

WEATHER: Wednesday, mostly sunny with little temperature change. High in the 60s. Wednesday night, mostly clear and not as cold. Low in the low 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer. High in the 70s.

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Students sign for better financial aid office

By Shawn Hubbell
 Staff Reporter

Long lines, bad communication and constantly busy phones at the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid have led to a campus-wide petition drive calling for an investigation and reorganization of the office.

Dave Regan, a first-year law student and one of the organizers of the petition drive, said he started the petition last week after he found out that many students standing in line at the financial aid office were experiencing the same problems he had.

Regan said most of the students had tried to get answers to their questions

over the phone, but complained that the lines were always busy.

Regan said he found the most common problems with the financial aid office included bad communication, slow service, lost financial aid forms and long lines.

Regan collected more than 100 signatures from students at the College of Law alone, and said if response to the petition is as good on City Campus he could get thousands of signatures.

Residence hall governments gave Regan permission this week to post the petitions at the front desks at all halls except Selleck Quadrangle. The

Selleck government has yet to discuss Regan's proposal to post the petitions in the hall.

In addition, Regan said he plans to set up a booth in the Nebraska Union to gather signatures next Wednesday and Thursday.

Regan said he plans to appear at ASUN's meeting tonight to ask for the organization's endorsement of the petition.

William McFarland, director of Scholarships and Financial Aid, said students expect and should get good service from his office, but admitted it has been difficult keeping up with students' needs this semester.

"We know this very well and are working on it," McFarland said. "But in administration circles things don't always work as rapidly as we like."

One step to alleviate the problem came last January when the financial aid office got a new computer system. Although that will solve some of the problems, McFarland said, it won't eliminate all of them.

McFarland said many of problems associated with the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid are linked to lack of money, space and personnel. McFarland said he has asked for more space and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen has been supportive.

"It's taking awhile to get those things approved," McFarland said.

Regan, who spoke with McFarland Tuesday, said McFarland told him about the office's problems. Regan said one problem they talked about was the high turnover rate of full-time employees in that office.

About two-thirds of the office's full-time staff leave every year, McFarland said.

"I'm not trying to hang anyone here," Regan said. "I'm just trying to make it clear to the higher-ups we have a problem here. If they're working on it already, great, but let's speed it up."

DN granted right to refuse ad

By Kip Fry
 Staff Reporter

The Nebraska Civil Liberties Union agreed to a higher court ruling allowing the Daily Nebraskan to refuse classified ads stating sexual orientation, and will not appeal the decision again, according to the executive director of the NCLU.

"The decision firmly places control of the paper and editorial policy in the hands of the staff and not the publications board," John Taylor said Tuesday night after a meeting of the

NCLU's Board of Directors. "If the editor chose to run the ads, it would be a First Amendment victory."

Taylor went on to say that the decision was a "strong students' rights opinion."

"This decision is clearly a victory for student rights," Taylor said.

NCLU sponsored the lawsuit, which was filed in September 1985 by two then-University of Nebraska-Lincoln students, Pam Pearn and Michael Sinn sued in 1984 when the Daily Nebraskan refused to run a classified advertisement requesting

homosexual roommates because the ads were considered discriminatory.

At the time, Pearn and Sinn were members of the UNL Gay-Lesbian Student Association.

The suit contended that their First Amendment rights of freedom of expression had been violated.

In his decision of summer 1986, Urbom wrote, "Editorial freedom of expression has consistently prevailed where various forms of censorship were applied to student publications of state-supported universities."

Waste dump still homeless

Decision delayed until states receive additional information

By Micki Haller
 Staff Reporter

Choosing a host state for the region's low-level radioactive waste site will be delayed so more towns can get information about having a site, said Jim Neal, Department of Environmental Control public information officer.

Neal said Monday that one or two communities in Kansas wanted more information about hosting a site for the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission. The compact includes Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Garden County in Nebraska has also shown some interest in having the waste site, Neal said. Department of Environmental Control representatives met with officials and citizens of Garden County to give them more information, he said.

Garden County residents will now "pursue discussions within their own

county," Neal said.

In order to give other communities a chance to get more information about the sites, the compact extended the tentative Nov. 16 deadline for selecting a host state. The compact has not set a new date yet, Neal said, but must choose a host state by Jan. 1, 1988.

Neal said the compact has also pushed back a meeting to weigh criteria for choosing a host state.

At a Sept. 22 meeting the compact officials chose four criteria which a host state must meet before it is selected. But compact officials have not yet decided how important each criterion will be.

The state must have a suitable site for the disposal, ensuring that no leaks will contaminate the surrounding land, air or water supply.

The amount of low-level radioactive waste a state has produced in the past and projected levels for future production will be taken into account.

Among the states in the compact, Nebraska has been the biggest producer of low-level radioactive wastes, which include clothes, tools, filters and resins from nuclear power plants, and radioactive materials from universities and hospitals. Most of these materials have a half-life of 30 years, Neal said.

Transportation of the waste is a third factor. A site should not be far from the waste producers to lower the risk of accidents. Available roads and their safety will figure in this criterion, Neal said.

The final factor is whether the state already has hazardous wastes. States that already have many chemical dumps may be given credit.

Kate Allen, legislative aide to Sen. Sandra Scofield of Chadron, said Nebraska was the only state in the compact opposing the criteria. She said Nebraska was against including past volumes and giving credit to states that already accept hazardous wastes.

Historically, Nebraska has produced the most nuclear waste of the five states, Allen said, and has relatively few hazardous waste treatment facilities.

Neal said the scheduled mid-October meeting to weigh these factors has been moved to late October or early November.

After these factors have been weighed, the developer of the waste site, U.S. Ecology, will rank the states, Neal said. The states will then have a chance to discuss anything they feel is unfair about the rankings.

After choosing a host state, U.S. Ecology will look for an environmentally sound place to build the site, Neal said. This will take more than a year of study, he said.

The compact has until Jan. 1, 1990, to file applications with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license to operate the disposal facility.



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Students are worst campus litterbugs

By Victoria Ayotte
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From dead lab animals to used Burger King cups, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's 175 garbage dumpsters carry it all.

Between 3,000 and 3,500 tons of garbage was disposed of last year at UNL, said Wilbur Dasenbrock, director of the grounds department. The department spends between \$100,000 and \$120,000, or 5,600 hours cleaning up litter each year, he said.

Workers spent a total of 4,400 hours picking up garbage with UNL's two garbage trucks and hauling it to the city dump.

Despite those efforts, officials said, students still leave a lot of litter on the floor.

"People just don't use trash cans," said Bill Behmer, operations manager at the Nebraska Union.

Frank Kuhn, assistant director of operations at the Nebraska Union, said the Saturday football crowd picks up after themselves better than students.

"Students do a very poor job picking up after themselves," he said. "The main lounge is a constant litter battle."

However, students do bus their dishes from the Harvest Room, he said.

Kuhn said the Daily Nebraskan creates a big litter problem in the Nebraska Union because advertising inserts fall on the floor and students don't throw the papers away when they're done reading them.

"All those fliers and ads are a terror to the union as far as making a mess," he said.

Dasenbrock said litter is worst near vending areas and Daily Nebraskan distribution centers. However, he said, he gives UNL students an "A+" for throwing away trash.

Maintenance manager Jerry Delhay said he thinks students do "a fair job" throwing away trash if there are ample containers.

Dasenbrock said his department spends 100 hours picking up the grounds after a home football game. The athletic department reimburses the grounds department the \$800 it takes to pick up after a game.

Garbage volume has increased about 5 percent this year because of the addition of Burger King, Kuhn

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DN to have forum on AIDS controversy

Last year the Daily Nebraskan had an open forum on the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade abortion decision. The response was overwhelming.

With the recent controversy about AIDS, the DN has planned another open forum in conjunction with its Sower supplement. On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the DN will run letters from readers responding to the following questions:

● Should children with AIDS be allowed to attend pub-

lic schools?

● Should health-care professionals undergo mandatory testing for AIDS? If they test positive, what consequences should they face? Should the test results be made public?

Please center your letter on only one of the questions. Drop off letters at the DN front desk, Nebraska Union 34. Show identification to secretary when you leave the letter. Deadline is Friday, Oct. 9, at noon.