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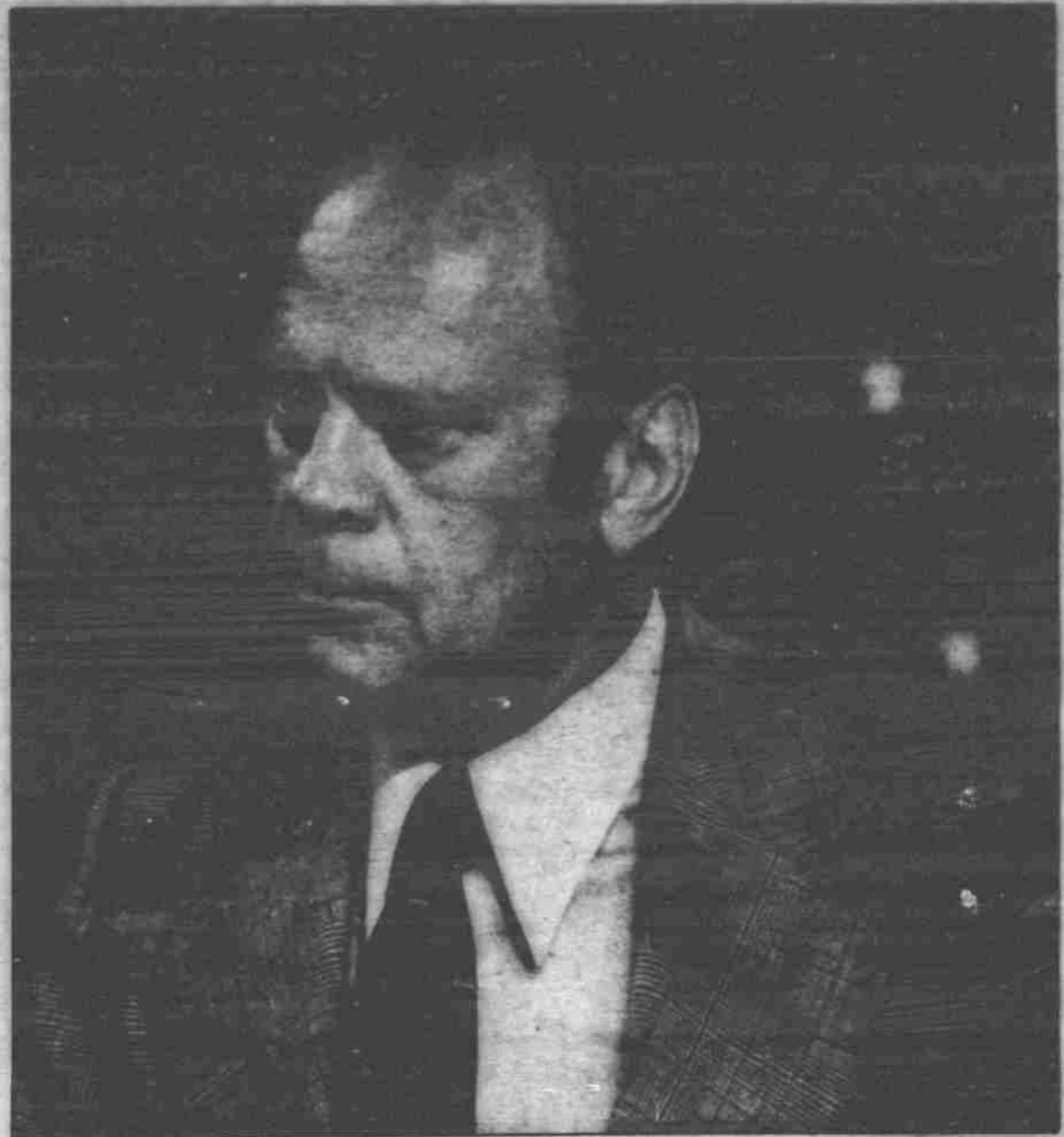


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## Ford, Carter debate economics until sound fails

Quoting budget figures, unemployment rates and inflation percentages, President Gerald Ford and former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter debated on national television Thursday night. Three blocks from Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pa., the 1976 presidential candidates answered questions on economic and domestic issues.

Ford calling for "holding the lid" on federal spending pledged to get more money in the hands of the taxpayers with tax cuts and expand the private sector of business.

Calling the present tax structure "a welfare program for the rich," Carter pledged to reduce unemployment

and practice zero-based budgeting. Carter also promised a complete reorganization of the executive branch.

The debates were silenced nearly 10 minutes before the program was scheduled to end, when audio control was lost during one of Carter's answers.

## Council 'will hear more' from unacknowledged firemen

By Rusty Cunningham

Although City Council failed to take action Monday on pleas and a petition from Lincolmites to save the jobs of ten city firemen, Union President Hobie Boswell said city officials "have not heard the

end of us."

Ten positions will be eliminated from the Lincoln Fire Dept. as a result of Council budget cuts.

Despite the decision, Boswell, of Local 644, said he and the union have been en-

couraged by extensive citizen backing.

"People have been calling at home, calling at the station, and people have even come to my home since Monday," he said. "We've received a lot of encouragement, and a lot of citizens are uptight.

"It's discouraging to be beaten, and some of our wives were crushed, but in labor there are always some wins and some losses," he said. "What makes it hard to take is that the Council gave us no consideration at all.

"At least they could have moved to take no action," he said. "After hearing us, Denney (Council president) looked around, heard (Councilman) Steve Cook's motion to adjourn, and adjourned the meeting. When elected officials don't act on us, that's disheartening."

Several citizens criticized the Council Monday for spending money for the O St.

improvement project, instead of financing citizen protection.

"It's a matter of priorities," Boswell said. "They formed a star in the intersection of 13th and O with bricks, but the only way to really see it is to fly over in a helicopter. I wonder how much that cost?"

Lincoln Mayor Helen Bosalis said the beautification project was financed with private property funds, but the firemen's budget was cut because it is tax-supported.

Boswell said firemen will plan their course of action at meetings Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights next week.

Bosalis would not comment on the Council adjournment, but said "we can live with the budget cuts the Council has made."

"As long as the safety, health and well-being of the citizens are not adversely affected, we can live with it," she said.

## Golf courses cut employes

A budget shortage for the three Lincoln municipal golf courses has resulted in 12 part-time maintenance employes losing their jobs, according to Don Smith, Lincoln Parks and Recreation Dept. director.

Additional expense from Mahoney municipal course, which opened Aug. 1, and fewer golfers after school started were given as reasons for budget shortages.

"Golf budgets are a matter of cash flow," Smith said. "The budget fluctuates with the amount of cash flow and the amount of work required of the maintenance crew."

Smith said the employes were laid off, not fired.

"They were all good workers, and I'd take them all back next year," he said.

Smith said he anticipated some budget problems, but the shortage came "faster than normal."

"We knew we would have to tighten our belts, but we can't make the decision until the computer printout comes from city hall," Smith said. "Notification was a little fast."

Smith said the 16 or 18 full-time employes will have to work longer hours, and the municipal courses might not be in the best possible condition.

A part-time employe who didn't want to be identified, said all employes understood they would work until golf season was over, which he said was, "when the snow flies."

The employe said none of the fellow workers had prior notice of the decision, and the phone call he received this week from his employer was the first time he had been notified that he would lose his job.

## Work to start soon on lots

Work will begin soon on four new parking lots on the UNL campus, according to John Duve, Campus Police parking coordinator.

The parking lots will be on 19th St. between T and U streets. Two lots will be on either side of the street and will hold an additional 60 cars, Duve said.

He said nine more cars could be parked on a new lot on 18th St. between Q and R

streets where a house was razed.

Duve said a contractor was working on another project for the university but would begin work on the parking lots in a few days.

Duve estimated that the lots will be done by the end of next week. He said all that was needed was to grade the area, lay some gravel and put up posts.

The parking lots will be designated as Area 2.

## Student tells ticket woes

By Barbara Lutz

A candidate for his doctorate degree at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln told the Council on Student Life Thursday night he and other graduate students were unjustly denied football tickets this year.

Gerry Egan said he registered for three hours credit at UNL, teaching 15 hours per week at Southeast Community College and is working full-time on his dissertation.

Dr. Richard Fleming, director of University information, according to Egan, said the athletic department ran out of undergraduate and staff tickets.

Last year, registered for three hours of classes, Egan said the dean of graduate studies signed a form which says as a graduate student working on a dissertation he is a full-time student.

Presenting this at the athletic ticket office awarded him a football ticket, Egan said.

A letter from Bob Devaney, sports director, said it has always been the athletic departments' policy that full time students are taking at least 9 credit hours per semester or three hours in a five-week summer session for athletic department benefits.

Although he hasn't heard of students on the Lincoln campus who didn't get tickets, Ron Gierhan acting dean of student affairs, said 1,000 more tickets were requested this year from students and faculty than were asked for last year.

"The question I have," Egan said is, "Are we going to kick out students and staff to make room for the public?"

Egan said any student registered for at least one hour of credit at UNL should be eligible for a football ticket.

ASUN President Bill Mueller agreed "students on this campus should have the first priority."