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EDITORIAL

## Final Warning

Grace period for illegal parking ending

University of Nebraska-Lincoln police have given their final warning.

From here on out, violators will be punished for their parking sins. UNL police issued a grace period for students parked illegally during the first few days of classes. Violators were given warnings rather than citations.

But the warning period, designed to educate new students of university parking rules, is officially over.

Students can again look forward to adding to their stack of unpaid tickets.

Michael Cacak, interim parking administrator, encouraged students to solve their parking woes by purchasing permits for remote lots.

The remote lots are at 14th and New Hampshire streets, Court Street between 17th and 14th streets, and a lot on the west side of 17th Street, south of the Devaney Sports Center.

Spaces are still available in these lots, he said. Shuttle buses stop in the remote lots about every 12 minutes to transport student within a block of their destinations.

Cacak said parking permits for remote lots cost \$37 less than in commuter lots closer to campus. He called remote parking a big advantage.

"It's the best deal," he said. "It's hassle-free; all you have to do is just drive and park."

The key to the problem is much simpler. Don't drive.

Off-campus students tend to think they need a car to make it to class. Such students should examine their options.

All they really need is a bike or a bus schedule.

Local buses run throughout the city. Buses are available for elderly and disabled students and faculty.

Most of the buses run no later than 7 p.m.

But more and more commuters are getting smart and riding their bikes to class.

Lincoln drivers are adjusting to driving alongside bikers, and most local side streets are wide enough for bikers to ride safely.

But even environmentally safe biking is not without its problems.

Bicyclists must fight daily for space to squeeze their bikes into a rack.

Bicyclists are forced to park in remote lots of their own. Many bicyclists lock their bikes on the outskirts of campus to avoid the swarm of students when classes end.

Pedestrians and bicyclists often battle it out on narrow sidewalks and pathways.

The university needs to create a more bicycle-friendly campus.

Money that UNL plugs into the paychecks of parking-meter readers should go toward the installation of more bike racks across campus.

Crowded racks should be replaced with more accessible racks.

Administrators should design special bike paths on campus instead of fretting about paving new parking lots.

Biking or taking the bus is a logical solution to a problem that need not exist.

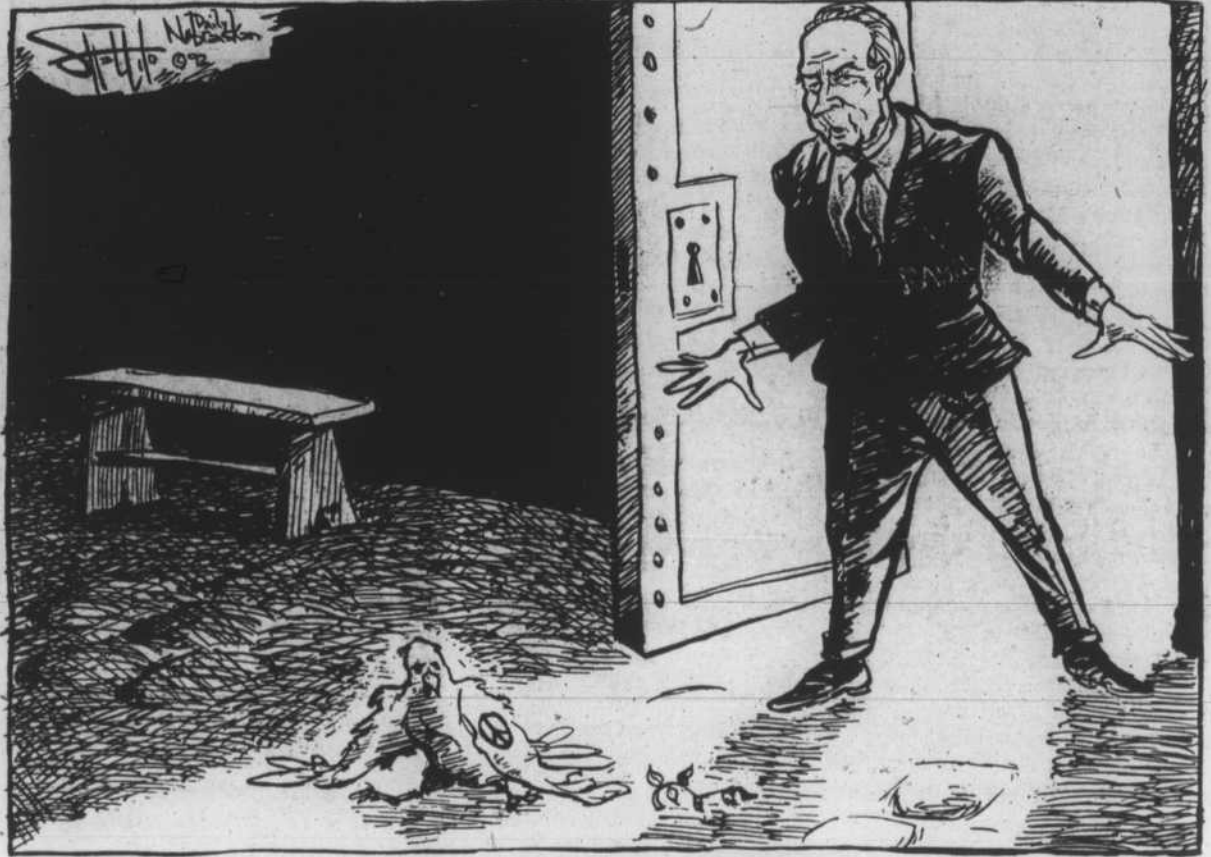
UNL officials who spend hours searching for the answer to parking problems are obviously on the wrong track.

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HELLO... ANYONE IN HERE? ?

MICHELLE PAULMAN

## Stay calm - this is only a test

This is a test. I am beginning year No. 5 at this institution.

One might think that in time I would have learned many new and wonderful things and maybe had a divine revelation or two.

If I have, I don't remember. I can't even list all the classes I've taken without looking at my transcript.

But I've learned one thing: How to take a test.

I've taken essays and multiple-choice tests. I've taken them after days of studying and after 15 minutes of cramming. I've taken them with eight hours of sleep, and I've taken them with an eight-aspirin hangover.

I'm pretty good at it by now. After all, I've had four years of practice.

The trick is to know just enough about the subject to blunder your way through the tough parts.

Just like real life.

This is a test of the University Bored-casting System. If this were an actual exam, your professor would instruct you to put your notes and Daily Nebraskan under your seats, grab your pens, sit down and shut up, please, thank you.

This is a test to show that while college life and real life may be different, they both boil down to finding the right answer. And a little luck.

Remember, this is only a test.

1. You have just finished high school. Your future is a shimmering road before you leading to some unknown destination. You should:

A. Rely on your diploma and God-given talent and find a job, asking important questions like: "Would you like fries with that, ma'am?"

B. Go to college and pursue a degree in medieval handwriting analysis, and later in your career, ask deep and meaningful questions like: "Would you like fries with that, ma'am?"

C. Live the vacuous life of a spoiled fast-lane floozy, sponging off your parents and pausing only to ponder: "Do I want fries with that?"

D. Get off your butt, get some student loans, get a job, get to the university, and spend your hard-won class hours saying: "Boy, I wish I could afford some fries."

2. Having financially battled your way to the university, you set out on your first day, schedule in one hand,

map in the other, to find your classes.

No one told you that all large brick buildings look the same and that the signs labeling them are all hidden in the back because the administration wants college to be a challenge. How do you find your classes?

A. Pick a hall, any hall, poke your head in every door and say: "Hi, is this University Foundations 101?"

B. Wander around aimlessly until someone notices you are lost. After all, this is Nebraska and there are people everywhere who will bend over backwards to help you out.

C. Stand on the grass and pray for the hand of God to point to your building.

D. Tough it out, follow your map and your instincts, and end up somewhere on East Campus, where the building hunt is even more challenging.

3. The plural of syllabus is:

A. Syllabuses  
B. Syllabi  
C. Sylla-whats?  
D. Scratch papers

4. So you find your class. The professor passes out the syllabus, syllabi, whatever, and begins lecturing. You:

A. Write down everything he says, including the "um"s, "well"s, and "now then"s.

B. Kick back and doodle on your syllabus. After all, the test isn't for three weeks.

C. For women only: Sit in the front row. Stare alluringly at your professor, cross your legs, and pout seductively. It's fun to make a 50-year-old balding man sweat in front of a large audience.

D. For men only: Sit in the front row. Stare alluringly at your professor, cross your legs, and pout seductively. It's fun to make your classmates who answered "A" fill their notes with "um"s, "well"s, and "now then"s.

5. You've decided your class schedule needs a little rearranging. Which is the proper Drop/Add procedure?

A. Get a time card, get some papers processed, get your new schedule, get out. No problem.

B. Wait in line, get a time card, wait in line, get some papers processed, wait some more, whoops, papers were filled out wrong, wait in line, get new papers processed, wait, whoops, class is now closed, wait in line. . . .

C. Wait in line, get a time card, discover you can't make it at that time, wait in line, get a new time card, can't make it then either, wait in line,

get a new card, hold it, this one's dated 1994, wait in line. . . .

D. Bribe the volunteer ladies \$20 to "grease the wheel" a little.

6. After only a week of classes, you find yourself with no cash to pay rent, eat, or (gasp) buy beer. You should:

A. Whine to your parents that you need more money because you are, like, living your own life now.

B. Whine to the bloodsuckers at the plasma center that although you've opened your veins four times this week already, you just need a little more money for rent.

C. Whine to the bloodsuckers at financial aid that although you've already got a fortune in loans, you just have to have some fries.

D. Get a job. If you already have one, get another one. Nobody likes a whiner.

7. You have opted to live off campus and drive to class every day. You should:

A. Leave home at 7:45 a.m., even though you don't have class until 10:30 a.m., so you'll be sure to get a great parking space. Early bird gets the worm, you know!

B. Leave home 20 minutes before your 10:30 a.m. class, so you can cruise the parking lots until 10:29 a.m., when you finally find a space somewhere near Iowa.

C. Leave home 5 minutes before your 10:30 a.m. class, so you can pull up in front of a sign that says, "No parking. We mean it!" They wouldn't dare tow you; after all, there's no place else to park at this university.

D. Drive a tow truck. . . .

8. Now for the big question. You've made it through years of boring classes, big expenses, bad parking and lousy coffee. You are about to graduate and dive head first into "the real world." You should:

A. Pray  
B. Pray  
C. Pray  
D. Go to graduate school.

And now for the answers. At UNL, there are no answers, only many shimmering roads we can choose to follow. Unfortunately, the shine is often just fresh tar to make the road stickier and trickier, but much more interesting.

Such is life. Remember, it's only a test.

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