

Getting around Lincoln

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Fighting for a parking place or walking to school in sub-zero temperatures can frustrate students and faculty.

Students have several transportation choices: catching a bus, joining a carpool or pedaling a bicycle. Some are more efficient, and some can be confusing. The following is a guide to Lincoln transportation.

Buses: According to Pat Tabidian, of the Lincoln Transportation System, the Lincoln bus system operates from about 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday. Buses stop at any corner along the routes except downtown, where they stop at designated areas only. All buses stop at 11th and O streets.

Adults fare is 65 cents. Bus drivers will not make change. If students ride the bus often or don't want to carry

much change, they can buy monthly passports that offer unlimited rides for \$20, Tabidian said. Punchcards good for 20 rides are available for \$13. Passports and punchcards are sold at many places throughout the city, including the Nebraska and East unions.

Riders also can get two types of free transfers from drivers after paying the fare, Tabidian said. Regular transfers allow passengers to board a different bus providing travel connections. The transfers are good for one hour or the next connecting bus. Stopover transfers allow passengers to travel the same route and direction after a one-hour stopover.

Bus route and schedule information is available at downtown bus stops, she said. Information packets are available at the Nebraska and East unions and area banks or by calling the Lincoln Transportation System at 476-1234.

Tabidian also said that LTS offers a shuttle bus that runs from Lyman Hall

on City Campus to Burr-Fedde on East Campus. The fare is 65 cents and passports and punchcards also can be used. Schedules are in the information packet.

Carpool: Students interested in carpooling can call the carpool-vanpool office at 471-7665, where a worker will ask questions about driving/riding preferences, work place, work hour and place of residence. This information then is sent to data processing. Workers at the program will try to match people who work and live in the same areas, Schuler said. If they find someone with the qualifications, they will give the prospective parties each other's name and phone number so that they can contact each other.

If the computer is unable to match someone up with a carpool then someone will try to handmatch them. If that still doesn't work, they will put an ad in the personal section of the newspaper telling the person's "to" and "from" points and the carpool number, Schuler said.

Carpools probably would only work well for out-of-town students who must stay on campus all day or in-towners who are willing to do so.

"We have several students right now and people from within a 50-mile radius, including Omaha, who carpool to Lincoln," Schuler said.

Bicycles: Although bicycling is not a dependable form of transportation year-round, because of ice and snow, it is nonetheless a quick and healthy way to travel. Bicycles also are cheap to use and maintain.

Lincoln has over 10 miles of off-street bike paths. Although most of these routes are in parks, both the John Deitrich and Billy Wolfe bike paths run through portions of Lincoln and allow for faster and safer riding conditions.

Several miles of marked street routes branch throughout the city. Information about the paths is available at the Lincoln Police Department's Traffic Engineering Division at 233 S. 10th St.

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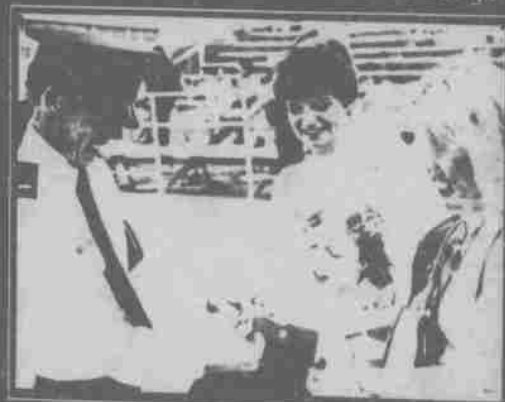
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