

# Parking Permits Many—Stalls Few

## Campus Policeman's Car Lacks Parking Sticker

Campus cops are both human and suspicious, a Daily Nebraskan staff member discovered in investigating parking violations and conditions.

The newsman was tabulating the number of student cars in faculty parking lot C and the number of tickets in the lot. Just as he was marking the column indicating a car with no sticker AND NO TICKET, a voice from behind the investigator suddenly asked, "What are you doing?"

It was a campus policeman. The newsman explained the Nebraska's survey of the parking situation and the tabulation of violations and tickets.

"Well, don't mark that car," the cop said. "It's mine. I just got it and haven't had time to put a parking sticker on it."

The policeman was cooperative in explaining his problems in issuing tickets. But when the newsman took a picture of the cop issuing a parking ticket, the officer demanded that the

## Survey Shows Empty Spaces

To dramatize the University's parking problem one might cite the ratio between the number of Nebraska representative show his ID card. He also took the fellow's address and telephone number.

"Just don't want outsiders messing around the University," he explained.

The investigator continued on his investigation.

student parking permits and the number of student parking stalls. Approximately 1765 student permits have been issued this year for 1057 stalls. The faculty parking situation is somewhat better, with 395 permits issued for 251 stalls.

But these figures do not reveal what a recent survey by the campus police department indicated. The survey, conducted from Dec. 15 to 19 at the hours of 9, 10 and 11 a.m., showed conclusively that an average of 112 parking stalls were empty each hour in student parking areas.



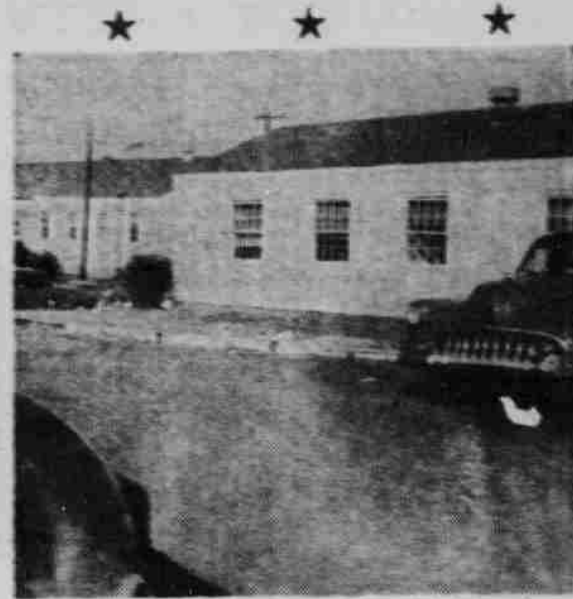
**NO TICKET—YET . . .** This fellow, perhaps in order to keep from being late to his 11 o'clock, parked his car in a restricted area marked by a red line on the curb if the picture were in color. Because the spot was just west of the police headquarters he will probably have a little headlight card stuck on one of his windshield wipers before class is over.



**RATHER TIGHT . . .** Someone else was in a hurry when he pulled into the parking lot across the street east of Andrews. His car, as indicated above, blocks the only exit for the remainder of the cars in the pictured area. Until recently similar last minute parking existed in the Union lot, frequently tying up a large number of automobiles.



**IT'S COMMON . . .** The campus police say that fellows like the one above are the most frequent offenders. The car carries a sticker all right—but it's a student permit and the vehicle is parked in a faculty lot. It's as simple as ABC. If you've got A, the wrong sticker, you are apt to have B, a ticket.



**SEEING'S BELIEVING . . .** Despite the cries of drivers that there are no parking spots, here are three of them in a Bancroft lot at 10 a.m.—one of the busiest hours of the day. The lot at the time had a number of other vacant areas. Of course, drivers object to walking a couple of blocks to class.

## Riots In '48 Recall Parking Problem As 'Potential Dynamite' For Students

A shortage of parking stalls at the University is not merely an academic question nor one to be discussed periodically by the Student Council.

In the light of past events the parking problem appears as potential dynamite for University students.

The infamous 1948 parking riot stands as testimony. All parking shortage problems since the incident are dwarfed by the 1948 rebellion, but because of the riot they perhaps receive greater importance than they would otherwise receive.

The Daily Nebraskan, in a special edition published May 3, 1948, the day after the riot, reported the incident in this manner:

"Tear gas, the Lincoln riot squad and the City Fire Department were not enough to disperse a milling crowd of students rioting in protest against 'No Parking' regulations at 12th and E Streets Friday morning.

"The riot began when police-directed tow trucks attempted to

move double parked cars from 12th and E Streets. Protesting students deflated tires of two tow trucks and gathered around the two police cars used as reinforcements. Police used tear gas bombs and called out the City Fire Department when it became evident that the crowd would not disperse.

"As Ralph C. Fox, photographer from the Lincoln Journal, tried to snap a picture of Sgt. Barry Goepfert holding a student, Detective Robbins pushed Fox into the cruiser and said, 'We don't want any g-- d-- pictures taken.'

"The bombs sparked the crowd into action and within a few minutes the enthusiastic mob of better than 2,000 began a march which carried them from 12th and E to the police station. From the police station students marched to the City Hall and then up O Street to the State Capitol building.

"Chants of 'We want parking' fired the mob as they progressed through the town, blocking traffic and causing office workers to appear at the windows in an effort to watch one of the few crowd

demonstrations the city of Lincoln has ever witnessed.

"Traffic was stopped at 12th and O where students gathered reinforcements to march on the Capitol building. There the crowd poured up the Capitol steps and into the main hall, where chants of 'We want Val' replaced the cry of 'We want parking.'

"The crowd sat on the floor of the halls of the Capitol while a delegation of 12 students issued the protest against 'No parking regulations' to Gov. Val Peterson.

"The governor told the representatives that the Chancellor had the primary jurisdiction over the University parking problem. He continued by saying that the county sheriff was the secondary authority and that his office, aided by the state militia, was the last resort of authority."

A solution to the problem of parking was not immediate, although a committee representing students, faculty and administration was appointed. Conditions were improved the following fall when 400 new parking stalls were added to the then existing 1,000.

## 4650 Parking Violations Caught By Campus Police

Through Tuesday 4650 parking violation tickets had been issued by the campus police—an average of more than two tickets for each student and faculty automobile with a University parking permit.

Sgt. John C. Furrow of the University police estimated that from 175 to 200 students, faculty members and employees have been reported to the administration for three or more tickets. Forty of these three-violation cases have arisen since Christmas vacation.

Furrow estimated that the most common campus parking offense is student parking in a faculty lot. Backing into stall and parking on a red line rate second and third, he said.

The survey conducted by Furrow's police department indicated that there was an average of 15 student cars in faculty lots at each of the three busiest hours of the day during the surveyed week. There was an average of more than 11 empty stalls in the lots each hour. (The four lots have 151 stalls.)

A duplicate copy of each parking violation ticket issued is filed by permit number in Sgt. Furrow's office in Temporary E. Each number, however, is cross-indexed with the name of the driver of the car.

When a driver receives a third ticket, his ticket envelope is removed from the file and placed on the sergeant's desk. A report of the three violations is then made to the Dean of

Student Affairs, in the case of students, or to the Chancellor, in the case of faculty members and University employees.

Further action is determined by the administration.

Sgt. Furrow is assisted by two fulltime policemen, whose main purpose is to issue tickets to regulation offenders. They also direct heavy traffic, aid drivers in stormy weather and advise students in case of accidents.

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## University Lawyers To Test Legality Of Parking Fines

A system of parking fines approved by the Student Council Dec. 10, is in the hands of University lawyers being tested for legality.

If the system is legal as it is written it will be referred to a faculty committee for endorsement.

Under the system proposed by the parking committee of the Council, a parking board would be established to hear and rule on all parking violations. The board would be composed of a student from city campus, one from Ag, a member of the teaching faculty, a member of the administrative faculty and a campus police officer. The officer would have no vote.

The student members of the board would be appointed by the president of the Council, subject to the approval of that organization. The faculty members would be appointed by the Dean of Student Affairs.

Under the proposed system the board would meet from 5-5:30 every Tuesday to hear and rule on all cases of parking violations by faculty members, students or employees at the request of the violator and on all cases involving three or more tickets.

The board would take any other action it deemed necessary, and submit to the Daily Nebraskan a list of persons who have received three or more tickets and the

dates when their cases would be heard.

Included in the powers of the board would be the power to fine any student, faculty member or employee of the University found guilty of three or more parking violations. No fines would be levied on the first and second violations, but the fine for each succeeding ticket would be \$1. Any violator could waive his right to be heard and pay his fine by mail or in person any time until the date of his hearing. The fine would be doubled and levied automatically if the violator should fail to appear or pay the fine by waiver before the date of his hearing as listed in The Daily Nebraskan.

The board would also have the power to recommend that the Chancellor send a letter with reference to the specific violation to the dean of the college of any faculty violator or to the head of the division of any employee who fails to pay a fine levied within 30 days after the fine is levied and that a copy of the answers be submitted to the Board.

Students would have the right to appeal the decisions of the Board to the Student Council. Faculty members and employees would make appeals to the Faculty Senate. The group to which the appeal was made would set the time of the appeal. Failure to appear at this time would render the fine automatic and valid. The decision of either of these groups would be final.

All money received from parking fines under this system would be placed in a Student Council scholarship fund. Scholarships granted from this fund would be \$300 a year for each recipient, awarded to sophomores, juniors or seniors on the basis of need, service to the University and scholastic achievement. A committee of four Student Council members and two faculty members would choose the scholarship recipients.

A complete account of the money received from parking fines, together with the list of scholarship recipients for the ensuing year would be submitted to the Daily Nebraskan on the first day of classes in May.

## Parking Solutions Not New

"There's nothing new under the sun" might describe the permanent parking problem.

For nearly 30 years University students have been vexed by a critical shortage of stalls. For nearly 30 years University students have been coming up with the same suggestions for alleviation of the problem.

Following the 1948 parking riot, one of the first suggestions to ease crowded conditions was issuance and reinforcement of parking permits. The plan as effected the next fall was almost identical with the present system.

After suggestion of such a licensing plan, The Nebraskan reported, May 9, 1948, "Dean of Student Affairs, T. J. Thompson, said the parking problem was an old one, and stated that a licensing project had been considered and discarded as not feasible 24 years ago."

When the system was set up, it closely paralleled the suggestion of fines advanced this year by the Student Council (see above). And, as the Council has suggested, money from fines went into a scholarship fund.

In the 1948 search for additional parking stalls another proposal was advanced—conversion of the Coliseum mall into a parking lot. The idea was discarded but appeared again this year in Student Council.

According to John C. Furrow, sergeant of University police, the crowded parking conditions are not likely to change greatly within the foreseeable future. He said that, although parking areas on the mall north of Love Library will be eliminated within a short time, an extended lot east of Andrews Hall should more than compensate for the loss.

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