



Best Ever

Nebraska senior rush end Grant Wistrom, who chose college over the NFL, is ready to start his senior season. PAGE 12



Thespian love

Performance artist Sharon Hayes stages her multi-media project, "Lesbian Love Tour," Friday at the Wagon Train Project. PAGE 15

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A SNOWBALL'S CHANCE

Partly sunny, high 90. Partly cloudy tonight, low 70.

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Higher ground



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STUDENT INSTRUCTOR PAT JANIKE, a senior civil engineering major, belays climbers on the wall Monday night at the Campus Recreation Center. SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

Green cautions athletes

■ No preferential treatment will be given to athletes, student judicial affairs director says.

By ERIN GIBSON
Senior Reporter

About 145 University of Nebraska student athletes learned not to expect special treatment from Charles Green, student judicial affairs director, this fall.

"All students - all students - are citizens of this university," Green said in an interview after his speech to the athletes inside the Hewitt Center. "Everyone's going to be treated exactly the same. There are no two standards for students and athletes."

The NU Athletic Department did not allow media to attend Green's speech, which was followed by a play that warned students to avoid drugs and alcohol abuse and to help prevent sexual assault and violence.

But Green later said he told the athletes that they must be accountable for their actions - both good and bad - at the university, and they must "make the play" and make the right decisions both on the playing field and in life.

He provided every athlete with a Student Code of Conduct in which he had marked important sections in neon yellow highlighter.

All definitions of misconduct, the section outlining illegal drug use and disciplinary sanctions a student will incur after committing an infraction of the code were included in the highlighted section.

Green also highlighted the section defining

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States argue over radioactive dump

Nelson's summit aims for alternatives to Nebraska waste site

By MATTHEW WAITE
Senior Reporter

After a decade of rancor, politics and more than \$150 million spent, a dogfight over a dump has come to Lincoln.

Gov. Ben Nelson has called representatives of the five states in the Central States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact to the Cornhusker Hotel today to talk about alternatives to a Nebraska dump site. Compact representatives have said alternatives already have been discussed.

The summit is another chapter in a storied battle that has pitted rural Nebraska residents against neighbors, electric companies, other states and millions of electric ratepayers who are picking up the tab for the compact.

Representatives from Nebraska, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Louisiana banded together in 1981 after the federal government ordered states to build their own waste dumps.

The dump in Nebraska would contain tools and clothing contaminated with low doses of radiation from nuclear power plants and research institutions that use radioactive materials.

Nuclear power advocates say most of the radioactivity would deteriorate in weeks or

months. However, some wastes would remain radioactive for dozens to hundreds of years, they say.

Since 1989, when Nebraska was picked as a site for the dump, the project has been plagued with problems ranging from police officers having to separate protesters and commissioners to residents bringing rats in bags to meetings to make a point.

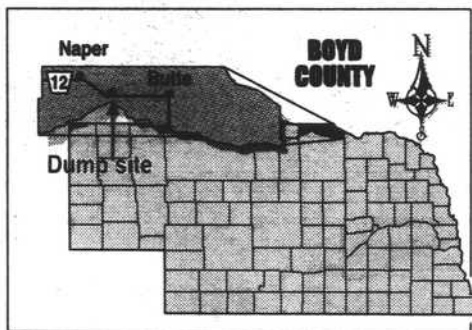
Mere mention of the dump in Boyd County, where the compact's organizers want to put the dump, sparks ill feelings. The county has become a flash point for proponents and opponents. Both sides claim a majority, but the people remain sharply divided.

Loren Sieh, chairman of the Boyd County Monitoring Committee, said residents are fed up, and they are concerned for the wet environment of northern Boyd County.

"They (compact commissioners) are like the old farm horses in the field with the blinders on plowing straight ahead and they are plowing into a swamp," he said.

Meetings, at times, have been circus-like, with screaming matches, threats, slashed tires and infighting among commissioners.

"It's always combative," said Laura Gilson, chairwoman of the compact and Arkansas' representative.



AARON STECKELBERG/DN

Compact commissioners claim Nelson has applied political pressures to slow the compact to a crawl through lawsuits, delays and his appointment of a University of Nebraska-Lincoln economics professor to a committee of environmental officials. Nelson denies that he has tried to slow the compact through politics.

But the compact has been slowed four years beyond its initial predicted opening date.

As it stands now, more than \$150 million has been spent, and ground has yet to be broken on a dump that was to cost \$31 million to complete. The last estimate on an opening date was after

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Police want cycle-free sidewalks

By TED TAYLOR
Assignment Reporter

Lincoln police have something to say to bicyclists, skateboarders and in-line skaters: Get off downtown sidewalks.

Officers are sending that message as clear as they can with a little white piece of paper that is usually reserved only for vehicles with four wheels - tickets.

Police have stepped up patrolling downtown and are now writing \$26 tickets quicker than you can say, "But officer..." They

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