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BOKUNIEWICZ—In Colorado, formerly of Cambridge, Feb. 12. Vincent W. Beloved son of Florence (Joyce) and the late Francis Bokuniewicz. Loving brother of Frederick, Geraldine Szymanski, Francis Jr., Daniel, Lester, Roberta Mottola and David. Also survived by 17 nieces and nephews, 1 great niece and 1 great nephew. Funeral from the Donovan Aufiero Funeral Home, 140 Otis St., (at 6th St.), EAST CAMBRIDGE, Tues. at 9. Funeral Mass in the Sacred Heart Church at 10. Visiting Mon. 2-4 and 7-9. Interment Cambridge Cemetery. Handicapped ramp in rear of Funeral Home.

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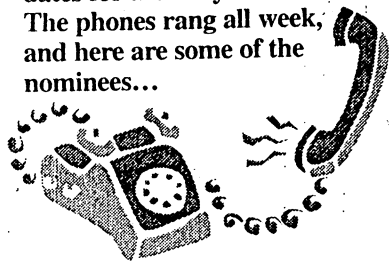
Vincent W. Bokuniewicz

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Last week the TAB invited readers to call and let us know what intersections they would include on the list that qualify as candidates for the "city's worst." The phones rang all week, and here are some of the nominees...



Columbia and Bishop Allen Drive

The worst intersection in Cambridge is the corner of Columbia and Bishop Allen Drive. There are so many accidents there ... something should be done about that.

Volpe Center

I think the Cambridge TAB might want to be aware of the traffic problem in front of the Volpe Center, especially the U-turn that goes to the Marriott. Cars speed from that light to the next light. They don't stop.

'Chicken' phenomenon

It's not one particular intersection, but a phenomenon that I call "chicken." There are several places in Cambridge, busy intersections where you get the ability to turn left before oncoming traffic but you don't know it because it's not a green arrow, it's just a regular green light. This is the case at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Sheppard Street and at the corner of Mass. Ave. and Beech Street. And you're just playing chicken, because you think you can go left because the other cars that you think have a green haven't

floored it yet. But actually, you have the green first. Why Cambridge cannot utilize a green arrow for these intersections — and I'm sure there are more than ones I just mentioned — is beyond me.

Stop the cars on Brookline Street!

Since I moved to Cambridge, I don't take my bicycle anymore because the cars go down so fast. When I first moved I was knocked off twice. *Brookline Street resident who recently moved from Newbury Street in Boston*

Wadsworth Street and Memorial Drive

The intersection at the corner of Wadsworth Street and Memorial Drive down by MIT and near Kendall Square. We have really terrific crashes there almost weekly — good weather or bad weather. People continue to violate the signs and make U-turns at bad intersections, which are forbidden. That's one of the worst ones.

Mass. Ave. and Memorial

One of the worst intersections is right where Mass. Ave. and Memorial Drive intersect at the bridge. The problem is that people coming over the bridge on Mass. Ave. from Boston are flying and when there's still a pedestrian — watch. They could care less. They're not going to stop; they'd just as soon run you down.

Impossible intersection

There are a lot of bad intersections, but the worst place to drive is Mt. Auburn Street from Brattle Street to Belmont Street. It's just impossible.

First and Cambridge streets

The worst intersection in the city is the intersection of First Street and Cambridge Street by Lechmere Station. The cars coming up First Street never have to stop. They're making a right onto McGrath Highway. The cars come whipping around off McGrath Highway and around to make a left onto First Street without ever stopping either. It's a terrible intersection.

Install a walk light in Porter Square

One of the fastest things to improve Porter Square is to install a walk light just to change timing on the light so one can cross the street without having to wait in the middle of the street for another light. That would certainly speed the flow of pedestrians and probably make life a little bit easier for all the traffic without pedestrians trying to jaywalk to try to catch a light and run across the street. It is probably one of the most dangerous intersections in the city.

Quincy Street intersections terrible

A couple of intersections I think are horrible are where Broadway crosses Quincy Street and where Cambridge Street crosses Quincy Street. I have to go through these intersections on my way to work. They're just terrible for pedestrians. The Cambridge Street intersection is incredibly clogged with traffic at rush hour. You have to wait a really long time for the light if you're a pedestrian, and when it finally changes in your favor, you have to contend with cars turning left off of Quincy Street onto Cambridge Street.

The other intersection at Broadway and Quincy, it seems like they're always doing some kind of work there. At this point they seem to have turned off the light completely as far as pedestrians go. So people end up waiting and waiting for the light. And finally they end up rushing into the street trying to cross against the light, which is extremely dangerous.

Anyway, I'm glad that this traffic calming work is being done, and I hope that more will be done in the future.

Green and Magazine streets

The worst intersection in Cambridge is not the biggest headache — but the biggest danger. It's in Central Square at the corner of Green Street and Magazine Street by the bus stop. There is only one stop sign and most drivers ignore it. There is a traffic light ahead and people see it and completely disregard the stop sign. I've seen cars blow through the sign with a school bus approaching with adults and children in the crosswalk. It's in spitting distance of the Cambridge Police Department headquarters who could collect some serious coin for violations. But better yet, a flashing red light would keep the intersection a lot safer.

Green Street and Magazine is life-threatening

Somebody will die at the corner of Green Street and Magazine walking across. Nobody stops — not buses, not cops, nobody.

Pearl Street and Mass. Ave.

The intersection of Pearl and Mass. Ave. is very heavily used by pedestrians. There have been several accidents there involving automobiles

and pedestrians. People routinely ignore state law requiring people to stop at unlighted crosswalks. They took down the sign that was in the middle of the intersection reminding drivers of that and haven't replaced it since the renovations of Central Square. Something should be done about that.

Inman Square

You'll find another bad spot in Cambridge, it's Inman Square. Try to cross on Cambridge Street or Hampshire — you're taking your life in your hands.

Memorial Drive intersections need a 'walk cycle'

Two intersections that really concern me are the intersections of River and Memorial Drive and Western and Memorial Drive, neither of which has any sort of pedestrian walk cycle in spite of the very high volume of recreational users of sidewalks in that area. The MDC appears to be very slow to respond to complaints about the problem.

Alewife Brook Parkway rotary

My least favorite intersection is at the rotary at the corner of Concord Ave. and Alewife Brook Parkway. People rush into the rotary. People rush out of the rotary. No one follows the traffic laws that's safe to yield to traffic in the rotary. On the other hand, if you don't follow the traffic laws, you can never get in and get to where you're going.

Porter Square intersection

I think the intersection of Porter Square is so hazardous. I am often deterred from doing shopping there because of the anxiety involved.



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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 1997

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

Consent ORder #74

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Councillor Sullivan and entire
membership re: Resolution on the
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ORDER ADOPTED

W. Bokuniewicz