

# Fewer international students enroll at Nebraska

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About 1,100 international students have enrolled at UNL for the 1984 semester. New interna-

tional students make up more than 160 of those, according to estimated figures by the International Education Services at UNL. The number of new students is

"way down" from last year's approximately 250 new foreign students, foreign student adviser Judy Wendorff said. It's just a "guess," Wendorff said.

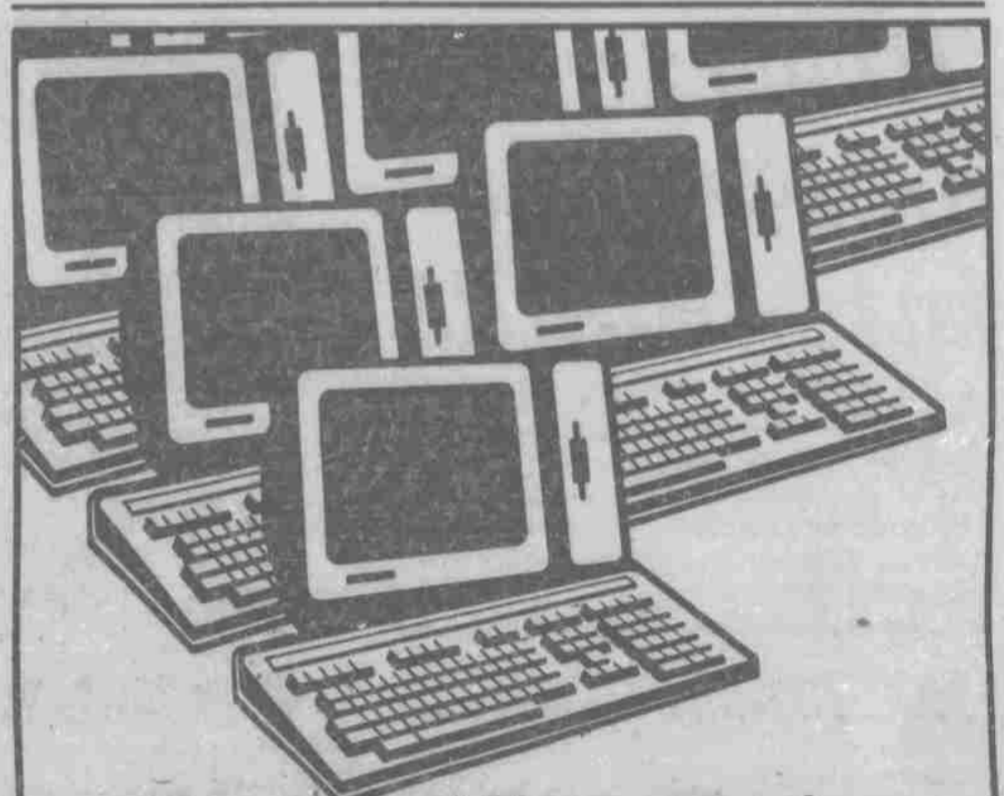
but one reason for the decline in the number of new international students could be the increasing number of new universities in the foreign countries.

The American dollar also puts a damper on new international student enrollment — about \$100 per credit at UNL for non-residents.



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## UNL foreign student representation

Country	Number of new students enrolled	students now enrolled at UNL:
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Malaysia	23	Palestine
Republic of China (Taiwan)	14	Peru
Indonesia	10	Thailand
People's Republic of China	8	Sudan
Nigeria	7	Jordan
Canada	6	Mexico
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Japan	5	
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Lebanon	4	
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		Columbia
		Scotland
		Panama
		Holland
		Singapore
		Bangladesh
		Morocco

The following countries have an estimated two

Fifteen new foreign students are the sole representative of their country at UNL:

## New soybean developed

**By Gene Gentrup**  
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NU researchers are developing a new type of soybean that could extend Nebraska soybean farming 50 miles farther west.

James Specht, associate professor of agronomy at UNL, said research continues on developing a soybean capable of withstanding the hot, arid growing conditions of western Nebraska. Nebraska acres extend from the Missouri River to just east of North Platte.

Specht said the more stress-tolerant soybean is undergoing the practical aspects of the developing stage. He said research on the new soybean began in 1979 when he and UNL climatologist Blaine Biad sought to increase the soybean's "plant hairiness." The increased hairiness is founded on most desert plants, he said, and is needed so the plant can reflect more light and use less water. This makes the plant more tolerant of hot, arid growing conditions.

Specht's soybean research was the topic of a paper he presented at the Third World Soybean Research Conference. Specht co-authored the paper with UNL

agronomy professor James Williams. Scientists from more than 40 nations gathered at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, Aug. 12 through 17 for the conference.

Specht said the U.S. Department of Agriculture approved three years ago \$108,000 for funding of the research project, but all funds have been spent.

Although prospects for the new soybean look good, Specht said now that the basic research has been applied, the "practical research" has yet to be done.

The "practical research," Specht said, includes finding the right combination of genes to overcome new-found complications in the testing plant.

"Right now, because the hairier soybean traps water, the leaves become top heavy, thus hurting the yield," he said.

Specht said the soybean research now will focus on developing a plant that is shorter and more vigorous.

Specht said it is difficult to say how much of an impact the new soybean will make, but because of a higher demand for soybeans from foreign food-processing nations, increased soybean production could be raised "fairly high" in the years to come.

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