

Reserved parking permits now available for students

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Adding to the struggle of enrolling in school is the need for many University of Nebraska-Lincoln students to enroll their vehicles in the official university community.

According to Lt. John Burke of the UNL Police Department, about 6,500 permit-parking stalls are available this school year for students.

Lot permits for student and faculty parking went on sale Tuesday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center and will be available through noon on Aug. 29. After that, parking permits may be purchased at campus police head-

quarters at 17th and Holdrege streets. Parking offices will close Wednesday at 2 p.m. so employees can attend a banquet for the retiring police chief.

The annual permit rate is \$50 for students and faculty members. The fee covers the 1989-90 academic year, including the 1990 summer sessions.

Students and faculty members may buy semester permits for \$30. Spring and summer permits cost \$40, while permits for summer sessions alone cost \$25.

Permits may not be purchased for part of a semester.

Commuter parking is oversold by

about 25 percent, Burke said.

"Most commuters aren't on campus all day, so the stalls rotate," Burke said.

Residence hall parking is not oversold, Burke said.

"It would be impractical," he said. "Because these students are here all the time, we want them to park on campus. This is their garage away from home."

The purchase of the Rock Island Railroad property at 19th and Vine streets has created room for 500 new commuter spaces since last fall.

Also new this year for students is one 24-hour reserved parking lot with 130 spaces, located on the southwest

corner of 17th and Vine streets.

"We want to stress the use of this lot," Burke said. "It is \$150 per year, but this can be paid in three installments."

Faculty and staff reserved parking slots can be purchased for \$240 a year, also payable in three installments.

So far, parking officials have received 60 applications for reserved student parking, Burke said, leaving 70 spots open. If more than 130 applications are received, he said, permits

will be selected by lottery.

Burke said he wants to improve parking by computerizing the parking system, keeping costs stable while making improvements to lots, and determining if the number of departmental stalls and state vehicles using campus lots is a problem.

This year's rate increase from \$40 to \$50 is the first increase since 1983, Burke said.

The increase is necessary for maintenance and improvements,

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Freshman Friday welcomes newcomers

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The fourth annual Freshman Friday will introduce University of Nebraska-Lincoln newcomers and their parents to students, faculty and the UNL campus Friday.

Freshman Friday, which began in 1986, was spurred on by the need for new students to interact and meet other students while having fun, said Sara Boatman, director of Campus Activities and Programs and a member of the Freshman Friday committee.

Freshman Friday was developed to be the "official university welcome," Boatman said.

An All-University Welcome at the Bob Devaney Sports Center arena kicks off the day at 10 a.m.

Kim Hobson, Freshman Friday publicity chairwoman, said tours of campus, discussions with faculty, and picnics provide students with helpful information and connections.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lincoln restaurants will provide free lunch at a Welcome Festival. Student organizations and area businesses will set up booths.

Strategies for Success will be discussed at three sessions -- 11:30 a.m. to noon, noon to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 to 1 p.m. The workshops will be at the Devaney Center wrestling area.

Students are provided the opportunity to meet the dean and other representatives of each college from 1:30

to 2:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, parents may mingle with UNL officials and other parents in the Nebraska Union where refreshments will be served.

A new addition to this year's Freshman Friday is the Minority Student Reception beginning at 5 p.m. at the Culture Center.

Picnic on the Plaza begins at 6 p.m., and Party on the Plaza begins at 7 p.m. Both are in front of the Nebraska Union. The party will feature The Confidentials, who will begin performing at 7 p.m.

Hobson said as many as 10,000 people have attended the party in the

past. The party, sponsored by the University Program Council, is open to the general public.

The Residence Hall Association is providing all-night movies which include "Christine," "Commando," "Heavy Metal," "Terms of Endearment" and "Real Genius."

Boatman said evaluations conducted at the end of each Freshman Friday have consistently been supportive of the event.

Those who went through the first Freshman Friday actually set up the system whereby one year's students pay for the bulk of the following year's event.

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