

Cooper action good, but not enough

Student Congress and Cooper Street have traditionally borne the brunt of campus jokes. We're pleased to see congress make a serious, thoughtful effort to solving a problem that is losing its humor.

Congress members backed a resolution this week to limit Cooper Street traffic to 20 miles per hour in the campus area. Besides lengthening walk lights (and shortening pedestrian waiting time), reducing speed on the thoroughfare is the cheapest, most reasonable suggestion we've heard lately.

Last month, a student was struck and injured as she attempted to cross Cooper. She wasn't the first, nor will she be the last, until a concerned, concerted effort is made to "solve" the problem.

For more than a decade, university students and officials have been concerned, but their efforts have not

been consistent nor concentrated. Spasmodic, knee-jerk reactions — which fade as quickly as they began — will not solve the problem.

What will? Look to the passage of the \$12 million University Center expansion referendum recently. Credit goes to UC Director Paul Savko for putting forth consistent, convincing effort to promote the expansion.

Look, also, to the Permanent University Fund constitutional amendment next year. President Wendell Nedderman has pledged he will personally rally university and community support for the amendment.

Concentrated, individual efforts like these get things done. We urge Student Congress and university officials to select a person, or persons, to make the same effort toward really solving the Cooper Street problem.

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