

Pounds of Hazardous waste	
1992	40,000
1993	52,000
1994	80,000

EPA Settlement
June 15, 1994

\$385,757

\$192,872.50 UNL & UNMC
 \$192,872.50 NU pays in Supplemental Environmental Projects
 But... EPA credits \$1 for every \$2 NU spends
 So... NU's \$385,757 = EPA's \$192,872.50

Actual Settlement Amount=
\$578,629.50

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Hazardous

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tions with nuclear waste, among other materials.

Still the violations should not be taken lightly, Armstrong said.

While NU officials have characterized the violations as minor and picky, Armstrong said all hazardous waste violations were serious, because the risk was there.

For UNL, the radioactive waste will be kept, for now, along with other hazardous and mixed (radioactive and hazardous) waste in a new 500,000 square foot storage facility on East

Campus.

UNL will probably pay \$146,000 in fines to the EPA, Rhone said, and will be expected to help with improvements to their own hazardous waste program.

Next year, a "campus clean-up" should be finished, Rhone said. A much needed clean-up.

"We're cleaning chemicals out of Hamilton Hall that Doctor Hamilton left there," Rhone said.

Then the university will have to start worrying about the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

It's another government agency with the power to levy fines, but with a differing and conflicting set of guidelines than the EPA, Rhone said.

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UNL group to protest Peltier's imprisonment

By Jill O'Brien
Staff Reporter

A group of UNL students, along with local citizens recently formed the Leonard Peltier Support Group/Platte Valley, networking with more than 140 groups nationwide affiliated with the Leonard Peltier Defense Committee of Lawrence, Kan., graduate student Susan Miller said.

Miller, co-chairwoman of the Platte Valley group, said the purpose of the group is to organize local events to raise community consciousness about Peltier's case.

On June 26, 1975, gun fire broke out on Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota between members of the American Indian Movement and FBI agents. Joseph Stuntz, a Native American, and FBI agents Jack R. Coler and Ronald A. Williams were shot to death.

In an article, "In the Spirit of Crazy Horse: The Case of Leonard Peltier," Yvonne Bushyhead, a law student at the District of Columbia School of Law, states that no investigation was made into Stuntz' death, nor was anyone charged with his killing.

However, Native American Leonard Peltier, is in his 17th year of two consecutive life sentences for the murder of the two FBI agents, Coler and Williams.

"Since his controversial conviction in 1977... support for Peltier has taken on international dimensions," Bushyhead said in her article.

On June 26, 1994, supporters from across the continent will be gathering together in Washington, D.C. to call attention to Peltier's case.

"Since Nelson Mandela's release from prison, Peltier is the best known political prisoner in the world," Miller said. "His imprisonment is a blot on the world image of the United States and should be corrected."

Miller said documents which were acquired under the Freedom of Information Act in 1981 showed that the prosecution knew it was submitting false ballistics evidence.

"The prosecutor admitted twice during appeals hearings that the government doesn't know who killed the agents," Miller said.

Given this evidence, Peltier's inability to

find justice in the judicial system reflects his status as political prisoner, she said.

"If he wasn't a political prisoner, they should have let him out on the strength of that evidence."

Because Peltier's appeals are exhausted, his attorneys have filed a petition with President Clinton for executive clemency which would grant Peltier's freedom.

In support of executive clemency, the Platte Valley group plans a rally Sunday afternoon at the Lincoln Indian Center, 1100 Military Road, just a few blocks north of campus.

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The program, beginning at 1:30, coincides with the national event, and will feature speakers, as well as a petition urging the President to free Peltier.

"Persons who sign the petition will be in the company of 78 world religious leaders, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Reverend Jesse Jackson, and Mother Teresa," Miller said.

Other signatures include 48 members of the Dutch Parliament, 60 members of the Canadian Parliament, 55 members of the United States Congress and Nobel Peace Prize winner Rigoberta Menchu.

Pearl Jam, Michael Stipe, Peter Gabriel, Bono, Jackson Browne, Carlos Santana, Robbic Robertson and Stevie Van Zant are also among Peltier's supporters and signers.

"The national organization is claiming to have gathered 25 million signatures worldwide," she said.

"Anyone who wants to help should write President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno demanding justice for Peltier," Miller said.

Student Aid

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their college loans is the National Service Program enacted by President Clinton. The program would allow college students to pay off a portion of their debts by working in a community service program for two years. Some jobs included in the program include social work and teaching at elementary and high school levels.

In preliminary reports, those who would need aid the most would best qualify for the program, Beacon said. An article published in "The Chronicle of Higher Education" estimated that 10,000 slots will open in September across the United States. A population-based criteria will determine how the slots will be dispersed.

"Currently, we're slated to start receiving slots around the 1995 school year," said Beacon.

Another program supported by President Clinton is a process known as direct lending. According to "The Chronicle for Higher Education", direct lending would enable any eligible people to borrow money for college, as long as they are willing to pay it back based on a percentage of their income over a period of time. This program would eliminate commercial banks from paying a person's interest while they are in college, Beacon said.

"Banks make a ton of money on college students," said Beacon. "This plan replaces the banker in the form of money from treasury bonds, it essentially eliminates the middle man," said Beacon.

The program is still under negotiations between Republicans and Democrats.

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