

Former UNL professor appointed to USDA post

Janet Poley, former UNL assoc. professor of Agricultural Communications, has been appointed program specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Poley has been in Washington, D.C., since Jan. 5, and is working in the Office of International Training Programs in nutrition, education and family services.

One of Poley's duties is in the foreign development division, she said, where she helps foreign participants get college degrees in agriculture or related areas.

"I'm trying to help foreign students in programs designed to best meet the needs of the individual and his country," Poley said. "We monitor their schooling and programming while the students are training."

The USDA training programs are designed for students and other participants and are financed by the Agency for International Development (AID) or the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). Most participants are in graduate work and are from underdeveloped countries, Poley said.

Poley's duties at UNL included production and talent work for the Nebraska Educational Television Network (NETV) for home economics programs and development of instructional programming. She was producer and hostess for a NETV weekly program entitled "One for the Money—A Consumer Show."

She also produced a series of videotapes for use in training nutrition educators through a Swanson Center for Nutrition grant. Poley, who is the first graduate fellow for the Swanson Center, said that the programs will be available for use nationally through the Great Plains Library.

Poley, who worked at UNL for nine years, summarized her reasons for deciding to move.

"I felt that the job with USDA offered potential for personal growth, especially in the international area, as well as provided a challenge," she said. "Although there was a large salary increase involved, I was not unhappy at UNL and did not base my decision on the salary difference."

Ralston Graham, chairman of Agriculture Communications and head of the committee to replace Poley, said that Poley performed her job "exceptionally well. Pre-recorded tapes of the consumer program Poley worked on are being aired on NETV, and editorial assistant Shelly Kalkowski is continuing the radio programs and the home economics press."



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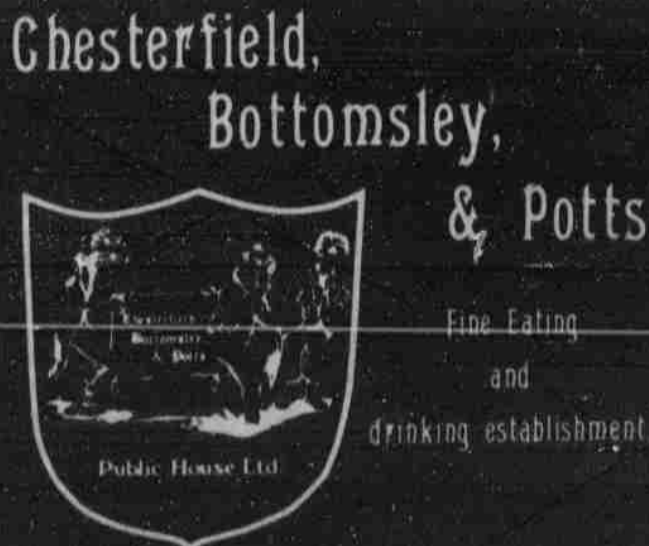
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