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Plans Disappoint

It was disappointing to hear that there are no plans for student-professor, conference-discussion rooms in the classroom buildings to be constructed in the near future at the University.

A. C. Breckenridge, vice chancellor and dean of faculties, explained that the school just could not afford the space or the money to include the Student Senate proposed

STILL, THE UNIVERSITY has plans for increasing the housing for on-campus students. Breckenridge proposed several multi-level dormitories that are certain to be constructed in the near future.

While we realize that many parents would not send "our boy Johnny" or 17-year-old Mary to the University if they were not assured their college kid would be properly looked after in a campus dorm, we also believe it is ridiculous to expect that the University can continue to provide enough on-campus housing for its growing enrollment.

We question the urgency of University oficials to attempt to build an Abel every year to provide campus housing for even a majority of students.

IT WOULD SEEM MORE PLAUSIBLE and indeed more important to provide adequate classroom space first and then to add the conference areas which would provide a chance for a personal professor-student relationship which is important and so neglected at our university.

Off-campus housing has it drawbacks. But, in most cases it is less expensive than a dorm or house bill. And more and more students will discover the freedom and convenience of apartment living. More and more students will be willing to live off-campus.

But, more and more students will also expect, perhaps even demand, that they have an opportunity to meet with a professor after lecture in a room with an informal atmosphere-where ideas, arguments, philosophies can be discussed and where some real learnig can occur.

Future building plans for the University might be practical-for the practioners. For those who wish for the development of a truly intellectual, simulating, UNIVERSITY atmosphere the "no plans" for the conference-discussion rooms is discouraging-a blow below the belt.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS

GIVE AN EXAM ON TH' FIRST CLASS PERIOD AFTER VACATION

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

LET'S SKIP THE LAB

QUIT WORRYIN' ABOUT TH

HOME BY 'CLOSING HOURS!

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OVERPASS STRUCTURE . . . Is the solution to a 14h Street problem at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City. The road passing under the overpass is four-lane U.S. 6.

What About 14th Street?

It happens every day. Students take 20 dangerous steps across a main north-south city street. Cars honk. And some charge their way through the crowds.

The street-14th. The drivers-irate. The University students-nonchalant.

The car-pedestrian problem has been discussed at length for several years. Proposals have been made. Noth-

ing has been done. Recently we were informed that Mayor Dean H. Petersen was held up while the light changed from red to green three times as students formed a continuous flesh and bone wall which is difficult for even the massive

American cars to penetrate Perhaps after Mayor Petersen's individual experience with the problem at 14th a plan will be formed and something WILL BE DONE.

A LINCOLN RESIDENT provided us with the picture of the State University of Iowa's solution to a similar problem. U.S. 6, a four-lane highway, is overpassed by a pedestrian walk located on the east edge of the

He included the following remarks: "It seems to me that some thought should be given to this solution for our problems here. It certainly makes better sense than to close three major north-south streets.'

Reference to closing "three major north-south streets" results from one proposal made which would be favored by most University students, faculty members and administrators alike-that of closing 14th, 16th and 17th From most Lincoln tax-paying residents' point of view this solution would be inconvenient as well as very cost-

BUT THE OVERPASS PROPOSAL, if implemented, might not be adequate. Fourteenth Street is not a U.S. Highway. It is simply a city street. And only 20 steps from eurb to curb.

Cheating Exposed

(ACP)-Should cheaters be exposed and expelled?

North Texas State University, Denton recently accused one of his students of cheating, reports the CAM-PUS CHAT John M. Jones told his

class he had evidence that one of them had cheated on a test. "I have had quite a bit of experience with this sort of thing and after several years have come to the conslusion that it is best for all concerned if the teacher exposes the cheater before

his classmates," he said. "IT'S A TERRIBLE THING TO DO," he continued, "but it makes the person involved think twice before doing such a thing again and should illustrate to the rest of the class the futility of trying to get away

with cheating. Looking directly at a coed in the front row, he accused her and asked, "Well, what do you have to say for your-

"Mr. Jones . . . I didn't do it," the coed replied ex-An education professor at citedly. "How can you accuse me of such a thing?"

> The professor insisted that she leave the room, report to the registrar's office, and drop the course. He opened the door and said "Good riddance" to her as she hurried out.

> RETURNING TO THE CLASS, he asked if he had done the wrong thing. Every hand was raised. Then he went outside and brought the accused student in.

> He told the students they had just witnessed an incident prepared to illustrate how a class can be made to feel shock, surprise, embarrassment, and astonishment,

The students were asked to write a paragraph on their reactions. In the paragraphs they wrote, most students said they felt the method was cruel and rude. They also agreed that open exposure would eliminate or reduce cheating

An overpass would add an uphill, downhill climb and a distance which students accustomed to the curb to curb route might follow - even if it were there-looming in

Such is the case at Minnesota University where students fail to use to overpass provided-even though the avenue which passes through their University will soon become a four lane

A SOLUTION should be found for the 14th Street dilemma. An overpass might be less costly but perhaps not practical. We are encouraged that many are aware

of the problem and are offering solutions. Meanwhile this morning students crossed 14th. Driv ers were agitated by the slowdown. Neither was partic-

ularly concerned with the other's point of view. It happens every day.

MARILYN HOEGEMEYER

With all this talk about AWS and women's hours, I am happy to see that you have the guts to take a strong editorial position on

This school has closed

some pretty important

things at some pretty ri-

I wasn't too terribly

pleased when I found the

library shutdown on week

ends. I shrugged it off as bureaucracy that the whole administration building

diculous hours.

Dear Editor:

whole campus.

Campus Opinion—

Don't Starve Us

object.

I sincerely hope that Miss Whitney and her board members realize that the letters appearing in the Nebraskan voice the unhappiness of the vast majority of University women, and that

a situation that badly war -

rants the attention of the

Appreciate Stand they will, soon, take some

closed down at lunch time when many students have

BUT the final bit of idio-

cy was that at 10:15 on a Sunday night one cannot buy

even a coke in the Crib-

time to fill out forms, but

starving us is too much. I

Sweet Young Thing

Fine. Deny us of learning,

their only free time.

definite constructive action Maybe Miss Whitney could tell the campus newspaper what, if any, changes are under consideration. Or does she feel that this might raise the hopes of University women, only to have a big disappointment follow?

In any case, let me repeat that I, as well as most University women, appreciate your editorial stand on AWS and hours.

Another Coed

On Time ...

If time be of all things the most precious, wasting time must be the greatest prodigality. since lost time is never found again; and what we call time enough is always little enough. Let us then be up and doing, and doing to the purpose; so by diligence shall we do more with less perplexity.—Franklin

Another Viewpoint ...

Personal Experience' Theory Cramps Intellectual Atmosphere

By Ed Schwartz New York University

One of the major obstacles to the development of a spirit of intellectual community on college campuses is the widespread belief that education should be primarily a "personal experience: By this theory, the scholastic ideal is the ivory-tower intellectual-the fellow you never see who becomes the valedictorian. We are urged to "find ourselves" through a process which evokes images of the caterpillar emerging from his cocoon, ready to face the arduous tasks of the butterfly. And as we all know, cocoons rarely get together to discuss common problems.

ONCE THE THEORY is accepted, it becomes almost activities wedded to educational goals. The campus intellectual withdrawn within himself, maintains social relations with only his professors and a few intelligent friends. and views with detached cynicism the frivolity of the undergraduate masses. The student government, the campus paper, the fraternities, and other institutions are all generally left to the devices of those for whom college is an uncomfortable intermission between high school and a job-those who limit the scope of these activities to parties, athletics, and an occasional skirmish with the administrations over parental rules.

THE INTELLECTUAL SAYS that activities are "Mickey Mouse," which they are; the campus leader says that intellectuals are "apathetic." which they are. Each judges the other by the standards he expects of himself and of the school, and the two rarely get together.

I am not a relativist on this question: on most campuses, I would side with the intellectuals. I do believe that a student who enters a university should develop fundemental questions about himself, about his society and culture, and about his relationship to them, if he wants to derive greatest benefit from his education.

I DISAGREE with the scholars, however, that such questions can be answered best in isolation - either in the isolaton of a dorm room, pondering the eternal verities; or in the isolation of a large lecture hall, scribbling pearls of wisdom from the man at the front. If learning by "experience" is a valid concept, the

experience of community debate, through which a student tests his ideas against those of the rest, should be as valuable as testing them against the marking system.

The university which I would envision is one in which the sphere of curricular and extra-curricular activities would be the same - one in which the intellectuals become the community leaders of the school

How is such a transformation to be achieved? On some campuses, present student leaders - those tired of the provincial attitudes and trivial programs which characterize most extra-curricular activities - might sieze the iniative. A student government representative might rise to suggest running a referendum on the Vietnam question; campus editor might institute a book review column; a fraternity brother might invite a professor to the house for an afternoon of discussion and coffee-these would

BETTER STILL, leaders from various organizations might meet to coordinate educational programs in which all groups could participate. That would be a major step.

At many schools, however, such initiative from present student leadership cannot be expected. Those in power are too attuned to a tradition of extracurricular Babbitry to change. They would fear proposals such as these, since they demand imagination of a kind which breeds discomfort in those who lack it. Their opposition to change would be assured.

ON THESE CAMPUSES, the disfranchised intellectuals must organize. They should run candidates for elective office, while infiltrating the staff of the campus journals. If there are dormitory organizations, they should try to control those, too. No extra-curricular organization of the school should be beyond transformation. The knownothings should be voted out; the creative should come in.

IN ORDER FOR such a transformation to take place. however, campus intellectuals throughout the country must decide that the utopian "community of scholars" is a goal worth attaining. Individual development at base may be a "personal experience," but it will proceed best only in university which honors thought in every institution. Otherwise, we might as well be watching educational tele-



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