

Unpaid tickets a national concern

By Chuck Beck

Those city parking tickets you've neglected to pay will cost you more than the fine. It may mean being charged for a court appearance plus the fine, if you are caught.

On the other hand, campus parking tickets for students may mean their grades and preregistration will be withheld. Faculty members may be reminded to pay their parking fines by Faculty Senate members or by college deans, John Duve, UNL traffic and parking coordinator said.

Unpaid parking tickets are a growing concern for police departments nation-wide, according to a Nov. 6 Christian Science Monitor news service release. Traffic experts attribute the problem to "increased urban congestion" and the large amounts of paperwork necessary in tracking down "scoff-laws," people who neglect to pay parking fines, the release states.

Court Warrant

In Lincoln, a person who does not pay a fine after 15 days will receive a mailed warrant for him to appear in municipal court. If the person does not respond to the warrant, he will be subject to arrest. The Campus Police Office,

however, does not issue warrants.

The problem of notifying people about unpaid parking tickets in Lincoln apparently is not as acute as in Chicago, Detroit or Boston. Nearly half of the parking tickets issued in these cities go unpaid, according to the Monitor release.

In Lincoln, about 700 parking tickets are issued in a day, while 25 tickets a day go on warrant, said Charlene Macaluso, a clerk at the Lincoln municipal violations office. Campus police officers write an average of 300 parking tickets a day. Because no warrants are issued, a student will receive a reminder three days after being issued the ticket, and then a reminder from the Student Affairs office, Duve said.

Misplaced tickets

Duve theorized that students neglect to pay their tickets because they forget to come to the Campus Police Office at 1024 Avery Ave., or because they misplaced the ticket. He said students who disagree with being issued a ticket may decide to appeal a violation to the Parking Appeals Board, a committee of five students.

The reasons students appeal parking tickets vary, Todd Man-

vitz, parking appeals committee chairman said.

"One complaint involved a student who received a ticket for parking in two stalls because other cars were parked wrong and he couldn't find another stall to park in," Manvitz said.

"We also hear cases where a student parked in the wrong area because he couldn't find a space in the area for which his ticket was issued.

The committee hears an average of 40-70 appeals a week, and about 15 per cent of the total appeals heard are granted, he said.

Reasons for unpaid fines

Why do people violate parking laws and then decide not to pay the fine?

"I feel that paying \$25 to rent a parking space is more expensive than paying fines," said one student, who did not want to be identified.

"I'm larcenous enough that I will pay the fine only if I feel I might be caught."

The "scofflaw" noted that, "If I examined myself more closely, I could probably find reasons why I should be able to park in the wrong area."

Changes for Model UN

Delegation scholarships and an extra day of orientation are among the changes in this year's Model United Nations (MUN), according to Secretary General Dean Kirby.

The MUN, a student version of the United Nations, will offer scholarships of "around \$100" to the outstanding high school and university delegate, Kirby said.

An evening devoted to "block meetings" and an information session on parliamentary procedure will take place before actual proceedings begin.

Other changes include a keynote speaker as a part of the orientation and a resource center available to delegates that will include a portion of the Love Library card catalogue and books and pamphlets about the countries.

Assignments of nations will begin Nov. 30 instead of Nov. 10 because of a low initial turnout, Kirby said.

Applications and information for the MUN are available at the Nebraska Union program office, room 115.

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