

UNL, Lincoln hope to invest in Block 35

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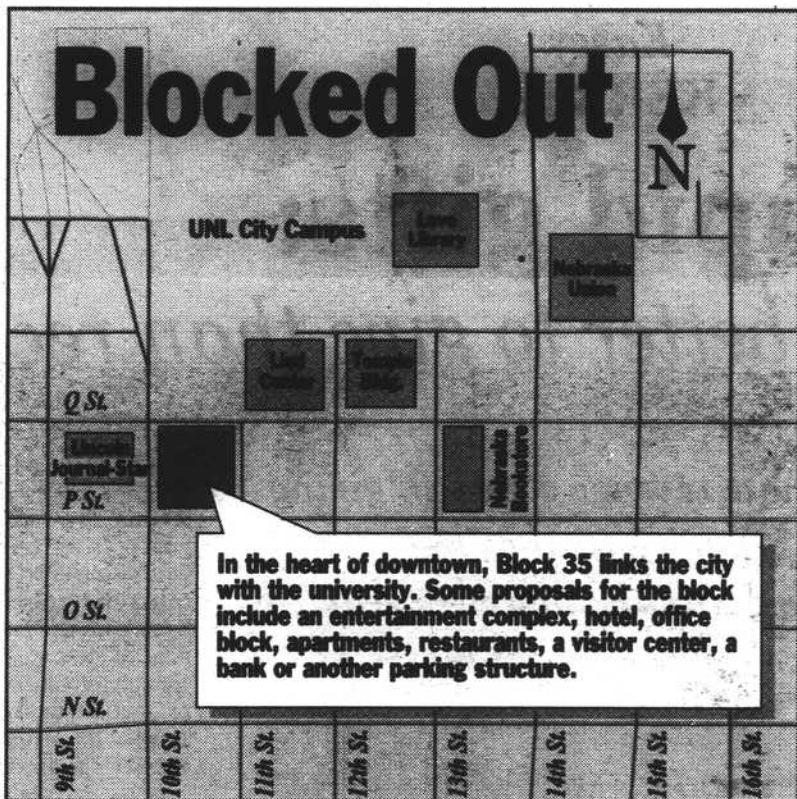
- Changing one-way streets downtown to two-way and changing traffic flow.
 - Establishing 12th Street from O to R streets as a center for entertainment.
 - Strengthening downtown movie theaters.
 - Rebuilding Centennial Mall and making an effective link between UNL City Campus and downtown.
- The mayor's office has received five proposals for development of the parking lot.
- Embassy Suites Hotel could open up a 250-room facility.
- United Missouri Bank wants to open shop.

Other developers have proposed a parking garage, plaza and retail spaces with housing on top, a 13-floor dual tower for offices and a hotel with underground parking and an indoor garden, or another parking garage and more office spaces.

UNL uses two terms when talking about downtown development. They are "beacon" and "zipper."

Todd said "beacon" refers to the site's potential to attract visitors.

"If we have architecture that stands



out against the skyline, it will invite attention and get people to stop," Todd said.

The "zipper" refers to the block's ability to link together downtown and campus, she said.

"Rather than being an our-side-of-the-fence and your-side-of-the-fence thing, we work together in that zone in between and develop things of mutual interest," Todd said.

The city and UNL want to put the

block to better use than parking.

"The block is a real opportunity," McMullen said, "for both the city, downtown and UNL to come up with a wonderful project."

The city's Selection Committee will interview prospective developers this week. It will forward a recommendation to the City Council and mayor, which will select the developer the week of Jan. 13. Construction is scheduled to begin next summer.

Rhodes winner says love of learning helps

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of his personality motivated him toward academic excellence.

As a freshman, Vetter didn't plan to major in six subjects at UNL, he said.

He started majoring in physics but his interests in political science, philosophy, history, economics and psychology developed into additional majors.

Each interest led to another, Vetter said. He wanted to keep his education balanced; but most importantly, Vetter wanted to challenge himself.

His strategy to academic success isn't a secret, he said. It's all in his attitude.

"I think if you take an attitude that you want to learn as much as you can, the grades will always follow," Vetter said.

Instead of viewing studying as working for a grade, as most students do, Vetter said he prefers studying because he wants to and because he's fascinated by it.

Although the Rhodes Scholarship is the highest academic honor a student can receive, Vetter is most excited about studying at the University of Oxford in England for two years.

There he wants to earn a master's degree in history of science or philosophy of science, he said. He then will return to the United States to earn a doctorate at a top-notch graduate school.

The Rhodes trustees may grant scholars a third year at Oxford if they need it to complete their degree. Vetter may use that third year to finish his doctorate in philosophy before coming home.

Despite his impressive academic record and high ambitions, Vetter said he didn't need to go to an Ivy League school or expensive private university. He has everything he needs at UNL,

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he said.

The reputable faculty, libraries, scholarships and debt-free financing attracted him, he said.

The university wants to use Vetter's example to attract other honors students, and UNL Chancellor James Moeser. He compared Vetter's scholarship to another prestigious student honor.

"Being a Rhodes Scholar is the academic equivalent of winning the Heisman Trophy," Moeser said.

Moeser said the award showed UNL's academic quality not only attracted high-caliber students, but also cultivated them for such a high honor.

"It's definitely a jewel in the crown of the honors program," Moeser said.

The honor proved that UNL students could compete academically with students from more prestigious and expensive private colleges, he said. Other universities with 1997 Rhodes Scholars included Yale, Harvard, Stanford and Notre Dame.

James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, said at least 19 Rhodes Scholars preceded Vetter at UNL. The last Rhodes Scholar at UNL was named more than 20 years ago, Griesen said.

Man tries to fix brother's misdeeds

OMAHA (AP) — David Sullivan finds himself trying to set things right between insurance companies and people his brother is accused of swindling.

"My brother's still my brother," Sullivan said. "But my main concern at this point is the clients."

Timothy Sullivan, 37, is a fugitive, charged in a Saline County warrant with four counts of felony theft by deception. He is accused of taking money from David and Linda Razabeck of Dorchester that was supposed to go into an annuity account.

David Sullivan, who is a Lincoln Mutual Life Insurance Co. agent in Omaha, said his brother may have been having financial problems. The Sullivans' father also was in the insurance business. David Sullivan said he was concerned in part about the family's reputation.

"It was represented to them that they would have their money in these accounts," David Sullivan said, "and if somebody in the insurance industry deceived them, well, they should be made whole."

Jeanette Smith, counsel for the Nebraska Insurance Department, said Timothy Sullivan's insurance license was revoked in November. She said Sullivan was listed as an agent for Jackson National, Principal Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Iowa, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York, Lafayette Life Insurance Co. of Indiana and Metraheal Insurance Co. of Connecticut.

Smith said as reports of misused money are investigated, it could prove difficult to sort out which companies Sullivan said he was representing. The Omaha World-Herald reported that so far, more than a dozen

Nebraskans reported losses of at least \$112,000, with others possibly in Iowa and Arizona.

Omaha Police Detective Rhonda Gustafson said Sullivan knew many of his clients for years.

"They were like second parents to him," Gustafson said. "He called them Mom and Dad."

The Razabecks said Sullivan was very friendly and always checked up with them on their policies.

"He knew us and the kids," Linda Razabeck said. "He was just an ordinary guy."

But after moving to Arizona he was reprimanded by one of the companies he represented, Lincoln Mutual, for losing his temper with clients. Then complaints about checks started, and last spring Lincoln Mutual fired Sullivan. State regulators and police began investigating.

Postmarks with holiday themes add Christmas touch

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For those who want to give their holiday mail a little added Christmas touch, the United States Postal Service will help send mail from Bethlehem — Bethlehem, Conn., that is. The ZIP Code there is 06751.

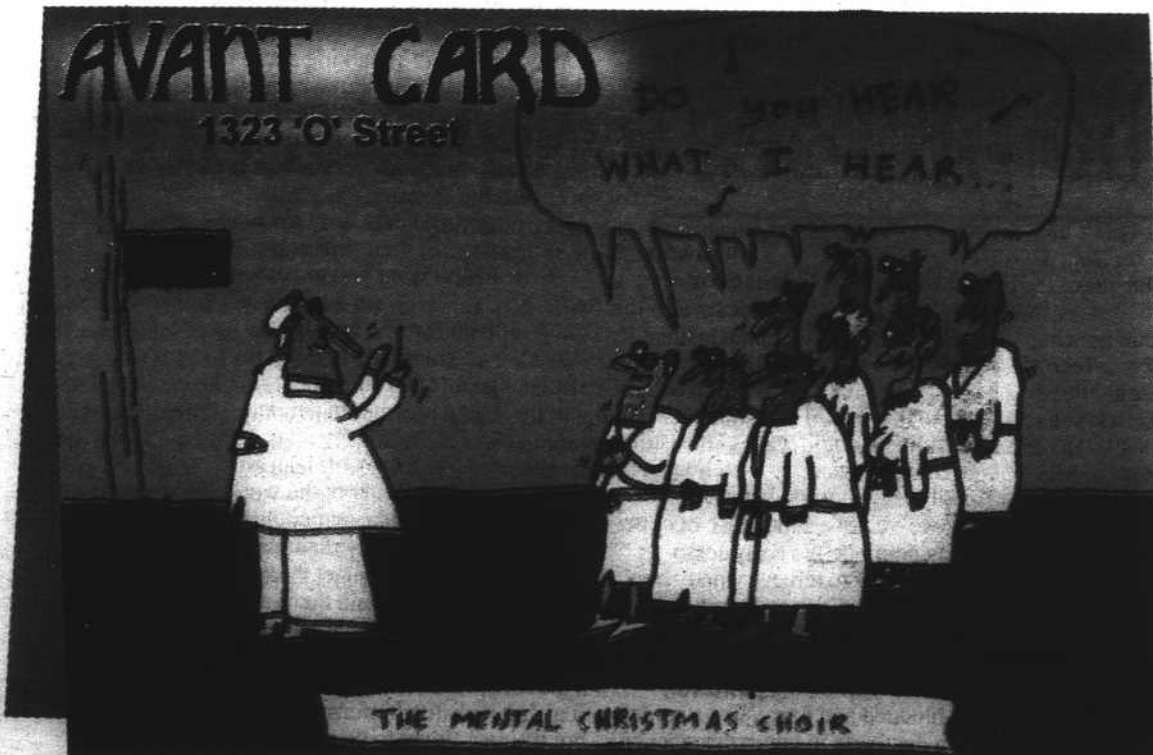
To obtain a postmark from any city with a name that invokes thoughts of the holidays, simply apply the neces-

sary first-class postage to cards or letters, enclose them in an outer envelope and mail them to the Postmaster of the desired city. A note requesting the postmark should also be included.

These are some of the cities that in all likelihood will receive the most requests for surrogate postmarks.

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- North Pole NY 12946-9998
- Santa Claus IN 47579-9998

- Mistletoe KY 41351-9998
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- Snow OK 74567-9998
- Angels Camp CA 95222-9998
- North Pole AK 99705-9998
- Holiday FL 34690-9998
- Noel MO 64845-9998
- Snowflake AZ 85937-9998
- Bethlehem KY 40007-9998
- Snow Hill AZ 85937-9998
- Joy IL 61260-9998



Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community

ASSAULT

A Lincoln police officer was assaulted Sunday evening while arresting a man at his home for a probation violation.

Officer Corey Weinmaster, 29, went to a house on the 700 block of S. 20th St. at about 10:00 p.m. Sunday, Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Weinmaster had an arrest warrant for Christopher Wagy for violating a protection order, Heermann said.

Wagy resisted when Weinmaster tried to arrest him, Heermann said. On the way out the door, a woman started yelling at Weinmaster and physically struggled with him, Heermann said.

While Weinmaster was distracted, Wagy punched him in the right cheek and kicked him in the abdomen, Heermann said.

Weinmaster got Wagy back under control and took him into custody. Wagy was later booked for violating a protection order and third-degree assault on an officer.

VANDALISM

Five cars in the same parking lot had their tires slashed sometime Saturday night.

The cars were in an apartment parking lot just north of Vine Street between 26th and 27th streets, according to police reports. Witnesses told police the tires were slashed between 10 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

On four cars, only one tire was slashed. On the fifth, two tires were slashed, Heermann said. The owners reported a total of \$300 damage.

NARCOTICS

UNL police arrested a freshman for possession of marijuana in Schramm Residence Hall Sunday night.

Acting on an anonymous tip, University of Nebraska-Lincoln police went to the sixth floor of Schramm Hall at 6:58 p.m. Sunday, Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

The officer smelled burning marijuana near the suspect's room, Bushing said. Inside the room, the officer found less than an ounce of marijuana, Bushing said.

Richard Coomer, of Riverside, Calif., was arrested for possession of marijuana and paraphernalia.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

A man walking in north Lincoln Sunday night was attacked by a man who tried to take his money.

The 20-year-old man was walking on 46th Street, between Garland and Leighton streets at about 2:20 a.m. when the suspect approached him, demanded money, then hit him