

City seats, bond issue will be decided by voters

Lincoln voters will be faced with decisions on three city races and a bond issue when they enter the polls between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Three City Council seats are open, four on the School Board and two on the Airport Authority. One authority post is the full six-year term and one is for two years.

Voters will be asked to decide whether to approve a bond issue to construct a performing arts center in downtown Lincoln. For this, the old city hall and federal building would be renovated and an auditorium would be built.

In the City Council race, voters will have to decide between six candidates, which includes two incumbents. The Council candidates are Tamas Robert (T.R.) Allan, Sue Bailey, Joseph Hampton, John Robinson, Leo Scherer and Dorothy Walker. Bailey and Robinson currently are on the council. Allan, Robinson, Scherer and Walker are UNL graduates.

The seven-member City Council is the legislative branch of the city government. It has the power of allocation and tax levy, investigative powers, conformation of mayoral appointments and the power to amend or repeal ordinances.

City Council members' salaries are \$4,000 annually. The Airport Authority is a five-member board elected at large to six-year terms. The authority is responsible for the operation, maintenance and development of the Airport and Airport-owned land. Members are unsalaried.

School Board
The School Board is a six-member board elected at large. The School Board is responsible for setting school board expenditures, the single largest tax spender in city government, as well as governing the Lincoln Public Schools and the Lincoln Education Service Unit.

School board members also are unsalaried. City Council candidates discussed their varying opinions on a variety of issues this week. While they seem to be in general agreement on some issues, such as qualified agreement on county-city consolidation, there is a clear separation on some issues.

The over-riding issue in the election seems to be how city government should acquire and spend its tax money.

T.R. Allan, who says he is the "businessmen's candidate" says he thinks the city should continue with outside consultations to study city problems. He said zoning is another major issue in the election and that the city should complete the comprehensive plan as soon as possible.

Private needs

One participant on the designing of that plan, candidate Sue Bailey, said the city needs to consider private as well as public need when deciding zoning issues.

Bailey said the Council should hear the demands of neighborhoods with the same interests as those of the Chamber of Commerce. She said during her four years on the Council, she has learned to sort out issues into basic categories and consider them in that manner. Bailey said she considers her Council experience as an asset.

She said she foresees no financial disasters for Lincoln and thinks the city can maintain its level of services with no increase in taxes.

However, Dorothy Walker said she thinks the city may have to curtail or combine city services because financial resources are limited. She said this is one reason she supports the consolidation of county and city government.

Walker said neighborhood preservation is an important issue to her in this campaign. She advocates the development on a neighborhood advisory council to help individual neighborhoods on important issues and problems.

Walker also emphasized the need for local energy conservation programs. She said she would work to revise the electricity rate structures, encourage alternative energy programs and enforce insulation programs.

Two fronts

Leo Scherer also said he advocates energy conservation programs, but said he would do this on two fronts. He said he thinks energy conservation work should be done in

both private and public sectors. He said he also would work to improve city services in transportation, downtown development and senior citizens programs.

Scherer says that, when faced with a decision between people programs or construction projects, he would favor the people projects.

Candidate Joseph Hampton agrees that people programs are important, but said he could not specify which programs because his decision would be based on philosophy or emotion.

He says his order of priorities would be a viable economy, high quality of life in the community and effective use of government to serve the people.

The sixth candidate, John Robinson, says he advocates assessment of neighborhood needs through attitude surveys. He said he also would like to establish a division of economic development to acquire new money for the Urban Development Dept.

Robinson said he thinks the maintenance of high population density in the core area of the city is important. He said he wants the city to follow the comprehensive plan in regulating zoning and land use.

Students awarded

Amid spring sprinkles at outdoor Ivy Day ceremonies Saturday, UNL's two senior honor societies, the Innocents and Mortarboard, announced several awards.

Named outstanding seniors by Innocents: John Gulick, Lincoln; Steven Mills, Mt. Prospect, Ill.; Scott Cook, Sidney; Bill Mueller, Ogallala; Jim Wefso, Rushville; Rich Moderow, Oakland. Gail Stork of Fremont and John Auers of Lincoln were awarded \$500 James S. Pittenger Innocents' Scholarships.

Mortarboard's notable senior women: Sherry Becker, Beaver City; Sheryl Goodrich, Omaha; Patrice Graber, North Platte; Janell Harr, Sidney; Ann Higgins, Grand Island; Kim Saterfield, North Platte.

Notable sophomore women: Sayre Darling, Lincoln; Kim David, Tucumcari, New Mexico; Beth Hoegemeyer, Lyons; Kathleen Kuecker, Imperial; Lory Nutt, Lincoln; Mary Jo Pitzl, Omaha; Gwynn Remmenga, Elwood.

Notable freshmen women: Cindy Drevo, Crete; Debbie Lee, Alliance; Audrey Gotschall, Atkinson; Suzanna Hruza, Morse Bluff; Teri Jo Mauch, Bassett; Christine Ann Olson, Oshkosh; Carole Watchorn, Fremont.

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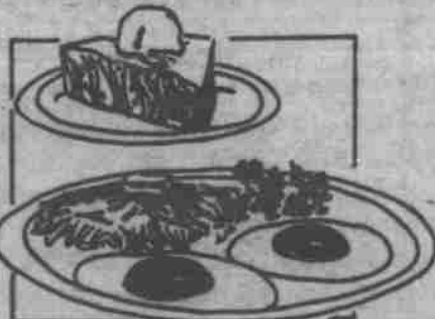
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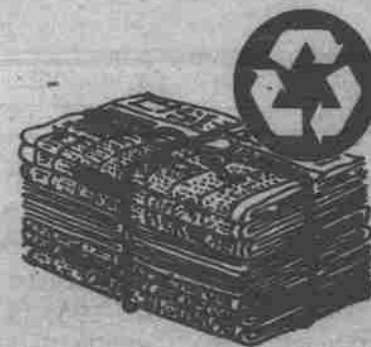


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