

State to hire firm to design general waste reduction plan

By Christine Pillard
Staff Reporter

A firm to design a comprehensive waste reduction plan as part of LB163 will be hired by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Control this month, said Director Dennis Grams.

LB163 is a state recycling law passed by the Legislature last spring. State officials discussed hiring the firm and the intent of a state recycling plan at a panel discussion during the Nebraska State Recycling Association's 10th Annual Conference Saturday.

Five proposals will be reviewed by the Department of Environmental Control Oct. 16 and officials hope to have a firm chosen by Oct. 18, Grams said.

The firm will outline a plan to be used as a guide by cities or resource districts but will not replace programs already operating in local communities, said state Sen. Dianna Schimek of Lincoln.

Mary Campbell, speaking for

state Sen. Rod Johnson of Sutton, said the law is not intended to create one large state project.

The overall intent of LB163 is to create funding to identify Nebraska's waste management problems, build a hierarchy of solutions, and cut back on landfilling by recycling and reusing waste, said state Sen. Spencer Morrissey of Tecumseh.

Under the law, the state will provide \$500,000 for two years. Natural Resource Districts, political subdivisions and cities are some of the groups that will be eligible for the funds.

Once the comprehensive plan is in place, Morrissey said, additional funds will be needed to continue the projects.

Financing is a problem because it isn't fair to ask people who don't produce much waste to pay for the waste of others, he said. Ideally, people should pay for what they produce, he said, but implement-

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Security discussed

RHA suggests ways to safeguard dormitories

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The Residence Hall Association Sunday discussed means to promote security in the halls and to encourage cultural diversity.

Senators want to create a Crime Stoppers program on the floors, better enforcement of escort and visitation policies and better screening of security guards.

Showing an ID card to get into the

hall after visitation hours instead of using room keys would tighten security, senators suggested. Peepholes on all room doors would help, they said, as would a list of emergency phones on campus.

To promote cultural diversity, RHA hopes to co-sponsor activities with minority groups and increase minority membership on the RHA senate.

Senators also discussed how to improve communication and RHA

visibility on campus. The senate plans to consider how to implement the goals at its next meeting.

RHA members participated in a weekend retreat at Trailridge, between Lincoln and Omaha, which enlightened members about how RHA is organized and promoted involvement.

The retreat also created "a sense of community" among the complex and floor governments, said Kathy Rush, RHA president.

Activities fill week

Homecoming 1990 festivities begin

By Jared Wittwer
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln will kick off "Homecoming 1990: an Exciting NU Avenue" today in front of Broyhill Fountain.

Student organizations will set up booths and gift certificates will be given away from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, students will appear in the Homecoming Talent Show from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A wallyball tournament will be Tuesday through Thursday.

Students will vote for homecoming king and queen Wednesday. Polling places will be located in the main

lounges of the Nebraska Union and East Union.

Something new this year for homecoming is a comedy night with a performer from the Funny Bone comedy club, said Chrissy Hawkins, homecoming chairwoman. The show will begin at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Great Plains Room of the East Union.

Homecoming displays will be judged at 2 p.m. Friday with trophies for first through third place. Most of the displays will be located at residence halls, fraternity and sorority houses on City Campus. Several East Campus living units will collaborate with fraternities and sororities on City Campus in setting up some displays.

The homecoming parade will be 6 p.m. Friday starting on Vine Street east of Memorial Stadium and ending on the west side of Memorial Stadium. The homecoming dance will be Friday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Culture Center and will cost \$1 for students and \$2 for non-students.

The pep rally will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday on the north side of the Nebraska Union.

Homecoming royalty will be crowned at halftime of the Nebraska-Missouri football game Saturday. After the game, UNL Live will give a free jazz performance on the Lied Center for Performing Arts Plaza and an alumni post-game party will be at the Cornhusker Hotel.

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Furgason

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students, Furgason said.

"It's a chance to develop a core curriculum that I think looks at the leadership and character we want students to have..." Furgason said.

He said he plans to establish programs similar to the UNL foundations and honors programs at Corpus Christi and extend the university's multicultural activities.

Hispanic students make up about 50 percent of Corpus Christi's student population, so a need exists for extensive multicultural programs, Furgason said.

The presidency will differ in many ways from his job at UNL, Furgason said.

"I'll have total responsibility for putting the parts together" to expand the university, Furgason said. "It will mean working with faculty in getting the new course work, the deans to get the funding in place... and working with the legislature."

He will be responsible for making sure Corpus Christi's move from a two-year undergraduate to a four-year undergraduate university flows

smoothly. The change involves spending \$40 million on construction, hiring 40 to 60 faculty members and ensuring that support services are supplied, Furgason said.

Martin Massengale, UNL chancellor and NU interim president, said Furgason has done an excellent job as vice chancellor.

Massengale said the university regrets Furgason's leaving UNL but is pleased that Texas values UNL's top administrators.

2 Percent

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Fouraker said the wording of the legislation makes it difficult to know when it would go into effect, but for now the athletic department is taking a "wait-and-see" approach.

This year's 20-percent budget cut for all non-profit sports would ease the cutbacks necessitated by a retroactive bill, Fouraker said.

"That's one reason, at this point, we haven't really gone off the deep end trying to make some rash adjustments," he said.

The 20-percent cutback was made, for the most part, to make up for television and bowl game revenue that could have exceeded \$600,000 but was lost with the suspensions of the Oklahoma and Oklahoma State football programs.

Osborne said the football team has a \$6.4 million budget this year. The budget has been increasing at a 4-percent rate each year, he said.

That means, Osborne said, that next year the football team "would have to spend \$256,000 more to provide the same services, the same program, not increasing anything, just staying even."

With the 2 percent lid, the football program would have to eliminate \$128,000 of the \$256,000, Osborne said.

Finding something the athletic department could cut would be a problem, he said.

"So much of what we have is fixed," Osborne said. "Our guarantees for opponents are in there. That's fixed. We can't change that. We can't change tuition, room and board. There's nothing negotiable there. We've got to fly to Oklahoma. We can't change travel. That's got to happen."

That leaves cutting athletes' scholarships, coaches' salaries and recruiting, Osborne said.

"The most important dollars we spend are in recruiting. It's only a small percentage of our budget, but that's our lifeline. That's what keeps us going," Osborne said. "If you're in

a competitive business, you can't afford to do this. You can't be hamstrung in this way."

The team's schedule has a lot to do with the athletic department's income, Fouraker said.

"Your cost will vary greatly on whether you have a home contest vs. an away contest — your revenues the same way," he said.

A lot of the cost depends on the guarantees paid to a team coming to Nebraska to play vs. Nebraska play-

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ing somewhere else, Fouraker said.

Nebraska pays visiting conference foes \$175,000, the maximum allowed in the Big Eight, and keeps the rest of the \$950,000 in gate receipts and concessions income.

The Cornhuskers got \$60,000 two years ago to play at Kansas State, Fouraker said.

The limit could hurt the football program's ability to compete with major teams, Osborne said, but is trivial compared to other, more important concerns.

"Athletics is such a small part of the overall picture," he said, "but, things being what they are, some people will listen more to what happens to athletics than they will to their schools and roads and care of the elderly, care of abused children and things that are a lot more important."

Jaksha said Osborne should make his stand known on all aspects of the Nov. 6 election if he is going to make it known on the 2 percent initiative.

"If Coach Osborne chooses to give political advice on ballot issues, then if he is going to be fair, then he better announce his position on all seven ballot issues," Jaksha said, as well as in the races for governor, state auditor and other offices.

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