

Letters

Reader defends parking policies

To those sharing the Daily Nebraskan's view in Wednesday's editorial "Quips and quotes", you're becoming adults and it's time to grow up, stop crying about being persecuted and start taking care of adult responsibilities. Mom and Dad aren't here to nurse you through your errors.

I refer to the complaints against the new "no-mercy" towing policy instituted at the parking office. Complaints of being "victims of the system" are irresponsible and reveal a crippling attitudinal block against the use of the brains one was born with to resolve difficulties one encounters living in the real world. Of course, parking meters are not a perfect creation of God, but if you are shorted on meter time and ticketed you can easily file a complaint at the parking office; the meter in question will be checked by a repairman and if found to be malfunctioning your ticket will be waived. The same policy is in use with city parking meters and works well; I've had to use it.

Three years ago, I went through the roof when I found a \$15 parking ticket on my car in Westbrook parking lot. Sure, I knew I shouldn't park there, but \$15 seemed a bit excessive. "Cruel and unusual punishment!" I cried, upon calling the parking office I found out that these fines are set by some bureaucratic board to discourage non-permitted parking in restricted areas. I gave up the fight, but I was still mad.

However, I never got another ticket. So, DN, go ahead and holler "mercy," but save your precious ink for a mature, informed opinion.

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Understand gays, understand others

I would like to vent some steam about the rhetorical nonsense that has been directed toward the gay people on our campus in recent weeks.

A letter by Gene Wiggins (DN, Feb. 11) states that he doesn't want to learn any more about homosexuals than he already knows. What exactly does he know? Is it that all gay people are low-life, second-class citizens and should be treated as such? Sounds like it to me.

Unfortunately, many others feel the same way. Apparently ASUN feels the same way, too. Good grief, this is a university, a place where people are supposed to come together and open their minds to progressive ways of thinking and expand themselves as intelligent, tolerant people.

Education about gay people is the only way that the general public can see that they are productive members of society and are not just stereotypes. Having a gay sibling has opened my mind immensely and increased my understanding of all people as well as gay people.

Let's all try to open our minds and understand that there is room for diversity and change and acceptance of

those who are different from ourselves. David Anderson
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Cutting the budget by bugging students

NU has been cutting large amounts of money from its already conservative budget. The proposed budget cuts for 1986-87 totaled \$3.1 million, but don't worry, the university has come up with some great money-saving ideas.

For example, Accounting 201 has been changed to "A" TV, a videotaped lecture that is supposed to be economical for the business college. Many students including myself find it impersonal and not worth the three credit hours we must pay for it. But it is a required course for business students and therefore it is a great idea.

All students who have been afraid to study at Love Library can rest at ease. These cuts have not lowered the quality of library security. To replace the pop-cops, the guards have gone beyond their call of duty and are now collecting those dangerous cans pop delinquents smuggle into the library.

Just by these two examples I think students can see that the university is working effectively with the budget cuts. I'm sure they too can think of some good money-saving ideas the university can use to help overcome the budget cuts.

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