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Consortium offers foreign aid

UNL joins schools to help economies

By Julie Skar Staff Reporter

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln is doing its part to help foreign nations overcome their economic problems, said the dean and director of International Programs.

Glen Vollmar said UNL and neighboring colleges and universities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Okla-homa are part of Mid-America International Agricultural Consortium.

MIAC was formed to help strengthen foreign countries' economies to enable the countries to buy U.S. goods, Vollmar said. Countries

the world's economy and encourage peace, he said.

UNL has three overseas programs in which faculty members partici-pate. Morocco and Niger are the sites for dry land research areas, and Costa Rica is the home of an agricultural college, Vollmar said.

Not only do the projects help foreign nations, but they also benefit the faculty who participate, Vollmar said.

"It is important for faculty to become involved with foreign travel and visitors. It enhances their teaching," he said.

Faculty members who work abroad in these programs will be better prepared to teach students about international affairs, he said.

UNL has been involved with the Morocco project for 10 years, Voll-

working together will help stabilize mar said. The number of faculty members participating and projects available have decreased over the years, he said.

World events also have changed the focus of the projects, he said.

"There has been a shift toward Eastern Europe and the Soviet Un-ion," Vollmar said. "This has pulled resources away from Africa and Asia."

With the changes in Eastern Europe, the U.S. government has channeled its attention and funding toward building democracy, the environment and private enterprise, he said. The food and agricultural businesses have taken a back seat, he said.

Despite all the changes, plans for new programs are being considered by the university, he said. "We hope to get new ones, but it is not easy.

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will go beyond computer literacy to computer mastery. Students will be more ready to enter corporate America if they have some information systems knowledge," Hampton said. But as long as Computer Science

237 remains a requirement for business students, CBA and the computer science department are going to work together to upgrade the class, Hampton said.

Cecilia Daly, assistant professor of computer science and engineering, said the class is chronically overcrowded.

'We have 460 students this semester. That's at least 30 more than we can handle," Daly said.

To alleviate equipment shortages and crowding, CBA and the university bought 25 new computers, and the old Kinko's building on 12th and R streets is being remodeled for use as a computer science classroom.

"If they (the new computers) come in midsemester, we're going to try to bring them on-line immediately. But the Kinko's building probably won't be ready until January," he said.

Those changes should be accompanied by a reduction in the credit given for the class, Hampton said. This could happen next spring or in the fall of 1992

"Our theory is that a skills training course is probably not worth four hours credit," Hampton said.

Daly said the course credit will probably be reduced to two or three hours, and the course will be broadened to include more concepts, probably sometime this year.

Funding problems have been the primary deterrent in upgrading the course and broadening its coverage up to this point, Daly said.

'It's been a problem for several years now, largely because of fund-— because it's been uncertain

she said.

Each year, instruction is provided for with special funds. It used to be financed by both CBA and the College of Arts and Sciences, she said, but now only Arts and Sciences pro-"The course content is pretty nar-

row right now because that's all we

can do.'

Professor wins statewide award

From Staff Reports

George Tuck, a photojournalism professor in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Journal-ism, has been named 1991 Nebraska Professor of the Year by the national Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

As one of only 44 professors se-lected from among 439 nominees nationwide, Tuck will receive a certificate of recognition from CASE and will be honored at services at

A reception honoring Tuck will be 3:30-5 p.m. Friday at the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.