

## A tight fit

Vershan Jackson and Tim Carpenter may not be piling up the receptions, but that doesn't diminish their importance to the Huskers. **PAGE 9**

## Tribal transmission

With his new radio program, John Gregg broadcasts an accurate cross-section of American Indian music to people of all cultures. **PAGE 12**

## SWEATER DAYS AHEAD

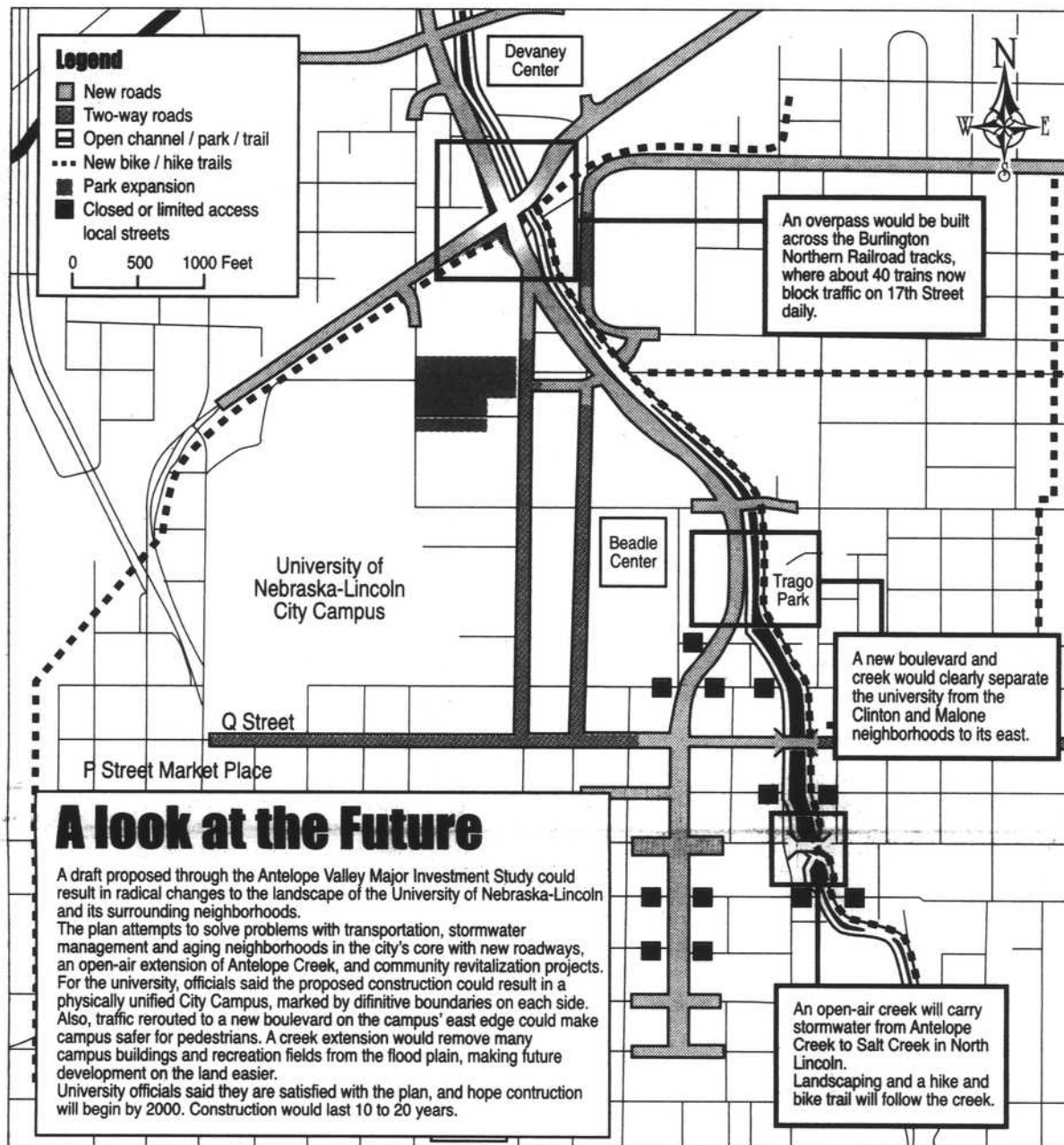
Cloudy, high 61. Chance of rain tonight, low 43.

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## Development plan would revamp area Campus could be unified

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If approved by Lincoln leaders and residents, a draft of a city development plan could give the UNL City Campus a striking new identity.

The draft, developed through the Antelope Valley Major Investment Study, could be approved by city and university officials in the next two months.

The result: sweeping changes in the Lincoln and University of Nebraska-Lincoln landscape over the next 15 years.

For campus members who work in buildings subject to flooding, or who have been hit by cars on busy campus streets, that new landscape would bring safety and peace of mind.

For others, the new city design would result in a physically unified campus, separated from downtown Lincoln and surrounding neighborhoods by definite boundaries.

The Antelope Valley draft was developed to treat Lincoln's growing problems with stormwater management, inadequate transportation and aging communities around the city's core.

Wide stretches of land following Antelope Creek lie in a 100-year flood plain, where development is limited

because of the potential for a disastrous flood. No major thoroughfares carry vehicular traffic north and south between 10<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> streets, which already carry their capacities.

As a result, the neighborhoods between those roads suffer from low property values and declining services.

The remedy to Lincoln's tri-fold illness could lie in a \$200 million draft proposal, for which all members of the Antelope Valley project's advisory committee voiced approval during a meeting Wednesday night on East Campus.

On Nov. 7 and 8, all university and city residents will have the chance to debate the draft during town hall meetings at Lincoln High School, at 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively.

And if city and university leaders approve the measure Dec. 12, engineers will be hired to begin making the plan a reality. Construction, expected to span 10 to 20 years, could begin by 2000.

For the university, proposed construction could move major roadways to the edges of campus and bring 20 percent of campus out of the 100-year flood plain, said Kim Todd, UNL assistant to the chancellor for community affairs and campus planning.

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### A look at the Future

A draft proposed through the Antelope Valley Major Investment Study could result in radical changes to the landscape of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and its surrounding neighborhoods. The plan attempts to solve problems with transportation, stormwater management and aging neighborhoods in the city's core with new roadways, an open-air extension of Antelope Creek, and community revitalization projects. For the university, officials said the proposed construction could result in a physically unified City Campus, marked by definitive boundaries on each side. Also, traffic rerouted to a new boulevard on the campus' east edge could make campus safer for pedestrians. A creek extension would remove many campus buildings and recreation fields from the flood plain, making future development on the land easier. University officials said they are satisfied with the plan, and hope construction will begin by 2000. Construction would last 10 to 20 years.

## Candidates yet to take up position in governor's race

BY TED TAYLOR  
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Nebraska is without an official candidate for governor. Pshaw, you say.

"Nebraska has three Republican candidates for the state's top job and I've heard of a Democratic candidate," you argue. "I've seen a couple of them on television and heard them on the radio. Johanns gave me a sticker himself!"

Perhaps, but there are still no candidates for governor.

It is true Republicans Mike Johanns, Jon Christensen and John Breslow — the ones who say they are running for the job — all have headquarters, billboards and bumper stickers.

Two have commercials, three have campaign directors and they all have coffees with supporters.

They walk in parades, talk with civic groups and sing the song of a

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gubernatorial candidate, but neither the state auditor nor mayor of Lincoln nor Nebraska's 2<sup>nd</sup> District congressman is officially a candidate for the state's top job.

Democrats Bill Hoppner and Jim McFarland announced they will seek the gubernatorial nomination; Maxine Moul has shown interest, and Steve Bennett is exploring the possibility of running for governor.

The reason there are no candidates for governor right now is none of them have formally filed for the race, according to the state accountability and disclosure office.

Only one, Breslow, has even "officially announced" his candidacy.

It gets sort of confusing. So with the help of Robert Sittig, a UNL political science professor who specializes in political parties and campaigns, here's the

rundown on how it works:

After possible candidates raise a certain amount of money, they are legally required to announce their intentions with the state. This can be years before the election year.

Those candidates first tell a few people they're thinking about running.

Then they go ahead and tell the state they're running as sort of a pre-campaign campaign.

Then, after many already assume they have, candidates "officially announce," their plans to run for governor. That requires only a sentence saying as much.

All the while, "they have their finger in the pie but aren't getting burned," Sittig said.

Finally, usually only a few months before the primary, candidates "officially file" with the secretary of state's office.

That requires the candidate's

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## Bennett pitches campaign ideas

BY BRIAN CARLSON  
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Steve Bennett said Tuesday he intends to run for governor pending an assessment of his statewide support and fund-raising capability.

Bennett, a Kearney podiatric physician who has been involved in the Democratic Party for years, filed last week with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission and has launched an exploratory committee to assess his gubernatorial prospects.

"If there is enough support across the state and people believe in the issues that I want to get out, then I will enter the race," Bennett said from his home Tuesday night.

Lincoln businessman Bill Hoppner and Jim McFarland, a former state senator, have already announced they will seek the Democratic nomination for governor. State Economic Development Director Maxine Moul, the former Democratic lieutenant governor, also

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has expressed interest in a gubernatorial bid.

Potential candidates must file with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission once they have spent more than \$2,000 in campaign funds. Bennett's filing does not signify a formal announcement of his candidacy, and he emphasized no final decision has been made.

Bennett said he "detests" the fact that it would take a large amount of campaign money to win the race. But he said he acknowledged the political reality. Without sufficient funding, he said, he could have the right views on the most compelling issues, but would be unable to make an impact.

Bennett said the field of announced candidates would have "absolutely no effect" on his decision. In fact, he said, those candidates

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