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1. Gift from Alumnus Supports Entrepreneurship.



Many productive things happen when alumni rally around the cause of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR). Support comes in many valuable forms, from Alumni Association affiliations to sustaining and life affiliations and outright gifts. A recent \$20 million gift from 1951 animal science graduate Paul Engler will make a lasting impact on the State, the Institute, the College and its students.

For article please follow this link "[Gift from Alumnus Supports Entrepreneurship.](#)" and scroll to page 2 to read the article.

2. 2010 Football Reunion and Silent Auction Benefit to be September 11, NU-Idaho game.



The College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (CASNR) Alumni Association will host its annual Football Reunion and Silent Auction on Saturday, September 11 prior to the NU-Idaho game. Eighty tickets will be available to CASNR Alumni Association members who are also attending the reunion program and lunch. The event will be held in the Nebraska Union on City Campus starting four hours before kickoff. Game time has not been set as yet.

Silent auction proceeds benefit student scholarships. We rely on donors to contribute auction items and buyers to purchase them. Auction items include everything imaginable - - last year a pair of Madagascar hissing cockroaches were donated by the Entomology Department and purchased by your generous alumni association president (they are apparently interesting pets). Other items range from dog food and hand-made jewelry to wine and truck loads of distillers grains and sweet bran. We've never had an item that didn't sell. Last year's auction list can be seen at <http://casnr.unl.edu/footballreunion> click "2009 Football Reunion."

Last fall's Alumni Football Reunion and Silent Auction generated funding that allowed your alumni board of directors to allocate five, \$1000 scholarships to be awarded to incoming freshmen this fall. Over the last five years the auction has funded nearly \$20,000 in scholarships.

Donations are cheerfully accepted! If you, your employer, your neighbor or relatives have something to contribute to this worthy cause please contact Paul Horton at 402-472-3936 or phorton2@unl.edu.

Not a member? Join at

<http://casnr.unl.edu/AlumniFriendsDonorsExtension/CASNRAumniAssociation/HowtoJoin>. An annual membership is \$20.

3. Awards Honor Alumni, Supporters, Department

The CASNR Alumni Association honored three individuals at the CASNR Week Banquet in April with Achievement, Service and Legacy Awards, and the Biological Systems Engineering Department with the Award for Engagement of Emeriti Faculty.



Steve and LuAnn Kilpatrick.

Photo by Tom Slocum

The Association's Achievement Award was presented to Steve Kilpatrick of Jackson, WY. Kilpatrick is a 1976 Fisheries and Wildlife graduate from the UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. He is a terrestrial habitat biologist with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The award was presented "In honor of an exemplary career dedicated to serving wildlife, agricultural and public interests alike with spirit, leadership, teaching, teambuilding, mentoring, fairness and high standards of personal and professional excellence."



Lee Harlan, Dan Meier-CASNR Alumni Association Board. Photo by Tom Slocum.

Mrs. Lee Harlan of Valley, NE received the Association's Service Award recognizing outstanding service to the College or its Alumni Association. Her award "Honors your exceptional personal interest in the betterment of the College, your legacy of support for higher education and your service of lasting impact to the College, the Institute and the University."



Tom Slocum, CASNR Dean Steve Waller. Photo by G. Horst.

Tom Slocum, a UNL photographer now retired and doing photography on his own, received the Association's Legacy Award recognizing personal or professional excellence advancing the legacy of the College. He was honored for continuing the legacy by "preserving, sharing, and documenting the rich history and legacy of the College and the Institute and enriching communications through outstanding photography."

The Biological Systems Engineering Department (BSE) was awarded the 2010 Award for Engagement of Emeriti Faculty. This is the second year of the award which is given to an academic department for their work with emeriti. The BSE Department was recognized "for effective and innovative engagement of emeriti faculty and recognition of this rich resource to the betterment of the department, its students, the College and the University." The award was accepted by Professor Dean Eisenhauer for the Department.



Dean Eisenhauer, and Dean Steve Waller

4. Agronomy and Horticulture Department Centennial

After a century of academic accomplishment, research and teaching excellence, a proper celebration is in order. This fall, on September 17 and 18, the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln invites you to celebrate the past and look to the future as the department turns 100.

Events will include the dedication of newly-renovated Keim Hall, prominent speakers, historical exhibits, a formal dinner and informal BBQ cookout, symposia, and of course the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and colleagues. Whether it's been five years of fifty since you've been back, there will be something for everyone.

Reserve your place online at <http://go.unl.edu/centrsvp> or call Charlene Wendt at 402-472-1555.

5. Online Degrees that can Advance your Career

Contributed by Michelle Drahota, Extended Education & Outreach, UNL

Whether you want to advance your career, strengthen your skills or fulfill a life-long goal, UNL online graduate programs are a great step in the right direction.

As a UNL alumnus, you understand the value of a quality education. You expect nothing less while earning your advanced degree. This time, UNL can come to you.

Online programs at UNL are the same as on-campus programs. It's the same UNL faculty, courses and diploma as on-campus—but it's on your schedule. You get the convenience of earning a respected degree from a recognized university without putting your life on hold.

Consider one of the following online graduate programs from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources:

- Master of Applied Science
- Master of Applied Science specialization in Science for Educators

- Master of Science in Entomology
- MBA specialization in Agribusiness
- Food Safety and Defense Graduate Certificate

Take the first step today toward advancing your career. Visit <http://onlinegraduate.unl.edu/CASNR> for more information, or call UNL Extended Education & Outreach at (402) 472-5515.

6. New Program to Train Plant Health Practitioners

Contributed by Dr. Gary Hein, Director, Doctor of Plant Health Program

Individuals with broadly integrated knowledge and management skills are needed to deal with the complex and frequently interacting challenges in managing plant systems. These individuals must be able to incorporate new research and technological developments into integrated pest and plant management systems that remain economically, environmentally and socially sustainable.

To meet these challenges a new professional program, the Doctor of Plant Health (DPH) program, has been created at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln. The DPH Program is a rigorous doctoral-level degree program that trains practitioners across all plant-related disciplines (entomology, plant pathology, plant science, soil science and weed science). The program was established to address needs from the seed, chemical and consulting industry, along with those of extension and regulatory agencies. The first students in the program started this past spring semester. For more information on the DPH program, visit the website www.dph.unl.edu or contact Dr. Gary Hein, Program Director at 402-472-3345.

7. ALEC Reorganization

Contributed by Dr. Mark Balschweid, Professor and Head, Dept. Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication

On July 1, 2010 the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (ALEC) will take on a new look. As part of the IANR budget reduction CIT (Communication and Information Technology) was reduced in size and the remaining staff will join with ALEC. The name “CIT” will no longer be used but the resources within CIT will be used to enhance the Agricultural Journalism program in ALEC. Several individuals within CIT will have opportunities to work with students and bring their professional expertise into the classroom. The enhanced academic program in Agricultural Journalism will build upon the strengths of these individuals and utilize many of the physical resources that are used in communicating the education and extension mission within IANR. Dr. Jason Ellis will continue to oversee the Agricultural Journalism academic program.

8. Dr. Lloyd Bell Completes Term as National President of AAAE

Contributed by Dr. Mark Balschweid, Professor and Head, Dept. Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication

On May 27, 2010 Dr. Lloyd Bell completed his term as national president for the American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE). Dr. Bell was instrumental in hosting the North Central AAAE regional research conference in Lincoln last September, and in May he organized the National AAAE Research Conference in Omaha that saw 200 agricultural education faculty and graduate students attend the conference. The conference was highlighted by workshops held at Gallup, Boys Town and the Henry Doorly Zoo. In

addition, the conference included research sessions involving agricultural education, leadership, international agriculture, extension education and agricultural communications. Dr. Bell turned the gavel over to Dr. Susie Whittington from Ohio State University for the 2010-11 year. Congratulations Dr. Bell for representing UNL, IANR and CASNR during this past year of service to AAAE.

9. Rodger Johnson Named a Master of the Pork Industry

Contributed by Dr. Larry Berger



Photo Courtesy of *National Hog Farmer*

The *National Hog Farmer* magazine has named **Dr. Rodger Johnson**, Omtvedt Professor of Animal Science, a Master of the Pork Industry. For anyone interested in learning more about the genetic components of litter size and how they affect reproductive efficiency in swine, the road to that knowledge will likely lead to the College of Ag Sciences and Natural Resources of the University of Nebraska. It is there that swine geneticist Rodger Johnson has spent over 30 years teaching animal breeding and researching the genetic and physiological components of sow productivity and, more recently, the genetics of disease resistance. This honor is one of many Johnson has received during his career. He's most proud of the Irvin & Wanda Omtvedt Professor of Animal Science appointment he received in 2003, a position he currently holds. Also high on his list of awards is an Oklahoma State University Outstanding Alumni Award in 1999, the Darrell W. Nelson Excellence in Graduate Student Advising Award in 2005, and being named an American Society of Animal Science Fellow in 2008. Johnson has traveled to over 20 countries, many states, and has consulted for numerous breeding stock firms. Following is a link to the article about Dr. Johnson that appeared in the May 15 issue of the *National Hog Farmer*. [Click here for article](#)

10. Animal Science Department Loses Long Time Faculty Member

Contributed by Dr. Larry Berger



Dr. Ernest "Ernie" R. Peo Jr., 84, died in Lincoln on November 10, 2009. Dr. Peo, a native of New York State, joined the Animal Science faculty at UNL as a Professor in 1956 and continued affiliation with the Department as Professor Emeritus after his retirement in 1988. His teaching at UNL was at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He served as a major advisor for 15 Ph.D. and 27 M.S. candidates as well as numerous undergraduate students. Dr. Peo's efforts in his profession were recognized numerous times but culminated with his selection by his peers as a Fellow of the American Society of Animal Science in 1984. An article that appeared in the Animal Science Alumni Newsletter documenting Dr. Peo's career achievements may be accessed [here](#). Scroll to P. 4.

11. Please - Update your e-mail

It helps us cut costs, deliver information to more people more quickly and provide simple notices of events and invitations in timely fashion. Our first announcement of the annual Football Reunion and Silent Auction with limited ticket sales went out last month to members with e-mail addresses on file.

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