Greenhouse renovation: In 2005, the College’s original greenhouse and headhouse, constructed in 1954 in conjunction with Agricultural Hall (now known as Townsend Hall), was in need of extensive repair. With the help of a $300,000 Unidel grant, the facility has been completely renovated. The greenhouse renovation included removing lead paint and asbestos, replacing all glass panes with acrylic panels, placing new grow-lites in every room, and installing a new cooling and heating system with a state of the art automated climate control system. Many of the rooms were furnished with new benches as well. Within the headhouse, graduate student office space and a bathroom were created, a heating and air conditioning system was installed, and the mechanical and electrical systems in the basement were replaced. Landscaping of the exterior is now underway using a design created by CANR undergraduate David Horsey and PLSC landscape design faculty Jules Bruck and Chad Nelson. Students and volunteers from the UD Botanic Gardens will assist in the installation of the new design.

CANR Spotlight: New CANR Graduate Fellowship Awarded to Jennifer Seiter

Jennifer Seiter, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences, has been awarded the first Donald L. and Joy G. Sparks Graduate Fellowship in Soil Science. The fellowship was established by Don and Joy to recognize a continuing soil science graduate student who has demonstrated excellence in academic performance, shown outstanding research and/or teaching potential, leadership and interpersonal skills, and who has promise for an outstanding career. Jennifer will receive a $3000 award and will be recognized at the annual Honors Day program of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. A plaque listing all fellowship recipients will also be displayed in the office of the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences.

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