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Some students have even been forced to miss classes because they were driving around looking for parking places when class began, he said. "It's a bunch of crap," Bruning said.

Bart Vitek, a senator from the College of Business Administration, told students that some of the parking lots are located too far from campus.

Vitek said the university should provide shuttle buses to bring students to campus.

While senators spoke at the rally, members of Early Warning! passed out flyers suggesting students get to campus in ways less damaging to the environment.

Nell Eckersley, publicist for the student group, said the solution to the parking problem is not to build more parking spaces, but to have more students ride bicycles and use public transportation.

Eckersley said money spent to build more parking spaces could be better used to make bicycle paths and increase public transportation services.

ASUN senators also circulated petitions during the rally that demanded Chancellor Martin Massengale and Goebel give "immediate and priority attention" to the parking situation.

Hill said he didn't know how many students signed the petitions, which will continue to be circulated.

Massengale and James Griesen, vice chancellor for student affairs, were out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Lt. John Burke, UNL parking administrator, said he was pleased that the parking rally went peacefully.

"Everyone has a right to express their concern," he said.

Burke said he thinks the rally and student input at recent Parking Advisory Committee emergency sessions has caused officials to work more quickly at reaching parking solutions.

At the second emergency session, Burke said, students expressed safety concerns about lighting for the Area 1 lot southwest of 19th and Vine streets.

Engineers and architects now are working on a \$39,000 lighting design for that lot with money that has been taken from parking development funds, he said.

Although lighting projects for other lots also are being studied, Burke said, student concerns made lighting that lot a high priority.

Burke said the Area 3 lot at 14th and New Hampshire streets also has been converted from a residence hall parking lot to a residence hall and commuter student parking lot.

That change was made Tuesday, Burke said, and a UNL police officer directed between 75 and 100 students from the Area 20 lot to the Area 3 lot Wednesday. Both permit holders from areas 3 and 20 will be able to use that lot, he said.

Another change made Wednesday created about 50 commuter stalls west of the Business Services Center, he said.

Burke said the lot, which was previously vacant and used by semi-trucks unloading supplies at the center's dock, will be open to Area 20 permit holders.

The lot was not extended any farther north than it is now because semi-truck drivers will need the remaining area to back up to the center's loading docks, he said.

Another 66 stalls will be available in the lot north of the power plant to all permit holders, Burke said.

That lot previously had been closed because some cars parked there suffered minor paint damage from mist released by power plant coolers.

Signs, which were ordered Wednesday, will be posted to warn drivers of the mist. The lot will be opened when the signs arrive, he said.

Burke said he also is studying the feasibility of adding a shuttle bus and building a parking structure.

But he said some of the larger parking projects will require more money than is available now.

"I think it's time to look for legislative aid," he said.

ASUN bill tells officials to find parking solutions

The ASUN bill tells officials to find parking solutions. The bill is part of a larger effort to improve campus infrastructure. It focuses on the need for more parking spaces and better management of existing lots. The bill is expected to be passed by the ASUN board in the near future.

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Lincoln Mayor Bill Harris said the city is focusing an anti-drug and anti-gang campaign on Lincoln junior high schools because that age group is where most habits are formed.

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, composed of junior high students from around the city, is one project that has prompted many ideas for combatting drugs and gangs, Harris said.

He said the city also has assigned one member of the Lincoln Police force, officer John Ways, to deal only with drugs and gangs.

Gray said providing successful role models or "mentors" for young blacks and learning to interact with them is the key to combatting drugs and gangs.

Building more jails and hiring more police officers is not the answer, he said.

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personal contact with students, more publications and travel farther to try to recruit Hispanic students and all student groups.

This year, UNL has a total enrollment of 23,926, according to UNL's Institute of Research and Planning. Of that number, 21,965 are non-Hispanic whites and 255, or 1 percent, are of Hispanic origin.

The university defines Hispanic "a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race."

Jimmi Smith, director of the Office of Multi-Cultural Affairs, said his office tries to "encourage students to let them know that our university could serve their needs," but he said it does not actually try to recruit minority students to UNL.

Instead, the office encourages students, including Hispanic students in western Nebraska, to go on to any secondary institution.

"We do travel out west," Smith said. He said his office began visiting western Nebraska in 1971 and has continued to do so periodically. While in western Nebraska, he said, the staff talks especially to Hispanic and other minority students. Since 1971, however, "our resources have dwindled. You want to do more but there are fewer resources," Smith said.

"We push the institution to bring in more students of color," Smith said.

Part of the reason Panhandle Hispanics go to UW, he said, is that many of them feel more akin to that university.

Miles said students in western Nebraska may go to UW because of demographics, economics and

knowledge of the schools. Schmidt said many teachers in western Nebraska are graduates of the University of Wyoming, so students are exposed to UW through them.

UW officials aren't much more aggressive than UNL officials, Schmidt said. Many Hispanic students wish to attend UW because it's closer and it's a good school, she said.

Smith and Schmidt agreed that word-of-mouth recruitment may be the best recruitment for UNL.

"If every minority (student) brought another minority student to campus, we could double our (minority enrollment) almost immediately," Smith said.

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