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Nobel Prize winner studies UNL wheat research

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By Kathy McAuliffe UNL's wheat research program was examined last week by Nobel Prize winner Norman Borlaug.

The 1970 Nobel Peace Prize winner for humanitarianism was part of a seven-man team at UNL which examined and discussed wheat research to increase yields and protein content.

Virgil Johnson, an agricultural research scientist with the U.S. Department of

Personnel chosen for Housing Office

Two administrative positions in the UNL Office of Housing have been filled, according to Housing Director Richard Armstrong.

Richard McKinnon has been appointed assistant director in charge of special residential education, Armstrong said. McKinnón was assistant director of housing at Colorado University and was a residence hall director at UNL in 1967.

Glen Schumann has been appointed assistant director of housing administration, Armstrong said. Schumann was coordinator of residence hall administration at UNL.

Schumann has worked as a student assistant, a graduate assistant and a residence director at UNL.

Agriculture, said the research is international.

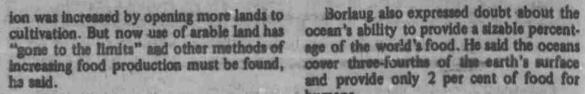
We have a winter wheat evaluation network that involves 63 sites in 39 count-ries," Johnson said. "The justification for this is improvement of wheat in countries where people rely on it as the principle food."

Borlaug was awarded the Nobel prize in 1970 for his work in the 1940s and 1950s in developing special strains of high-yield dwarf wheat in Mexico. Because of his research, Mexico became self-supporting in wheat production levels and many impoverished nations were able to increase their wheat production.

His work in Mexico brought Borlaug recognition as a part of the "Green Revolution." Johnson defined this as a "research package" which included increasing crop yields, eradicating diseases and controlling insects and weeds. Last Monday, Borlaug was one of 22 Americans presented the Medal of Freedom by President Gerald Ford for what Ford called "outstanding accomplishments." The medal is the nation's highest civilian award.

In addition to reviewing UNL's wheat research, Borlaug spoke to a group of stu-dents and faculty members. He called for the use of all technology to increase land yields and meet the food demands of the future.

In the past, Borlaug said, food product-



"We have to look forward in most cases to solving the problem of food production in the next two decades by increasing the yields of land already under cultivation," he said.

New Union.

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The top floor of the new Union will contain office space for university health services, student legal services, and possibly the ombudsman and financial aids offices, Swanson said.

An ad hoc planning committee, under the auspices of the Union advisory board, has been meeting for four years to study financing and space allotment, he said.

Among requests suggested by some students and faculty that were not accepted was a swimming pool, he said.

"If anything is missing, the community will tell us," Swanson added. East Union Program Council (EUPC) President Craig Hertel, a junior from Clay Center, said EUPC will be coordinating programs, speakers, concerts and sharing budgets with the city campus union.

Introduction to East Union programs and tours of the building will be given during the grand opening, Feb. 20 to 27,

director of wheat improvement with the International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement in Mexico.

Borlaug, a Cresco, Iowa, native, is the

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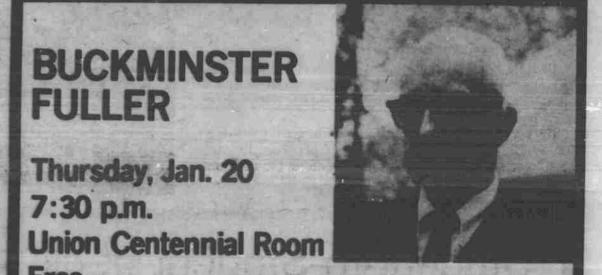
said Warren Petersen, junior from Bertrand and second vice president of EUPC in charge of the event.

Swanson said the East Campus community may be "quite shocked" when they view the rags-to-riches move from the old Student Activities Center.

Ray Coffey, UNL assistant business manager and head of the central planning committee, said the lower level of the Student Activities Center used for a Union since the early 1950s, will be used for temporary storage and office space until the Plant Science Bldg. is completed and the Agricultural Engineering Bldg. is remodeled.

He said the upper level of the Engineering Bldg. will be used for recreational activities, as will the lower level once construction on the two buildings is completed.





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