

## Central Americans still struggling, local expert says

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Central American countries are struggling to be independent and are not puppets of the United States, said the executive director of Lincoln's Hispanic Community Center during a Nebraska Wesleyan forum Friday morning.

Joel Gajardo, a citizen of Chile, who visited Nicaragua in November, said Central Americans want food, health, shelter, education and political participation.

"They don't need a long-distance phone call from the Kremlin to tell them they're hungry," Gajardo said.

Americans lack historical perspective on the Central American crisis and are given a distorted view of current events, Gajardo said. The crisis has been developing for a long time, he said.

Americans tend to make decisions about something and then apply their decisions to a situation from their own perspective, Gajardo said.

For example, he said, El Salvador is now seen as a good government, so the use of Agent Orange and other dangerous chemicals in jungle areas is not reported. America doesn't hear that the literacy rate has gone from 52 percent to 12 percent or that the government opened 300 new health clinics, Gajardo said.

Someone without all the information can't grasp the whole situation, he said, so when a country is forced to view reality from one perspective, it is bound to see things all wrong, he said.

If America keeps supporting the Contras, it will only increase the destruction, he said.

In a question-and-answer session after the forum, Gajardo said he doubts Marxism will survive long in Central America. But he said that he believes supporting groups like the Contras could help give it roots.



Ward Williams/Daily Nebraskan  
Gajardo

The United States has never intervened because of a concern for the masses, he said. Instead, it has intervened to keep order and to ensure that investments remain profitable, he said.

Gajardo said Latin American countries want to set their own priorities and create a better society through their own efforts.

## Career Corner

On Wednesday students can meet with administrators about careers in college student personnel and tour the Career Planning and Placement Center, Student Center 4, International Educational Services, Pre-Admissions, Campus Activities and Programs, and Financial Aids offices. Sign up by Tuesday in Nebraska Union 230.

### Bidding for Feb. 16 through 20 interviews

Motorola — electrical engineering, Aid Association for Lutherans, actuarial science; for permanent and summer positions.

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### Information meetings

Students interviewing with Volume Shoe Corp. and the U.S. Dept. of Energy can check the UPDATE for details on meeting times and locations. Volume Shoe will have a reception Feb. 2 and The US Dept. of Energy will have a group meeting Feb. 3.

**Schedule additions**

Open sign-up for IBP interviews scheduled for Feb. 13 begins today. Accounting and all business majors with a minimum of 12 credits in accounting may sign up.

Union Pacific Corp. also has added a schedule for open sign up. The corporation is seeking accounting, MBA and all business majors with a minimum of 15 hours in accounting classes.

Maytag Inc. has also added a schedule for accounting majors for Feb. 12.

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