

Cooper St. saga— will it ever end?

While administrators and students alike bemoan the fact Cooper Street is a hazard, no effective action by either party has been taken.

Administrators talk of temporary measures which might help some but in the long run would add up to money better spent elsewhere.

Proposed shrubbery along Cooper would be useless because students would just as soon walk through the bushes as go around. Drivers would be shielded from seeing these students, creating a worse hazard than now exists.

Students, meanwhile, eloquently argue the problem, some of them saying they're scared every time they cross it, forgetting students jaywalk across Cooper more than 60 per cent of the time.

Some students also complain about Arlington drivers speeding when the majority of those driving during peak periods are students racing to get home or to work.

The posted speed limits of 30 m.p.h. are generally disregarded.

Proposals from Dudley Wetsel, vice president for business affairs, and UTA safety officer George Bennett that crosswalk lights favor pedestrians and speed limits should be lowered merit serious city consideration.

Student Congress, too, has taken initiative by making resolutions to lower the speed limit and change crosswalk lighting.

And any action taken by the college should take into consideration the handicapped. The campus handicapped office should be consulted before definite plans are made.

And feasible plans should be formulated as soon as possible. While the city may indeed hold the trump card, as Bennett has said, the university should strive to form a positive plan which would be implemented and approved by city and state officials.

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