

New Possibilities

Students, students everywhere and not a place to drive. Persons driving down 14th Street are met with a deluge of students crossing the street, completely ignoring lights in an attempt to cross the bottle neck and get to class on time.

The University Regents voted Tuesday to urge the city of Lincoln to close 14th Street.

This of course is going to mean rerouting some traffic, but may also mean saving a few lives.

Several close calls have occurred on the corner of 14th and R. Last year several people were injured, luckily not seriously. This year there have been fewer accidents, possibly because drivers have now become educated to look out for the pedestrians.

But this does not lessen the possibility of an out-of-town driver, or possibly of an irate driver, racing through the intersection and knocking off some innocent student.

Several proposals have been made in the past, both officially and unofficially. They include a viaduct for vehicles, a viaduct for pedestrians, a new traffic light that would lessen the complicated corner. Closing off the street in front of Love Library lessened the complication some but still left a dangerous intersection.

The least complicated and most effective answer seems to be closing the street altogether. There will still need to be access to the parking lots in that area but through traffic will be eliminated.

The closing might also make way for a grassed-in section or perhaps Dean Martin's skating rink. It will make for a more beautiful campus.

Columnist Added

A new columnist, Allan Gerlach, has been added to the editorial page writer, Gerlach, a member of SANE, will present the views of that group.

SUSAN SMITHBERGER

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By Mike Barton

From time to time, we must think "unthinkable thoughts." In that context, I offer excerpts from an article by Walter Cronkite. It deals with the role of the Fraternity System, which is much in question today.

"I am not entirely a conformist in the popular current view that the emphasis is fraternity life must be focused on individual and group betterment. I don't happen to believe that, to justify its existence, a social fraternity needs to cloak itself in petticoats of virtue.

From whence came the idea that a social fraternity must combine the scholarly and service functions of Rotary, Kiwanis, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Delta Chi, the Student Union and the Newman Club? In what context must we believe today that there is no room in the undergraduate's life for purely social championship with his fellow students?

Certainly there is need today for a new devotion, a rededication to the pursuit of learning, that this nation may continue its deserved leadership and that we may be better prepared to meet the increasingly serious threat from alien ideologies. But this great task need not be unlearned

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with a sense of humor. 'Fun' has almost become a dirty word as if it were something in which the polite (read 'dedicated') would dare not indulge."

"Let the college fraternities undertake good works. Frequently the harder the common labor the greater the bond which is forged among the laborers. But let us not, through some sense of false embarrassment, permit this to become the college fraternity's principal reason for being."

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Dear Editor:

It seems, if one is to believe the comments read in the "Campus Opinion" and "The Gadfly" or "heard over coffee in the Crib" that you and your staff are on the losing side of campus opinion.

Being arch-conservative, Republican, Protestant, smalltown, Greek indoctrinated, anti-integration and apathetic, I can sym-

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pathize with your position and regret to see the abuse that some fanatical segments of campus society are admit that your editorials are untimely and often quite biased in viewpoint, but through them you are fulfilling your assigned position wonderfully. If the "Rag" were to touch on controversial topics it might incite a real campus controversy, and you know that might cause a shaking of the status quo.

Just think what would happen if the giant womb of the University were to relax its hold on the students. Two of our illustrative administrators, Dean Ross and Dean Snyder, would suffer a drastic reduction in their tradition-bound roles; thought it might be arranged to ship them off to summer Church camp where they might serve a worthwhile purpose.

Ponder a moment, what would happen if the Greek system were to integrate. Would you want to function with a Negro?

So please, Miss Editor, stand by your ideals and let's keep our sweet society sweet, our apathetic campus apathetic, and above all, our womb secure.

Respectfully,
Roger A. Elm

Good Paper!

Dear Editor:

EXCITING job on Monday's paper.

But what about the error on page one, column 4, where the esteemed editor says, "Errors are not corohable (sic)."

With great sympathy for cause, GP

Editor's Note: Ooops, we goofed. Those darned typos have a way of cropping up in the darnedest plac-



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What's Left?

by Allen Gerlach

Secretary McNamara has publically warned that no matter who strikes first, a 60-minute nuclear exchange between Russia and America would annihilate over half the population of each country. Former Chairman Khrushchev has stated that the survivors would envy the dead. With such a catastrophe looming on the horizon, it is time for all responsible Americans to ask "What's Left?"

Nuclear weapons have made war as an instrument of national policy a totally self-defeating one. The time for simply talking about peace has passed in a world in which there is potentially a 10-or-20-ton bomb hovering over the head of every man, woman and child on the face of this earth. The best hope for a world without war lies in the achievement of general and complete disarmament with adequate inspection and control, and under a greatly strengthened United Nations to provide peaceful methods for the solution of conflicts and the promotion of world change and development.

But neither disarmament by stages nor the attainment of a true peace can be achieved without facing the problems and conflicts in world trouble spots today. Those problems should be faced simultaneously with those involving weapons of mass destruction.

President John F. Ke-

ney, in his address to the United Nations in September, 1961, challenged the U.S.S.R. to a "peace race." While we disagree with the Communist nations in many ways, we also have common interests in avoiding nuclear war, ending radioactive fallout, reducing money spent on arms which is needed elsewhere, and in ending the suicidal arms race. Upon these common interests world security can be based. The signing of the limited nuclear test ban treaty of 1963 is an indication that the Soviets too want to survive.

Now, with the continuing Soviet-American detente, the time is ripe for some bold steps in the "peace race." Russia may or may not accept the challenge, but we will never know if we do not try, vigorously and repeatedly. We must, as Senator Fulbright has suggested, "think unthinkable thoughts."

America can take world leadership by setting bold new policies that show the way to a peaceful world. American initiatives to slow the arms race as well as new approaches to political settlements in tension areas, are two broad areas in which new American policies are needed. Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defenses of peace must be constructed. These defenses will be discussed in later articles.

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