

Party candidate says students resent demolition of Block 35

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Senior Reporter

Students lack input in Lincoln's downtown redevelopment project, a UNL student told city officials and land owners of Block 35 Monday.

The businesses on the block bounded by 10th, 11th, P and Q streets, which includes Pickles, Dirt Cheap, Arturo's and Anthony Blues are patronized by students, UNL Student Government Sen. Richard Burke said. The block has been slated for demolition to provide additional downtown parking as part of Lincoln's \$100 million downtown-redevelopment project.

Burke, identifying himself as a candidate for student-government president with the NUdeal party, agreed that the renovation project holds "a great deal of promise to

keep Lincoln one of the most attractive and vibrant cities in the region."

"Unfortunately," Burke said, "the interests of the student body of the University of Nebraska were not taken into consideration."

Burke reasoned that students should have had input because students bring money into the Lincoln economy and the downtown area directly affects the lives of UNL's 24,000 students.

"To these ends, NUdeal will organize a voter-registration drive on campus with the purpose of developing a block of votes to be placed behind the mayoral and city-council candidates whose goals most accurately match those of our own," Burke said.

When asked how he gauged the feelings of the student body about Block 35, Burke said he had talked

to enough students to find that the response to the removal of Block 35 businesses was negative.

Burke said that if his political party had taken the time to conduct a formal survey of students they would have "missed the boat."

Also at Monday's meeting, Mayor Roland Luedtke answered questions from landowners on Block 35 and said those wishing to move immediately will be paid to do so, as all buildings are appraised. Appraisers have not been allowed inside the Dirt Cheap building, he said.

City ordinances require that all the businesses be offered money to move at the same time.

John McCallum, owner of Dirt Cheap, 217 N. 11th St., declined to comment on why an appraisal had not been done, but he said he is reviewing his options and expects to come to some conclusion soon.

Police Report

A 19-year-old Southeast Community College student died Monday morning from internal and head injuries sustained from a two-car collision near East Campus, between 44th and 45th and Holdrege streets at 10:36 p.m. Saturday.

Lori Schmit of Waverly was the passenger in a car driven by Christopher Murray, 19, of Lincoln. Murray apparently tried to pass a car, ran over a curb, hit a street sign and bounced back onto Holdrege street. Murray's car then veered into the eastbound lane and the two vehicles collided.

Schmit and Murray were admitted to Lincoln General Hospital. Murray's condition had improved from critical to fair as of Monday morning. The driver and passengers in the van were taken to St. Elizabeth Community Health Center where they were treated for injuries and released.

A female UNL student was taken to Lincoln General Hospital at 7:50 p.m. Sunday for a medical emergency. The woman is an Abel Hall resident.

Lt. Joe Wehner of the Campus Police Criminal Division said Monday he could not release any information on medical emergencies.

Other reports include:

Saturday, Jan. 17

12:34 a.m. — Abel fire lane. Hit and run, cleared and person cited.

2:27 a.m. — Area 10. Auto vandalism. Tires punctured.

5:17 a.m. — 1515 R St. Auto vandalism.

8:26 p.m. — Harper Hall. Annoying

phone calls.

Sunday, Jan. 18

9:26 p.m. — Area 1. Larceny from auto, money stolen.

3:15 p.m. — Abel Hall. Vandalism to exit sign.

Monday, Jan. 19

11:40 a.m. — Nebraska Hall. Theft of electronic equipment.

12:20 p.m. — Sandoz Hall. Burglary of wallet.

12:44 p.m. — University Bookstore. Theft of book.

2:53 p.m. — University Bookstore. Theft of book bag.

3:20 p.m. — Area 3. Larceny of auto accessories.

4:02 p.m. — Abel Hall. Vandalism to bathroom fixtures, one person cited.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

1:42 a.m. — Harper Hall. Obscene phone calls.

7:53 a.m. — East Union. Theft of bike.

9:23 a.m. — Area 6. Vandalism to university truck.

12:25 a.m. — 10th and U streets. Non-injury accident.

3:53 p.m. — University Bookstore. Backpack stolen.

11:09 p.m. — Schramm Hall. Harassing phone calls.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

12:16 a.m. — 48th and Holdrege streets. Recovery of stolen vehicle, no arrests.

10:06 a.m. — Motorpool. Medical emergency, truck driver, possible heart attack.

11:44 a.m. — Acacia parking lot.

Larceny from auto.

12:49 p.m. — University Bookstore. Larceny from building, backpack stolen.

1:33 p.m. — Men's locker room, South Stadium. Larceny from building, wallet and jewelry stolen.

2:08 p.m. — Men's locker room, South Stadium. Larceny from building, clothing.

4 p.m. — 501 lot. Hit-and-run accident, persons cleared.

Thursday, Jan. 22

Unavailable.

Friday, Jan. 23

2:35 a.m. — Abel Hall. Obscene phone calls.

9:32 a.m. — Smith Hall. Larceny from building, calculator.

9:55 a.m. — Bessey Hall. Larceny, cash stolen.

10:01 a.m. — Sigma Nu parking lot. Larceny from auto, keys stolen.

1:28 p.m. — Selleck Quadrangle. Obscene phone call.

3:39 p.m. — Area 2, 19th and Vine streets. Vandalism to auto.

4:17 p.m. — Bessey Hall. Burglary.

8:09 p.m. — Sandoz Hall. Larceny from building, bike tire stolen.

Saturday, Jan. 24

12:30 a.m. — Triangle Fraternity. Potted plant stolen.

8:11 p.m. — 13th and R streets. Burglary.

UNL student senators seldom serve full term

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signations.

"I hope people don't think we are a bad senate because of the losses," he said. "We are not a bad senate. We are running very efficiently."

Phil Tatro, who recently resigned as journalism senator, said he did so because of a class that was offered only on Wednesday nights. Tatro said he would have liked to stay on the senate but he could not overlook his academic priority.

But Tatro said that in general he feels attendance policies have much to do with the number of resignees.

Tim Howard, a graduate senator who resigned last week, said he was cynical about the group from the beginning.

There were some university policies he wanted to change: the two-year waiting list for graduate students, parking on campus and the alcohol policy. But, Howard said, "Whenever major issues came up, an 'ad-hoc committee' was formed, and the question seemed to get lost."

Howard said student senators were quicker to defend the regents than the students who had elected them.

"They were more concerned about the image and publicity of ASUN than the important issues," he said. "They don't really understand how govern-

ment works and forget who they're representing. I didn't think ASUN was doing anything worthwhile."

Howard said the time student government took was not really a factor in his decision to resign.

"I would have been willing to spend more time if ASUN had been doing something worthwhile."

Ed Miller, also a graduate senator, who quit over semester break by simply not going back, said the student government really needs a new administrative system.

"I don't think the system is really tailored for student input," Miller said, adding that he thought the regents have a paternalistic attitude but don't really want the students to participate.

Miller said he quit mainly because he didn't think ASUN was accomplishing anything.

"We would go into a pointless debate for hours about nothing," he said. "We didn't accomplish anything of substance."

Miller also said ASUN was time-consuming and competed with his teaching job and course work.

"I know that my time there (in academic work) will accomplish something," he said. "It was kind of a disappointment, though, because I thought we could really get something done this year."

Planning office requests input on budget cuts

Written materials supporting or opposing NU President Ronald Roskens' reduction proposals should be sent to the Office of Institutional Research and Planning, 406 Administration Building, City Campus, 0435, no later than 5 p.m. next Monday.

The written opinions will be used by the UNL Budget Reduction Review Committee in finalizing reduction proposals.

The committee will review reduction proposals by Roskens that include:

- Reduction in state funding for the UNL Division of Continuing Studies — \$740,000.

- Reduction of state support for intercollegiate athletics at UNL — \$390,000.

- Discontinuing the NU School of Technical Agriculture at Curtis — \$1,245,000.

An informational meeting to explain the review process and public hearing schedules will be announced soon, university officials said.

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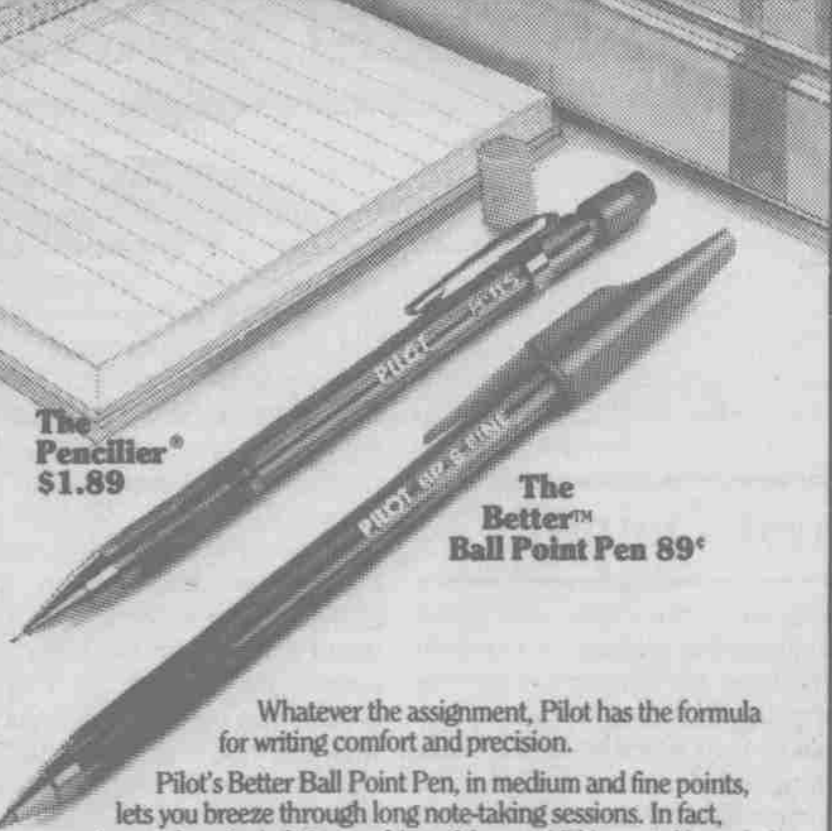
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