

Professor refuses to debate

Answering an Omaha senator's debate challenge, Carroll McKibbin, chairman of UNL's political science department, said he does not think there is anything to debate.

Sen. David Stahmer said last week he would like to publicly debate McKibbin, who wrote an article in the American Assoc. of University Professors bulletin that dismissed the political results of the Omaha University-NU campus merger.

"The man is entitled to his opinion," McKibbin said. "I do think he misinterpreted the slant of the article. He concluded

something I never intended."

Stahmer had said McKibbin made Omaha senators look as if they had not been cooperative in helping UNL.

"The study was a reflection of a number of things," McKibbin said. "UNO started from a lower base than UNL. In terms of trying to get equity, it has been a little better off."

He said that this was not the focus of the study. "The focus said the arrangement had not worked out as it was originally planned because so far an alliance has not been established between Omaha and Lincoln for higher education."

Law student government calls for impeachment

The Student Bar Assoc. Council at UNL, which is the student government of the College of Law, has adopted a resolution calling for congressional appointment of a new Watergate prosecutor and the institution of impeachment proceedings against President Nixon.

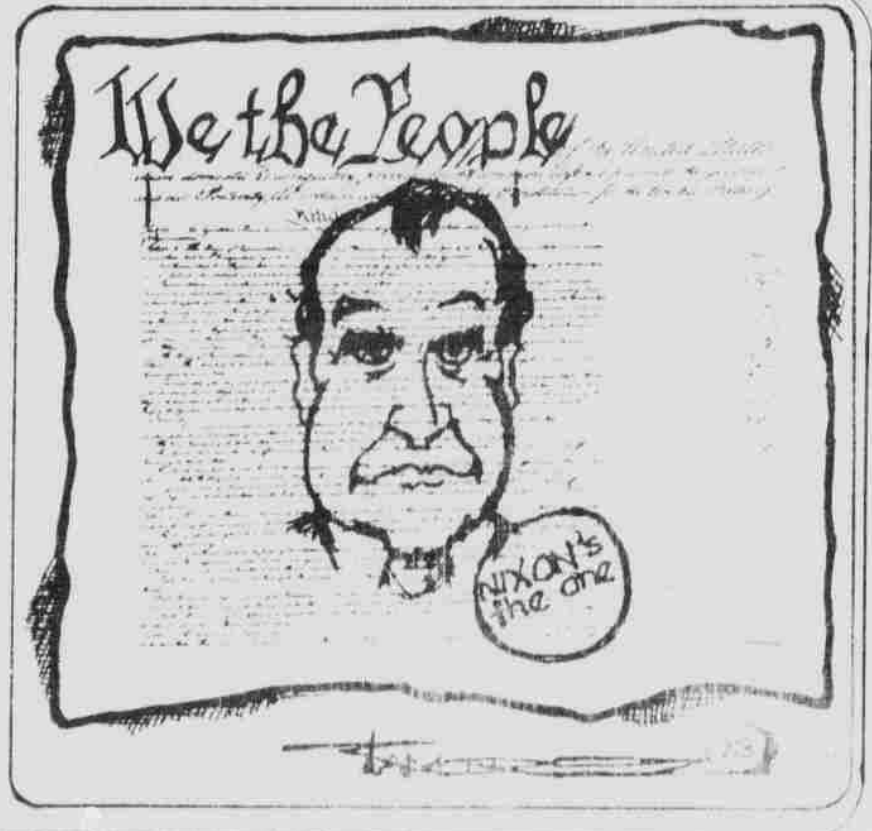
The resolution will now be submitted to the law students for signatures and then presented to Rep. Charles Thone, according to a news release from the Student Bar.

The resolution reads: "The Student Bar Association Council of the University of Nebraska College of Law, acting in its capacity as elected representatives of the students of the College of Law, and the

undersigned law students urge the Congress of the United States to:

1. Appoint or authorize the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to appoint a new special prosecutor independent of presidential control answerable only to the American people through their congressional representatives to fully investigate the presidential campaign activities of 1972 and prosecute all those against whom probable cause shall have been found.

2. Initiate impeachment proceedings against President Richard Nixon on the ground that widespread public suspicion that he has obstructed justice has been raised."



Accident victims: new pain, costs after year

Editor's note: The following story was written as an assignment in UNL's School of Journalism depth reporting class. The author is a senior from Seward.

By H.J. Cummins
October 29, 30, 31, 1972.

A clear winter chill had calmed the dry fall winds. Temperatures lingered in the 40s. A trace of snow, the first of the season, met then melted into the earth.

Mark Boyle doesn't remember the weather. It was only his second day back in Omaha after three years in Okinawa as a Chinese linguist for the Army Security Agency.

It must have rained, he guessed. Anyway, the streets were slick at 10 p.m. Oct. 31 when he took a friend's 1963 Econovan for a drive. He decided to go see Larry Boyle's new apartment. Larry, Mark's brother, was soon to be married.

The van caught the back fender of a parked car near 44th and California streets. The spinning pinned Mark under the seat. He still walks with crutches and a full brace on his left leg because of it.

Mark is one of 360 persons injured during the last three days of October last year on Nebraska roads. Two people were killed.

In dollars, according to calculations of the U.S. Department of Transportation Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), that represents a "societal loss" of \$3 million, \$1 million every day.

The NHTSA figures accidents on the average cost \$7,300 and each fatality, \$200,000. That includes everything: property damage, medical costs, funeral costs, legal and police cost, loss of work, time and money losses to others, employer losses (cost of retraining), pain and suffering, and loss to community services and home and family duties.

What does \$3 million mean exactly?

The Lincoln Public Schools could furnish its students with free lunches for a year with that money, according to Dr. Robert Den Hartog, assistant superintendent for business affairs with the Lincoln schools.

Or it could build and furnish a junior high school for 1,000 students, he said.

Here are some other people who became part of those three-day figures:

—THE SEVEN MEMBERS of the Eddy Otto Jr.,

family who were driving to their home in Lindsay Oct. 29, were spending the Sunday with Otto's brother in Nelso.

It was 6:30 p.m. dusk, and "raining, kind of misty," Otto recalled. A construction crew was working on Highway 121 six miles south of Battle Creek after dark.

Otto remembered dimming his lights, believing lights from the crew's machinery were those of an on-coming car. So he didn't see their barricade until too late.

The family's 1962 Chevy rammed head-on into a 30 foot wide cement finishing machine.

Mrs. Jackie Otto bears a scar across the length of her forehead from a concussion that blacked out a week from her memory.

And a metal pin and plate in her left thigh which kept her in crutches until July still weakens her walk to a limp. Her 4 1/2 frame, a half-inch shorter than before the accident, stiffens and aches to predict rain.

"But we can't do much about that weather forecasting was just a little bit of 'y'heads," she joked.

The family remembered scratches and broken bones. Otto cracked left left knee cap and doctors warned him his knee would permanently stiffen.

LEO MLERKS, WHO struck a falling Oct. 30 on a roadcut on Highway 77 through Fremont. It bent the car's frame, a lawyer here said, so is unrepairable.

Sierks said he broke one rib, cracked three others and tore up his hip against the steering wheel. But that's included.

The policeman told him, though, that if someone had been riding with him they would have been

thrown through the windshield and killed. So his children told him to quit driving.

Sierks will be 83 Jan. 1.

He said he doesn't mind walking the 15 blocks downtown. Come winter it's harder, "but then, a fella naturally feels like staying at home," he said.

But Sierks has a girlfriend. Without a car, he has trouble taking her places. The widower living next door to her does have a car, he said.

"So now, she goes around with him."

—A YOUNG MAN in Hastings who was driving his mother to town. He was newly 16 and eager for a driver's license. But he crashed into an overpass just north of Hastings. Now, his mother said, he refuses even to move the car out of the driveway for company.

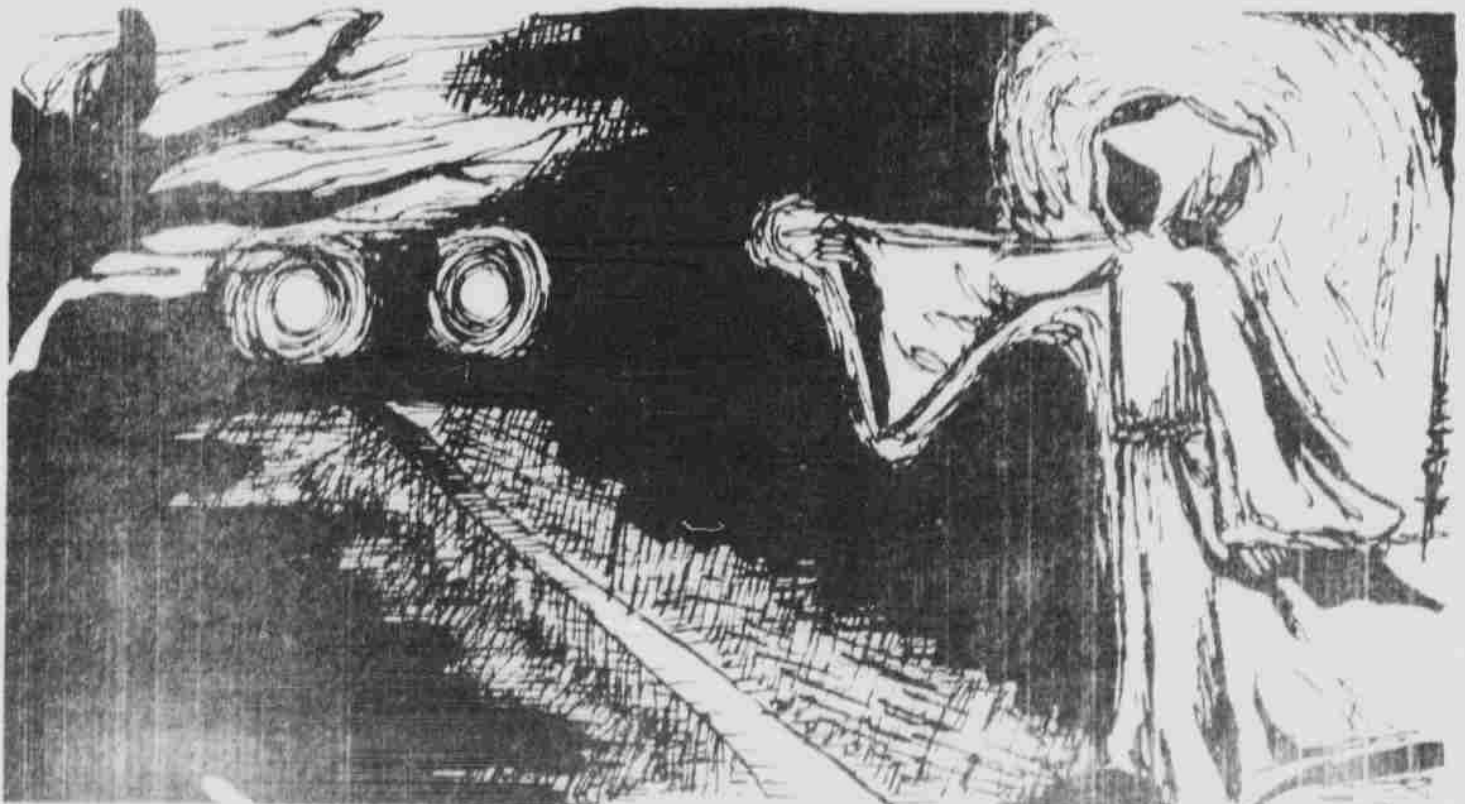
—A 17-YEAR-OLD OMAHA high school senior who was in an accident Oct. 31. A young man was driving. She won't talk about it even to the family.

—ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL senior in Hastings who was struck by a car Oct. 31. Headaches persist, as do pains in her neck, especially after a night's work as a waitress. The doctor has banned many high school activities. The insurance covered the initial expense, but the family is uncertain how later medical bills will be covered.

For these October casualties the whine of brakes is a year-old echo. They seem to have rattled in two ways.

Some cannot tolerate the sound of metal rubbing metal. They cannot drive and don't really enjoy riding in a car. They hate to discuss the accident and often ask their families not to mention it.

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Correction...

In Monday's *Daily Nebraskan*, a cutline below a photo of Doug Durand, 11, said the youth had called for the assassination of President Nixon.

This was an error. Although his statement at a Saturday rally included the word assassination, Durand did not say he advocated such action. The *Daily Nebraskan* apologizes for any misunderstanding created by the cutline.