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# Residents along Niobrara riverbank say local control will ruin the land

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"People who own the land take care of it (the river)," said Jones, who has lived along the river all his life. "It's always been taken care of. In fact, it's in better shape now than when I was a kid. So I didn't see why we need the government coming in here telling us how to take care of our river."

Jones, 67, said he was angry at the National Audubon Society and other environmental groups that generated support for federal scenic designation of the Niobrara.

Brueklender said the seven outfitters along the river "take good care of the river."

"The outfitters know more about how many canoes are going down than someone coming in and telling us what to do."

This Saturday is the third annual outfitters' clean-up day, he said, during which hundreds of locals will canoe down the river to pick up trash accumulated over the summer. Brueklender said he would like to add horseback riding and trail rides to his business. He said he fears designation wouldn't let him.

Lou Christiansen, who owns a store and gas station in Sparks, about four miles from the river, said he favors scenic designation.

"I'm a little worried about what's going to happen to the river if we don't

get some protection quick," he said. "I could see summer cabins and trailers being put on the river. And I don't think the scenic value could stand that kind of development."

Cabins and trailers could destroy the Niobrara's beauty, he said.

Christiansen said he also is opposed to local control of the river. Local officials, he said, are more likely to change the laws to allow more development along the river. Scenic river designation is the only alternative to the river's preservation, he said.

Beryl Kure, another outfitter on the river, said she favors scenic designation because it would keep a dam such as the proposed Norden Dam from being built.

"A dam would destroy everything from my place to Smith Falls," she said. A dam would create a reservoir, which would put many acres under water, she said.

She said she also is opposed to local control.

"I don't want people from Ainsworth telling us how to run our land," Kure said.

Two weeks ago, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission did not endorse federal scenic designation and passed instead a motion that called for

local involvement of residents in managing the river. Don Zwiebel, president of the Ainsworth Irrigation District, said the commission's decision is "a victory for local control."

"It gives the local people a chance to govern the area by themselves," he said.

Harold Kopf, a member of the commission from Lexington, said Nebraskans are not ready for scenic designation of the Niobrara. But Gov. Bob Kerrey said at the commission's meeting that he favors scenic river designation.

"I believe this river is a unique and fragile resource that can't be replaced," he said.

The Niobrara River Valley has about 160 different species of plants and animals that some environmentalists say are at the boundaries of their range of environment.

The river valley is an environmental crossroads where the high plains meet the low plains. Rocky Mountain trees such as aspen and birch grow among Western hardwood trees such as the black walnut.

Exon's bill has been delayed in the Senate for another year because of the controversy, he said in a recent article in the Omaha WorldHerald.

# PACE provides aid

By Shirley Roenfeldt  
 Staff Reporter

Students at UNL all are faced with the decision when they receive their tuition statements of whether or not to contribute to PACE.

Tuition statements are due Wednesday, and each student must check either yes or no to contribute to PACE.

PACE, Program for Active Commitment to Education, is a scholarship fund set up to help needy students pay for college, said Doug Severs, interim director of financial aid. PACE was founded in 1971 by the ASUN Senate and students at UNL who decided they would like to help needy students, Severs said. PACE scholarships are awarded through the financial aid office and are funded by students, Severs said, but contributions from anyone are accepted.

Need is the ultimate criteria in deciding who receives PACE awards.

Severs said. This year 72 students were awarded PACE scholarships of \$150 to \$400 for the 1986-87 academic year, he said. Students showing the greatest need are awarded first and so on until the funds are used up, Severs said.

PACE is auxiliary grant money "used to fill in if we feel the student doesn't get as much grant money as we expect," Severs said. PACE shows up as a credit on tuition statements and is applied to tuition and fees first, he said.

"PACE is a real good program," Severs said. "Students can help other students meet the cost of tuition and fees."

PACE scholarships are applied for by turning in a financial aid for (FAF), Severs said. No separate application is required.

"We do appreciate any student who marks yes on their tuition statement," Severs said.

Each student who decides to mark year contributes \$3.50 to the PACE fund, he said.

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National Direct Student Loan checks for first semester will be issued Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m. Checks will be issued in the Ballroom on the second floor of the Nebraska Union. Students must have their student IDs with them to pick up their

check. Students who need to fill out additional paperwork for this loan should receive a letter containing those papers. Students under 19 years of age who are receiving their first NDSL also must sign their promissory notes before they can pick up their check.

## Franchisers to meet at UNL this weekend

From Staff Reports

The Industry Advisory Council and Academic Advisory Council of the UNL International Center for Franchise Studies will meet on Friday and Saturday.

Top executives of major franchising corporations across the United States will visit the campus to help determine how the franchise studies program in the College of Business Administration can best serve industry and to identify critical business issues for further research and development. There will be a luncheon at noon Friday honoring members of the two advisory councils. Wayne Beeder, manager of franchise systems of Southland Corp., will speak. Southland Corp. is the franchisor for 7-11 convenience stores across the

country. Individuals interested in attending the luncheon in the Nebraska Union should contact the International Center for Franchise Studies, Suite 203, 1237 R ST., or call 472-5181.

Franchised operations make up a large part of retail and service businesses. According to U.S. Department of Commerce statistics, franchising goods sales and services in more than 478,000 outlets in the United States are expected to reach \$576 billion in 1986, about 9 percent higher than last year.

Franchising accounts for approximately one-third of all retail sales in the United States, and employment in franchising, including part-time workers and working proprietors, probably will reach more than 6.3 million by the end of 1986.

## Police Report

Monday

3:18 a.m. — Party arrested at Raymond Circle Drive for driving while intoxicated.

6:25 a.m. — Items reported stolen from vehicle parked in Area 2 parking lot at 22nd and Vine streets.

7:28 a.m. — Vandalism reported to motorcycle parked in Area 24 parking lot.

2:25 p.m. — Non-injury hit-and-run accident reported at residence hall metered lot.