UNL finance student to run for the Lincoln City Council

By Cindy Coglianese

He calls himself "Joe Citizen." At 24, this full time UNL student said he thinks he has the time and interest to be a good member of the Lincoln City Council.

Bob Thompson, 1025 E St., said he is filing in the city council's southwest district because he has had an interest in Lincoln for many years and feels it is time to offer his services.

The finance major said he believes that Lincoln should continue its strong growth in all directions, particularly in housing and business. As an example, Thompson said, the road system in Lincoln is outdated in handling the growing traffic flow in Lincoln.

Thompson, who will graduate in May, has a real estate license in addition to two part-time jobs. He said his education will be beneficial to a spot on the city council because he understands budgeting and tax structures. He said his real estate knowledge will help to understand zoning and city planning.

Strong downtown

Although Thompson is running in the southwest district, he does have some opinions about the city, particularly the downtown area.

"I think we should keep a strong downtown basis," Thompson said, "In the past there has been less parking available which has cut down the ability for people to get downtown. We need to build downtown back up."

Thompson added that 15 to 20 years ago, before the Gateway Shopping Center was built, the downtown area had a variety of places to shop. But since that time, two banks have built new buildings but the rest of the downtown area has deteriorated, he said.

"People can now find what they are looking for without the hassle of downtown parking by going to shopping areas in different parts of Lincoln," Thompson said.

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In his own district, Thompson said, constituents are concerned about schools and property tax. The many railroad crossings in his district, which he called traffic obstructions, are a major concern, he said. More viaducts need to be built to lessen traffic problems.

Thompson said he thinks his age could be an advantage to the council.

"I have the time and energy to spend on issues," Thompson said, adding that many of the present council members have families and businesses which occupy much of their time.

Thompson said he also favors district council elections but he feels that the three remaining members should continue to be elected at large.

"District elections are good because a person is more responsible to a certain area of the city. A district member should introduce ordinances and legislation for their districts," Thompson said.

Council restricted

The current council's influence is restricted to one area of Lincoln. District elections will insure fair representation of the entire city, he said.

Thompson said the current city council representation is lopsided because it is business-oriented. He added that only half of the members know what they are doing or "appear to be doing a good job."

"The citizens want someone who is willing to work for the city," he said. "I look at the city council job as a public service job. I'm out to serve the public with no special interest groups in mind."

Thompson added that while his district does not include the UNL campuses, he would like to see a joint venture by the city and the university.

One such project that he has in mind would be to close R street from 12th street to 15th street, and plan a mall for the area. He said the businesses affected get mostly university business anyway.

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