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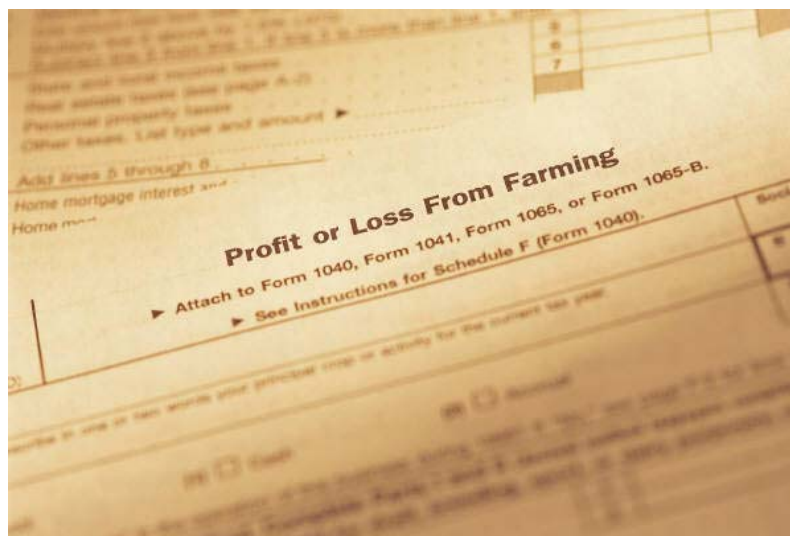
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PLANT SCIENCES HALL WINDOW INSTALLATION BEGINS APRIL 25

Monday, April 18, the three parking spots directly east of the Plant Science dock will be reserved for NGC, the window installers, to set up their staging area. The spots will be reserved for NGC until they have finished all of the window installations.

Monday, April 25, NGC will begin window installation in the courtyard. Since they will be using scaffolding that will be attached to the roof, the window installation will begin on fourth floor (Dr. Steadman's office) and continue down to third; then second. They will then move over to the next set of windows to the east and follow the same sequence. This will continue until they have finished the courtyard. After completing all the windows in the courtyard, the installers will move to the west side of the building to complete the installations. Thanks for your cooperation.

----- Sam Shafer, Facilities/Operations/Safety Coordinator

A WORD FROM YOUR OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

New Blackboard system starting Summer 2011:

UNL is implementing Blackboard 9.1 (*Blackboard Learn*), for summer and fall 2011 courses. Courses for spring 2011 are still offered through Blackboard 9.



Currently, the Blackboard login page, my.unl.edu, displays a dual login screen. Select the Blackboard button for the system you wish to access. You will not need to download a new program to start using Blackboard 9.1.

The Office Pros can assist faculty with the transition and with transferring courses from version 9 to version 9.1. For tutorials, videos, and a quick reference guide about this update, see the following Blackboard webpage: https://bb-ng.unl.edu/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_tab_group_id=_18_1. For assistance or for more information, contact Kat Cockrill (2-1503) or Kathy Schindler (2-1508).

New Vendor to Provide Copiers at UNL:

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is changing to a new company to provide copiers for its cost-per-copy program.

UNL has signed a five-year agreement with Océ (Canon) to provide new energy efficient copiers. Konica Minolta Business Systems has provided copiers to UNL over the last 10 years.

This summer and fall, Océ Canon will replace the Konica Minolta machines on a building-by-building basis. Océ Canon will give offices and departments three days notice before installing new copiers. Konica representatives will follow by removing current equipment within 48 hours of new equipment installation.

Features of the new program include:

- * No minimums or charges for scanning;
- * Up to 5 percent lower per copy charges for comparable equipment;
- * Multi-function devices that print, scan, copy, and fax;
- * Training, maintenance, toner, and other supplies covered within agreement;
- * Internal storage systems that meet industry data security standards;
- * Continued easy, simple billing; and
- * Adaptability in meeting changing technology.

The new Canon equipment will be Energy-Star efficient with the latest in copy/scan technology and color scanning capability. The Océ Canon proposal also includes unlimited training for campus users.

This agreement also facilitates a new print management environment. The idea behind this environment is to move small print jobs from desktop inkjet and laser printers to the new Canon multi-function devices, and larger print jobs from departmental equipment to high-volume copy centers.

For more information about the replacement process, contact Dave Hadenfeldt at (402) 472-5113 or T.J. Jochum at (402) 472-3211. For more information, see the Print, Copy, Mail, and Distribution website at <http://printing.unl.edu/copy/costpercopychanges.shtml>.

----- Brenda, Carola, Karen, Kat, Kathy, Linda, and Marlene

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST EMPLOYEE

Greg Lammers joined us as a Research Technologist II on April 11. Greg will be working with George Graef's Soybean Group at the Stewart Seed Lab.

CONGRATULATIONS! ★

Jim Stubbendieck was presented the Society for Range Management's most esteemed Frederic G. Renner Award on February 9 at the Annual Society for Range Management (SRM) Meeting's Honor Awards Ceremony.

Jim's sustained outstanding accomplishments in and contributions to range science, education, and the profession are recognized by SRM by selecting him for this award. Few rangeland scientists and educators have provided such consistent, long-term excellence in research, teaching, leadership, and service. Read more details at <http://www.dkbb.org/NESRM/March2011Newsletter.pdf>. Congratulations, Jim!

Item from *csa news* magazine, April 2011: "Outstanding Seniors Recognized." One of Stephen Mason's students, **Blythe McAfee**, received a very special award recently. Here are the details: "The 2011 National Student Recognition Program recognizes 36 outstanding seniors enrolled in agronomic, crop, soil, or environmental science departments that have chapters affiliated with the Students of Agronomy, Soils, and Environmental Sciences (SASES), the undergraduate program of ASA, CSSA, and SSSA. Each year, top-notch seniors are selected for the award based on their scholarship, leadership, and participation. Students receive a plaque as part of their recognition." Congratulations, Blythe!

SPRING 2011 SEMINAR SCHEDULE FOR AGRONOMY & HORTICULTURE
Fridays at 3:30 p.m. (refreshments at 3:00 p.m.)
150 Keim Hall

Apr 15 Building Stress Gene Networks in Crops; Harkamal Walia, Agronomy & Horticulture
Apr 22 Soil Carbon Loss Contributes to Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Biofuels; Adam Liska, Biological Systems Engineering
Apr 29 Progress on Making a Perfect Fertilizer, i.e., Feedlot Manure; Galen Erickson, Animal Science

BROWN BAG SESSIONS ON LIFE SCIENCES CURRICULUM
12:00-1:00 p.m. in 150 Keim Hall
Dates and Topics for Discussion are Listed Below

Apr 21 Agronomic Plant Production System Learning in Our Teaching Program; Steve Mason and John Guretzky

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SPRING SEMESTER OPEN OFFICE HOURS FOR FACULTY, STAFF, OR STUDENTS TO VISIT WITH MARK LAGRIMINI

Thursday's, 3:30 - 5 p.m., Room 202H Keim:
April 21 and 28
May 5, 12, 19, and 26

SEMINAR DATES AND TIMES FOR FINALISTS FOR THE POSITION OF DEAN OF THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH DIVISION:

Finalists for the position of Dean, Ag Research Division, will be on campus for interviews during the month of April and will present seminars during their visits. The seminars will also be broadcast live via satellite and will be archived for viewing for those unable to attend in person. Additional details regarding their background are available for review at <http://ard.unl.edu/web/ard/DeanSearch>.

Candidate **Dr. Ron Yoder, Head, Department of Biological and Systems Engineering**, presented his seminar on April 13. Remaining dates and times for seminar presentations are:

Apr 18 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., Room 107 Hardin Hall (auditorium): **Dr. Steven M. Kappes, Animal Production and Protection Deputy Administrator, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD**
Apr 21 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Room 107 Hardin Hall (auditorium): **Dr. David Baltensperger, Head, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX**
Apr 26 3:15 to 4:45 p.m., Nebraska East Union (room posted as ARD Candidate Seminar): **Dr. Francis Pierce, Professor Emeritus, Center for Precision and Automated Agricultural Systems, Washington State University**

2011 WALKING TOURS OF THE MAXWELL ARBORETUM



These informal walking tours are scheduled from 12:00–1:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The tours are led by Emily Levine, Special Projects Research Horticulturist with Agronomy and Horticulture and former Grounds Supervisor for the arboretum. They are free and open to the public. Levine said no end date has been set for the 2011 tours.

Participants should meet at the Karl Loerch Gazebo one block east of the UNL Dairy Store, near 38th and Holdrege streets. Some metered parking is available on the East Campus Loop south of the arboretum. In the event of rain, that week's tour will be canceled.

ANNUAL TEACHING RETREAT

The annual Agronomy & Horticulture Teaching Retreat will be held on Thursday, May 12, from roughly 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the East Campus Union.

If you have topics for the agenda, please contact Dennis McCallister, dmccallister2@unl.edu, 472-6312. To RSVP for the meeting and for lunch, please contact Kathy Schindler, kschindler1@unl.edu, 472-1508.

Apr 23 **The 25th Annual Spring Affair Plant Sale**, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Lancaster Event Center-Pavilion 1, 84th & Havelock Ave., Lincoln, NE. Proceeds from the Spring Affair Plant Sale fund critical programs and services helping to sustain Nebraska Statewide Arboretum's mission. For more information, go to <http://www.springaffair.unl.edu> or <http://www.facebook.com/springaffair>.



Apr 28 **Horticulture Club Garden Expo 2011 Plant Sale**, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m, on
& 29 April 28; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on April 29. The plant sale location is the east campus teaching greenhouse, east of Keim Hall. Signs will be posted around campus. The sale will include a large variety of annuals, vegetables, and herbs. Larger-sized annual planters are available this year, along with new creative salsa and pasta-sauce planters.



Apr 29 **Agronomy & Horticulture's Spring Cookout**, 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the grassy area to the west of Plant Sciences Hall. Sponsored by your Activities & Entertainment Committee, Lowell Sandell, chair.

May 11 **Agronomy & Horticulture Faculty Meeting**, 8:30-10:30 a.m., 150 Keim Hall
May 12 **Agronomy & Horticulture Teaching Retreat**, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., East Campus Union
Jun 14 **Agronomy & Horticulture Faculty Meeting**, 3-5 p.m., 150 Keim Hall

NEW SHORT COURSE OFFERED THIS SUMMER IN NORTH PLATTE

Steve Young, Weed Ecologist at the West Central Research & Extension Center, has developed and organized a new short course, "North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course."

This course is being held July 6-8, 2011, at the West Central Research & Extension Center in North Platte. **Registration is limited to 40 participants and is due by May 1, 2011.** Copies of the course brochure are available on the table in 279 Plant Sciences Hall. **Graduate students are welcome to enroll. Please read the latest update below regarding graduate student participation:**

UPDATE

2011 NORTH AMERICAN INVASIVE PLANT ECOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT SHORT COURSE (NAIPSC)

(from January 21, 2011): Organizers of the 1st annual North American Invasive Plant Ecology and Management Short Course (NAIPSC) are pleased to announce the receipt of funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and the Nebraska Academy of Sciences to help finance graduate student participation. "Providing money to help pay for graduate student registration costs is a significant incentive for those who are interested, but may not be able to pay their own way," said Steve Young, NAIPSC lead organizer. "We need a good mix of participants with broad interest levels at the NAIPSC and these funds help move us in that direction," he added. The NAIPSC is three days of intense instruction and learning on the basics of invasive plant ecology and management and will be held at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln West Central Research & Extension Center in North Platte, NE. The funds, in the form of \$300 scholarships, will be available to the first 10 graduate students who register for the NAIPSC. Graduate students must be enrolled in an accredited university graduate program, which may include ecology, natural resources, environmental policy, geospatial sciences, or other subjects relating to the topics of the NAIPSC. In addition, graduate students must complete a 1-2 credit online project in association with their participation in the NAIPSC. For more information, go to <http://ipscourse.unl.edu>. All interested graduate students are encouraged to contact Dr. Young at 308-696-6712 or syoung4@unl.edu.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For the latest news, information, and list of events at the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, please visit <http://ianrhome.unl.edu/home>. Click on **IANR News Feed** or the **IANR Calendar** under the heading "Timely Topics."

If you would like to submit events for the Agronomy & Horticulture calendar, give them to **Aaron Franco** after they have been approved by the department head. Our calendar also shows events posted on the IANR and CASNR calendars. Go to: <http://events.unl.edu/agronomy>.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FYI: Visit UNL's Office of Sponsored Programs web site for funding announcements in PDF format at <http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml> under "Funding Opportunities." These announcements are compiled from the funding opportunities offered by federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. If you want to subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or nmeier2@unl.edu). Additional funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.