

# Red menace on the LTT campus

by Bart Becker

If you're a newcomer to UNL you may think the Big Red telephone carrels have been here all along. If you're an oldtimer you may think that history is running its course and UNL has become a leisure service of Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph Co. (LTT). In any event you're likely to notice that where there once was mud, there is now the mechanism for communication.

Sometime during the last few days of the summer the public pay telephones sprung up in at least two spots on the UNL campus at the corner of the Broyhill Plaza next to the Nebraska Union and near Sheldon Art Gallery, thus eliminating the muddy mess that used to occupy those areas.

Although they provide a convenience service for students they won't shield you from the elements. One youngster discovered that Wednesday during the height of the storm when his attempt to crawl into the mini-booth met with little success. A regular phone booth will provide you with a roof over your head, but we're talking about communication, not shelter.

The potential advantages are myriad. For instance, suppose you want to visit the

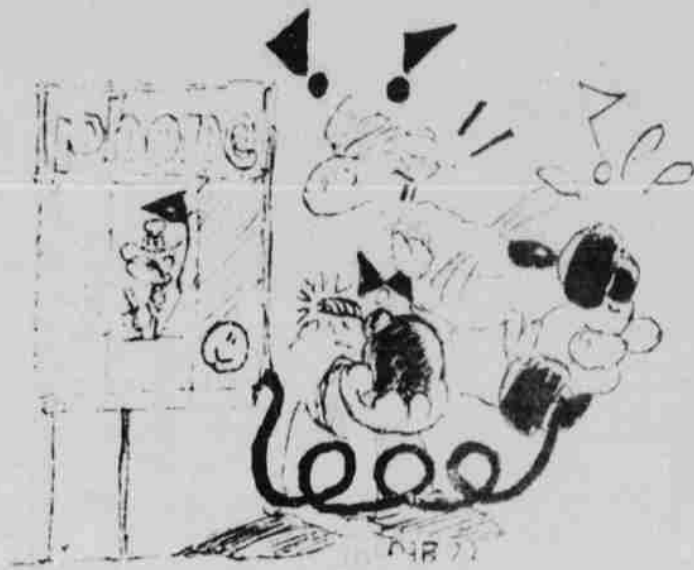
Sheldon Gallery, but it's not open. For one thin dime, one-tenth of a dollar, you can call the time and temperature and know just how long you'll have to hang around looking bored before the doors swing open.

Or suppose the Red Menace really does rear its head on the UNL campus. You might be alone, wandering aimlessly among the ivy-covered walls of Love Library and CBA. When you catch sight of the insipid forces you have merely to sprint to the nearest Big Red phone and dial the proper authorities. A nation saved thanks to you, the campus improvements people and LTT.

And, lastly, consider the opportunities the phones afford any prospective building bombers. If that's your idea of continuing education you'll be able to warn any unknowing citizens of the impending blast by taking a short stroll to your handy campus public phone.

Or call first—you'll have time.

The other advantage is dependent on total belief in the telephone company slogan. I think I'll put in a call to Nepal where, I've been told, the streets are paved with cash (among other things). The phone slogan says it's the next best thing to being there. And that probably wouldn't be bad.



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