

Enrollment

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rials and information about the campus, city and state, he said.

And, Lawson said, in the past two years he has traveled to other campuses on recruitment tours.

"I went to Colorado State last week," he said. "I spoke to over 120 prospective students."

He said UNL will continue to intensify its recruiting efforts, adding that he plans to visit colleges in Iowa, North Dakota and Oklahoma this year.

The Nebraska Research Initiative, developed in the state Legislature, also is responsible for the increased enrollment, Lawson said.

The funding received through the initiative over the past three years — about \$8 million — has allowed UNL to increase the number of associateships

it finances, he said.

Additional funding for fellowships and assistantships will attract high-quality applicants to graduate programs, he said.

Although Lawson said a downturn in the economy and a lack of jobs might be part of the reason for the increase in enrollment in graduate studies, he stressed that it was not the deciding factor.

"I am finding that the number of applications is increasing primarily in the number of students seeking a degree in a particular discipline," he said.

A graduating senior who was unable to get a job probably would enroll in an unspecified discipline, he said.

"I don't really consider that the economy is the entire answer" to the increase, he said.

UNL undergraduate enrollment dropped 1 percent from fall 1990 to fall 1991, according to fall enrollment reports.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, attributed the decrease to the drop in the number of graduating high school seniors in Nebraska.

In 1991, Griesen said, 7.7 percent fewer seniors graduated from Nebraska high schools than in 1990. In 1990, he said, 5.4 percent fewer seniors graduated from Nebraska high schools than in 1989.

"The decline we see in high schools are almost exactly the same as the drop in enrollment," Griesen said.

Griesen said enrollment declines in individual departments, such as business administration and engineering, were not significant.

"We see shifts all the time," he said. "Certain departments are cyclical in nature."

UNO

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"The professors here aren't professors who couldn't make it in Lincoln," he said.

Vanevenhoven said he introduced the resolution in an attempt to create equality between NU's campuses.

He said he thought one problem is that UNL gets preferential treatment from the NU Board of Regents.

"The regents run on the basis that UNL gives them free football tickets rather than on the basis that they can make the University of Nebraska system run as well as it can," he said.

Vanevenhoven said he recognized that UNO's student senate would have some difficulty in enforcing their resolution.

Andy Massey, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, said he thought the issue was insignificant.

"Why are we spending time with this?" he asked. "I think there has to be something more important to be dealing with than what you call yourself."

Hitchcock

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developers and works on agreements and compensation payments, he said.

These payments range from grants for livestock and agriculture to small loans to set up businesses, he said.

Hitchcock also has worked with bushmen in Swaziland and Ethiopian refugees in Somalia. Lately he has focused on women's problems in Africa, he said. The poorest families are headed by females, he said, and laws need to be changed to accommodate these families.

Hitchcock said he has been "moderately successful" in helping Africans.

"Some of the groups are better off than before, but I certainly haven't ended poverty in Africa," he said.

His anthropology background has been valuable, Hitchcock said. He knows several native African languages, which helps him put the groups he is working with at ease, he said.

Hitchcock said he tries to bring his successes to both his undergraduate and graduate classes. Experiences from the summer remained fresh in his mind because he didn't return to Nebraska until the day before fall classes started, he said.

Anthropology is more than studying other cultures, Hitchcock said. He said he wants to teach his students to do more than observe problems.

"Anthropologists have been unpopular as a group because people resented them coming and watching without leaving anything behind," he said, adding that he hopes his students will leave something behind.

University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale's suggestion to strengthen ties between black South African students, black South African colleges and UNL is an encouraging sign, Hitchcock said, adding that he hoped UNL could help South Africans with medicine and agricultural technology.

The eagerness of his students to help solve the world's problems,

especially ecological problems, is also impressive, Hitchcock said.

It as a "healthy sign" that non-anthropology majors, such as agriculture and economics students, are taking his classes, he said.

"Economists run the world. It's good to give them an ecological slant," he said.

And, he said, students must learn about the human-rights side of anthropology because that's where most jobs are.


"Anthropology has become a monetary issue because more is done through international donors than pure research," he said.

Hitchcock's work doesn't end in the classroom.

He brought his community services back to Nebraska, he said, by working with the Center for Rural Affairs to push for bills to protect family farms.

He also wants to work with the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, he said.

Next week, Hitchcock said he will leave again for Africa for a two-week investigation of a grass-roots program in the newly independent Namibia.



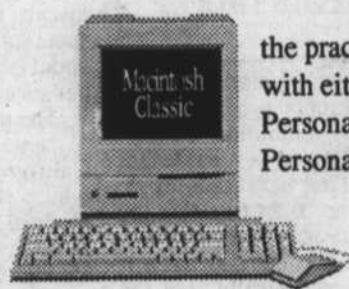
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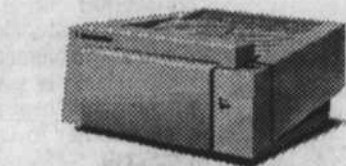
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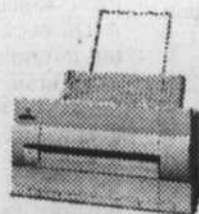


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