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Maps help cyclists pedal city streets; tour spots open

By Jana Dahlman Bouma

As bicyclists fight for their share of the streets this summer, they can get help from such groups as the Great Plains Bicycling Club and the Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department.

The Great Plains Bicycling Club sponsors tours and seminars for bikers throughout the summer. The group's next trip will be a tour of Lincoln, starting from the north steps of the State Capitol on June 16.

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department and the State Game and Parks Commission both provide maps showing the roads best suited to bicycle traffic. The maps also show where to find off-street bike paths.

The Lincoln bicycle map from the Parks and Recreation Department costs 25 cents.

The State Game and Parks Commission offers more than a dozen maps that describe the best bicycle routes from Lincoln to places like Branched Oak Lake and Indian Caves State Park. Bikers can get the maps by calling or writing the commission at 2200 No. 33rd St. in Lincoln.

John Pabst, president of the Great Plains Bicycling Club, said that although the club is for people that "like or love biking," it does promote bike touring.

He said the club sponsors about two out-of-town rides each year, with possibly one overnight trip. This summer's overnight trip will take cyclists to a campground near Syracuse on June 23. Also, the club sponsors four to eight local rides, and sessions on commuter biking and bicycle maintenance.

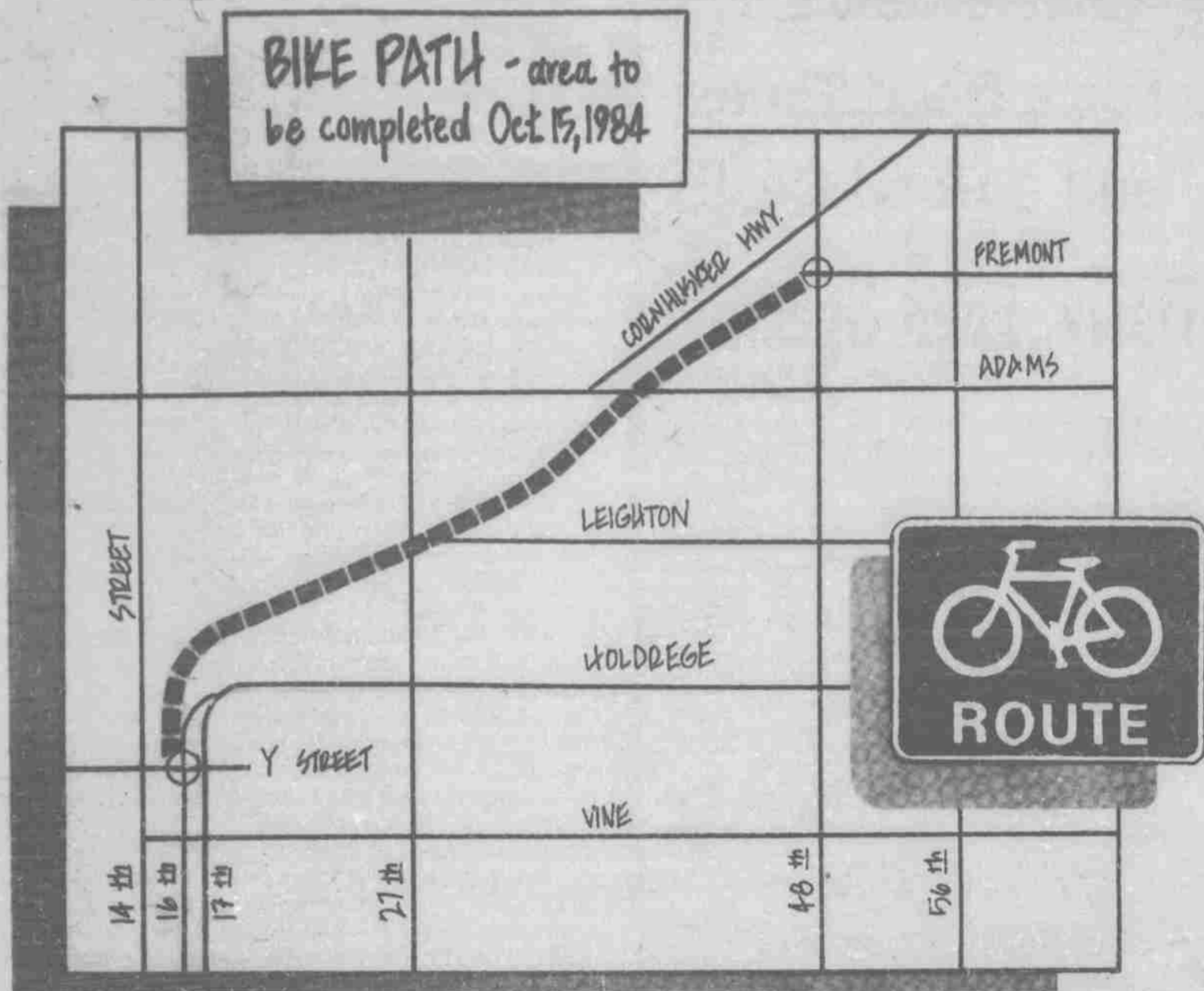
The club also publishes a newsletter for its approximately 35 members.

Besides the June 11 tour, the club has scheduled another Lincoln tour for June 30. All of the trips are still open to anyone who wishes to participate.

Than Jones, designer of the Lincoln bicycle map, said the map not only shows where bike paths and routes are throughout Lincoln, but also rates each city street according to its suitability for bicycle traffic. Also, the map has information about city laws pertaining to bikers, tips on bicycle safety, and a description of the most common types of bicycle accidents. The map also shows the location of downtown bike racks, information on bicycle equipment, and what to do in case of theft.

Each map from the Game and Parks Commission shows the preferred route to an out-of-town area such as Branched Oak Lake. And, the back of the map gives written directions. The routes follow shouldered roads or those with the least automobile traffic. The longest commission trip is to Indian Caves State Park. The commission also has maps for trips from Omaha to the surrounding area.

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Bikeway to connect campus and city

By Jana Dahlman Bouma

The UNL city campus may join northeast Lincoln after this summer. Construction between these places may begin as soon as June 1 on the first segment of a multi-purpose linear park/bikeway.

The Lincoln City Council must give final approval at its May 29 meeting for the project's first half of construction. The part that may be constructed this summer, from the intersection of 48th and Farnam streets to 27th and Leighton streets, will provide facilities for both commuting and recreational users.

According to Larry Chiat, development coordinator for the project, the new path will cost \$667,250. It will include a concrete bikeway and three mini-parks, and will pass through existing UPCO Park at 40th and Adams streets. The project is scheduled for completion by October 15, 1984.

To accommodate the commuting cyclist, the concrete bikeway will be eight feet wide, with large, smooth turns, Chiat said. Also, the bikeway will cross only seven or eight streets in a distance of more than two miles.

The system is designed for walkers and joggers as well as for cyclists, Chiat said. For this reason, he said, the path will pass through future mini-

parks at 44th and Gladstone streets, 33rd and Madison streets, and 30th and Leighton streets. The mini-parks will include playground equipment and picnic tables and grills. Also, Chiat said, the UPCO park and the park at 33rd and Madison streets will have exercise stations.

Dallas McGee, a planner with the City Urban Development Department said the second half of the linear park/bikeway is still in the planning stage. It will extend from 27th and Leighton streets to 16th and Y streets. Once a plan is complete, the Radial Reuse Task Force, the Lincoln Planning Commission and the Lincoln City Council must approve it. McGee said he hopes to have council approval by July. Then, funding will be sought and decisions made about construction.

The linear park/bikeway is part of a plan that the Radial Reuse Task Force developed. The task force is a group of citizens formed to plan the reuse of land that the city had originally purchased for construction of a roadway to connect northeast Lincoln to the downtown district. The task force plan also includes plans for residential and industrial development, and a neighborhood park facility and expansion of UNL recreational facilities in the Malone area.

Funding for the part of the bikeway to be constructed this summer comes from street construction funds, McGee said.

Regents OK Student Legal Service expansion

By Ken Bukowski

The university of Nebraska Board of Regents Saturday gave approval for the expansion of Student Legal Services at UNL to include in-court representation for students.

Shelley Stall, director of Student Legal Services, said this expansion comes after more than three years of research and work to determine basic guidelines for the program and to implement it at UNL.

Stall said the expansion of services to include litigation would provide students with more power when settling cases. "The other side knows we'll tie up time in court and that's where the leverage comes from."

For example, one-third of the problems that come through the office deal with landlord-tenant relations. Stall said this area has become one of her main priorities and that in-court representation could let her be much more successful in settling with "troublesome" landlords.

Even though Stall now has the authority to represent students, she said she doesn't expect to often because most cases probably will be decided out of court.

In addition to expanding Student Legal Services, the regents also continued discussions on site proposals for the \$20 million Lied Center for Performing Arts. The board voted to begin the process of acquiring land along Q street, from 10th to 14th, for the center.

Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff opposed the acquisition. Given current economic conditions, Simmons said he thought the state should not spend such an amount to enlarge the campus for such "luxurious" purposes.

Regent John Payne of Kearney, however, defended the expenditures, saying that only 30 to 35 percent of the project is state-funded and that it is a good investment. Simmons countered, saying that something is a good investment only if what people buy is what they need.

Agreeing with Payne, Regent Robert Koefoot of Grand Island estimated the Lied Center could be utilized by two-thirds of the states citizens and was well worth the money.

Objections to the Lied Center's location came from two Lincoln businessmen, who were represented by attorneys at the meeting.

Terry Poppe, attorney for Lincoln developer David Hunter, said Hunter planned to build condominiums at 1110 Q street, a site which is part of one of the proposed areas for the center.

Alan Slattery, attorney for Associated Bioscience, said his client has begun to build a laboratory on the same block as Hunter and now, like Hunter, is left not knowing what to do.

Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha said everyone in that area should be aware of the university's master plan to acquire property adjacent to the campus, even though it may not now have the money for the purchase.