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A Message from NCTA Dean-Dr. Weldon Sleight

My Dear Friends,

I have only been at NCTA for eight months but in that time I have come to love this little institution and what it has done for thousands of our alumni. As I travel throughout Nebraska I am amazed at the number of individuals that have attended or know someone who has attended NSA, UNSTA, or NCTA. I am also impressed with the NCTA student body. They are good hard-working students for the most part from rural Nebraska. These students, the NCTA faculty and I want these students to return to rural Nebraska to help revitalize communities that have lost a substantial portion of their population base during the last 40 years. To help students prepare, we have instituted entrepreneurship principles throughout the NCTA curriculum. Our desire is to have the majority of our students leave NCTA with a sustainable business plan in their pocket that will enhance a rural community in Nebraska or beyond.

The NCTA curriculum is continually being updated to represent modern agriculture, its concerns and opportunities. Some programs are also being revamped for working adults that need NCTA degree pro-

grams but cannot leave their employment to attend the Curtis campus. Examples include horticulture programs being delivered to the I-80 corridor and special programs developed for Veterinary Technicians and feedlot operators. An NCTA education for traditional students attending the Curtis campus or working adults attending near their homes is of vital importance to the economic development of our rural communities. These communities must be energized and our young students have the work ethic and the passion to do it.



The NCTA Curtis campus is aging but the spirit is still strong and we are now planning for some new facilities that will make the campus state of the art again. We need you to be partners in the develop-

ment of these facilities. Another article in the newsletter provides a more detailed description of the NCTA development plan. If you are interested in helping us, please give me a call and I will personally give you my vision for NCTA's future growth and development.

Please know that we are proud of the contributions that are being made by all students that ever called this institution home. It is a great educational institution and I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve the NCTA faculty and students.

Sincerely,

Weldon Sleight

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Let's hear from you!

Please take a few minutes to tell us about what is new in your life. We would like to hear what you are doing and also know that your classmates would like to know where you are and your successes.

Class and Family Reunions

If you are planning a class or family reunion, let NCTA help you do the programming. We are now able to offer housing, food service, and activities for NSA, UNSTA, NCTA class reunions, and family reunions during the summer months. Programs are developed based on individual class and family needs. The NCTA campus is beautiful during the summer months and has football and baseball fields, sand volleyball pit, and other facilities that will make your reunion one that will build lasting relationships. We can even arrange for pictures and video that will allow your class and family to remember this experience for a lifetime. So, come and visit and allow us to help you reconnect with your past. Your children and grandchildren will enjoy seeing through your eyes the special times you spent at NSA, UNSTA and NCTA.

A Message from your President

Dear Fellow Alumni:

It's that time of year again! I hope this note finds all of you healthy and happy! This year has again been extremely busy, but I guess I wouldn't want it any other way.

Jason and I are still living on a farm near McCool Junction. We are pleased to announce that we'll be welcoming our first child in May of 2007. We're hopeful that he or she will follow in our footsteps and be a future NCTA Aggie!

We are preparing for spring calving season and are anticipating some great babies again this year! We are pleased with the success our customers had in the show ring this past year and look forward to the 2007 show season and calf crop. If any of you are looking for breeding stock or show prospects please give us a call!

I'm still working here at NCTA as the Assistant Admissions Coordinator. It's been another busy

and challenging year on the road. I've traveled to several states again this year including Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Colorado and Indiana. We were pleased that enrollment increased again this fall, but need your help in continuing this trend in the years to come.

Recruitment is becoming more and more challenging with a smaller population base and less students pursuing a career in agriculture and the related areas.

NCTA has been full of exciting changes this year with the welcoming of our new Dean, Dr. Weldon Sleight and several new faculty. Dr. Sleight has an awesome vision for NCTA's future and I hope that all of you will lend your support in this adventure!

The future of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture is bright, but in order to grow and thrive we not only need cutting edge ideas to share with our students, but also new

facilities to attract quality students! I would like to challenge each of you to donate to our Residence Hall and/or Student Activity funds. Remember every little bit helps so even if you can provide a hundred dollars it will be greatly appreciated!

I would like to encourage all of you to stop by campus for a visit to see the facilities, meet with old and new faculty and staff and reminisce about the good times we all had while in Curtis, Nebraska.

In closing I'd like to thank you for your support throughout my term as President. The years have flown by and I only wish we could have accomplished more. I plan on my continued support in recruiting efforts for both NCTA and the UNSTA/NCTA Alumni association.

See you at the banquet on March 10th!

With a Smile,

Dana (Bailey) Hall

A Message from your President-Elect

Dear Fellow Alumni-

I'm so proud to have been elected President Elect at our last Alumni Banquet in York this past spring. I graduated from the Vet Tech program at NCTA in 2001 and became involved with the Alumni program a few years ago when my friend Dana (Bailey) Hall and I attended our first banquet that was then held in Grand Island. It's an honor to now be serving as President Elect.

I will start out by telling you a little about where I came from and where I'm headed, especially with my role as President Elect. I grew up in rural Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, which is about 60 miles south of St. Louis. I grew up caring for all animals and adopting every critter that would turn up on our place. I even once wanted to give a rabid opossum a good home, but my Dad thankfully stopped that adventure. Shortly after my 9th grade school year my Mom and I relocated to Cheyenne, Wyoming. There, I began thinking about how I could some day have a career that allowed me to work with animals or in the animal health industry.

It was the fall of 1999 that I found myself in Curtis starting my pursuit in becoming a Veterinarian Technician. During my first semester I quickly learned that Curtis had a lot to

offer! Not only did I enjoy my coursework and instructors, I was making the best friends of my life. At Curtis I became involved in a lot of clubs and activities. I thought it was wonderful that almost all my friends and classmates were involved in a lot of different organizations. I was in Women in Ag, STVMA, Collegiate 4-H, the honor society, and the Student Ambassador group, which I thought was so neat!

After graduating with my Vet Tech degree in the spring of 2001 I began working in Omaha at Professional Veterinary Products Ltd. I actually found out about available positions through a posting at NCTA. I'm still working at PVP today, 5.5 years later. So thank you NCTA! Professional Veterinary Products Ltd is a leading Animal Health Distributor. We supply licensed Veterinarians with everything a vet clinic would need from cotton balls to laser machines. I have had a world of opportunity open up for me here and I can honestly thank NCTA for it. I often even get to speak with other NCTA Vet Tech grads when they call in to order items from us. I actually work with about 7 other Vet Techs that went to Curtis. So I'm definitely hitting them up to attend the banquet this year! NCTA even became a PVP customer in 2003, so that is all very exciting!

I also got the opportunity to complete my

bachelor's degree in business management in 2003 from Bellevue University while working at PVP and getting tuition reimbursement.

In a round about way NCTA also lead me to Neil Stedman, who I married on August 26, 2006. One of my fellow NCTA grads Randy Brehm introduced me to one of his high school class mates Dorey Allen who then introduced me to Neil. So Again - Thank you NCTA! Neil and I live on his family farm now, just north of Burr, NE. Neil farms corn and soybeans and we have our share of critters that I get to play with on the farm.

As president elect I'm going to continue helping with recruiting events in Eastern Nebraska and get the word out to as many people as I can about NCTA and especially being involved with the Alumni Association. I hope our Association will really grow and I really hope we can grow our banquet. I encourage all of you to attend this year. We have a lot of great speakers and a lot of things lined up for you, so please join us and past classmates and faculty to reflect back on the good old days that we spent in Curtis!

See you soon-

Stephanie (Vogt) Stedman

UNSTA/NCTA President Elect

Van Der Werff Retires from NCTA Positions

Curtis Hi Line Enterprise: After 30 years of basketball and volleyball games, countless intramural games and late evening dinners, Del Van Der Werff has decided to hand over the position to another. Del began his position as Athletic Director and coach in 1976 and has continued with the job until this year. He has been the only full time coach in the history of the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. The college began in 1966 and operated primarily with intramurals and a limited schedule until 1976.

Del reached his 400 wins in basketball in 2003 and finishes his time with the Aggies with a record of 432-326. In volleyball his record is 189-139 as head coach.

Coach Van Der Werff coached volleyball

for 23 years.

The best basketball season in 1998-99 with a 17-4 win/loss record. In 2002 the team ended the season with 4th place in the National Tournament of USCAA in Portland, Maine. The Aggies have had 3 All-Americans during the 30 years.

Coach Van Der Werff will remain as an Assistant Coach during this season and then plans on going to India to do some teaching and coaching. When asked as to what he felt was important in athletics Del has several items. First of all "Be your very best with whatever talent that you have." Secondly, "Remember that your ability comes from God and make sure that you appreciate what you have." Thirdly, "Enjoy every contest because the time that you can play

goes by pretty fast." Finally, always respect others - no one is your enemy - just opponents on the floor."

Del continued to condition himself and won the Master's divisions of the Nebraskaland 5K road run in North Platte this summer as well as the Masters in the McCook road race.

Bev, Del's wife, became well known by the teams as scorekeeper and part-time bus driver. The two of them were the team drivers for all of the games.

Professor Van Der Werff has taught at NCTA in the classroom during his year with the college. During those years he taught Psychology, communications, and sociology.

Collegiate FFA Sponsors Ranch Rodeo

Wild, woolly and western was the atmosphere Saturday, November 4 at the University of Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Livestock Teaching Center arena. The state's only Collegiate FFA chapter sponsored a ranch rodeo and little kids ranch rodeo. The day started with eighteen youngsters, ranging in age from three to



nine, competing in the little kids ranch rodeo. This included ranch activities consisting of dummy roping, barrel racing on stick horses, greased pig or catch a chicken contest for the

younger children and mutton busting. Each participant received a picture of themselves with two rodeo clowns for participating. Fun was had by all and each went home a winner.

Following the little kids ranch rodeo, a Calcutta was held for the thirteen teams that competed in the ranch rodeo. Then the ranch rodeo started with the team branding. Each team also competed in team doctoring, team sorting, and team trailer loading. The winning team was the Flying A Cattle company from Theford, Neb., second place was N-N Ranch from Curtis, Neb., and third place was the Arrow One Angus Ranch from North Platte, Neb. The Collegiate FFA donated \$3,000 from these events to the dormitory fund at the college.

The Collegiate FFA would like to thank the following sponsors because with out them



they would not have been able to put on these events: Tanglewood Bloodstock from Lexington, KY, Curtis Cattle Company from Curtis, Neb. and Farmers State Bank from Maywood, Neb and many many others. For more information about the collegiate FFA please visit www.ncta.unl.edu or call 1-800-3CURTIS or to contribute to the dormitory fund contact Ann Bruntz at 1-800-432-3216.

March Annual Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on March 11, 2006 by President Dana Bailey at 3:30 P.M. at the York Holiday Inn in York, Nebraska. Present were Dave May, Mike Stewart, Connie Stewart, Bandy Brehm, Larry Cooper, Gene Heller, Tony Larsen, Clayton Maahs, Alan Svobada, Jim Hultman, Gale Wellmann, Dave Bruntz, Ann Bruntz, Tim Hegeholz, Dan Stehlik, and Jerry Sundquist.

The minutes of the March 11, 2005 and November 25, 2005 meetings were read and approved.

Treasures Report

Current balance = \$5,395.42 in the account with the NU alumni Association

Old Business None discussed

New Business

Foundation Update (Ann Bruntz)

- Funds have been raised for the Andy Kneep fund to purchase a calving shed.
- A ribbon cutting was held on February 8th and a plaque will be hung in the LTC.
- Approximately \$4,000 raised for the residence hall at NCTA.
- Mailing will go out later this summer for the Residence Hall fund raising drive.

License Plate holders are in and available for sale. \$5.00 each.

Clayton Maahs moved to donate \$200 to SPUC.

Ann Bruntz seconded. Motion carried.

Banquet bids will be solicited from North Platte and Kearney for the next banquet.

Newsletter Suggestions

Use Website, due to cost switch to email notices, send a card.

Committee to investigate newsletter and Alumni Funds – Ann Bruntz, Dana, Jerry, Dan Stehlik, Tim Hegeholz, and Stephanie Vogt.

Fall Board meeting Dana will set the date.

Jerry Nissen moved to adjourn the meeting. Dan Stehlik seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 P.M.

NCTA Hires New Veterinarian

Dr. Cory Reng, a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) has been hired as the new instructor for the Vet Tech program at Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) in Curtis.

Dr. Reng, graduated from Washington State University ten years ago and is a large and small animal vet. Although it is common for students to take eight years to finish vet school and their undergraduate studies, Dr. Reng finished in six years. She took 18-26 hours of study during each semester, plus summer school, and earned her Bachelor's Degree while in vet school.

Although Dr. Reng isn't married, she has quite a large family. It includes 25 horses, a dog, a parrot and a Ball Python snake she received as a birthday gift from friends. She enjoys spending time outdoors when she isn't working and her hobbies reflect this.

"I'm always learning new things," she stated. "I like to ride horses, wind surf, downhill ski, rock climb, hunt, fish and camping and backpacking with or without

horses. And I always have my nose in a book."

Dr. Reng discovered the position at NCTA on the Veterinary Medicine Association web site and decided to apply.

"I haven't ever tried teaching before," she explained. "I like to try new things. I figure learning is life long. I also really enjoyed college as a student and am hoping I will enjoy it as much as an instructor."

One of the first things that was explained to Dr. Reng is that NCTA is in a very rural part of Nebraska, but that didn't curb her enthusiasm for the position.

"I grew up in a county in Wyoming without a stop light," she said. "I have lived in small towns most of my life, so it's not a surprise. I feel this is a very mobile society. It's more a matter of the job than the location. Although I do like access to Starbucks and Barnes and Noble."

Dr. Reng interviewed for the position at NCTA in mid-August. She was offered the job during the Labor Day weekend and drove all night from Bozeman, MT to arrive in Curtis within 24 hours. She began teach-

ing on Tuesday, the day after Labor Day.

"I'm really having a good time," she said after being on the job for four days. "I've gotten positive feedback from students already."

With 108 students, freshmen and sophomores, enrolled in the vet tech program at the college, Dr. Reng will keep busy teaching at NCTA.

"They are doing a wonderful job of not giving me more than I can handle," she explained. "Right now I'm just teaching."

Dr. Reng is a welcome addition to the NCTA teaching staff.

"Cory Reng is an enthusiastic, horse-loving, people-loving person," state NCTA Dean Weldon Sleight. "I just think she has the right combination to make a great instructor. She has great experience with both large and small animals. She'll be a great addition to the community."

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Greetings from Veterinary Technology

Hope this alumni newsletter finds you all doing well this year. We are looking forward to visiting with many of you at the alumni banquet next month. It is hard to update you on everything that has been happening during the last year because a lot of very positive things have been taking place. We are growing and changing and at the same time staying the same in ways that are important.

I will start with the although not necessarily exciting the very critical fact that we continue to be an fully accredited veterinary technology program with our biennial report due this month and our next on site visit in 2008. It does not seem like six years have passed for the site visit to be occurring again!

Depending on when you graduated, staffing has changed a little. Judy Bowmaster LVT and Barbara Berg LVT are our two technicians although we were able to talk Jo Bek into teaching an additional Production Animal Course. In addition to the clinical pathology and exotic animal courses you are used to Judy teaching she is involved with a very successful horse show team. We have horses and strange little (and big) creatures housed everywhere! We would love to expand our exotic animal collection even more!

Back to staffing, Dr. Barnes continues to be our corner stone type "A" veterinarian, instructor and friend to all. She keeps insisting we do things in the way that is best for students and patients even if it means we do it over and over and over, you get the point.

The really exciting news for us and the students is the addition of Cory Reng DVM to our staff. She has been a godsend for us all. Dr. Reng has tons of experience in many different types of practices. She arrived several weeks into the semester, lived in a camper until she bought a place, hardly got moved into her place and took on a zillion (will maybe couple hundred) of goats to kid out. Lately I have to spell goat rather than say goat to her. With all of that she has not skipped a beat. She has brought everyone up to speed in nursing, large animal techniques and chemistry class!

Dr. Krull is expertly balancing his private practice while teaching APS and VT classes. This semester he's teaching Pharmacology and Anesthesiology for the Vet Techs. You should see the dosage and math problems we are doing this week! I say "we" because I am sitting in on the class, learning and relearning the material while converting the information

into a format for an on-line pharmacology class. If you are interested in taking the pharmacology class on-line as a great review let us know.

STVMA's visits to the skilled nursing center are being enjoyed and looked forward to as they were when you were here. Thanks to the encouragement of a recent graduate, the group has become involved with "Positive Partners" in North Platte. This group works with placing animals at the shelter into homes and with various rescue groups. Several very talented VT students built a fantastic dog house which brought top price at a money raising auction for the group. The gentleman who bought it was going to adopt a small dog and a cat from the shelter. It was one big solid dog house. You could have easily housed Anna's St. Bernard Baxter in it.

Several veterinarians across the state, local hospitals as well as the Medical Center in Omaha have donated some nice pieces of equipment as well as supplies which we can always use. We thank all of you for your continued support. One last note, the colleges web site is really nice and has a fair number of Vet Tech job listings on it if you are interested in a new challenge. - Barbara Berg LVT

News from Agriculture Production Systems or PA as you may know it

Wow, what a year!! But look out, next year looks even better. First the past. Thanks again to everyone that donated to the Andy Knepp fund. The new calving barn is being utilized and is full of very thankful calves. That fund is still looking for donations. We need a new water system at the calving barn, since the old cistern has sprung a leak. Andy Knepp did fully retire this year and is enjoying not getting up to check cows in the night. Eli Pierson, a graduate of NCTA, is taking Andy's place.

The Rodeo team had a great year with Chance Harman going to the finals. Dr. Clyde Cranwell accepted a position at Morrisville State College in New York. Seth Hasenauer, a 2002 NCTA graduate, is coaching the Livestock Judging team, as well as teaching on an adjunct basis. The team placed 5th overall in Phoenix this fall and 3rd in the car lots at Denver. They are at the Dixie Nationals as I write this, so good luck to them there. The NCTA Colle-

giate Equestrian team had a great fall season. They are looking forward to hosting the IHSA show the 17th of February in the LTC arena on the NCTA campus. We are expecting 150 contestants from a six-state area.

This last summer, the Range Management class spent a day participating in the Ranch Practicum at the Gudmundsen Sandhills field laboratory. Dr. Pat Reece and Dr. Jerry Volesky worked with the class on plant ID, range plant growth, and plant residue on range land. Twenty students, enrolled in the Feedlot Operations class, attended the Feedlot roundtable in Lexington. The Collegiate Cattlemen attended the State convention in Lincoln last December.

So what's coming up next? We are advertising for two new faculty members in APS. Dr. Cranwell's teaching and coaching position will be filled this spring with an animal scientist. The agronomy position, last held by Del Hemsath, will also be

filled. A new option called Precision Farming is being developed and should come on line next fall. This option will blend very well with a program we have developed with the All Points Cooperative. Students will be able to work for All Points while going to school, earn money, and be eligible for an All Points Scholarship. (Any of you old duffers-LOL- with kids might want to check this out. Don't know what LOL is, ask a kid.)

The "Aggie Cream of the Crop" pig and lamb sale will be held on April 13. We'll continue to have a summer Judging camp and a Cattle Fitting and Showing camp in June.

Keep up-to-date with NCTA's activities and events by visiting our website at www.ncta.unl.edu and listening to the Aggie Minute.

-Dave Smith

APS Division Chair

News from Agribusiness Management Systems

Hi!

Let me introduce myself...My name is Cathy Nutt and I am the division chair for the Agribusiness Management Systems (AMS) Division at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture. I am the academic advisor for this program and I am excited about the education and opportunities that await our students.

Please reply via e-mail if you have any particular questions about student activities, any of the programs we offer or general

information regarding NCTA. If you would like to visit in person, just e-mail me with a phone number and a potential time...and I will be happy to call you. If you would rather ask questions through e-mail, that is fine also. If you know of potential students please encourage them to submit their application for admissions as soon as possible. An upcoming important date is our scholarship deadline. The scholarship application needs to be postmarked by the 15th of February, and is located on our application for admissions.

I look forward to talking to you via phone or e-mail very soon. Please call 1-800-328-7847 or e-mail cnutt2@unl.edu to contact me. I also invite you to visit the NCTA website at www.ncta.unl.edu and listen to the Aggie Minute, or IM with Cooper, one of our admissions counselors and an AMS alumni.

Sincerely,

Cathy Nutt

AMS-Division Chair

NCTA Students Head to Minnesota for College Conference on Cooperatives

The Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA) was represented by four students at the annual College Conference on Cooperatives in Minneapolis, Minn. Minnesota leads the nation in coops and Cenex Harvest States Coop provides scholarships for NCTA students. This is the sixth time NCTA has been represented at the conference.

The three day conference included discussions on how cooperatives can make a differ-

ence, new visions, what, why and where coops go from here, producer perspectives, consumers and the cooperative choice, cooperatively solving rural challenges, cooperatives abroad and much more. The students toured the new Mill City Museum, Cenex Harvest States, REI (Recreational Equipment Incorporated), Cooperativa Mercado Central (a mercantile coop) and Lakewinds Coop (a natural foods coop).

"I liked everything because you could see

how cooperatives affected many industries in many ways," said Hillary Clark. "Now I realize how many co-ops there are."

Speakers at the event included the president of the Minnesota Farmers Union, college faculty from the University of Minnesota, specialists from the USDA Rural Development, producers, representatives from the Peace Corps and Global Outreach, and owners of a variety of coops.

Partner with NCTA in the Preservation of the Rural Higher Education Experience

NCTA and Curtis do not have the capacity to house NCTA students in the current dorms and apartments and the gym cannot be used for activities because it is used extensively for athletic functions. These facility limitations have encouraged the NCTA faculty and student body to begin the process of a capital campaign to replace the gym and add new dormitories to house the growing student body. For the past two

years NCTA has had the highest increase of students within the University of Nebraska system. We want that growth to continue but need desperately to provide the whole student body with better living space and greater access to wholesome activities. The estimated costs of the facilities together are approximately \$6 million. Because this cost is so high we need many partners to help us pursue these building projects.

Together they will bring NCTA to a standard of excellence that it enjoyed early in its history as the University of Nebraska School of Agriculture. At that time it was state of the art and that is what we want it to be again. If you desire to preserve a part of your heritage, please return one or both of the pledge cards below and/or call Dean Sleight or a faculty member. We are passionate about the future of NCTA.

News from the NCTA Horticulture Department

The NCTA Horticulture Systems Division is alive and well. The Landscape and Turf classes took advantage of the great weather and accomplished many outdoor training opportunities. The Horticulture Club installed a sand volleyball court between the student living centers in an unused parking lot, thereby enhancing the student's opportunities for after hours activities. The students excavated the area, filled with new sand, set the posts, landscaped disturbed areas around the court with plants, mulch and sod. Irrigation lines were installed to make it all maintenance friendly. There will be additional installations of plant materials in the spring.

Several training classes were conducted around campus and at Arrowhead Meadows Gold Course. Students also took field trips to Bluebird Nursery in Clarkson, NE, and visited other nursery and mulch production facilities.

Spring semester and cold weather has

offered a perfect opportunity for the students to put class lecture information into action in the greenhouse. New benches were purchased and a new layout plan has been developed to bring the greenhouse up to "near perfect" condition. The facility has been a valuable resource for the student's education process, especially during the cold winter months. Over 3,000 plants are being grown to give hands-on experience with all kinds of grasses, annuals and perennial plants and shrubs. The latest technology in potting techniques are being evaluated and experimented with. The plants will be available for purchase by the public in the spring, as well as being used to renovate and beautify the campus.

Field trips to the Nebraska Turf grass Association Conference, Nebraska Landscape & Nursery Association Conference and a landscape competition conference in Lansing, MI. sponsored by PLANET are all a part of the education process this spring. Several landscape projects are being final-

ized, including a tree and shrub project for Lakeside Country Club in Lexington, a water feature installation, irrigation and landscape installations in North Platte. The high school has also enlisted the assistance and expertise of the department to design and assist with the installation of a new irrigation system for the football and practice fields.

A Design Class has been offered at the West Central Experimental Campus, the first class to be extended to this sister site. Reception from the Lincoln/Dawson County area has been very favorable, attracting 5 new non-traditional students into the program. This is the beginning of an exciting project that will make NCTA horticulture certificates and degrees available along the I-80 corridor. If you or someone you know is interested in this evening program designed for working adults please visit the NCTA web site at www.ncta.unl.edu and fill out the horticulture survey. We look forward to see you or someone you know in our horticulture programs!

November Annual Business Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on November 25, 2006 by President Dana Hall at 10:00 A.M. at the Dana Hall residence in McCool Junction, Nebraska. Present were Stephanie Vogt, Jerry Sundquist, Dana Hall, and Gale Wellmann.

The minutes of the March 11, 2006 meeting were read and approved.

Treasures Report

Current balance = \$2,944 (Lincoln Alumni account) and \$2,300 CD in the Farmers State Bank in Maywood.

Old Business none

New Business

2007 Banquet – March 10, 2007.

After checking Kearney, York and Lexington it was decided to hold the reunion in Lexington at the Holiday Inn Express.

Banquet Entertainment.

Dr. Weldon Sleight will speak about NCTA. Stan Matzke will talk about the starting of UNSTA. Dana Hall will give a report on her LEAD experiences.

Stephanie Volt moved to sponsor a LEAD table at the LEAD banquet in March. Gale seconded.

Motion Carried.

Newsletter Dana is working on the newsletter to go out before the banquet. Dana will send an invitation to each faculty member.

Gale moved to donate \$200 for the Alumni picnic in late April or early May. Stephanie seconded. Motion carried.

Stephanie moved to adjourn. Jerry seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 A.M.

Jerry Sundquist, Sec./Treas.

Annual Banquet and Reunion Information

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Holiday Inn Express-Lexington, Nebraska

- 3:30 UNSTA/NCTA Alumni Association Board/Business Meeting
- 6:00 Social Hour (Cash bar) held in the Banquet Room
- 7:00 Dinner (\$20.00 per person) held in the Banquet Room

Registration & Reservation Information

Banquet Registration Fee/Membership Fee \$15.00

The registration fee is the same as a membership. This fee when paid will be considered your membership dues for the 2007 year. Each person will be paying this to attend.

Advance Registration Only!!

Register now! Return registration form below and your check(s) by March 2, 2007. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after March 4, 2007. No registrations will be taken over the phone.

Lodging

A block of rooms are reserved at a special rate of \$69.95 + tax for UNSTA/NCTA Alumni. To reserve please contact Holiday Inn Express-Lexington at 1-308-324-9900 and tell them you are with the UNSTA/NCTA Alumni Association. Reservations need to be made as soon as possible to insure getting a room.

Honored Alumni

We will be honoring the classes of 1972, 77, 82, 87, 92, 97, and 2002. You will be honored at the Annual Banquet. Gather up your classmates and plan on getting together on March 10th in Lexington. If you need addresses let us know!

Banquet Highlights

Entertainment/Speakers:

Stan Matzke the first Superintendent of the college will be the guest speaker for the banquet. He is going to tell the rest of the story about UNSTA/NCTA

Dana Hall will give a short talk and show a few pictures from her recent Nebraska LEAD International Study/Travel Seminar to Australia and New Zealand

Dr. Weldon Sleight, new NCTA Dean will discuss his vision for the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Let us know if you need addresses of your classmates prior to the banquet!

Also be sure to keep us updated if you have a new address, phone number or email address so we have accurate contact information for you in our database!

Registration Form

UNSTA/NCTA Alumni Banquet and Reunion

Please return this form and check(s) payable to UNSTA/NCTA Alumni Association by March 2, 2007 to:

UNSTA/NCTA Alumni Association
C/O Jerry Sundquist
RR 3 Box 23A
Curtis, NE 69025

Please reserve ___ dinners at \$16.00 per person plus \$4.00 per person Banquet Expenses and Tractor Raffle.

(The \$4.00 per person helps pay for banquet guests and additional expenses)

Membership Fee (if not already paid in '07) \$15.00

Enclosed is my check (s) for Total _____

Name _____

Department _____ Grad Year _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (_____) _____

Email address _____

I would like a tour of NCTA on Saturday morning _____

I would like a tour of NCTA on Saturday afternoon _____

I would like a tour of NCTA on Sunday morning _____

I would like a tour of NCTA on Sunday afternoon _____

Upcoming Events on Campus:

April 7-Timed Event Jackpot Rodeo

April 13-Cream of the Crop Pig & Lamb Sale

April 22-Shaggy Horse Show

May 5-Derby Day Double Header Steer & Heifer Show

June 11-13 Livestock Judging Camp

June 23-24 Last Chance Livestock Show

June 25-27 Cattle Fitting & Showing Camp

Watch for more information about these and other events on our website!

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or on campus.*

*For more information contact Dana, Jerry
or any board member.*



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