

Research push not expected to slow

BY JILL ZEMAN

Though UNL's administrator in charge of research is leaving, the push for greater research activity on campus that she spearheaded will not end, a key faculty member said.

Priscilla Grew, professor of geosciences, said the departure of Marsha Torr, UNL's vice chancellor for research, will not drastically affect the university's progress in research activity.

"I think the university has a strong commitment to research," Grew said. "(Torr) energized people, and I think that will continue."

Torr will be leaving the university to take a job at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Torr, who has served as vice chancellor since April 1999, has accepted a position as vice president of research at the school in Richmond, Va.

During Torr's tenure, she worked to increase federal funding for research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Grew said.

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chancellor for research from 1993-99, said Torr helped the university establish a presence in Washington, D.C., to obtain federal dollars.

Torr also has encouraged faculty members to take on bigger and more advanced research projects, Grew said.

Torr's work to bring new research projects to the university can benefit students, as well as researchers, Grew said.

"It helps students who are looking for a job to have worked with nationally known faculty," she said.

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