

## Candidates . . .

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Alan Hansen, 35, 3221 S. 52nd St., is employed by Burlington Northern and finished third in the 1979 mayoral primary. He is a Democrat. His views:

**The economy** — "We should take the development proposals we have and implement them and test them." Hansen said the Comprehensive Plan for Lincoln and Lancaster County is central to economic development planning and that the city should grow not just for financial gain, but should keep environmental concerns in mind.

**Administration goals** — Hansen said he sees city employees in conflict with the city administration. He wants to establish groups of city employees to study problems in their own departments. Using the brain power of employees will increase efficiency, he said.

**Changes in city government** — Hansen said he has no plans to make changes, but would first see if problems exist in any department. He said he would like to be a part of labor negotiations between unionized employees and the city.

**UNL/city cooperation** — Hansen agrees with City Councilman Eric Youngberg's assessment of the university's worth to the city. "If the city had to pay for what the university is worth, UNL would never need another dime from the state. In other words, the city couldn't afford it," Hansen said.

**Qualifications** — Hansen said he has rapport with all segments of the community and understands the concerns of the working middle class because he belongs to that class. He also emphasized his moral values, based on the Bible, and his honesty and integrity, with which he says he lives every day. Hansen is an elder in the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Joseph Hampton, 57, 7125 S. Hampton Road, is chairman of the city council and a real estate developer. He is a Republican. His comments:

**The economy** — "We need to put together a team of top-level professionals to analyze the community and sell it on its best points." Expanding businesses and attracting new ones is the goal, he said.

**Administration goals** — Improvement of streets and better street planning top the list, Hampton said.

**Changes in city government** — "I would like to instill the attitude that when a citizen walks into city hall, we should view it as an opportunity to do something positive, not as a problem."

**UNL/city cooperation** — "There are a lot of people who made a mistake in telling IBM where to locate a proposed branch in Lincoln. IBM decided to go to Denver instead. A firm like IBM would provide opportunities for both the university and the city, he said, as would businesses that might want to take advantage of UNL's agricultural research and

development experts.

**Qualifications** — Hampton cited his 35 years of business experience, six years on the city council, and presidency of the Nebraska League of Municipalities.

Charles Loos, 35, 4422 Starr St., left his job as a car salesman Thursday. His plans for employment are "to be mayor of Lincoln," he said. He is a Democrat. His comments:

**The economy** — Lincoln needs to overcome its image as an anti-union city, Loos said. Weak unions mean low wages and less protection for workers during a recession, he said.

**Administration goals** — Loos said he would improve the position of handicapped people and increase their access to buildings in the city. He also wants to improve the quality of materials used in street repairs. Repairs will be cheaper in the long run if more durable materials are used, he said.

**Changes in city government** — "I don't know who is doing what to whom, but after observing the situation, I would probably want to make some changes."

**UNL/city cooperation** — Loos said the two should work hand in hand to improve Lincoln.

**Qualifications** — "I am a tough-minded optimist. I believe in the values set down by my forefathers. I believe in God and in good."

Roger Lott, 38, 1400 Manchester Drive, is an attorney and a Democrat. His views:

**The economy** — To help businesses that are already here, Lott proposes that the city help them plan, design and finance expansion and give financial assistance where appropriate.

**Administration goals** — Lott would like to promote growth in West Lincoln by eliminating barriers to growth there. He said he would concentrate on long-term planning for city transportation.

**Changes in city government** — Lott said he would look at the police and fire departments to see if more people should be hired and whether more training is needed.

**UNL/city cooperation** — Alumni should help sell Lincoln to outsiders, he said, and university experts could provide consultant services to the city. Lincoln should also use the university as a base to recruit businesses like the technological ones in California's Silicon Valley.

**Qualifications** — "I see myself as somebody that can get a lot done. I have lots of contacts and support in all areas of the community."

Roland Luedtke, 59, 327 Park Vista, was until January the state's lieutenant governor. He is a Republican. His views:

**The economy** — Luedtke sees Lincoln as competing with other cities for business. He says it will take salesmanship, leadership and the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce to attract businesses. Luedtke said that the city and the Chamber of Commerce are duplicating their promotion efforts and that the city should contract with the chamber to promote Lincoln.

**Administration goals** — Luedtke's major goal is to get people to work together on problems, especially business and labor interests.

**Changes in city government** — "If it's working, you don't need to fix it." Luedtke said citizen input should be collected differently, but he did not specify how.

**UNL/city cooperation** — "Lincoln is ideal for all these high-tech Silicon Valley industries. It has a ready labor market, good educational facilities and quality of life." He said the university's agriculture department also might attract businesses that work with genetic engineering.

**Qualifications** — "I'm the only candidate with both legislative and executive experience and experience in business and law. I'm a people person. I work with them well." Luedtke said his experience in state government will be important when the city seeks federal funds.

Willie Nelson, 20, a UNL chemistry major, was the last candidate to file. He works part time at a factory and lives at 2045 N. 64th St. His views:

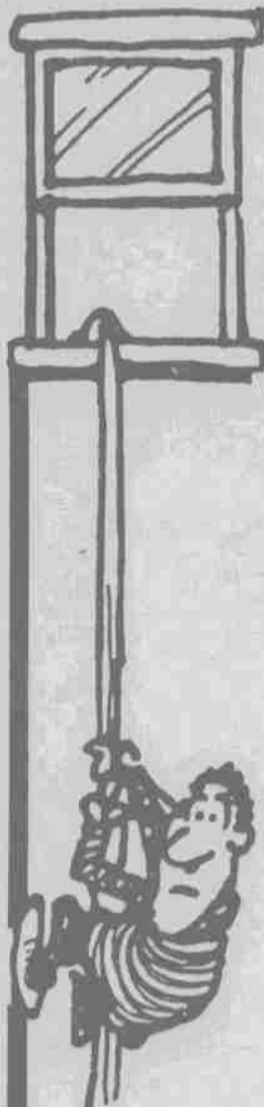
**The economy** — "We'd have to be the type of government that isn't as conservative as we've been." Nelson said the city should take some risks to promote the economy.

**Administration goals** — Nelson wants an administration that is friendly, accessible and casual.

**Changes in city government** — Nelson would not fire any department heads, but said department employees should be consulted to see who they would want to have in charge if a vacancy arose.

**UNL/city cooperation** — The university can help the city design and plan and can help businesses with management, Nelson said. Business should seek students' ideas because they may bring a fresh perspective to problems.

**Qualifications** — "I think I'm the only one who has it really all together. I can look at things realistically and I'm going to do my best." Nelson said Luedtke is well-qualified, but that he "thinks too much on a state level." He said Carper is "out in the Twilight Zone" with his socialist ideas.



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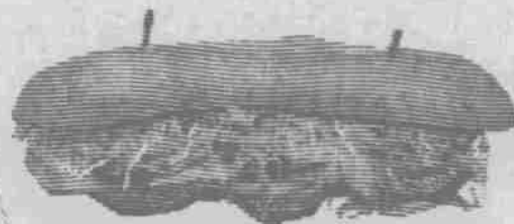
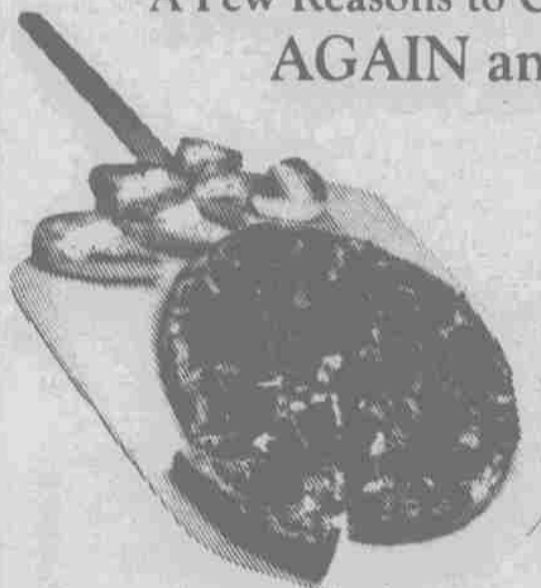
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