

History in the making

Mark McGwire took a first-inning pitch deep to left field Sunday, hitting his 61st home run to tie Roger Maris' home run record, previously set in 1961. PAGE 10

Being Frank

Frank Black led the power punk crusades of the early '90s. His new band, Frank Black and the Catholics is looking to convert old fans to a new cult. PAGE 12

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

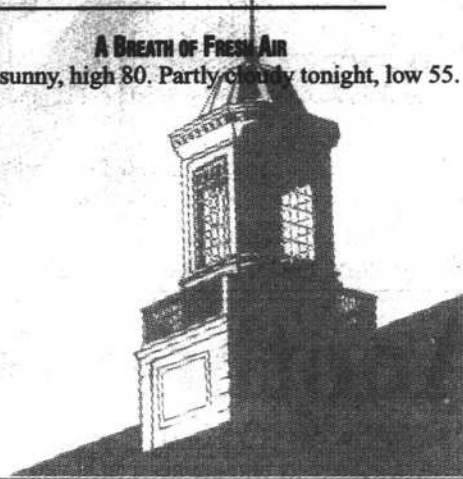
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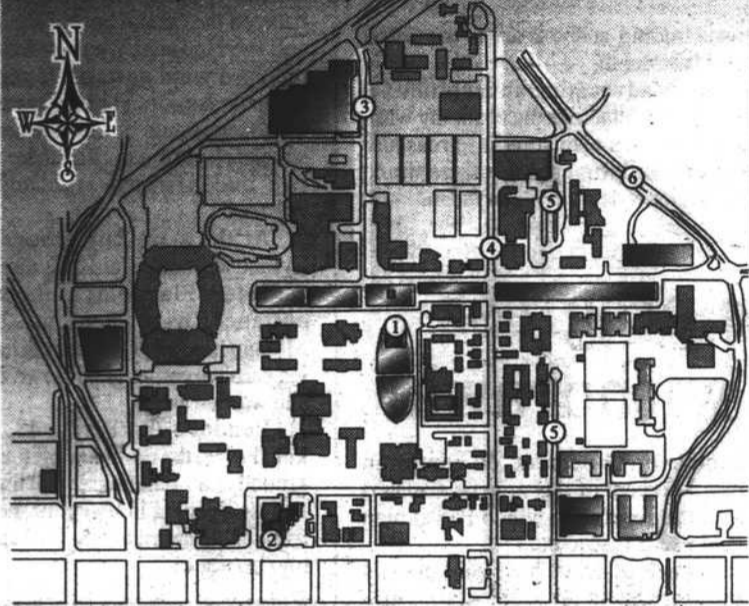
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UNL plan

A 12-year plan released Thursday will dramatically change the face of UNL's City Campus. The plan includes new parking garages around the campus perimeter, landscaped greenspace that link sections of the campus and redirected traffic to make UNL more pedestrian-friendly.



Key

Greenspace

Parking Garages

Potential Sites of Academic Buildings

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① Probable site of Business/Computer Science Residential Learning Community.

② Probable site of new Mary Ripma Ross Film Theater.

Street Changes

③ 14th Street will end at Memorial Hall.

④ 16th Street will become two-way and end in a cul-de-sac on the north edge of campus.

⑤ 17th Street will become two-way and be separated into a series of plazas and drives extending to residence halls.

⑥ Antelope Valley Parkway will wrap around campus as the most usable through street.

MATT HANEY/DN

UNL to don a new face

Editor's note: Today is the first in a two-part look at how UNL's new 12-year plan will reshape City and East campuses.

BY LINDSAY YOUNG
Senior staff writer

Some of the proposed changes to City Campus, as part of a 12-year plan, are the result of a study being done on the Antelope Creek flood plain.

The Antelope Valley Major Investment Study will play a role in redirecting traffic and controlling flooding so the land can be further developed.

John Benson, director of UNL Institutional Research and Planning,

said the plan, announced Thursday night, will help the University of Nebraska-Lincoln see how City and East campuses can evolve.

Among changes to City Campus, the plan will add a grassy corridor from Memorial Stadium to the Beadle Center, construct large parking garages on the outskirts of campus and build two new residence halls.

The plan, created by consultants from Lincoln and Denver, presents a "framework" to help make decisions about the campus, Benson said.

The Antelope Valley study needs to be finished before some changes are made, Benson said.

The parking lots, playing fields and tennis courts behind Cather and Pound residence halls are part of the

Antelope Creek flood plain.

The Antelope Valley study is based partly on flood control efforts along the flood plain.

Along with flood control, the study has looked at ways to redirect traffic around the campus.

Traffic changes will make the campus more pedestrian-friendly, Benson said. The traffic on 16th and 17th streets will be two-way and routed to the new Antelope Valley Parkway, which will run along the campus's east side. Another reason for some of the changes, including the grassy mall extending from Memorial Stadium, is that they will give a more identifiable

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Farm economy focus of debate

■ A second gubernatorial debate gives voters a chance to hear the opinions of candidates Hoppner and Johanns.

BY TODD ANDERSON
Senior staff writer

Nebraska's two candidates for governor added a few more degrees of heat to already soaring temperatures during this year's second gubernatorial debate in the Open Air Auditorium at State Fair Park on Sunday afternoon.

Focusing on lowering property taxes and bailing out Nebraska's farm economy, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill Hoppner took the offensive, calling on Republican candidate Mike Johanns to "talk straight" when touting his record.

Hoppner said Nebraska's governor should be the prime representative for Nebraska farmers facing low grain and livestock prices.

He said the federal government should increase the loan rate amount and extend the length of the repayment term to prevent farmers from going under or storing piles of grain to sell next year.

Johanns blamed President Bill Clinton's administration for worsening the farm economy by placing embargoes on countries that could purchase Nebraska products.

He recommended pushing Congress to increase funding for the International Monetary Fund to open up new markets, while moving up the transition payments set up under the Agricultural Reform

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and Improvement Act of 1996.

Johanns said increasing loan payments would lead to problems as severe as the farm crisis of the 1980s.

Johanns said all Nebraskans would benefit from decreased state spending and taxes, increased funding for education and economic growth.

Johanns called himself a fiscal conservative and emphasized his record as mayor of Lincoln.

"If I can find cuts in a \$70 million budget, I'm going to have a heyday with a \$2 billion state budget," he said, referring to the annual city and state budgets.

But Hoppner said Johanns benefited from state aid to cut property taxes as mayor, and property tax in Lincoln still increased.

Hoppner said he would increase aid to local government to lessen Nebraska's property tax burden and stressed his opposition for the Business Summit amendment to limit the growth of state spending.

He said the constitutional amendment, if approved by voters in November, would eliminate the Unicameral's ability to grant property tax relief.

Johanns, who grew up on a dairy farm in Iowa, said he would fight for less government and lower taxes while defending the lifestyle of Nebraskans.

Hoppner said he would stand by Nebraskans and invite all Nebraskans to participate in the decision-making process.

The next gubernatorial debate will be Oct. 20 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

NU Board of Regents opposes spending lid

BY JESSICA FARGEN
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The NU Board of Regents cited rising tuition as the main reason it formed a resolution to oppose a state spending lid.

Regent Chuck Hassebrook of Walthill motioned to oppose Initiative 413 — the state spending lid — because less state money for the university would make it hard for the university to continue to offer affordable and accessible higher education, he said.

Less money means higher tuition, which almost nobody wants, he said.

"A vote for 413 is a vote for higher tuition," Hassebrook said at the Friday afternoon meeting at the University of Nebraska Agricultural Research and Development Center near Ithaca.

Regent Drew Miller of Papillion and Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha were the two regents to vote against the resolution.

Regents

Skrupa said she was against the resolution because not all of her constituents were against the initiative.

"As regents we represent a very diverse group of people," she said. "This is the wrong position for regents to take at this time."

Miller said recent and future private university donations could be spent to offset the money the university did not get from the state.

But NU President Dennis Smith said more than 95 percent of university donations are earmarked for a certain project.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln said keeping tuition low is in the state's best interest. Because regents represent the best interests of the university, Wilson said, they should support the resolution against the tax lid.

He also said state money is necessary to

keep faculty salaries in line with peer institutions.

"We are stewards of the University of Nebraska," he said. "There is no question in my mind that (the tax lid) will have a negative impact."

All four student regents, whose votes do not officially count, voted for the resolution.

The regents also approved The Clark Enersen Partners as the design firm for the \$2.9 million renovation of the Devaney Center.

The firm will provide design services for the renovation of the 22-year-old indoor track. The project will start March 1999 — during track's off-season — and end in October of that year.

UNL Chancellor James Moeser said after the meeting the track is in "very bad repair."

"There's a lot of events we can't hold in there now," he said.

John Ingram, director of athletic facilities, said the renovations will consist of a hydraulically banked track, allowing for more versatility. He said UNL would be one of three universities nationally that have the "state-of-the-art" hydraulic track.

"The curves will raise up and it will be a banked track," he said. "It will recess into the floor so we have a flat area to do other events in."

The entire facility floor will be recovered with a new surface. The existing track is surrounded by cement, which is dangerous, he said.

Other changes include new roll-out bleachers, a new sound system and new lighting.

The changes will be paid for by Athletic Department operating funds, which come from sports revenue, not student fees or tax money, Ingram said.

In other regents news:

The leases of Nebraska Union food vendors were extended 23 months to compensate for lost business during union construction.