

Costa Rican college provides experience

UNL-aided school breaks traditions

By Sarah Scalet
Staff Reporter

Instead of a traditional classroom education, students at a new UNL-assisted college in Costa Rica are receiving actual work experience, a UNL official said.

Glen Vollmar, dean and director of the UNL Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources International Programs division, said about 215 students from Central America, the Caribbean and South America attended the college, Escuela de Agricultura de la Region Tropical Humeda (EARTH).

"Their motto is 'learn by doing,'" Vollmar said.

IANR and the California Polytechnic University helped build the school two years ago, Vollmar said. Both schools helped choose the curriculum, develop policies, train faculty and select directors, he said.

UNL and CPU worked together because of previous associations and common interests, he said, and because CPU's philosophy is also "learn by doing."

EARTH is partially funded by the United States Agency of International Development.

Since the school's opening, IANR's

involvement has decreased, Vollmar said. IANR currently is not directly involved with EARTH, he said, although IANR's help is still available.

EARTH can receive ongoing technical support from IANR, he said.

"We feel that we have an obligation as a university and as a country to help other countries," Vollmar said. "We hope to add a little bit to make the world a better place."

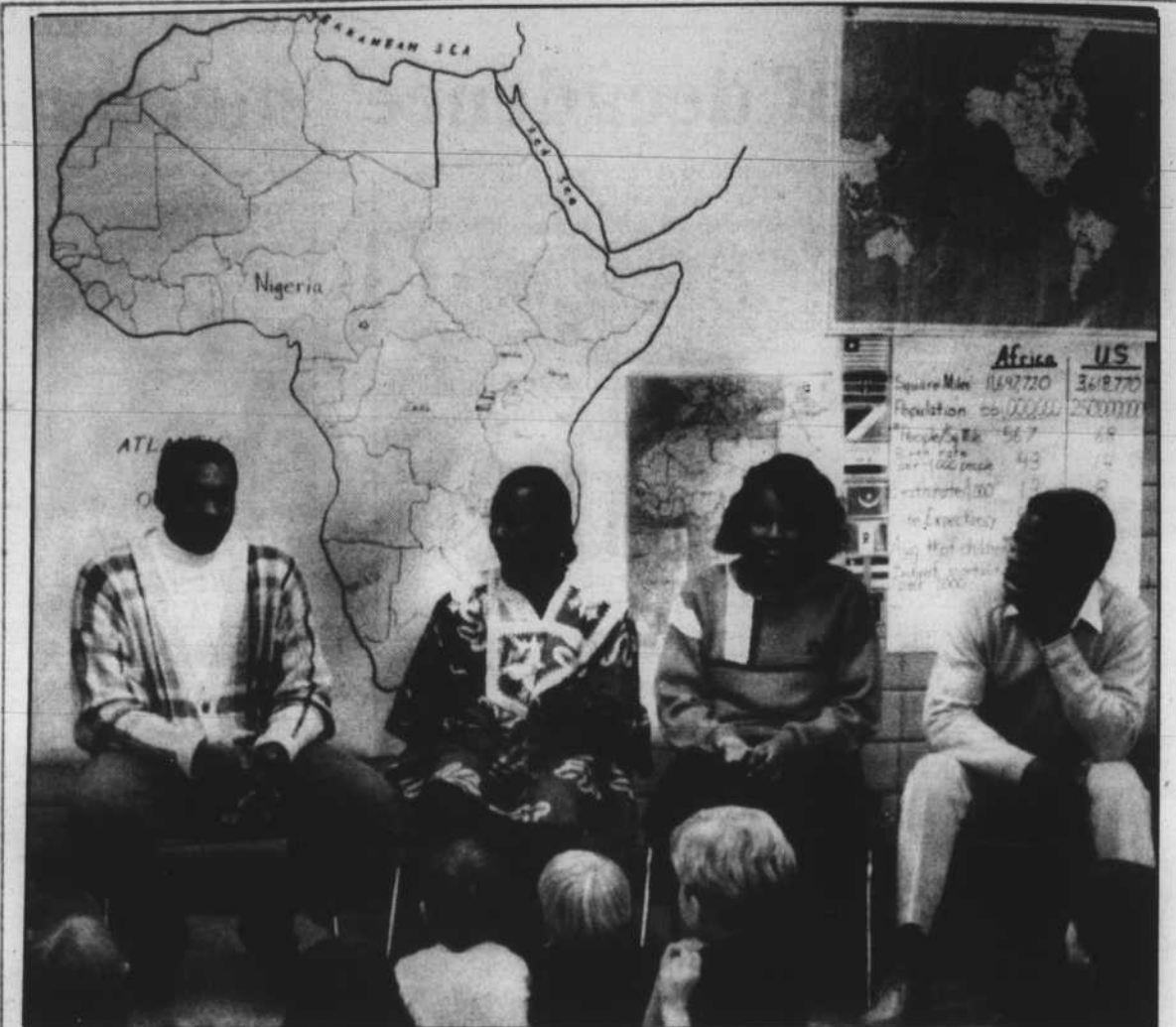
EARTH's goal is to give students school and work experience so they can move into middle-management positions, Vollmar said.

The college maintains a 2,500-hectare commercial farm (1 hectare is 2.47 acres), a 500-hectare forest preserve, a herd of 2,000 Brahma cattle and a banana plantation to provide practical training and supplement its income.

Instead of accepting government positions, which is traditional for college graduates of that region, EARTH graduates can manage farms, processing firms, marketing firms or tractor and machinery dealerships, Vollmar said.

UNL faculty involved with the project include animal science professors Ted Doane and Earl Ellington, agricultural education professors Rick Foster and Osmund Gilbertson and Jim McShane, an associate English professor.

Foster recently returned from a four-month appointment in Costa Rica, Vollmar said, where he helped train faculty.



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UNL students and a professor share aspects of the African culture with children at the Unitarian Church, 6300 A St., Sunday. The speakers are (from left) students Martin Pinto, Jeanine Niyonzima, Josiane Ntiyan Kundiye; and UNL English professor Oyekan Owomoyela.

Africa

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A ritual was performed with the lighting of a chalice.

The children then divided into their respective age groups and an African student and a church member conducted each session.

The Growing Up African pro-

gram ended Sunday with an African feast prepared by church members for a congregational celebration.

Maitland, who conducts a different educational program every year in January, said this year's effort was a success.

"Adults were choosing to come back and listen to the African ses-

sions with their children instead of attending the church service," she said.

Maitland said the tune, "Jambonah kupenda, we we nani," the Swahili words to the lyric, "Hello, I love you, won't you tell me your name," would ring through the halls of the church until next year's program.

Students meet senators on homefield

Legislators ask young constituents about UNL issues

By Kara Morrison
Staff Reporter

About 50 UNL students took advantage of the opportunity to lobby state senators for the university at a Tuesday luncheon in the Wick Alumni Center.

ASUN's Government Liaison Committee sponsored Senators on Campus, an event that gave University of Nebraska-Lincoln students a chance to speak one-on-one with their state senators, and gave senators

the chance to meet their constituents, said Joyce Yen, the event's coordinator.

Yen, a freshman mathematics major, said the event was important because "some senators can forget that when (students) turn 18, (they) become part of the voting constituency."

ASUN General Studies Sen. Andrew Loudon said English proficiency requirements for professors, a multicultural education bill, and a computerized registration system that would allow students to register for classes by telephone were some of the issues discussed at the event.

Although many state senators could not be present because of scheduling conflicts, Yen said she was pleased with the student turnout. About 10 state senators attended the event, she

said. Loudon said he thought student attendance could have been better, but added that students who did attend were satisfied.

"I was surprised," he said, "but the senators sincerely wanted to know what we were thinking."

Loudon said the Nebraska Legislature needed to focus more on education — especially with the lack of education-related legislation this session.

In upcoming business, the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will vote tonight on a resolution to co-sponsor Affirmation Day, which is on April 8. The day is intended to increase awareness of gay, lesbian and bisexual human rights.

ASUN will meet at 6:30 tonight in the Nebraska Union.

Committees offer budgets to CFA

By Rainbow Rowell
Staff Reporter

The Committee for Fees Allocation reviewed the 1991-92 budgets and the proposed 1992-1993 budgets of nine University Programs Council committees Tuesday night.

Each committee justified its current budget to the CFA and presented its request for next year's allocation of student fees.

The UPC Fund Allocation Committee's 1991-92 budget is \$5,000. Chair-

man Katherine Ortiz presented the FAC 1992-93 request of \$7,000.

Chairman Kristine Mueller presented the UPC Visual Arts budget. This committee was allotted \$1,058.35 for this year and is requesting \$3,451.20 for next year.

UPC Talks and Topics Chairman Emilia Juarez presented the committee's for \$28,299. Talks and Topics is currently allocated \$22,295.10.

Concerts and Dance Chairman Dave Rabe presented a budget of \$7,590.95, and requested \$5,781.40 for next year.

Chairman Doug Chase justified the 1991-92 budget of \$10,412.85 for Major Concerts, and requested an expanded budget of \$16,098 for 1992-93.

UPC President Frank Forman presented the UPC Executives budget. Executives was allocated \$7,551.05 this year, and is requesting \$10,392 for 1992-93.

A CFA subcommittee will study the budget requests and present a 1992-93 UPC budget to the committee to be voted on Thursday at 6 p.m.

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University Health Center to offer weight-control classes

The University Health Center is offering weight-control classes for UNL staff and faculty, beginning Feb. 18.

The class will be held from 12:10 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. on Tuesdays, and the sessions will last 10 weeks. The classes will offer information on changing eating habits-behavior modification, exercise, medical aspects of weight control and ways to set up nutritious eating patterns.

The cost of the 10-week session is \$30. For more information, contact Kathleen Lehr, the registered dietician, at the health center.