

P Street proponent joins mayor's race

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A fifth candidate announced Thursday his decision to run for mayor.

Jim Wrenholt, a P Street business owner and one of the key forces in turning the street back to one-way travel, is the latest candidate to enter the mayoral election in May.

Wrenholt is joined in the race by Randall Reichert, a University of Nebraska law student; Terry Kubick, a self-employed farmer and attorney; former state Sen. Don Wesely; and City Councilwoman Cindy Johnson.

Wrenholt, who owns Nordic Software, located at 301 P St., said he decided to run "to give people a better say-so in the government."

"People need someone to stand up for their concerns," he said.

Wrenholt said he felt there were some major issues he would deal with if elected mayor.

One of those issues, he said, is the \$200 million Antelope Valley project which calls for Antelope Creek flood protection and downtown rehabilitation.

"They're trying to make the (Antelope) decision without letting people approve it or deny it," he said.

Wrenholt said he was concerned about a few people trying to make decisions for everyone.

The recent privatization of Bryan Memorial and Lincoln General hospitals, he said, is a prime example. The two are now known as BryanLGH Medical Centers East and West.

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our electrical system, too," he said. "I want to make sure they don't privatize it like they did the hospitals."

Wrenholt said he was also concerned with a proposal to build two new schools in Lincoln, which could cost about \$100 million.

One solution to creating more citizen involvement in some larger-issue decisions, he said, was to send out direct mail in questionnaire form to registered voters on a regular basis.

"It's not up to the developers to decide big issues for us," he said. "Our quality of life is important. We need to preserve that."

Jon Camp, a managing partner of Haymarket Square developers, and a proponent of making P Street a one-way, said he felt Wrenholt's efforts in the P Street drive made him a strong candidate for mayor.

"It certainly gained him a degree of recognition within the community," said Camp, who recently decided to run for the City Council.

"The fact that he led that drive and garnered four or five thousand signatures shows that he's a concerned citizen."

More American Indian remains found in anthropology classroom

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"I was just plain not prepared for what happened Friday," Thomas said.

Thomas said the bones were discovered under a podium in the classroom.

Thomas said most of those present were surprised, including Bleed, who told Thomas the bones could have been part of a teaching collection.

"When I opened (the bags) I said, 'We have a problem,'" Thomas said. He said he knew the bones were not part of a teaching collection.

Hitchcock confirmed that the bones, of which at least one was marked to have been found in Cedar County, are American Indian.

Hitchcock said he suspected the bones were prehistoric.

Teeth also were discovered in the room, one of which could possibly be American Indian, Hitchcock said.

He said only American Indian remains were ordered out of Room 109 last April. However, he said, those that moved the remains may not have been able to tell whether the remains were American Indian.

He said few in the country can make that distinction, so those moving remains to the state museum facility could have missed some.

As a result of Friday's find, talk has increased surrounding who has had access to the room since April.

Arts and Sciences Dean Brian Foster said he assigned Room 109 to Reinhard during last semester. Reinhard started teaching in the room this semester.

Beyond that, Foster said, he didn't know who had access to the room. He said the room was under the control of the anthropology department.

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Hitchcock said Reinhard had one of the two keys to Room 109 from April, when the room was first cleared, until Friday. Hitchcock said he had the other key, but it didn't work.

The room is now sealed, and Foster said his office has the room's two keys. After Room 109 is blessed by spiritual leaders, it will be turned over for use by the geosciences department, Hitchcock said.

Some Nebraska excavation sites' 1937 log books also were found in Room 109. The books had been missing since at least 1990, Hitchcock said. The books detailed remains and artifacts found at particular sites.

The remains are now in the hands of University Police, and will shortly be moved to the state museum facility to be stored with other human remains and artifacts, Hitchcock said.

Because of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990, the university will prepare the remains to be repatriated to their respective tribes.

In September, UNL Chancellor James Moeser made a move to repatriate nearly 1,700 American Indian remains. The agreement came almost

a year after the university discovered remains in Room 109 in October 1997.

The remains were supposed to have been inventoried under NAGPRA by 1995, and were not to have been stored or studied without tribal permission, according to the federal law.

Ralph Thomas, a Grassroots NAGPRA representative, said his group was calling for Reinhard's ouster in light of the recent discoveries.

"At some point in time, this university is going to have to accept the responsibility and quit this white-gloved treatment of Karl Reinhard," he said.

Last fall, a Nebraska State Patrol investigation found that the university did not violate state law in its handling of remains. A university-hired attorney has not finished his investigation into whether the university violated state or university law.

Randy Thomas said he was upset because tribes were told by university officials that only plastic molds used for teaching were in Room 109.

"They've lied to us from day one — which we knew. It just adds fuel to the fire."

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