



Walker: NU cornerback

Joe Walker makes his first start at rover against Louisiana Tech, and he is ready to prove Bulldogs' receiver Troy Edwards wrong. **PAGE 9**



Rock of ages

Freebirds Lynrd Skynyrd take off tonight at the Nebraska State Fair. Guitarist Johnny Van Zant comments on the band's tragic history. **PAGE 12**

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A new game plan



TOM OSBORNE TEACHES Coaching of Football to about 25 students Thursday morning. The class, which meets twice weekly, is open only to students planning on pursuing coaching as a career.

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Douglas Theater Co. plans new megaplex

BY BRIAN CARLSON
Staff writer

And now, for a sneak preview: Downtown Lincoln is getting its own movie megaplex.

David Livingston, president of the Douglas Theater Co., announced Thursday the company plans to build a state-of-the-art theater complex in downtown Lincoln containing 16 to 20 theaters and set to open in 2000.

The megaplex, to be built at a yet-to-be-announced location, will contain wide, wall-to-wall screens with digital sound technology. Moviegoers will be able to sit in high-backed love seats on stadium risers in the back, or in high-backed rocker love seats in the front.

The megaplex will have several concession stands and provide movie showings at staggered times.

Livingston said it would be premature to provide other details as yet.

"In the theater business, we call

this a 'teaser,'" he said. "We advise all of you to stay tuned."

The company also plans to refurbish two of its downtown Lincoln theaters, the Stuart and the Cinema Twin.

Livingston said the megaplex idea and the refurbishing were encouraged by the Downtown Lincoln Association's plans for improving the business climate in the downtown area.

Those plans include the current project of changing P Street from a one-way to a two-way street.

The change was designed to make it a more traditional downtown street instead of primarily an artery for traffic coming into town on Ninth Street.

"The idea of a marketplace with several entertainment businesses connecting the Haymarket with the downtown area is something I find fascinating," Livingston said in an interview.

"It's where the entertainment center of gravity should be."

Lincoln man, 68, dies in two-car collision

UNL students were involved in fatal crash

BY JOSH FUNK
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A 68-year-old Lincoln man was killed in a head-on collision Thursday morning when a pickup truck driven by a UNL student crossed the center line.

The driver of the pickup was cited for misdemeanor motor vehicle homicide. The county may file charges against him as early as today.

Alcohol is not suspected in the accident.

At 5:45 a.m. Thursday, Or Gazarov was driving east on Cornhusker Highway on his way to Telex Communications, 8601 E. Cornhusker Highway, where he worked on the production floor assembling electronics.

On his way, just east of the 70th Street intersection, a Dodge Dakota crossed the center line and hit Gazarov's car, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

Apparently Gazarov saw the truck move into his lane, because he pulled off onto the shoulder to avoid hitting it.

But he was not able to avoid a collision.

The truck, carrying three people, hit Gazarov's Mercury Sable head-on, crushing the entire front end and killing Gazarov.

The three occupants of the truck, all UNL students, were taken to the hospital, where they were treated for minor injuries and released, Sgt. Dave Harnly said.

Police do not know what caused the

19-year-old driver of the truck to cross the center line, Harnly said, but they don't suspect alcohol involvement.

Gazarov immigrated to Lincoln from Armenia in January 1992. He started work at Telex Communications in May, according to the personnel director. Telex manufactures electronic products.

Gazarov is survived by his wife, two sons and two granddaughters, who all live in Lincoln.

His family members, still coming to terms with their loss, declined to talk in-depth. This morning they will make funeral arrangements.

One of Gazarov's sons trying to deal with the accident said:

"He was just a resident of Lincoln going to work, and this happened."

City prepares for traffic

Gameday causes new road rules

BY BRIAN CARLSON
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As Husker fans well know, on football game days Memorial Stadium becomes the third-largest city in Nebraska.

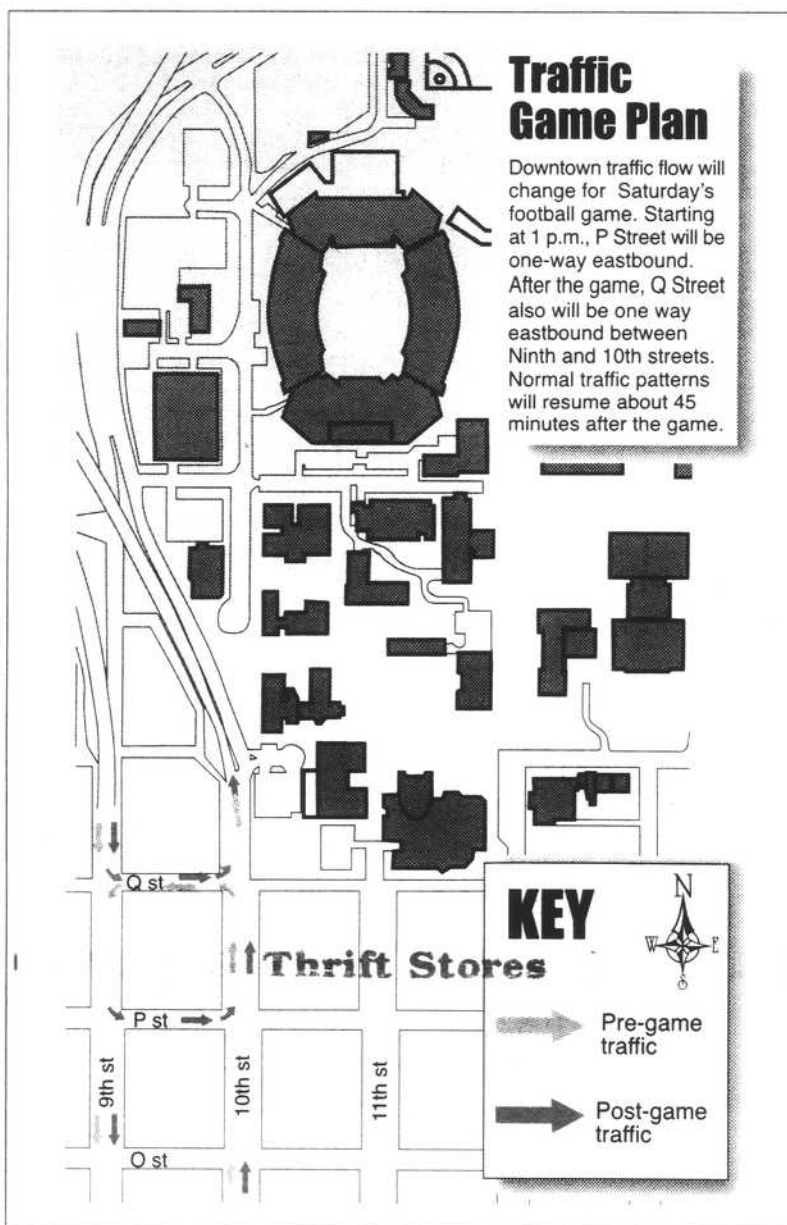
And as that mass of humanity descends upon Lincoln, city officials are once again preparing to handle the inevitable traffic bottlenecks.

The traffic situation this year is unique. P Street, frequently used by out-of-town fans as an artery to turn north onto 10th Street and eventually leave town, is being converted from one- to two-way traffic. But on Saturday, a stretch of it will be one-way once again.

The stretch of P Street between Ninth and 11th streets already has been converted to two-way traffic, causing traffic backups involving drivers unaccustomed to P Street's diminished capacity for traffic flow.

But to avoid more congestion on Saturday when Nebraska opens its football season against Louisiana Tech in the Eddie Robinson Classic, the stretch of P Street between Ninth and 10th streets will be temporarily returned to eastbound one-way traffic.

Two turn lanes from Ninth Street east onto P Street will be provided, as well as two lanes turning north from P



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