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Presidents to debate

Dispute persists over Engineering college

By Brian Sharp
Staff Reporter

It's a question still unanswered. But while the dilemma of whether to create a separate engineering college in Omaha remains with the NU Board of Regents, the students' presidents are speaking out.

A debate between Andrew Loudon, president of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, and Matt Schulz, president of the University of Nebraska at Omaha student government, is scheduled for August 17 in Omaha at the Swanson Library, located at 90th and Dodge streets.

"I see this as the starting point of the much larger debate as to whether we will have an engineering college in Omaha," Loudon said in a phone interview from Washington D.C.

Loudon spent the summer working for Rep. Doug Bereuter.

The issue of a separate college is not one of Lincoln versus Omaha, Loudon said, but of responsible spending.

"An Omaha engineering college is a waste of taxpayers money," Loudon said, "and a misuse of taxpayer money by the university."

Schulz disagrees. In order to justify spending the money now, Schulz said, it's necessary to look at the long-term effects that the college would have on

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Keep Firing, Boys!

Members of the 9th Texas, 3rd Mo. and the Trans Mississippi Rifles, who comprise the "Extra Missouri Battalion," advance toward the Federal line at the War Between the States reenactment Sunday August 8th in Grand Island.

Jason Levkulich/DN

UNL participates in project to help Moroccan farmers

By Paula Lavigne
Staff Reporter

Sixteen years ago, the city of Sattat, Morocco, was suffering under the impact of a chronic

drought which plagued the countryside leaving its citizens without food or water.

Now, with the help of the Morocco Project, the citizens of Sattat are learning to live again. The project, which

will be officially terminated August 31, was engineered by the Mid-American International Agricultural Consortium.

Funded by USAID, the program is composed of educational institutions in the Midwest in cooperation with the Moroccan government. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln was the lead university in directing the project.

Larry Bitney, project coordinator at UNL, said the main goal of the project was to increase food production in the dryland area of Morocco.

In order to do this, he said, an agricultural experiment station was built near the project area where a team of American scientists researched and developed ways to increase crop production.

"The reason for the project was much of the agricultural development was based on irrigation," he said. "They have fairly limited water supplies there."

Bitney said scientists worked on developing drought-resistant varieties of crops. He said they also worked

— “**It was a chance to operationalize my U.S. education for the benefit of people who have real needs that go beyond just intellectual curiosity. Those people are poor. There is no reason why academics cannot go to an applied environment like that and make a real impact on people.**

—Azzeddine Azzam
UNL Agriculture Economics
Professor

on developing crops resistant to the damaging Hessian flies which burrow deep into the wheat stalks and reduce the flow of nutrients.

"We wanted to make the crops much healthier and make more efficient use of what is there," Bitney said. "Our project runs the gamut of cultural practices, resistance and diseases."

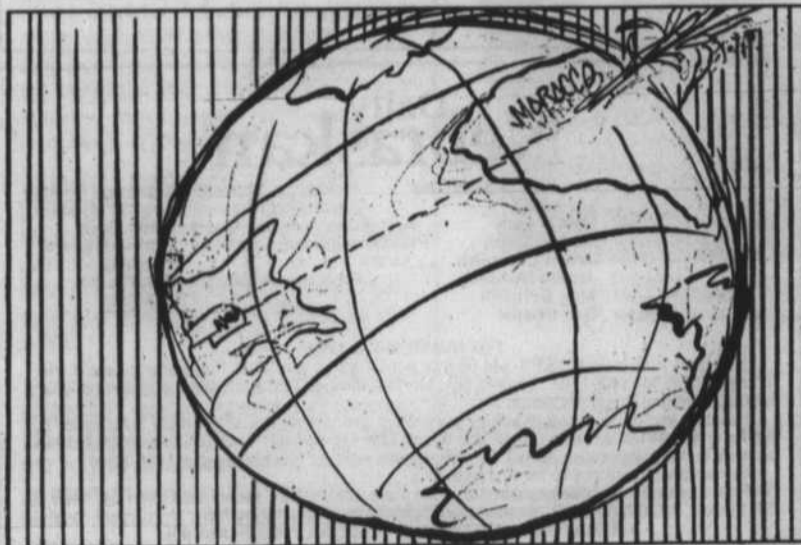
"All disciplines of agricultural science are there. It's a pretty well-outfitted center," he said.

Bitney said the project was a broadening experience.

"You get a lot of personal satisfaction out of it," he said. "You're helping people help themselves produce their own food."

Azzeddine Azzam, an agricultural economics professor at UNL and native of Casablanca, Morocco, assisted with the project.

Azzam and his wife, Sarah, worked together to develop a package for the economic evaluation of technology at



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