



(On the cover) The hands of a Malone Manor resident. (left) Art Hendrickson talks about living in the shadow of the university.

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“... *this big monster is coming.*”

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Art Hendrickson leaned on his backyard fence at 2002 S St., and glared at UNL's high-rise residence halls, Cather and Pound.

Hendrickson is angry. Angry at UNL for not letting him know what the future holds for the home he purchased three years ago. UNL officials plan to expand the campus boundary, an expansion which would include Hendrickson's house and most of the Malone neighborhood.

While UNL has long-range plans to expand its City Campus boundary from 19th to 22nd streets, and from Vine to Q streets, the city of Lincoln has a redevelopment plan for the area that can't be implemented because UNL has acquired much of the land in the neighborhood. The conflicting plans have put many residents of the Malone community, the area from 19th to 27th streets and Vine to Q streets on hold.

Some, like Hendrickson, want to know how and when UNL will proceed with the expansion plan, its effect on the

property values and whether residents should continue their renovation efforts.

"I could put a 'for sale' sign out here," Hendrickson said, "but no one would buy it because the university is plotting on the area."

Hendrickson said he could spend another \$2,600 to install new windows in his home, but he's not sure it would be worth doing if UNL doesn't offer him the amount of money his house is worth.

Hendrickson said he and his wife Iola bought the house for their retirement.

"They (UNL) ain't offering the kind of money I've put in the house," he said. Last year he said he was offered about \$20,000 for the two-story home.

"I've got \$40,000 in this house and they only want to pay \$15,000 to \$20,000."

Hendrickson scratches his stubble. "I ain't leaving until I have a certified check for \$40,000."