

Higher parking fines, wheel lock fees considered

By Tricia Waters

At next month's meeting, the Parking Advisory Committee will consider what type of parking permits will be used for the 1982-83 school year and whether to change parking regulations.

Tuesday the committee discussed possible changes. Regulation changes would involve parking ticket fines, wheel locks and towing.

Police can place wheel locks on cars or have them towed if their owners have three unpaid tickets or \$20 in outstanding ticket fines. A car can be towed if it's parked in a fire lane, reserved spot, on the grass and other areas.

Sheryl Chamberlain of the UNL police parking division suggested changes in parking fines, increasing several by 50 percent. For example, the fine for no valid permit would increase from \$10 to \$20.

Chamberlain said the fine increases might discourage students from parking illegally and accumulating several parking tickets.

Capt. Ken Markle of UNL parking, an adviser to the committee, suggested an increase in wheel lock fee re-

moval or doing away with the wheel locks.

Markle said the present \$5 wheel lock removal fee doesn't seem to deter students from accumulating parking tickets. He also said the locks will need to be replaced soon, at a cost of \$300 each.

The present \$5 removal fee is not enough to make it worthwhile for officers to spend time to put them on, he said.

Committee President Gordon Scholz said he favored increasing the wheel lock fee to where it compared to towing fees (\$20). He said towing cars with unpaid tickets was a waste of energy, and sometimes towers can damage cars.

Markle and committee member Clint Hoover said they favored eliminating wheel locks and towing vehicles instead.

Hoover referred to students' accumulating unpaid tickets.

"I really think the towing would deter it," Hoover said.

At its next meeting the committee will consider parking permits. Markle said the hanging permit has been criticized as a nuisance because it blocks vision, but he has heard many good comments about it too.

Hoover said he had heard a few comments about the nuisance factor, however, people seem to have adjusted to it.

Committee member Vi Schroeder said people have said they liked the permits when they had to switch them to different cars in emergency situations. She said the hanging permits might be made narrower, to make them less of a nuisance in blocking vision.

The committee allows time at the beginning of its meetings for people to ask questions or make suggestions. People who want to speak about the proposed changes can attend the Jan. 12 meeting in the Nebraska Union at 3 p.m.

No student committee members attended Tuesday's meeting.

Also at the meeting, Markle reported that a temporary Area 15 parking lot has been opened for students at 10th and R streets. Previously, the people parked in an Area 14 lot near the 501 Building.

If the new lot can be maintained as an Area 15 lot, it will make spaces available for students in the Area 14 lot, Markle said. He said it will help music students and others who have to walk farther to buildings.

Vandals damage three cars

While taking a car vandalism report, a UNL police officer discovered that a vandal hit two other cars in the area sometime Saturday.

The three cars were parked in the Area 2 lot at 18th and Vine streets.

Officer Larry Chamberlain had responded to a call from Steve Schworer, 18, of Abel. Schworer's 1977 Honda had a broken window, valued at \$75. About \$124 worth of stereo equipment was

stolen. Besides it, a 1973 Ford owned by James Hanson, 18, of Abel Residence Hall, had stereo equipment and miscellaneous items taken from it. It's window damage was estimated at \$100.

The third car, owned by Jody Nelson, 18, of Abel Residence Hall, had not been entered. However, a broken window and other damage, were estimated at a loss of \$200.



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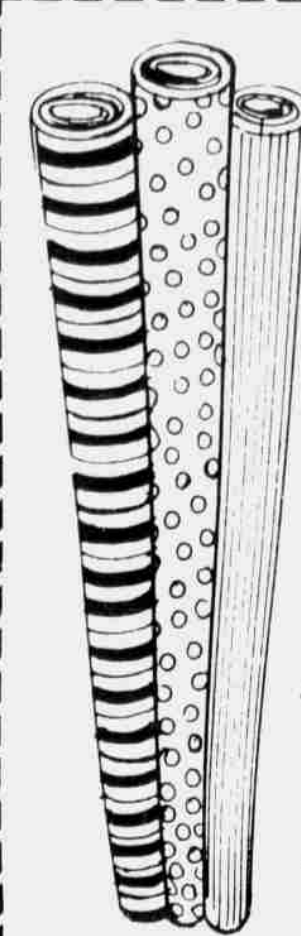
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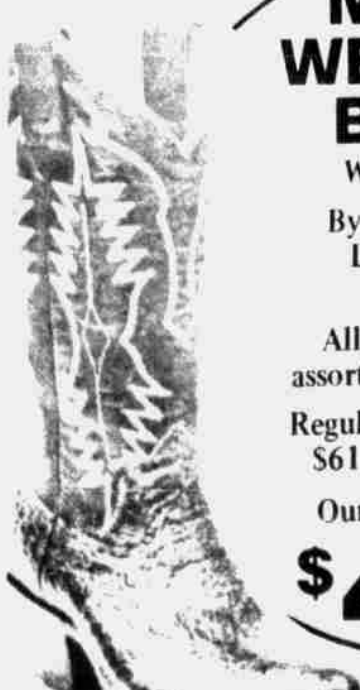
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