

UNO dorm question

The recent move by students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha to investigate the possibility of building private dormitories near the UNO campus raises a question which should be of interest to University students and citizens of the state. Would the building of dorms subject to NU housing regulation on or near the UNO campus be in the best interest of all four campuses of the University of Nebraska?

It is not yet clear if UNO students want high rise dorms or merely want to attract apartment-type buildings into the campus area. Nevertheless, it should be the policy of the University not to go on a dorm building spree at UNO as it did here.

The argument of UNO students for building dorms is that it is hard to attract students from outside the Omaha area to attend UNO because there are no residence facilities. But would it be desirable to attract students to UNO from the same market of high school graduates the Lincoln campuses seek? To transform UNO from a commuter, urban university into a residence university would be duplicating the role of the Lincoln campuses. It would be wasteful. It would be creating two Lincolns and abandoning the uniqueness of the UNO campus.

UNO, by its very location in the only urban center in Nebraska, offers a totally different learning environment from any other educational institution in the state. It provides a perfect opportunity to study all the problems of our cities from pollution to over-population to mass transit. Consequently, it should maintain its commuter system with students living in that urban environment. Furthermore the University of Nebraska could hardly afford to build any dorms. With the price of construction materials and present interest rates, it would probably not only be inadvisable to build dorms, but economically impossible.

However, apartment buildings built by private contractors would not be as bad as University-sanctioned dorms. In fact, this situation might combine the best of both cases. It would maintain the urban, commuter make-up of UNO while possibly attracting Omaha area students who don't want to live at home or out-of-state students who prefer the urban campus to Lincoln.

Nevertheless, Nebraska has the opportunity to offer its students the choice of an urban or non-urban university environment. This choice should be preserved.

—Jim Pedersen

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our man hoppe

by ARTHUR HOPPE

Oh, there's jubilation today in The Anti-Chinese Ballistic Missile Works of Sheboygan, N.J. Mr. Nixon has decided to build an Anti-Chinese Ballistic Missile System after all.

"I don't anticipate an attack by Communist China," the President told his latest press conference. But the untested Anti-Chinese Ballistic Missile, he said, "is virtually infallible against that kind of potential attack."

And we'll all certainly sleep better each night, knowing we have virtually infallible, untested defense against the kind of attack we don't anticipate.

HAPPIEST OF ALL is the Chairman of the A-CBM Works, Mr. Mordred Kruppe, who gave reporters a tour of his humming plant the other day.

"The A-CBM was invented by Defense Secretary McNamara back in 1967," he explained. "It was just a cheap, shoddy little \$5 billion system suitable only for shooting down cheap, shoddy little Chinese Ballistic Missiles. Here's a photograph of an early model. We called it The Safeguard. But it was never built."

"Why not?" inquired an inquiring reporter.

"Lack of public demand," said Mr. Kruppe, shaking his head sadly. "The public just wouldn't buy the Anti-Chinese Ballistic Missile. It was the Edsel of its day. So we designed a brand new missile for Mr. Nixon. Here's a photograph of it."

"But that's the same photograph," exclaimed a reporter. "It's exactly the same missile."

"Oh, no," said Mr. Kruppe. "This isn't the Safeguard Missile any more. This is the Sentinel Missile. It's not an Anti-Chinese

Ballistic Missile any more. It's an Anti-Russian Ballistic Missile. And instead of defending our cities, it'll defend our missile sites — which, after all, are much more modern and up-to-date than our cities."

"What's the difference between these two missile systems?" asked a reporter, examining the photograph carefully.

"About \$5 billion," said Mr. Kruppe cheerfully. "But you can always sell the public anything anti-Russian. So we're busy re-tooling. Among the many major design changes, we plan to paint the nose cones red rather than yellow. But this all-new Anti-Chinese Ballistic Missile is going to be a real challenge."

"Do you have a photograph of this all-new missile?" the same reporter asked.

"You're holding it in your hand," said Mr. Kruppe. "And if you're going to ask me again, 'What's the difference?' This time it's about \$40 billion."

"NOW, JUST A MINUTE," said a young reporter angrily. "Do you mean to say you're going to try to sell the public the same old missile over and over again?"

"Of course not," said Mr. Kruppe with a frown. "We're going to give it an all-new name. And we'll paint the nose-cones yellow, rather than red. And, as the President explained, it will guard our cities rather than our missile sites and . . ."

"But that's nothing more than the original Anti-Chinese Ballistic Missile System," cried the reporter. "You're going to sell the public the same missile they rejected in 1967 and charge them ten times the original price."

"It just shows you," said Mr. Kruppe with a complacent smile, "how the threat of an unanticipated attack has grown in the past three years."

EDIT ORIAL



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Dear Editor:

I would like to offer this in response to the article "Notes from the Oven" which appeared in the Daily Nebraskan on February 9, 1970.

Hello, Ken Wald. This is for you.

I would like to comment on your article, "Notes from the Oven."

I thought it was very good from one standpoint, and yet quite bad from another. The good was that in such a small space it presented a large number of misconceptions, so that one could see at one glance the ridiculousness of them. What was bad was the statement, "I'm being logical," which anyone could see through. The article was full of warped notions purported to be factual, half-truths and had a general aura of spite and hostility bordering on hate about it.

You say that Mr. Agnew was Governor of Maryland — so what does that prove? It proves, my boy, that a majority of the people of a progressive state such as Maryland, after having ample time to look over and scrutinize Mr. Agnew's merits and qualifications felt confident enough to entrust him with the responsible position of the governorship. Do you know what responsibility, to someone other than yourself, is? Mr. Agnew has said, "The peaceniks and all their friends have lost the values of a bygone America."

Perhaps these values such as decency, patriotism, respect and reverence are bygone. If they are, it is your kind who has lost them to us and our future generations. I will agree with you, lynching and segregation exist and are wrong. However,

our leaders, for the past two decades, and continuing in the present Administration, have been trying to end these sufferings.

Your statement of the Vice President's purpose on his recent Asian tour is totally mistaken. Obviously you seem to know better than our government what our Asian intentions are. I wonder where you get this information? Perhaps from Radio Hanoi or Pravda?

The best way to understand a nation's intentions is to listen to the statements of its leaders, in our case that old liberal Nemesis, Richard Nixon. Examine his Vietnam statement of November 3, 1969, and the "Nixon Doctrine" formulated on Midway Island last Spring. This is where our country stands. If you prefer the Communist's words as your Gospel over our government's, it's up to you, but don't try to shove that garbage at us.

You complain about the alleged Song My murders. You have quite apparently decided that Lieutenant Calley is guilty of these murders. Some of us like to see a man innocent until proven guilty. This is why there is an inquiry and a trial. The same applies to members of the Black Panther Party. They are not being tried for being Black Panthers, but because they broke the law.

A lot of bull was crammed down many throats in the '60's, including mine. If some of it is now regorging, I'm sorry, but it's only a bodily process. Heaven forbid should the Silent Majority speak!

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