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Royce Ballinger, director of the school of biological sciences, said UNL has no policy covering students who refuse to dissect. Lab instructors decide whether a student has a legitimate excuse for the refusal and then will offer options to dissection, he said.

Some instructors in entry-level courses allow squeamish students to watch someone else dissect, Ballinger said. Diagrams and models also can be used in lieu of dissection, he said.

Lynch said students who do not plan to take advanced courses could learn from watching a dissection, but plastic models and pictures are poor substitutes for direct observation.

Observing the behavior of live animals in lower-level classes is a viable option to dissection in some cases, he said.

However, Lynch said, dissection is an important learning experience for students who plan to take more advanced science courses.

Students learn from their mistakes and di-

rect experience is the only way to learn about anatomy, he said.

William Glider, director of UNL's general biology labs, said dissection in lower-level classes is not a waste of animals. He said lab instructors guide students during the dissection and every part of the animal is used.

Rats are the only animals dissected in Biology 101, a class with about 1,900 students enrolled annually, Glider said. The rats cost about \$4 each, he said.

Glider said dissection in lower-level courses teaches appreciation for the body as well as the skills required in advanced classes.

He said only one or two students each year refuse to dissect. He said the most common reason these students refuse to dissect is because of their fear of rodents.

Hands-on dissection makes a greater impact than diagrams and is the most popular lab exercise, Glider said.

"The general conclusion is 'Why can't we do more dissection?'"

that under the law, liability lies with the owner of private facilities. This law does not cover government-owned facilities, he said.

Heil said the Nebraska Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act says Nebraska shall acquire the title to the disposal site and materials accepted at the site shall become property of the state. This should mean the state is liable, he said.

But he said Nebraska's State Tort Claims Act excludes liability claims said to be caused by wrongful acts of any state employee.

Because of these provisions, Heil said, it would be difficult to determine who is liable in case of an accident.

Heil said amendments to the State Tort Claims Act and the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act need to be made.

McFarland said all the testimonies will be considered and could be part of bills proposed in the future.

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radioactive waste site near his swine farm would have adverse affects on his business. He said many of his customers told him they would have "serious reservations" about buying swine raised near a radioactive waste site.

Diane Burton, a legal assistant for Nemaha County, said Nebraska will face liability under the compact's current agreement. Burton said a provision needs to be added that will address joint liability between the five states.

Burton said Nebraska's law states that any future costs during the period of custodial care shall come first from the facility operator and second from the generators of the waste.

Without a joint-liability provision, Nebraska could go bankrupt covering expenses prior to a court decision stating liability under the current law, she said.

Another issue of concern was the common law of strict liability. John Heil, counsel of the Nemaha County Monitoring Committee, said

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equipment is a very important part of the accreditation process. If you can't provide the proper equipment, your education is lacking."

Schneider said the college purchased the needed equipment before adding the surcharge to students' tuition. The surcharge funds paid off the outstanding balance, he said.

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