

Commuter spots up, official says

By Steve Smith
Senior Reporter

Knowing construction on the north end of campus would cut into commuter parking spaces in the fall, UNL parking officials worked diligently over the summer to find places for students to park.

And with the fall semester around the corner, Michael Cacak, manager of transportation services, said parking officials found themselves in a better position than they were in last year.

"Right now, I'd say we've got more commuter spots," he said.

But construction near the 501 Building, the Beadle Center and on the 10th Street viaduct forced parking officials to swallow losses of parking spaces this summer, he said.

Cacak said the work on the 10th Street viaduct carved about 190 spots

from the commuter lots west of Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex and north of Memorial Stadium.

However, with the increased number of commuter stalls at the new Beadle Center, 18th and Vine streets, and other renovations, those driving to school should have little trouble finding spots.

"We'll sell commuter permits as to what we sold last year minus what we lost from construction," Cacak said.

Once those permits have been bought, Cacak said, the parking department will begin issuing Area 21 permits, which are exclusively for the Beadle Center parking lot, to make up for the shortage of commuter spots.

The parking department also resurfaced and re-striped most lots, including the 776-stall area west of the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence hall complex and the faculty-com-

muter space north of Memorial Stadium.

Thanks to resurfacing and re-striping techniques, the Area 10 and 20 lot was expanded from 372 stalls to 379.

In addition, Cacak said, a small lot for commuters was finished near 10th and V streets, the former site of the Early Learning Center.

Interim Business Manager Paul Carlson said those buying the reserved-stall permits would see a color-code change in their hangtags. Reserve permits—purple in past years—will now be yellow.

Carlson said purple reserved-stall hangtags and blue dorm hangtags had previously been confused.

"When people would come in at night, they couldn't distinguish the difference between the two colors in the dark," Carlson said. "Then we'd have people parking where they weren't supposed to."

Big Red Welcome has events for all students

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The many events at Big Red Welcome are not just for new students but also for returning students, said Deb Dohmen, the event's coordinator.

"It's a great chance for students to familiarize themselves with the university and what it has to offer," she said. "It's also a good way to meet other students."

Big Red Welcome starts at 2 p.m.

today with a reception for parents at the Wick Alumni Center, 1520 R St.

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Friday and on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m., upperclass students will show new students where their classes are located.

But the main events of Big Red Welcome will be Friday at the Bob Devaney Sports Center, 1600 Court St.

Chancellor Graham Spanier will speak at the All-University Welcome Festival, which starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Devaney Center. Lincoln businesses and student organizations will have information booths at the Devaney Center also.

Other events include an all-university picnic at 5 p.m. Friday at Broyhill Fountain, and volleyball, basketball and frisbee games at various residence halls Saturday afternoon.



Die-hard hats

The Albino Rhino, a gift store near 14th and O streets, advertises hard hats for die-hard Nebraska fans. Their window display includes pictures of the recent collapse of a section of Memorial Stadium.

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Bookstores cater to students

By Shane Tucker
Staff Reporter

In addition to the burdens of paying tuition and boarding, returning University of Nebraska-Lincoln students can look forward to investing a healthy chunk of their savings into books.

Three bookstores near campus are: University Bookstore, in the basement of the Nebraska Union; Nebraska Bookstore, located at 1300 Q St.; and Page One, a used paperback dealership at 206 N. 13 St.

Although Page One may offer the most affordable deals, half-off the cover price according to management, it doesn't carry hard-cover textbooks, which many students may need for their classes.

Nebraska and University bookstores sell books for introductory classes, such as chemistry 109 or English 150.

With a 23 percent mark-up from wholesale on textbooks, Nebraska Bookstore offers slightly cheaper textbooks than its competitor, store manager Jerry Mullinix said.

University Bookstore has a 25 percent mark-up on its textbooks, textbook manager Gwen Behrends said, but offers a credit program. Its Ex-

press Charge program allows students to charge books, interest-free until about one month after purchase, with their student identification card.

Both the University and Nebraska bookstores sell used books discounted about 25 percent off the new book price. For general reading material, the Nebraska and University bookstores both sell books at the cover price, which is a 40 percent mark-up over the list price that most outlet booksellers charge, the managers said.

Students can save dollars by shopping for these books in used bookstores or at various chain discount stores that sell new books for 10 percent off the cover price.

But students can find some relief from high book prices. They can use area bookstores' used book buy-back policies at the end of the semester.

Page One has a 30 percent buy-back policy. University Bookstore will buy back used books at 60 percent of the new book price until its inventory is filled.

As soon as the inventory is filled, books are bought back at a used-book wholesale price, which can be as low as 20 percent, Behrends said. And mass market books, such as those used in many literature courses, are often bought for as little as 10 cents on the dollar, Behrends said.

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