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**Help for Colombia**

Carlos Manrique mans a booth in the Nebraska Union Wednesday, collecting donations for victims of the recent volcano eruption in Colombia. The booth, sponsored by the Latin American Student Association, will be set up Monday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the East Union. Any size donation can be given, a spokesman said.

**UNMC to receive grant to inform public of disease**

By Kathleen Green  
Senior Editor

In a time when program funding is difficult to find, UNMC could receive about \$100,000 to fund a new fetal alcohol syndrome program.

The program will be funded by a grant from the local chapter of Variety Clubs of America, a national service organization.

The program, which will include several other universities, will help inform the public about the disease, said Michael Leibowicz, UNMC deputy director for programs of the Meyer Children's Rehabilitation Institute. UNMC staff members will work with other universities to write and distribute information, he said.

The number of universities involved will depend on the amount of the grant, Leibowicz said. The grant should be for about \$100,000, he said.

UNMC will allot money from the grant to individual universities through seed grants, he said.

The Variety Club will raise funds for the project proceeds from its entertainment special entitled "An All-Star Tribute to 'Dutch' Reagan." The special airs Sunday on CBS.

Each year the club honors a star and then grants proceeds from the event to programs such as the fetal alcohol syndrome program, Leibowicz said. The program is then named after the star that is honored. The UNMC program will be housed in the institute. Leibowicz said he doesn't know which part of the building will be named after Reagan.

A combination of current staff members and possibly news staff members will work on the program. Leibowicz said he hopes it will be in full swing by July.

Fetal alcohol syndrome affects one of every 750 newborns in the U.S. and is a result of excess alcohol consumption by expectant mothers. Leibowicz said he hopes UNMC will eventually research the disease that causes birth defects. It is still unknown how much alcohol can be consumed before birth defects occur, he said.

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