

# Coalition pushes for Radial question on ballot

The Coalition Against the Radial, a group of organizations protesting the plan for a Northeast Radial highway, has begun collecting petition signatures that would put the Radial plan before the voters in the Lincoln May city elections.

The Northeast Radial is a proposed 3.2 miles of freeway and 2.4 miles of arterial streets to handle traffic from the central business district of Lincoln to the north and east. It would cut through several residential neighborhoods.

According to an article in the *Radial Roadblock*, a newspaper published by the coalition, the charter amendment, if passed, would assure the coordination of long-range fiscal, land-use, comprehensive and transportation planning.

It also would assure the development of a safe, efficient and balanced transportation system and the adoption of minimum planning standards, the *Radial Roadblock* said.

Fulfilling these minimum standards, the article said, must be established before major transportation systems are constructed or completed. This would include a reassessment of the

Northeast Radial Highway, the *Radial Roadblock* said.

The amendment also would include the assurance that there would be a unanimous vote of the City Council or a majority of the eligible voters of Lincoln before any transportation project costing more than \$15 million could begin," the *Radial Roadblock* said.

According to a coalition member, the long-range effect of this proposal would provide Lincoln with the same quality of planning and coordinating procedures for major transportation projects used by the State Roads Department.

The short-range effect, he said, would be to stop right-of-way acquisition for the Northeast Radial and the reassessment of the project in terms of modern costing and planning methods.

The groups comprising the coalition include Lancaster County Young Democrats, Clinton Neighborhood Association, Fremont Area Citizens Committee, City Wide Tenants Association, Lincoln Section of the Nebraska Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and the Citizens for Improved Planning.



Symbol of the *Radial Roadblock* . . . the short term goal is to stop the highway.

## KRNU broadcasts 'Earplay' episodes

KRNU (90.3 fm), the UNL radio station, will produce 10 original radio dramas, Feb. 19 to March 2 at 10 a.m., with repeat broadcasts at 2, 6 and 10 p.m. each weekday.

The dramas are from the series *Earplay*, produced by station WHA at the University of Wisconsin through a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. Because the series can only be used on public stations, KRNU will be the only area station to broadcast the episodes.

*Earplay* was started last year. In its first year of operation 40 plays (twice the number anticipated) were produced and distributed to noncommercial radio stations; By the end of the first year, 2600 scripts had been received.

In its second year, *Earplay* plans to purchase and produce at least 75 scripts. Scripts now are being considered. Entries should be sent to *Earplay*, WHA Radio Hall, Madison, Wis. 53706, before March 31.

According to *Earplay* Director Karl Schmidt, the project "is not an attempt to bring back the 'good old days of radio.' It is an attempt to awaken in playwrights and in listening audiences the interest and excitement in radio drama which has been dormant for so long."

## Students to aid inmates

Eight students at the UNL Law College will provide legal assistance to inmates at the State Penal Complex through a program announced last week.

The program will be supervised by Alan H. Saltzman, who recently was hired by UNL. He came from the University of Oklahoma Law School.

Each student has been licensed by the Nebraska Supreme Court, under the senior practice rule, and all will receive academic credit for the work.

Under the project, inmates can request legal assistance and the students will be assigned by Saltzman.

All requests for aid will not be able to be filled, Saltzman said, because of the small number of students.

Federal funds from the Nebraska Crime Commission will pay for 75 per cent of the cost while the remaining funds will be provided by UNL.

Saltzman said he hopes to help prisoners with legal problems concerning parole eligibility, disputes with prison officials, challenge of their convictions or civil problems such as divorce actions.

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