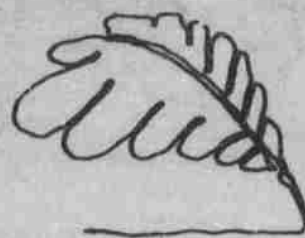


to the editor



Dear editor:

We would like to comment on the absolute farce more commonly known as university parking. Trying to find a reasonable parking place in the Harper-Schramm-Smith area is like being trapped in a Catch-22 flashback—total absurdity.

After contributing a healthy amount of money to the university parking ticket fund, we realized there must be a better system of losing money. So one 40-degree night with blowing rain, after confirming there were no parking places in Area 3 behind the complex and no Area 3 parking places across the road (but plenty of spaces in the adjoining Smith parking area), we took our case to the Campus Security building. There, a dear worker politely handed us a map of City Campus and pointed out the "lots of places to park... if you go far enough."

With that bit of encouragement and sympathy, we continued on our little odyssey—contributing to the gas shortage and pollution of the air—remembering always that "that \$25 parking sticker merely guarantees you storage of your car only." Of course, I mean who actually wants to drive one of those nasty machines.

Anyway after following our trusty map to a lone blue Area 3 sign somewhere on 17th and Y, glancing longingly at all the empty stalls (and usually unfilled during the day) we obtained our "storage" place located in six inches of mud. Then we trudged the remaining blocks, through such delight as a lot filled with flat-tired cars, to home sweet Schramm where another dear campus security person asked us to please show our keys to prove we do indeed live here. Gee, it's nice to know campus security is taking care of you.

Carol Bomberger
Jill Hara

More motorcycles?

Dear editor:

An open letter to Bob Devaney:
We hear by way of the grapevine your athletic

program is in dire financial straits. But is it really true you are planning to sell the new coliseum to Kawasaki for another motorcycle plant...?

Owen Goodenkauf
Steven Herboldsheimer

Just as dead

Dear editor:

C.B. Pelto's letter in response to Bruce Nelson's article is a good example of the stupidity and narrow-mindedness that was responsible for involving us in Vietnam in the first place. His tirade against bloodbaths—but probably by implication against the so-called enemy in Vietnam—did little but show his ignorance of the Vietnam tragedy.

For some reason, he sees a difference between blood spilled by "communists" and blood spilled by Americans or Vietnamese with American weapons. Unless one makes the claim that a Vietnamese killed by an American or with American weapons goes to heaven in contrast to the almost certainly direst of fates suffered by one killed by an "atheist communist" it is clear that he is probably at least as dead in one situation as the other.

That some Vietnamese are on a North Vietnamese death list is doubtless true. Perhaps we should help them to escape since we are largely responsible for their plight. However for the masses in Vietnam it is obvious that an end to the fighting is the most important concern. Any more American military aid or support will only continue the conflict and thus the killing. This is particularly tragic since the final conclusion of the fighting is now quite clear. The sooner we recognize that Thieu's government is doomed, the sooner we can work toward assisting peaceful transfer of government and imposition of an unusual state of affairs in Vietnam—peace.

Chip Treen

Deserves recognition

Dear editor:

My roommate transferred here from Kearney this year. She managed to pull a 3.8 grade point average and I think deserves to be recognized. But she isn't, for some weird reason they won't honor her because she is a transfer student. I don't understand the reasoning behind this policy—do you?

Concerned

Bloodbath evidence

Dear editor:

Since Bruce Nelson has read and digested the Pentagon Papers, while C.B. Pelto has not, it is the latter's challenge (*Daily Nebraskan* April 10) and not the former's original column which deserves the term "loosely associated premises and conclusions, just... filler."

Since 1945, the United States has attempted, first by money and subversion, then by the mightiest technological assault in the history of warfare, to prevent Vietnam's communist-led national independence movement from taking power throughout the length of its own country. Pelto's concern over "wanton slaughter" is oddly selective: charges of a "Viet Cong" massacre at Hue in Tet 1968 have never been substantiated, while the enormous casualties created by American bombing of the city have. Even reports of atrocities in North Vietnam attendant to the land reform movement of 1954-56 originated from only one source, Hoang Van Chi, and have defied objective verification. On the other hand, for evidence of the real "bloodbath" in recent years, see the following sources on rape torture, abuse of prisoners, forced removal of civilian populations, poisoning of land and water and civilian executions as practiced by the American military: the "Winter Soldier investigation," *Congressional Record*, April 6-7, 1971, *Report of the Ronald Dellums Commission on War Crimes* (published by Random House, 1972) and earlier testimony in Melman/Falk eds., *In the Name of America and Against the Crime of Silence* (report of the Bertrand Russell War Crimes Tribunal.)

If we are, at last, interested in genuinely helping Vietnam, then the American government must withdraw support from Nguyen Van Thieu's regime (which has jailed, by Western estimates, at least 200,000 political prisoners), and allow to emerge in Saigon the political solution described in the 1973 Paris Accords: a three-part coalition government including elements of the present Saigon administration (minus Thieu), the Provisional Revolutionary Government (i.e., the "Viet Cong"), and representatives of the Neutralist "Third Force."

Bruce Ehrlich

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