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Thursday

Weather: Thursday, chance of morning flurries, becoming sunny, high 15-20. Thursday night, becoming cloudy, chance of flurries, low of 5 below. Friday, cloudy and colder, high of 5 above.

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Anti-compact petition draws criticism

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

A petition drive to withdraw Nebraska from the five-state low-level radioactive waste compact has drawn criticism from Jim Neal, public information officer of the Department of Environmental Control.

Neal said the petition could have serious legal repercussions.

"We do not believe getting out of the compact is in the best interests of Nebraskans," he said.

Neal said Nebraskans could get out of the compact "if they're really willing to pay the price."

Neal said withdrawal from the compact would result in a higher cost to Nebraskans,

because Nebraska must take care of its waste either by joining a compact or having its own waste dump.

The initiative petition was filed Tuesday by the Nebraskans for the Right to Vote Committee.

The petition seeks to repeal LB200, which committed Nebraska to join the five-state compact.

The committee also wants to give Nebraskans a vote in deciding where the waste site would be located, said Sam Welsch, executive director of the committee.

The committee will need more than 38,000 signatures to get the initiative on the ballot, said Allen Beermann, Nebraska secretary of state.

Welsch said the committee plans to start

collecting signatures after a press conference Friday morning in the State Capitol.

Neal said the committee members started the petition because they don't like the idea of taking radioactive waste from other states.

One of the repercussions could be that Nebraskans would have to pay for the site, but other states could also use the site, he said.

"The people that started the petition are well aware of the facts and are not concerned about the repercussions," Neal said. "It's 'get out of the compact at any price.'"

Norman Thorson, University of Nebraska-Lincoln law professor and chairman of Gov. Kay Orr's special task force on radioactive waste, said he believes the committee really wants to get out of handling the waste at all.

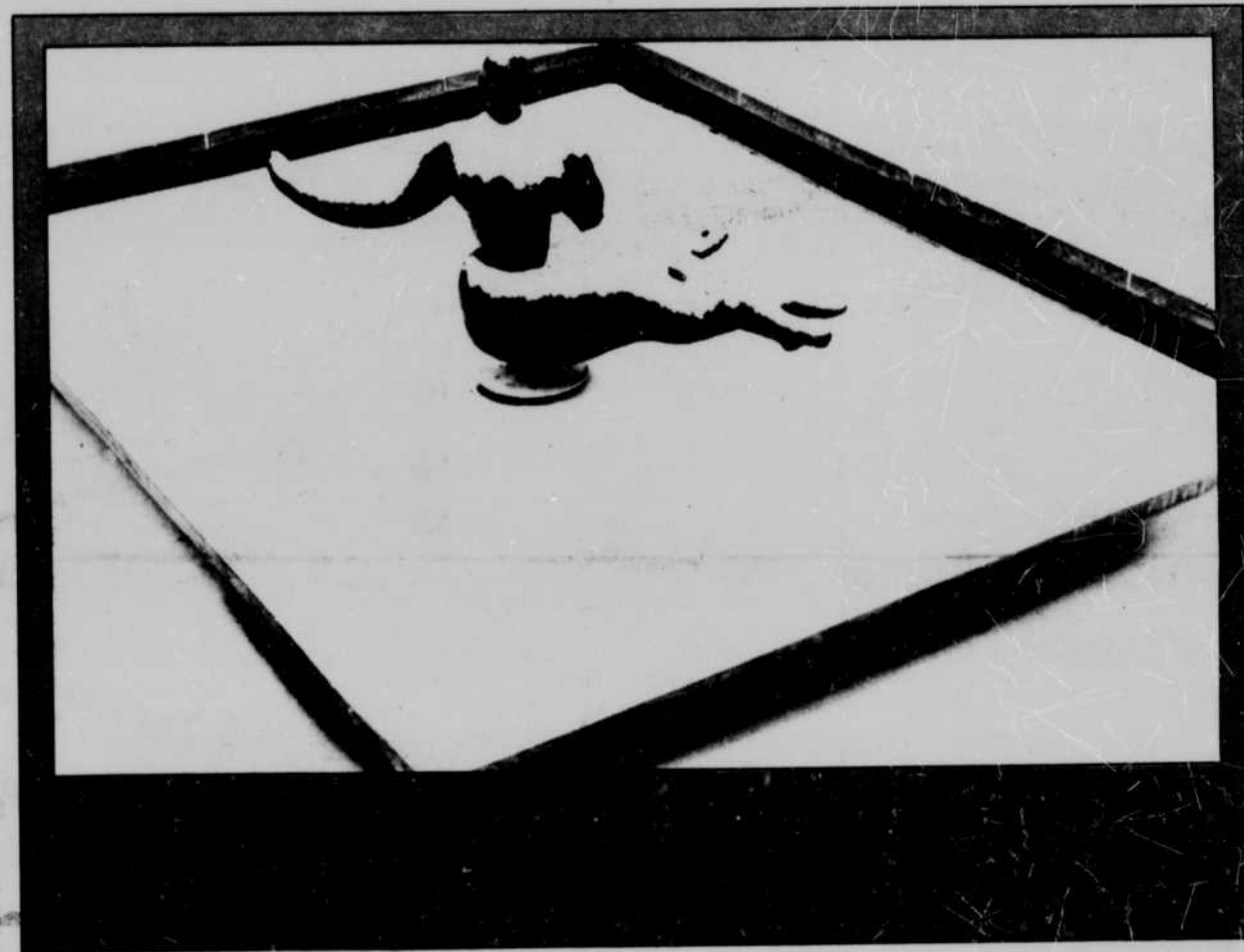
"That would be clearly unconstitutional," Thorson said.

Thorson said it is not clear what the penalties would be for withdrawing from the compact, but the worst would be that Nebraska would have to pay its share for the regional facility and also pay for the state facility.

Welsch said he thinks officials are exaggerating the penalties.

Thorson said the compact also has agreed that Nebraska would have local control since whatever city the site was proposed to be located in would have the power to reject the waste site.

Welsch said the committee began designing the petition last summer, but really started working on it after Nebraska was chosen Dec. 15 as the location of the waste site.



ASUN names new senators

By Lee Rood
Staff Reporter

Senators of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska argued whether the organization is truly representative of the student body Wednesday night after appointing nine new senators.

Some senators at the meeting questioned how fairly non-Greek students were being considered for the organization.

Of the 42 people who applied for the nine positions available on the senate and the one position on the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee, 26 people were members of the Greek system, 16 were not.

Five Greek members and 4 non-Greek students were appointed senators, and a non-Greek female athlete was elected to the athletic committee.

Senior Brad Katz, speaker of ASUN and chairman of the appointments board, said he "would swear on a stack of bibles" that the people chosen for the positions by the board were the most qualified.

Katz said he realized that ASUN was already Greek dominated, but it was difficult to get non-Greeks to

apply.

The root of the whole problem is that Greek houses tell members when positions are open, Katz said. Unfortunately, that doesn't happen at the residence halls, he said.

Senate members have tried in the past to solve the representation problem, Katz said, but they haven't found a solution.

Andy Pollock, ASUN president, said Greek-domination is the worst reason for non-Greek students not to apply.

The best way for non-Greeks to change the system is to become involved, he said.

In other business, senators decided that members of the Committee for Fees Allocation would no longer be elected in ASUN elections, but appointed by the ASUN appropriations board and approved by the senate.

Senate members said only two of six people elected to CFA board for the 1987-88 school year are still there.

By appointing CFA members, students with interest in the organization would be chosen, instead of people with little interest, senate members said.

Navy to recruit minority youth

U.S. Navy working to attract minorities for officer-level jobs

By Anne Mohri
Senior Reporter

U.S. Navy officials are trying to recruit minorities as officer candidates this semester, a naval recruiting district sponsor said.

Cmdr. Mike Leppert, a naval recruiting district sponsor, said that during and before World War II, less than 1 percent of naval officers were minorities.

A luncheon, scheduled in the Nebraska Union, was sponsored by the Naval Recruiting District. Several university officials attended the luncheon.

Ensign Jay Stockwell, a liaison for minority affairs, said university representatives were invited because it is important to inform people who influence students.

The Navy would like to increase the percentage of black officers to 7 percent and Hispanics to 4 percent by 1992, he said.

Marty Ramirez, a counseling psychologist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Center, said, Affirmative Action and Special Services made promises to

mend the problems minorities were having in the military in the 1960s.

"Lo and behold, it's 1988 and things haven't changed that much," he said.

Eight members of the U.S. Navy and one member of the Marine Corps spoke Wednesday to about 25 UNL minority students about the opportunities available to them at the officer level.

Ramirez said minorities have a negative attitude toward the military because most minorities have had to serve in the infantry. As a college graduate, he was placed in the infantry during the Vietnam War.

"Affirmative Action and the military's efforts to recruit more minorities to the officer level are to be applauded, but they are not enough," Ramirez said.

"The commitment is there verbally, but in action, there is a big gap," he said. "The commitment must be stronger."

Gene Crump, Nebraska assistant attorney general, said Affirmative Action gives minorities an equal opportunity to compete for jobs.

Stockwell said Affirmative Action legally forces employers to look at a person's job qualifications, not his or her race.

Several minorities praised the opportunities the Navy offers.

Lt. Wick Paul said the Navy paid \$100,000 for his education. Paul graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1980 and became an instructor pilot after completing flight school.

Paul said through the Navy, he has traveled and experienced various cultures. He said the Navy was exciting and gave him responsibilities.

Lt. Frank Gren, minority affairs coordinator, said he is "going to sell the Navy hard because it is a super, super program."

A representative of the minority officer recruiting effort is scheduled to visit with UNL students in the first week of April.

Gren said the Navy is looking for minorities with a 3.0 grade point average or better. Students can receive \$1,100 a month from the Navy besides scholarships while attending school.



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