

Complaints to traffic appeals board show decline

Although the number of appeals to the ASUN Traffic Appeals Board was high, a decline is beginning, the board's president said.

Rick Drucker said the four-member board, which meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, repeals parking violation cases where the violator is clearly right. The board repeals eight to 20 per cent of the 170 cases it hears every two weeks, he said.

Backing into a parking space is the violation repealed most often, he said. The most numerous offenses are parking in driveways and in wrong areas.

"Most of the students haven't read the Campus Police Traffic Rules and Regulations booklet," he said, "and they don't know where all of the parking lots in a given area are."

Board change

There has been some talk of adding faculty members to the student-staffed traffic appeals board, according to Drucker and Campus Police Chief Gail Gade.

Currently members of the board are selected through ASUN interviews, Drucker said, and all four males volunteer their time. Board members are Drucker, Brad Krasne, Mark Beck and Bill Jackson.

Many complaints and disputes concern the times the traffic appeals board meets, Drucker said, "but we're all volunteers so it's really hard to find more time to devote to the board."

"We did go to an evening meeting time this year," he added, "so we could accommodate students who can't make it to the day meetings."

Upperclassmen ticketed

He also said many upperclassmen, not just freshmen, are being ticketed and go before the appeals board.

"They are the ones who supposedly know the parking rules," he said, "but still just park anywhere they want to."

The best advice Drucker said he could give students is to read the traffic rules and regulations manual.

"They especially need to read Article 3," he said, "which defines where, when and how students can park."

When a student thinks he has been ticketed wrongly and files an appeal application at Campus Police Drucker said, if the police think there is basis for complaint it is sent to the appeals board.

The violator then can submit a written appeal or appear before the board at 2:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday or at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month to present his case.

The decision on the violator's case usually is given immediately after making his appeal, Drucker said.

Further appeal

"The traffic appeals board is supposed to have the final decision," he said, "but if the student is not satisfied with the way his case was handled, he is referred to Student

Affairs or he can go to the ASUN Judiciary Board."

Only one case referred to Student Affairs has gone before the judiciary board in the last year.

Drucker said the parking appeals board has been receiving complaints about the hike in ticket costs from a graduated rate, starting at \$1 in previous years, to the flat \$5 rate this year.

"The appeals board can do nothing about the fines," Drucker said. "We can only abide by and interpret the laws already established."

Gade said the traffic appeals board is doing a good job with law interpretation and takes a large work load from his office.

"It also gives students an opportunity to explain their views to someone in their own peer group who may understand their situation better," he said.

Lincoln workshop plans to study human sexuality

The Student Y and Planned Parenthood of Lincoln are presenting a Human Sexuality Workshop Oct. 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Oct. 18 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Kathy Smith, Student Y director, said the workshop's purposes are to increase knowledge about sexual behavior; explore and clarify sexual attitudes and feelings; develop sensitivity to individual needs and differences in sexual behavior, and increase willingness to openly discuss sexual thoughts and concerns in important interpersonal situations.

Smith said the workshop consists of fifteen hours of presentations and discussions. The presentations, she said, are a group of films dealing with sexual

fantasies, sex roles, sexual response and other related topics provided by Planned Parenthood.

Smith said the workshop, with what she called its extensive discussions, is a good opportunity for students to gain insight into areas involved in human sexuality. She said it also is beneficial because of the little emphasis this topic receives on campus.

The workshop will be held at the Lincoln YMCA, 1432 N St. Smith said there still are some openings and participants must register in advance. Cost of \$5 for UNL students and \$7 for others includes meals. Anyone interested should contact the Student Y office, 345 Nebraska Union.

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