Dr. Virgil Smail
2004 – 2007

Following Dr. Donnelly's retirement in 2004, Dr. Virgil Smail was hired as Department Head. He was the first Department Head to serve all three major Cereal Science & Technology institutions in Manhattan. He had previously been Director of the USDA Grain Marketing and Production Research Center and was President of the American Institute of Baking just before joining Kansas State University to head the department.

During Dr. Smail's tenure, he continued to promote the Grain Science facilities expansion originated by Dr. Donnelly. The BIVAP (Biological and Industrial Valued Added Programs) building was completed in 2005 and the Hal Ross Flour Mill was completed in 2006.

Dr. Smail resigned in 2007 to accept a position in industry. He was succeeded on an interim basis by Dr. Richard Hahn, (previously Department Head, 1992 – 1996) who returned from retirement to help the department in transition until a permanent head could be selected in 2008.
Dr. W. Hoover, Dr. C. Deyoe, Dr. R. Hahn, Dr. B. Donnelly, Dr. V. Smail

Dedication of the Hal Ross Flour Mill – 20 October 2006

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