

Mayoral candidates outline goals for Lincoln

Harris advocates stronger ties

By Dorothy Pritchard
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One of state Sen. Bill Harris's priorities as mayor would be to strengthen the relationship between the city of Lincoln and UNL.

Harris, who faces Republican incumbent Roland Luedtke in the Tuesday election, said one way he plans to strengthen that relationship is to keep UNL graduates in the city by offering "good-paying jobs."

Harris said one way to do so is to stop a Philadelphia management firm from handling the computing services used by Lincoln Electric System, Lincoln and Lancaster County. Presently, a \$160,000 three-year renewal contract is being negotiated by the city with the company. Harris said that if he were mayor, he would veto the contract and use university talent for the management positions.

"The city looks outside the state for

expertise," he said. "We should have the confidence ourselves to do these things that are technical in nature and

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Harris

'We are a natural for distributing goods and resources to Europe and Asia.'

—Luedtke



'We must put more emphasis on using the university's research capabilities and talent in cooperation with both old and new businesses.'

—Harris

First-term goals to be continued

By Chris Anderson
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Setting goals for the city of Lincoln during the next mayoral term will not be difficult, said Mayor Roland Luedtke. The city should have the same goals it has had for four years, said Luedtke, who is running for his second term.

Luedtke said the goals he has maintained have been "positive" for the city.

In the past four years, Lincoln has attracted new businesses, reopened plants, added 11,397 new jobs, lowered property taxes and added \$10 million in federal grants, he said.

When things are going that well, Luedtke said, "why would we change our leadership or direction?"

Luedtke said that, if re-elected, he will continue to complete downtown redevelopment and turn Lincoln into a regional distribution center for the world market.

Redeveloping downtown Lincoln would be an important priority, Luedtke said.

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Luedtke

Council candidates comment on Block 35, Duds 'n' Suds

By Micki Haller
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Ten Lincoln City Council candidates will vie for five spots on the council in Tuesday's election.

In telephone interviews last week, candidates stressed what they would emphasize if elected. They also commented on university-related issues like the Block 35 debate and Duds 'n' Suds, a proposed laundry beer-serving franchise which had a request for a liquor license voted down by the City Council earlier this year. Duds 'n' Suds, representatives have said they will revise and re-submit their proposals to the council later this year. The coin-operated laundry is under construction at 27th and W streets.

Block 35, the area bound by 11th, 12th, and P and Q streets is marked by the city for a multi-level parking garage. City officials and the Committee to Save Block 35 agreed in January to allow businesses on the block to remain until November 1988.

Northeast District

Hank Buis, 60, is president of Hank Buis Construction Co. Buis said he is running on a platform of "economic development and less government red tape." His campaign is his first try for political office.

Block 35: He said businesses on the block should not be torn down until a contract has been signed with the businesses.

Duds 'n' Suds: "I wouldn't be in favor of that at all," Buis said. "We have enough places in town to serve liquor."

Coleen Seng, 51, is a community worker at United Methodist Church. Seng said she sees a need for economic development and jobs with good salaries.

Block 35: "I'm on the Block 35 committee, she said. "It's a unique block that ought to be preserved."

Duds 'n' Suds: "I don't think I would be in

favor of it," she said. But she said she didn't know much about the issue. "Just what I've read in the paper," she said.

Southeast District

Jeffrey Payne, 30, is a Lincoln Public Schools teacher. Payne said he is running on a platform of downtown redevelopment where he sees a "definite need to balance the two major retail centers: downtown and east Lincoln." This is Payne's first try for political office.

Block 35: Payne said the existing businesses should be allowed to stay.

"If it can be worked into downtown planning or a fair price can be offered to those people (businessmen on the block), then that's the way to go," he said.

Duds 'n' Suds: He said he is against allowing the business to serve liquor.

Linda Wilson 48, is a former elementary-school teacher. She said her platform is economic development. She said she would like to see new businesses come into Lincoln and a better working relationship with existing businesses. This is her first try for public office.

Block 35: She said the businesses on the block should be treated fairly.

Duds 'n' Suds: Serving liquor at a coin-operated laundry is not necessary, and she is against the idea, she said.

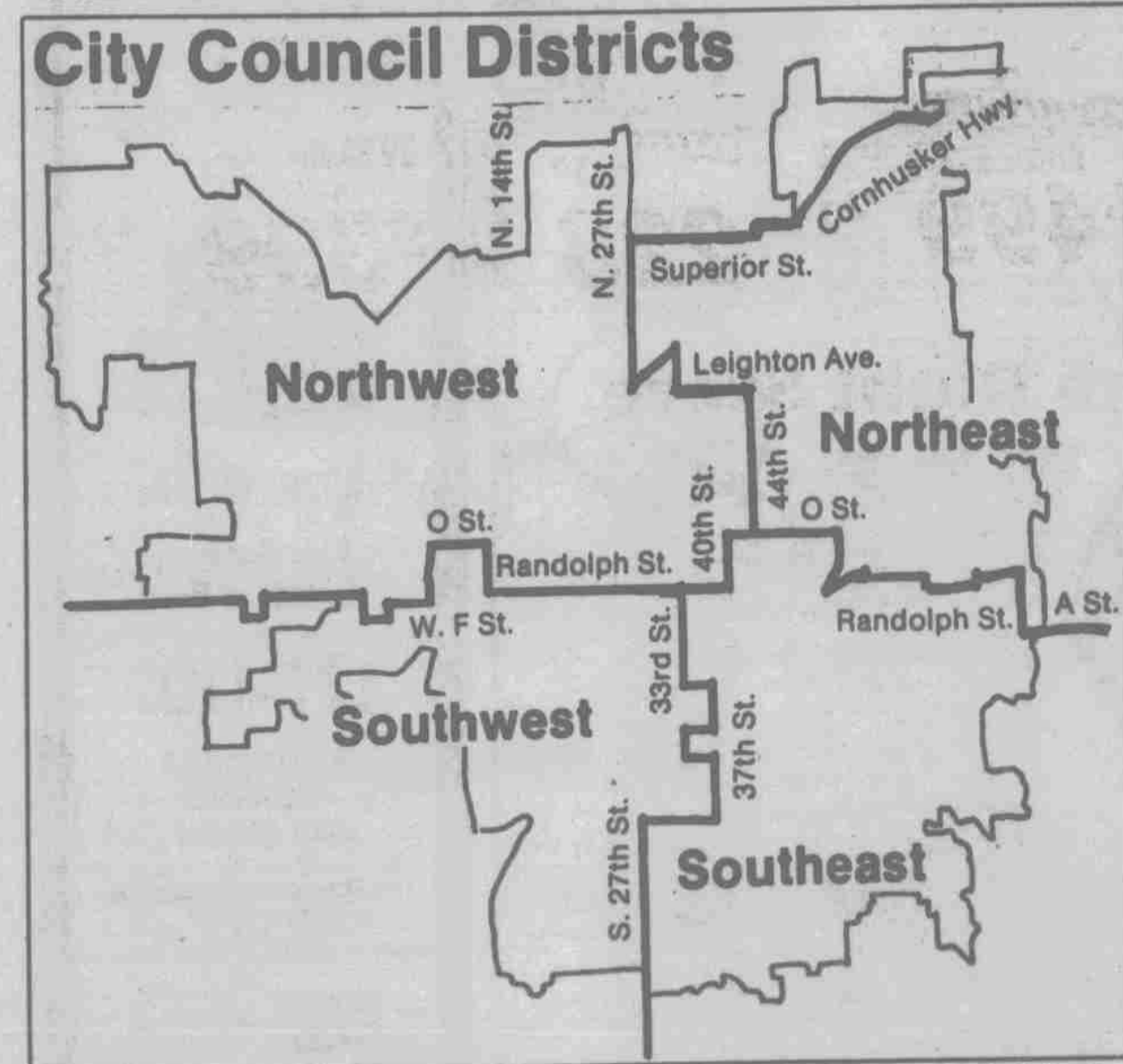
Northwest District

Ted Hempel, 43, is vice president of Quali-Graphs, Inc. Hempel said his platform includes representing an approachable person who will listen to the people in the district. "If you can listen, you can solve the problem," he said.

Block 35: "If it's an option, businesses should be allowed to remain until there's a signed contract," he said. "Genuine respect for individual people should continue on up to individual businesses."

Duds 'n' Suds: He said he is against the

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