Putting Rural America in Their Hands.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Last year the front page article of the Alumni News carried the title “Preserving the NCTA Way of Life - It’s Up to You.” This title had reference to the new building initiative. The plan would bring a new education center and residence hall to NCTA and also remodel the Old Dairy Barn. “What a marvelous idea since the veterinary technology and computer laboratories, as well as the animal laboratories and teaching and laboratory space, can it be made into something special? What a wonderful proposal was then made, ‘Why not put the animal laboratories and services as an extension to the current Veterinary Hospital?’ Also, rather than tear down the Old Dairy Barn, can it be made into a student experience laboratory?” What a marvelous idea since the Old Dairy Barn is so important to the history of NCTA, UNSTA, and NSA. As a result, the Education Center will contribute substantially to increasing the quality teaching and laboratory space. The east wing of the Veterinary Hospital and the Old Dairy Barn will be completely remodeled for small animals, equine, and laboratory space used by the Veterinary Technology program.

Another important bit of news is that NCTA’s enrollment for Fall Semester 2009 increased by 49%! This is due to new programs that emphasize ownership, preparing our students to return to their rural communities as partners/employees, and an emerging concurrent enrollment program. Concurrent enrollment allows high school students to take some college courses and earn college credits. The program decreases the time students have to spend on a college campus and saves them and their parents a great deal on the cost of education.

The miraculous events of this past year will become one of the brightest chapters in the history of this institution. Again, we thank each of you who have made contributions to this building program. If there are others that would like to make donations, please think about doing so. We still have many equipment and scholarships needs that will make NCTA even stronger.

Following graduation, there will be a ground breaking for the new buildings at 3:00 p.m. on May 6, 2010. Please plan to attend and we will show you what your contributions have accomplished. With your help, the future has never been brighter for NCTA.

Dr. Weldon Sleight

Letter from Alumni President

The student activity center, or “The Barn” on campus, was newly remodeled and now features two big screen TVs, pool tables, and ping pong.

New Faces @ NCTA

We have added many new, friendly faces on campus in the past year.

New faculty include:

Rick Meutis
Associate Dean

Dee Anderson
Assistant Professor - Horticulture

Paul Clark
Assistant Professor & Division Chair of Agriculture Business

Eric Reed
Assistant Professor & Division Chair of General Education

Other staff include:

Stephanie Nichols
Assistant Admissions Coordinator

Tammy Fiechtner
Assistant Admissions Coordinator

Britni Freiboth
Student Life Coordinator

Cindy Fritsche
Food Services Manager

Marc Pike
Dean’s Office (temp)

Reaching out to Class of 1975

Greetings UNSTA Alumni. My name is Steve Hanson, better known as ’Tankee’ at UNSTA. I have decided to start a large project for next year’s Alumni Banquet and I need your assistance to complete this project.

The other evening it occurred to me that in 2010 it will be our 35th year reunion and I was wondering where my fellow classmates are and what has happened to them since graduation. I, for one, know I haven’t changed a bit. Therefore I have decided to contact each graduate of the 1975 class requesting they respond to my request for information as to where they are now located, information on their family, their employment, their continued education, and other exciting information on themselves. I will gather this information into a booklet and have it available for the 35th reunion at the March 2010 banquet. It should be exciting to read what each of us has accomplished in our lives and hopefully be in attendance to verify what we report.

See you in March!