

Williamson: 'sentiment hurts ecology'

Sentiment surrounding many ecological issues interferes with Soil and Water Conservation Commission efforts for land treatment, a spokesman said recently in a panel discussion.

Dayle Williamson, executive secretary of the commission, spoke with three other environmentalists on a panel sponsored by the League of Women Voters Environmental Quality Committee.

Williamson said some environmentalists "want to stop everything" and some ecology groups are "really halting development" because they use pressure to stop many projects for ecological reasons.

"We must set priorities," Williamson said. He said nearly two-thirds of the state's agricultural land remains to be treated for sediment control. Sediment caused by untreated land is the biggest water polluter in Nebraska, he said.

"We cannot spend millions of dollars cleaning up our water supplies if we still find

them filthy from sediment," he said.

Jack Ruff, spokesman for the Department of Environmental Control, said two goals of his department were to increase per capita income in the state and to increase job opportunities, thereby stemming migration from Nebraska.

"We need to learn to live with a little pollution because we need the jobs that go along with it," he said.

The department will try to create new jobs by encouraging industrial development, Ruff said. He said the department will try to match industrial prospects with the community, taking into consideration the town's size, location, amount of resources and housing available for possible new families. Stressing local leadership is the key to developing small communities, he said.

James Higgins, director of the Department of Environmental Control, said he would prefer the department be known as the Department of Pollution Control, since it is interested in the environment from the standpoint of pollution.

The water supply should be ecology's major concern, Higgins said.

"The state should see a significant improvement in water quality by 1975," he said, if the state grants the department \$15 million it needs for water pollution control projects.

Builders award scholarships

Four \$250 scholarships were awarded last week by Builders, a UNL service organization, according to its scholarship committee.

The four scholarship categories and the recipient in each were 1) for class work with social and environmental betterment, Patti Kaminski; 2) for a student whose employment precludes full-time college work, Charlotte Owens; 3) for financial need, Alex Tse; and 4) for an entering freshman, based on academic achievement, financial need and extracurricular activities, Franklin Thompson of Omaha Technical High School.

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Cornhusker succumbs to financial woes

With the distribution of the 1972 *Cornhusker*, UNL will bid farewell to the publication of a yearbook. Cessation of the yearbook's publication is due to financial losses over the past few years.

Yearbook sales have declined over the past decade despite attempts at renovating the format.

Except for 1969, the *Cornhusker* won All-American ratings from the Associate Collegiate Press/National Scholastic Press Association every year since 1960.

But the book lost \$3,816.93 in 1971 and is expected to lose nearly that much this year, according to Jerri Haussler, publications board business coordinator.

On March 21 the publications board said it would cease publication unless the *Cornhusker* could support itself on student fees. Chancellor James Zumbege was asked if the yearbook could be funded by being placed on registration fee cards. Zumbege resisted the measure.

According to James Horner, publications board chairman, only about 10 per cent of the student body buys a yearbook. Horner said this shows the student body for the last four or five years has said it isn't interested in a yearbook."

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