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Broadcast will provide information about 413

Voters undecided about November's proposed ballot initiatives will be able to gather information tonight by watching a statewide broadcast.

On CableVision Channel 21, Nebraska Tax Research Council President John Jordison and Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources public policy specialist Roy Frederick will discuss the seven ballot initiatives appearing on the general election ballot Nov. 3.

Viewers can call into the forum sponsored by the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at (800) 755-7765.

Frederick said the focus of the discussion will be Initiative 413, a proposed constitutional amendment that would cut spending by limiting state revenue increases because of population growth and the rate of inflation.

He said the initiative is important because of its universal effects on the state.

The University of Nebraska's vocal opposition to the proposal will not affect the quality of factual information provided in the program, Frederick said.

"I don't run away from the fact that there are those in the university opposing (Initiative 413)," Frederick said. "There's just a different role and responsibility for us."

Frederick said in a statement that voters need to decide "whether it would make government more economical or simply reduce the level of services."

Frederick and Jordison also will discuss Initiative 414, a proposed statute to

cut access charges paid by long distance companies.

The discussion forum will be tonight from 7:30 to 8:30 and will be broadcast on cable channels and in special viewing sites in 23 Nebraska communities.

Four professors to share views on affirmative action

Four professors with expertise in the area of affirmative action will form a panel to air their views tonight.

The panel discussion, called Affirmative Action in Academia, will take place at 7 p.m. in the Nebraska Union Ballroom. The event, which is sponsored by the Faculty Town Hall for Diversity Concerns, will conclude with a student roundtable discussion.

Helen Moore, a professor of sociology and the presenter of "Affirmative Action and the Null Environment Hypothesis: Gender and Race in Education," said she thinks the event is an important one after affirmative action opponent Ward Connerly's appearance on campus earlier this year.

"I had a lot of students that attended Ward Connerly's program," Moore said. "They felt a lot of questions hadn't been answered."

Along with Moore, Anna Shavers, an associate professor of law, will present "Acting Affirmatively to Achieve Diversity."

Miguel Carranza, an associate professor of sociology and ethnic studies, and Gargi Roysircar Sodowsky, an associate professor of educational psychology, will also present at tonight's panel discussion.

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