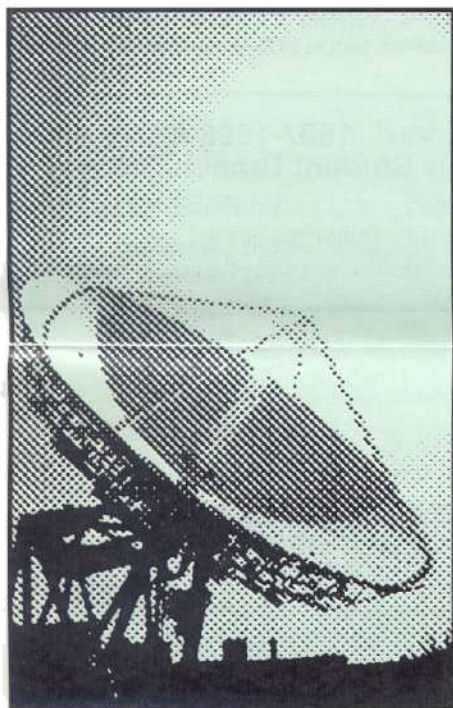


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The View Has Never Been So Good



A new videoconference center is in the planning stage in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering.

The center, scheduled to be operational by the 1998 spring semester, will bring students, faculty and industry leaders together without the inconvenience of travel.

An OSU classroom (225 Ag Hall) will be equipped with cutting edge communications capabilities, allowing interactive conferencing with industry professionals and other universities.

Department Head Billy Barfield is positive the new facility will benefit everyone involved. "The students will gain a

window to the world," he said. "Industry engineers will have access to educational programs, and current projects with John Deere will greatly be enhanced."

The center will have satellite downlink capabilities for videoconferencing. It will be used for teaching distance education courses, and it will especially enhance the international design course, which involves students from as close as Kansas State University and as far away as Wageningen Agricultural University in The Netherlands.

John Deere, the project's generous sponsor, is investing \$150,000 in the effort to "bring the world to the classroom."

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