

# UNL police tow 75; 3,000 cars on list

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Staff Reporter

The University Police Department has towed more than 75 cars since school started Monday.

Parking officials attribute the number of tows to more cars on campus and a limit on parking permits sold.

All blue, Area 1, lots south of Vine Street have been sold out for the first time since Lt. John Burke, parking administrator, has been with the university police, he said.

The excess of cars has brought the number of vehicles on the towing list to about 3,000, Burke said.

The police department has begun to issue a new \$20 per year "remote permit" for three new parking areas that are farther away than other lots.

"It's a pretty good bargain if you don't mind walking," he said.

The lots are Whittier West at 21st and Vine streets, Whittier East between 21st and 23rd Streets on Vine Street, and at Stormie's Kitchen just north of the UNL Police Department at 1640 holdrege St. These lots provide about 480 parking spaces — mostly at Stormie's and Whittier East.

Most cars have been towed because

they were blocking another or were parked in handicapped stalls.

The fine for parking in a handicapped stall was raised last spring from \$35 to \$50.

Also, owners of cars towed from handicapped stalls or marked areas or that block another car, have to pay the ticket before the car will be released.

If a student wishes to appeal the citation and wins, the fine will be refunded.

Paying for tickets is sometimes a problem for students because the police department takes only credit cards or cash, Burke said.

Burke said the police try to be lenient at the beginning of school, but the earlier they start enforcing the parking areas, the sooner people will quit violating the rules.

Enforcement stops in staff lots about 4:30 p.m., Burke said. But the residence hall lots are enforced from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Students whose cars have been towed should pick them up at Pete's Towing, 1813 Yolanda Ave. Fines range from \$18 to \$30 depending on the car. If the car has front-wheel drive or the wheels aren't straight the fine will include additional labor costs.



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Dean Wellensiek, graduate physical education student, rests between classes Monday morning on the second floor of the Nebraska Union.

# 5,000 students in residence halls

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About 5,000 University of Nebraska-Lincoln students chose to live in the residence halls this semester, said Doug Zatechka, housing director.

"We're still doing the final count," Zatechka said. "It could go up or down 100 students."

The number of women and men in the residence halls is fairly even, he said.

Overcrowding in the halls shouldn't be a problem, Zatechka said.

"We have no students living in temporary triples or in bunkrooms as we have in past years," he said. "There are students living in permanent triples and about 30 percent of them will stay there. We still have about 100 permanent triples open."

This year 300 single rooms were rented. Zatechka said no more singles will be rented unless a student can prove he or she has medical need for a single room.

Although Zatechka said most students have moved in, he said "20 to 30 more may still come in." Also, every year there are a number of no shows, or students who never show up and don't call," he said. "We usually end up calling to see if they are coming or not."

The power outage in Pound Hall a week ago has been the only real problem housing officials have had so far this year, Zatechka said.

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