

Take a walk to combat auto pollution

A group of University of Nebraska students is planning a unique way to combat a major cause of pollution — the automobile.

"We hope to select a certain day during which people will

voluntarily forego the use of any private transportation vehicle run by an internal combustion engine," said Charles R. Haskins, chairman of the Leave-Your-Car-At-Home-Day Committee.

The group has just recently formed, so no date has been chosen yet. The date will be later this year, possibly September 22.

But Haskins emphasized that the Leave-Your-Car-at-Home

Day will only be the climax of a continuing effort to stop the destruction caused by the automobile.

"It is obvious that the government alone won't stop the damage to our society caused indirectly or directly by the transportation industry," he said.

Haskins, a sophomore from Millard, Neb., said that the transportation industry is damaging the environment in two ways.

"Cars pollute the environment by their exhaust," he said. "In addition, the automobile is terribly unsafe and Detroit manufacturers refuse to do much about it."

If any meaningful improvement in the environment is to be expected, an all out effort by concerned individuals and groups must be forthcoming, he said.

As one alternative, Haskins suggested a national planning board consisting of prominent individuals in the fields of auto safety, ecology, rapid transit systems and automobile improvement. The planning board could recommend standards to be followed by the transportation industry.

Also, pressure must be placed on government agencies and Congress to approve relevant legislation, he said.

Haskins said that, if Detroit automakers will not voluntarily

place anti-pollution devices on automobiles, legislation should force the car makers to do so.

Automobiles are in great need of safety devices, Haskins continued. Some of the devices have already been perfected; others need more research. But, he added, government ought to force the auto manufacturers to install them.

"We'll just have to concentrate our effort toward breaking the power of Detroit," Haskins said. "The best method of humbling the Big Four automakers is to jeopardize their profits."

"It seems that the auto manufacturers do not respond to anything but financial pressure," Haskins said. "It's up to the citizens of the United States to show Detroit how much we want changes to be made."

He does not deny that the Leave-Your-Car-at-Home-Day Committee will have to work hard to accomplish anything.

Hopefully, the day when all citizens will leave their car at home will help draw attention to the problems automobiles are causing, Haskins said.

"Many people are finally beginning to realize the desperate situation this country is in," he concluded. "We've got to improve the environmental situation, and cars are a major cause of the problem."

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Proposed amendments to the ASUN Constitution concerning the ASUN Senate:

A. To strike part C., Article VII., Section 1., which reads "To enact regulations, ordinances, statements of policy, and other legislation of the Association by simple majority, provided that at least two-thirds (2-3) majority of the members are present and voting."

B. To add a new part C., Article VII., Section 1., to read: "To enact regulations, ordinances, statements of policy, and other legislation of the Association by simple majority of those voting, a quorum being present."

A. To strike part F., Article VII., Section 1., which reads "To adopt recommendations concerning affairs which affect the University at large by simple majority, provided that at least two-thirds (2-3) of the members vote, and to present these recommendations to the University official concerned."

B. To add a new part F., Article VII., Section 1., to read: "To adopt recommendations concerning affairs which affect the University at large by simple majority

of those voting, a quorum being present, and to present these recommendations to the University official concerned."

A. To add a part P. to Article VII., Section 1., to read: "A quorum shall be three-fifths (3-5) of the entire voting membership."

B. To add a part Q. to Article VII., Section 1., to read: "In all articles of the ASUN Constitution the words 'entire voting membership' shall mean those members found on the rolls at the time of the vote."

(The proposed ASUN amendments to be ratified must be approved by a majority vote with at least thirty percent of the eligible students voting in the election, or by an affirmative vote of fifteen percent of the eligible voters when less than thirty percent of the eligible students vote.)

Proposed amendment to the Home Economics Advisory Board Constitution: To add subdivision A to Section 3 of Article III concerning membership which will read as follows: "If the elected representative from Home Economics Education is in her professional semester during her term of office, she may appoint with the approval of the board, another Home Economics Education major to serve as a substitute. This appointed member would serve as a liaison between the elected member, the board, and the Home Economics Education majors."

(The proposed Home Economics Advisory Board amendment to be ratified must be approved by a majority vote of the total enrollment in the School of Economics with at least thirty percent of the eligible students voting or by the affirmative vote of fifteen percent of the eligible voters when less than thirty percent of the eligible students vote.)

Republicans elect Haggart chairma

The University of Nebraska Young Republicans has elected Roni Haggart as chairman for the 1970-71 term. Co-chairman will be Matt Bosley.

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