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by John Russnogle

Volunteer upperclass students in the College of Agriculture are helping freshmen with academic and personal problems through a student co-advising program initiated last year, according to Phil Lamb.

Lamb, a UNL student, has been hired by the University Teaching Council to coordinate and evaluate the program to determine the possibility of establishing a similar University-wide program.s,

The student co-advising program was initiated by the Ag College Advisory Board because many of the freshman advisers were overburdened. Some advisers were assigned as many as 60 advisees.

Under the program, upperclassmen volunteer to serve as a counselor for freshmen students. Faculty advisors who want to participate in the program select volunteers whose majors coincide with those of the advisees. Student co-advisers may counsel five to 10 students.

Not all the faculty use the program but some faculty members have as many as three student

co-advisers, Lamb said.

"An upperclassman attempts to be a friend, someone a freshmen can call up when he needs help," Lamb said. He added that the counseling is mostly academic: helping students fill out schedules, suggesting courses to take or not to take, and helping the student decide what he wants out of college.

Co-advisers have access to the student's files and meet regularly with the student's faculty adviser, Lamb said.

Lamb expressed surprise that the program has "worked as well as it has."

East Campus already has an excellent

advising system compared to the rest of the University, Lamb said.

"Although the program wasn't real successful last year it generated enough support to continue this year," Lamb said. He added that more students are being contacted this year.

Lamb said the co-adivising program does not take away from the faculty members job but makes it easier for them. A better job of advising is done overall, he said.

Plans are being considered for setting up a counseling office on East Campus where any student could stop in and talk about their problems, Lamb said.

### Regents to hold bylaws hearing

The Board of Regents has scheduled an opening hearing on new University bylaws for 1 p.m. today in the Nebraska Union.

The bylaws have been more than a year in the making.

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The Faculty Senate and Council on Student Life both are expected to submit revisions to the bylaws at the hearing. The CSL suggestions would firm up students' rights in discipline matters.

The Faculty Senate suggestions strengthen faculty rights to academic freedom and delineates nontenured faculty members rights should they be fired.

The bylaws were compiled by the University Governance Commission, a joint commission of students, faculty, administrators and citizens.

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