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Meter accuracy winds down

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When presented with the results of the Daily Nebraskan investigation, Brage said he would have the faulty meters repaired.

There is one serviceman who is responsible for repairing and maintaining the city's 2,000 parking meters, Brage said. The serviceman also is responsible for moving meters for construction, hooding meters and installing new meters.

The serviceman is forced to respond to complaints issued at the police department instead of conducting regular maintenance. This list usually amounts to five to 10 meters across the city each day.

"Most of the complaints we receive are just jammed meters that need to have the coin slot cleared," Brage said. "Usually, either the receptacle is full and needs to be emptied or there is a coin stuck in the slot that can be fixed on the spot."

Clockwork red

Some students said they've received several parking tickets at the R Street meters so they don't mind when the meters are out of order.

"I'm well-known down at the Violations Bureau," senior advertising major Robin Fridrich said. "Sometimes the best thing you can hope for is a broken needle."

The R Street 90-minute parking meters are often used by students during class.

Students who were parked along R Street this week said they've experienced problems with the meters.

"Many times (meters) are broken," said journalism graduate student Adair

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ADAIR SHANKS
 graduate student

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A matter of a few minutes can mean a parking ticket for students who are stuck in class.

According to the Lincoln Parking Violations Bureau, 5,109 citations were written for parking meter violations in March, but the bureau is unsure how many of those tickets were given to people who parked at faulty meters. The fine for parking at an expired meter is \$5, which is due in 15 days or the vehicle is subject to impoundment.

Drivers who believe they were ticketed while parked at a faulty meter do have recourse they can take to appeal the ticket.

"(Drivers) need to report defective meters to us the same day they are ticketed, so we can check them," said Pat Waegli, an administrative aide at the Violations Bureau.

It takes a week to 10 days for a meter to be inspected, he said, and then the ticketed driver must call back to check on the meter. If the meter is found faulty, the bureau will void the ticket.

From January through March, the

department issued about 22,729 tickets for expired meters, which equals \$113,645. From each \$5 fine, \$2.25 goes to the city's general fund, and \$2.75 goes to Lincoln Public schools.

Money from the parking meters also goes to the city's general fund; however, Brage said that despite the revenue from parking tickets and meters, parking meters are not profitable for the city of Lincoln.

"By the time you account for all the personnel involved with maintaining the meters — a serviceman, enforcement officers and someone to empty the meters — the city still loses money," Brage said.

The goal of parking meters is not to make money, he said, because parking meters are designed to manage the flow of traffic and create turnover in parking spaces instead.

Meters ensure that there will be customer parking for businesses downtown and across the city, Brage said.

"We try to set a time limit reasonable for the type of business people need to conduct in the area," Brage said. "Without meters there would be no customer parking downtown because employees would take them."

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Bible misused to denounce gays, UNL professor emeritus says

Louis Crompton's speech closes a series of talks on a book about biblical uses.

By JIM GOODWIN
 Staff Reporter

Millenniums of biblical translations taken out of context are not solid reasons to attack homosexuality, a former English professor said Thursday.

Louis Crompton, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln professor emeritus, said the practice's result is the misuse of the Bible to support discriminatory beliefs.

"Despite this mysterious vagueness about the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah, the Bible is being used to wrongly justify anti-homosexual sentiments," Crompton said during an East Campus Union luncheon.

Crompton said translations have

distorted authors' original speech and misinterpreted key words. As such, some biblical fables have lost their altruistic focuses, he said.

The story of Sodom, which many cite in denouncing homosexuality, originally centered on the city of Sodom's inherent greed, Crompton said.

Wealthy Sodomites involved with the gold market refused to help the poor and hungry, defying the traditional social expectations of the day, Crompton said.

In the story's original form, greed, not homosexuality, piqued God's wrath and caused the community's destruction, Crompton said.

"Pat Buchanan likes to use the word 'Sodomite,'" Crompton said. "Sodomites were (people) against immigration and welfare."

Crompton's discussion, sponsored by the Lutheran Center, Cornerstone and St. Mark's-on-the-Campus, was the third and final talk devoted to a book addressing biblical uses. The book, "The Good Book: Reading the Bible

with Mind and Heart," also focuses on anti-semitism and the roles of women in the Bible.

The Rev. Don Hanway of St. Mark's-on-the-Campus said the Bible did not address homosexuality as a concept. He said it discussed a few specific behaviors of homosexuality that must be taken in their proper contexts.

Citing an example from "The Good Book," Hanway said Leviticus 18:22 was a problematic passage dealing with homosexual behavior.

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable," the passage states.

Hanway said the passage may recognize homosexual behaviors as being "ritually impure," but not as "abominations," a word carrying much more weight in a biblical context.

"In short, we're involved in a culture war and the Bible is being used in it," Hanway said. "In terms of whether the Bible supports homosexuality or not, it depends on the assumptions you bring."

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