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1. PGM Students Hit the 100 Mark

by Pam Murray, Coordinator, Center for Grassland Studies



No, that's not a golf score; it is the number of Professional Golf Management students in the program as of January 2007. The eight students who transferred into the program for spring semester pushed the number to the century mark, which far exceeds original projections for the third year of this PGA-accredited program.

One of the great opportunities for students in the Program is to attend the annual PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Florida, which is open to those in the golf industry. While our PGM students must pay their own travel expenses, they are accorded many

of the same privileges as PGA members. This year PGM staff and nine students attended the late January show and represented UNL in the booth for three days. Many good internship contacts were made. For more information on the program, see pgm.unl.edu.

2. Burr/Fedde Reunion Donates To Justin S. Morrill Scholars

Residents of Burr and Fedde Halls on East Campus from the late '70's and early '80's held a reunion June 23 – 25, 2006. This was the first time they had gotten together since their college days and a common question was "Why didn't we do this sooner". Greg Sparks, '79 Ag Econ, spearheaded the effort to successfully pull the event together. When the reunion was over and all the bills were paid the group had \$715 remaining. They generously contributed this balance to the Justin Morrill Scholars program which is a four-year program for high ability undergraduate students interested in interdisciplinary learning and advancing the public good through civic responsibility, engagement and leadership.

Justin Smith Morrill authored the Morrill Act in 1862, establishing Land Grant universities across the nation. His vision and commitment provided the foundation for public higher education as we know it today. More on Morrill Scholars at <http://casnr.unl.edu/jsmorrill>

3. UNL Rodeo Association Hosts Regional in Lincoln

by Brynn Husk, Student Public Relations Officer, UNL Rodeo Association



As the snow starts to melt and spring draws closer, the UNL Rodeo Team and Association begin looking toward the spring rodeo season. Team members will be competing in several rodeos before they take the home arena advantage in Lincoln. The 49th Annual UNL Rodeo with 14 schools will be held April 20-22, 2007 at the Lancaster Event Center. The Rodeo Club has already been working hard to get ready. We have been in touch with contractors, getting prizes together, and working on fundraising. We've contacted many Lincoln businesses and have made progress in raising money for our rodeo.

We will be having a dance open to the public on April 20th, following the rodeo. Jim Rice and Final Round will be playing. We also have several other special activities planned for the rodeo. Saturday night, April 21st, will be Tough Enough To Wear Pink Night. We hope that our move to Lincoln will increase attendance and help to promote

the sport of rodeo. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please contact Brynn Husk at 402-427-3390 or bhusk_07@yahoo.com or contact Sue Voss at svoss1@unlnotes.unl.edu or 402-472-0609. We would be happy to keep you updated on our progress and we hope to see everyone at the rodeo.

4. Peace Corps Celebration Planned for CASNR Peace Corps Volunteers

More than 45 years ago, then Senator John F. Kennedy challenged Americans to willingly serve their country - to give two years of their life to the service of others. Without hesitation, Americans rose to his challenge. Since the Peace Corps' beginnings in 1961, more than 180,000 have served as Volunteers. The CASNR College has produced numerous of these volunteers.

On March 1, 2007, Peace Corps will celebrate 46 years of service promoting peace and friendship throughout the world. In honor of this, CASNR will be sponsoring a dinner on March 1st for former/current/potential CASNR related Peace Corps volunteers and their families. This includes CASNR faculty, students, and alumni who may have volunteered. Dinner will be served at six o'clock, followed by a brief program. The event will be held in the East Campus Union on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln east campus.

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending, please RSVP to Jill Brown at jbrown14@unl.edu or 472-8273 on or before February 19th with the following information:

Name:

Email Address:

Preferred Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Years of Service in Peace Corps:

Location of Service:

Names of additional guests attending dinner:

5. East Campus Dairy Store Turns 90 in April; Celebration Includes Visitor Center Grand Opening



The Dairy Store is known by just about anyone who has lived on or visited UNL's East Campus. The East Campus Dairy Store will celebrate its 90th birthday in April during CASNR Week, a week of events celebrating the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The newly remodeled front of the Food Industry Complex is now the East Campus Visitor Center and includes the Dairy Store. Look for a Visitor Center grand opening and Dairy Store birthday celebration during the week of April 16. Events will be scheduled and announced soon on the Dairy Store Web site at <http://dairystore.unl.edu/>.

6. New Veterinary Science Program Classes Begin Fall 2007

The University of Nebraska–Lincoln (UNL) and Iowa State University (ISU), home of the country's first public veterinary school, are collaborating to offer qualified Nebraska students a cooperative program in veterinary medical education. The program has a capacity of 25 students and begins with the fall semester 2007. Twenty-five students have now been admitted. For more information on the program and a welcome from David Hardin, DVM, Associate Dean of the Cooperative Program in Veterinary Medicine see <http://vetmed.unl.edu/>.

7. Spring Seminars

Numerous one and two-hour seminars are open to the public on a variety of topics in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. The spring seminar schedule is linked here by academic department:

Agricultural Economics: <http://www.agecon.unl.edu/seminar.html>

School of Natural Resources: <http://snrs.unl.edu/>

8. Football Reunion 2007

The CASNR Alumni Association plans to again host a football reunion. We have made a request for football tickets for a game in September, 2007. Whether tickets will be available and for which game will be known by mid-April. Alumni Association members who have provided their e-mail address will receive first notification as soon as ticket availability is known. Other members will be notified by postcard.

The football reunion last fall was attended by 125 members. A silent auction received widespread support from both donors and buyers and generated \$2631 for CASNR Alumni Association scholarships.

The CASNR Alumni Association is the only alumni association that provides support to the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Becoming a member is quick and costs only \$20 a year. To join, go to www.casnr.unl.edu and click on "Alumni". You can print the form and pay by check, or pay by credit card online through

the University of Nebraska Foundation secure site. If you prefer, call 402-472-2201 and a membership form can be mailed to you or completed over the phone. Then mail your check and you're a member.

9. Senior Learning Passport Program

The Senior Learning Passport Program is available to individuals who are at least 65 years of age. Senior learners may attend undergraduate courses (courses numbered 100 - 499) on a space available basis and with the instructor's permission. The Learning Passport may be used for up to two classes per semester and is valid for one year from the date of the non-refundable \$25 fee payment. For more information, contact the office of the Bursar, 121 Canfield Administration Building, PO Box 880412, Lincoln, NE 68588-0412, (402) 472-1734.

10. CASNR Graduate is Beefmobile Wrangler

Tracey Orsburn grew up on a cattle and grain farm in Central Nebraska and received her Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education from the UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. She now travels the country in the Beefmobile going from sale barn to sale barn to talk with cattlemen about the checkoff program. Read an interesting interview with Tracey at <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/Content.asp?ContentID=84972>

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