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ASUN Senate hears proposal to close R Street

By Eric Peterson

A plan to close the part of R Street bordering campus to through traffic and turn it into a mall was presented by Ray Coffey, UNL business manager, and Kim Todd, UNL campus landscape architect, at an ASUN meeting in the East Campus Union Wednesday night.

Coffey said the section of R Street bordering UNL on the south between 12th and 16th streets would be closed

Todd noted that the plan would not completely close the area to vehicles. Access to Love Library, the Administration Building, the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery and other campus buildings will still be available under the plan. She stressed that the R Street closing actually would increase the available parking in the area by 40

parking stalls.

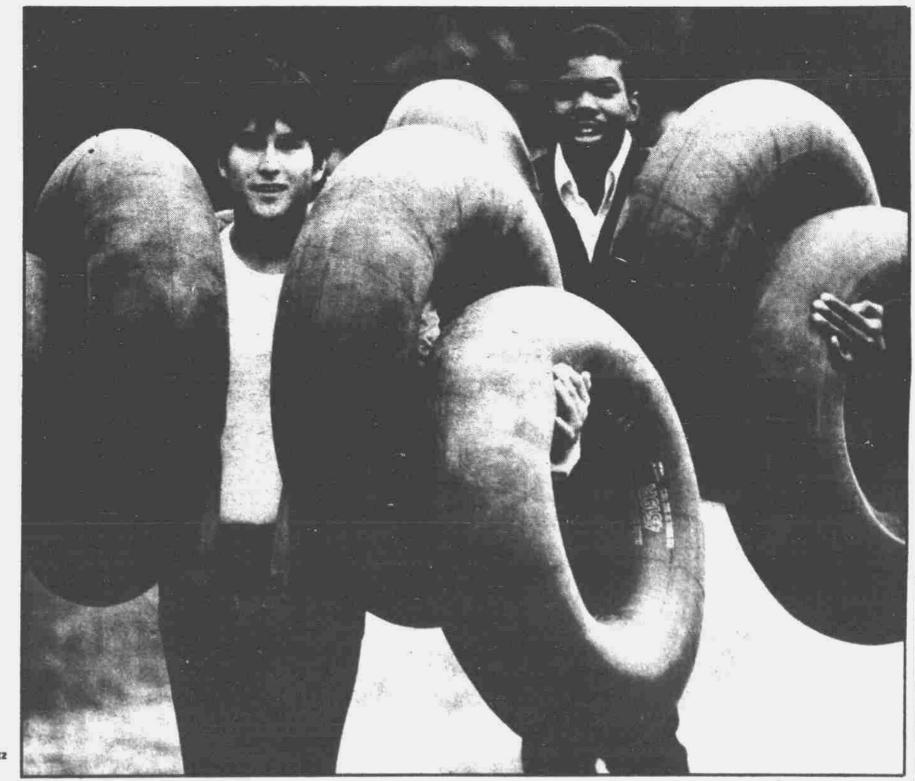
Much of the parking would be located in the lot between the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity house and St. Mark's on the Campus Episcopal Church, Todd said. A Kwik Shop had planned to locate there earlier, but those plans were changed partly because of the R Street closing proposal.

Todd said the total cost of the plan might be as high as \$500,000, but pointed out that private donations and metered parking revenue would help pay for the street closing.

"We can't afford to build the whole thing at once, so it would be done in stages," she said. She said that if the plan is approved, R Street may be closed within a year, and the mall aspect may be done within five years. The area will be turned into a green space with lawns, benches and trees under the street closing plan, Todd said.

She said that another street closing plan, the 16th and 17th street closings on the east side of campus, has been altered somewhat. Originally a part of both the city of Lincoln's and UNL's Comprehensive Plans, the 16th and 17th streets closings plan has been altered in favor of making both streets two way access.

Todd noted that this would considerably reduce traffic flow on the streets, particularly if a four lane through traffic alteration is made on 19th Street. In addition, some specific blocks on 16th and 17th streets may be closed off to further reduce traffic pressure on the area, which has most of the Greek houses and residence halls lining it.



Inner tubes head for winter hideaway

Lincoln's temperature hovered around the 50 degree mark Wednesday, so it's a good bet that UNL students Mike Gordon, front, and Marcellingo Baongoli were going to put these inner tubes in mothballs. The pair was spotted walking in front of Henzlik Hall and said they were taking the tubes to the Recreation Department. Lincoln residents can count on the weather staying cool this weekend. High temperatures in the upper 50s are forecast for today and highs in the mid-60s are predicted for Friday, according to the National Weather Service.

Staff Photo by Dave Bentz

Parade, pep rally to top off Homecoming events

Dignitaries, floats and marching bands will be on hand Friday when the Homecoming parade winds its way through the UNL campus, concluding 1982 Homecoming Week activities.

Doug Netz, parade chairman, said the parade will begin at the Coliseum, travel to 16th Street, then south to R Street and finally west on R Street, ending in front of the Nebraska Union.

After the parade, a pep rally will be on the south steps of the union, Netz said. The Cornhusker Marching Band and UNL Yell Squad will perform.

Lincoln Mayor Helen Boosalis, Miss Nebraska Sandy Haschke, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bob Kerrey, Regent candidate Nancy Hoch and Lt. Gov. Roland Luedtke will all ride in the parade. All Homecoming Royalty candidates also will ride with the parade caravan, Netz said.

The number of floats, seven or eight, has increased from previous years, he said. Bands that will perform during the parade will be the Cornhusker Marching Band and the Southeast High School Band. The UNL Yell Squad also will participate. Winners of the Homecoming display contest and various other Homecoming activities, such as the 10-kilometer run, corecreational volleyball tournament, sports trivia contest and the float competition, also will be announced at the rally.

Homecoming Royalty will be

announced at halftime ceremonies during the Nebraska-Kansas State football game.

The number of students who voted Wednesday for Homecoming king and queen was up from previous years, Netz said. "As of noon, we had about 500 ballots turned in," he said.

Today's activities include the volleyball tournament finals at 6:30 p.m. in the Coliseum and the sports trivia contest finals at 9 p.m. in the Nebraska Union.

Faculty Senate to publicize libraries' plight

By Jeff Goodwin

The UNL Faculty Senate approved a motion at its Tuesday meeting directing the Faculty Senate's Library Committee and Executive Committee to inform the UNL administration and the Nebraska state government of the situation facing the UNL libraries.

Sen. Edward Kinbacher of the Agriculture College introduced the motion. It passed unanimously by voice vote.

The motion was introduced after the senate heard a report from the Library Committee on the state of the UNL libraries.

"The most serious problem facing

the library right now is a budgetary shortfall," said Library Committee chairman Lowell Moser.

Moser said academic researchers will be seriously hampered by the library cutting its subscriptions to several academic journals.

The senate also heard recommendations from the Curriculum Committee on UNL's admissions policy.

The recommendations came about when the NU Board of Regents passed new guidelines for admission to the university at its May meeting. At that time, the Regents directed the administration to get the opinion of the faculty on how the guidelines should be implemented. "The guidelines don't differ from the regents," said Faculty Senate President Larry Walklin. "The Curriculum Committee is directly responsible. We (the senate) act as a conduit in taking information from our committee to the administration."

Walklin said the Curriculum Committee has received responses as to how the guidelines would affect departments.

Walklin added that the guidelines would not go into effect until the fall of 1986.

In other business, the senate heard and approved the reports of the Committee on Committees, the Computational Services and Facilities Committee, and the Convocations Committee.