald Bodman (3 years)
   Dr. Eric Kerr (3 years)
   Dr. John Ward (3 years)

   Continuing
   Dr. David Lewis (1 year)
   Dr. Robert Mumm (1 year)
   Dr. Donald Ferguson (2 years)
   Dr. Lowell Satterlee (2 years)
   Dr. Raymond Supalla (2 years)

2. Assistant Secretary Cutler spoke at the recent dedication of the Roman Hruska U.S. Meat Animal Research Center. He announced the planning for a national workshop to analyze problems and develop research priorities for "Animal Agriculture" similar to a crops workshop of three years ago. He further indicated that this could lead to a competitive grants program focusing on priority issues similar to the "highly successful" one for crops. We heard this with mixed feelings. Certainly development of research priorities is desirable. But whether the competitive grants approach is an efficient process for addressing them is doubtful, particularly at the cost of further erosion of formula support to the national agricultural research system recognized throughout the world for its effectiveness.

3. Diane Mohrhoff has replaced Barb Collins in the AES office and will be working with project document processing as well as serving as Dr. Sahs' secretary.

4. We along with others have been working to cause the serious 1980 federal budget shifts and reductions in agriculture proposed by the Executive branch to be restored in Congress. There have been some encouraging actions by the House Committee and we are cautiously optimistic at this stage.

5. "What you are stands over you the while, and thunders so that I cannot hear what you say to the contrary."  --Ralph Waldo Emerson
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