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## IANR may get crop project

### Research to improve crop yield in Nigeria

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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources may be selected for a five-year, multi-million-dollar crop research project in Niger within the next two weeks, Dean Glen Vollmar said.

Vollmar, director of international programs at IANR, said the U.S. Agency for International Development is also considering Purdue University, Alabama A&M and Winrock International for the project.

Vollmar said the project will develop cereal crop research, irrigation capabilities and vegetable produc-

tion, and train scientists. IANR has an excellent chance of being selected by USAID, Vollmar said.

Officials from the north-central African country have shown interest

**'History has proven that they can be our best customers.'**

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in having IANR participate in the program, Vollmar said.

Vollmar and Jerry Eastin, UNL professor of agronomy, recently spoke with officials from Niger at Purdue University in Indiana.

"They showed a lot of interest in what this group could offer them," Vollmar said.

UNL agronomists Stephen Mason, Jerry Eastin, David Andrews and Jerry Maranville are researching ways to produce sorghum and pearl millet under extremely hot and dry conditions.

Vollmar said IANR has participated in four Nigerian projects in the last six years. However, irrigation is fairly new to crop research in that

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## Huntwork pleased with SRI survey; research suggests curriculum changes

By Ryan Steeves  
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Senior Reporter

Gerald Huntwork, director of academic affairs at the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, said he was pleased with a recent survey, recommending the Curtis school remain open under a modified curriculum.

Huntwork said he welcomes the suggestions for the school from SRI Gallup Market Research of Lincoln because the research shows the curriculum changes Curtis needs to keep up with the changing agricultural industry.

The survey suggested that Curtis would be a more effective school if it emphasized agri-business.

The programs suggested by the survey were marketing and computer consulting, finance and records tax consulting, a continued veterinary technician and horticulture program

and agriculture production courses.

Huntwork said these changes may have already been made if the school had not been fighting for its survival.

"We've always wanted to be current," he said, "and meet the needs of the industry that we're educating our students for."

Huntwork said he was also pleased with SRI's survey because it is more scientific than a committee study process used by the school.

The Curtis school already has six committees which essentially do what this survey has done, Huntwork said.

These committees, consisting of agri-business people and others involved with agriculture, interview students and review curriculum. Then two members from each committee form an advisory council which suggests changes that may need to be made in the system.

Irvin Omtvedt, vice-chancellor of the Institute of Agriculture and Natu-

ral Resources, said he believed the survey was sort of gray.

It didn't separate two and four year colleges, he said.

The employers surveyed know what they like and expect from the students they hire, but they wouldn't be knowledgeable about curriculum specifications, he said.

The survey showed a need for tax knowledge and computer literacy, Omtvedt said.

Three areas of IANR — veterinary technology, commercial horticulture and production agriculture — were in demand according to the survey, Omtvedt said.

If the Legislature grants the \$1.7 million needed to finance Curtis, an external review committee would further examine the needs of the school, he said.

Omtvedt said the SRI survey was not as official as he would like to see if the school gets financed.



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### Stretch

Pete Carr, a junior speech communications major, stretches inside the Cook Pavilion. See related story on page 3.

## Two law students advance to national trial competition

By Amy Edwards  
Senior Reporter

Two University of Nebraska-Lincoln students will put their courtroom skills on trial in the American Bar Association National Trial Competition in April.

At the regional competition in Lincoln on Saturday and Sunday, John Ryan and Cheryl Zwart, both seniors in the UNL Law College, advanced to the national competition in Houston, along with a Washington University trial team.

Peter Hoffman, UNL law professor and trial

team coach, said the College of Law has participated in the competition since 1975.

Hoffman said two teams are chosen from the UNL law students. Those teams compete with 18 others from nine schools in the regional competition.

All teams are given the same case. The regional competition case was a dispute about the time and amount of money involved in a plumbing contract, Hoffman said.

Other universities with teams in the regional competition included Drake, St. Louis, Missouri at Columbia and Kansas City, Washburn

and Creighton.

The trial teams prepare both sides of the case for the competition. Hoffman said the trials have the same intensity of a real trial.

The teams were selected before Christmas, Hoffman said, and the students put in about 100 hours of preparation on the case.

"They're very talented, hardworking people," Hoffman said. "They spent a lot of time on (the case), put it all together, and it worked out for them."

Hoffman said competing in a trial competition makes the students better trial lawyers

because they learn firsthand how to prepare a case.

Preparing for the competition includes not only researching and rehearsing a case, but working out scenarios for anything that might come up unexpectedly in the trial, Hoffman said.

Hoffman said two teams from each of the eight regions will compete in the national competition.

The case for the competition will be sent to each team at the same time, so they have equal time to prepare, Hoffman said.

## Officials contemplate new photo ID system

By Anne Mohri  
Senior Reporter

University of Nebraska-Lincoln students may carry photo identification cards next fall, said James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Instead of several cards, students will need to carry only one, he said.

He said many students now have four cards they use on campus, such as library, student ID, bookstore credit cards and residence-hall dining cards. Athletes also have ID cards that allow

them to use the training table and other athletic buildings.

Griesen said three types of cards are used on campus. Dining cards use magnetic strips, the library uses OCR (optical character recognition) codes, and the University Bookstore uses bar codes.

The campuswide card would work much like the dining cards, but would combine the technologies of the other three identification cards.

"Most major universities have gone to a

campuswide card," he said.

Griesen said he hopes to know in March whether the first step in getting the cards will begin. His goal is to have the dining cards for next year's residence hall students in the format of the new card.

By issuing the new cards to hall residents next fall, 5,000 of the 25,000 university students would have the new cards, he said. The rest would have their pictures taken in the fall and would get their cards for the spring semester.

In addition, the library would have to coordinate its present number system and the campuswide number system.

In the future, the photo IDs would be issued during New Student Enrollment.

The cards would be used for the entire time the student was enrolled at the university, Griesen said.

When a student moved out of the residence hall or owed money for library fines, the computer would no longer be programmed to accept his card for the use of the hall or library.

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