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Bullets for Ag 40 report:

***The new President** - meetings with JB (James B. if you plan to print it) Milliken, his positive comments for agriculture and his expectations for IANR

***Strategic plan** - has been approved by the Vice Chancellor's Council; now strategic planning commences at the UNL level, which IANR's plan will funnel into.

***Working with Congressman Osborne's office** on water education, developing tools to assist decision makers, and an economic impact study of the Platte River Basin.

The tools to assist decision makers right now are geared toward the Republican River Basin, as drought, LB962, and the legal settlement with Kansas all contribute to less water available.

***Update on administrative searches:**

- BSE - Ron Yoder starts November 15; Derrell Martin has served as interim *~ water engineer*
- VBS - two candidates were interviewed but neither received sufficient faculty and staff support to make an offer of employment; the committee continues the search and is working to identify other qualified candidates; Rod Moxley is interim

- **Ag Econ** - it is a failed search; the committee is working to identify other potential candidates; Dick Clark is interim
- **West Central R&E and NCTA** - Interims are serving as heads of both. We are looking at three options for leadership there: 1) Combining the leadership of both under one person; 2) seeking two independent heads, one for West Central and one for NCTA; 3) hiring a dean for NCTA who is associate director for West Central, and a director for West Central who is associate dean of NCTA. We expect to make a decision on that soon.
- **Agronomy and Horticulture** - we are starting a national search; Lowell Moser is serving as interim
- **Nebraska Forest Service** - the job has been advertised; no finalists have yet been identified
- **Food Service and Technology** - the search is starting to replace Steve Taylor, who is stepping down; we plan to talk with another faculty member about serving as interim head. David Jackson will serve as Interim Head effective November 12.
- **AgLEC** - Susan Fritz, who was interim department head, now is the permanent department head
- **Textiles, Clothing and Design** - it is a failed search; the committee, with the dean's approval, has rewritten the position description and will be re-advertising
- **CASNR Associate Dean** - Susan Fritz

- **CARI** - Dick Clark is the acting head

- We have a new **Fish and Wildlife Coop Research Unit Leader**, Craig Allen

***Update on budget cuts**

- There are cuts yet to be made, per the last legislative session; Chancellor Perlman is on hold with those at present.

- there also is a multimillion tuition shortfall that could affect us; we are waiting for word from Central Administration on that

***Hardin Hall update** - work is progressing on schedule, new offices are drywalled, they're starting on the new addition, with the total project completion date expected to be August 2005

***Enrollment** - more students are needed; we need everyone's help in attracting more students

- **CASNR** - undergraduate enrollment decreased 3.5 percent, with first-time student, or new freshman, enrollment down 9.4 percent;

- we've had people visit Oklahoma State to gain ideas for attracting students in animal science, and are encouraging other departments to make similar visits with appropriate contemporaries

- NCTA - enrollment is up; a 53 percent jump in freshman enrollment, 121 incoming freshmen compared to 79 last year

*College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' Dean Steve Waller is working on a proposed name change for the College.

*Darrell Nelson has announced his retirement as dean of ARD effective June 30, 2005;

we will be conducting a national search

\$42 million

\$74 million EXPENDING

46% of UNL - 16% of NU

*Dan Cotton, who has headed our CIT unit the past several years, is on loan from that

31% = med

job to develop the national e-extension effort now under way, which could

have a significant effect on extension's future. **BRENDA CAINE.**

*Brenda Caine, is Interim Director effective November 1

*There's a new Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UNL, Barbara Couture

*This coming legislative session is the start of the next biennium; the university has submitted its budget request for the system and NCTA.

- The last three months have shown state receipts coming in above projections; we hope that continues and there are no more cuts to make beyond those we

have made in the past several years, and those we have yet to make as the result of the last session.

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