

Tractor-testing building getting equipment today

The new Agricultural Engineering Annex on the UNL East Campus will be occupied today as equipment is moved in and various labs are set up.

Official dedication will not take place until next spring, however, when the building should be in full operation, said William Splinter, head of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources' agricultural engineering department.

The building will house tractor testing equipment and provide space for a research shop, teaching labs and testing equipment. The annex is designed to speed up the tractor testing process, Splinter said.

Nebraska's tractor testing grounds are unique to the Western Hemisphere, and it provides a bureau of standards for the Western Hemisphere. Tractors from such places as Russia, Japan, and Germany are tested here, Splinter said.

The tractors are tested for such things as horsepower, fuel consumption, and noise levels, he said.

The annex was built because newer tractors will not fit in the existing building. The additional space will allow an increase in the number and size of tractors

that can be tested, Splinter said.

The annex was built for less than \$1 million and stayed within the estimated budget, according to Splinter.

Two instructors receive national awards

Two UNL agriculture instructors were honored recently for outstanding service to their professions.

Alex Martin, an associate professor of agronomy is one of eight persons nationally to be cited by the CIBA-Geigy Corporation, a major manufacturer of herbicides. Martin received the 1980 CIBA-Geigy Award in Agronomy.

He was cited for his research and extension efforts in weed control. Martin coordinates weed science at

UNL and has been a professor here since 1972.

LaVern E. Stetson received a distinguished service award from the Food and Energy Council at its annual conference Aug. 15 in Atlanta, Ga.

Stetson, an assistant professor of agricultural engineering, was chosen from several nominees for his efforts emphasizing the interdependence of food and energy. His studies involved developing more efficient ways of using energy, especially electrical energy.

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The Society of American Interior Designers will sponsor a membership picnic Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in Peter Pan Park, 33rd & W. For ride information call 466-5686.

The Navigators will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska East Union.

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