

Permit sales maintain Parking Services funding

■ Last year, 3/4 of the self-funded department's \$2 million in revenue came from permit sales.

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Everything from the asphalt parked under your tires to the workers in gray enforcing the rules are paid for with the fees from parking permits.

Parking-permit sales are one of the major sources of funding for Parking Services, a self-funded university department.

Of the \$2 million in revenue Parking Services gained last year, \$1.5 came from parking-permit sales, Tad McDowell, manager of Parking Services said.

The department also received \$489,000 from citations, \$180,000 from parking meters and \$190,000 from event parking last year, he said.

Fifty percent of that money goes to parking-lot maintenance and improvement, 18 percent to transportation costs and 32 percent to operating costs of the department,

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McDowell said.

Parking-lot maintenance includes minor repairs to lots, painting, snow removal, landscaping and major projects like resurfacing.

The transportation costs include the campus busing service and the enforcement officers' vehicles, he said.

And operating costs of the department include lighting all the parking lots, maintaining vehicles and salaries of all of the department's personnel, McDowell said.

The department is also improving on its existing services.

New this year are the parking garage, a diesel bus and electronic meters. Also, several gravel lots were paved, McDowell said.

Some students, like senior electrical engineering major Brad Dworak, feel that parking permits are priced reasonably.

"The price isn't bad, but sometimes it seems more like a hunting permit than a parking permit," Dworak said.

Yet other students don't feel a permit is worth the expense.

"I just park on the street and walk from there," said Ty Schroeder, a senior communications major. "It wasn't worth getting a permit."

The department has a simple goal to achieve.

"We are here to maintain the parking lots and make sure that traffic can flow on campus," McDowell said.

To reach its goal the department has to take some unpopular measures.

"We have to sell permits to fund the department and we have to enforce the rules and our fines," McDowell said. "That doesn't make us popular with students."

Tickets can add up pretty quickly for students parking improperly.

"I had \$100 of tickets at \$25 a pop my freshman year," sophomore horticulture major Michael Jensen said.

Parking Services is in a position where people will complain no matter what they do.

"People complain about tickets, but if we didn't give tickets those people would be the first to complain about the chaos," McDowell said.

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'Down week' lets ASUN plan future

Midterm evaluations discussed

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ASUN

ASUN President Curt Ruwe commended senators on their accomplishments during the first four weeks of the semester and encouraged them to continue working toward their goals at Wednesday's meeting in the Nebraska Union.

In what Ruwe called a "down week," senators of the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska met with committees within the organization and throughout campus to plan for future projects.

First Vice President Amy Rager met with the Academic Senate on Sept. 11, where she said "improving the academic climate" was discussed.

Rager said ASUN should expect to see bills in the future dealing with academic advising and teacher evaluation.

"We're working to make the (teacher evaluation) process more uniform across the campus - so administrators can see what's going well in some areas and see what's going wrong in others," Rager said.

Midterm evaluations for instructors and professors were also discussed at the Academic Senate meeting, Rager said.

"My best teachers are the ones who, at midterm, care enough to see if their teaching styles are working or not," Rager said.

Human Rights Committee Chairwoman Sara Russell attended a meeting of the Parking Services Advisory Board to begin discussing the new class that may be offered to students who receive parking citations.

Russell said that the members of the committee said the

class should only be offered once every four years, if it is supposed to serve a "truly educational purpose," although no final determination has been made.

In other ASUN business:

■ Government Bill No. 12 unanimously passed. The bill eliminated the open membership to the Government Liaison Committee. Members of the GLC will now be appointed by the ASUN president and confirmed by a majority vote of the senate.

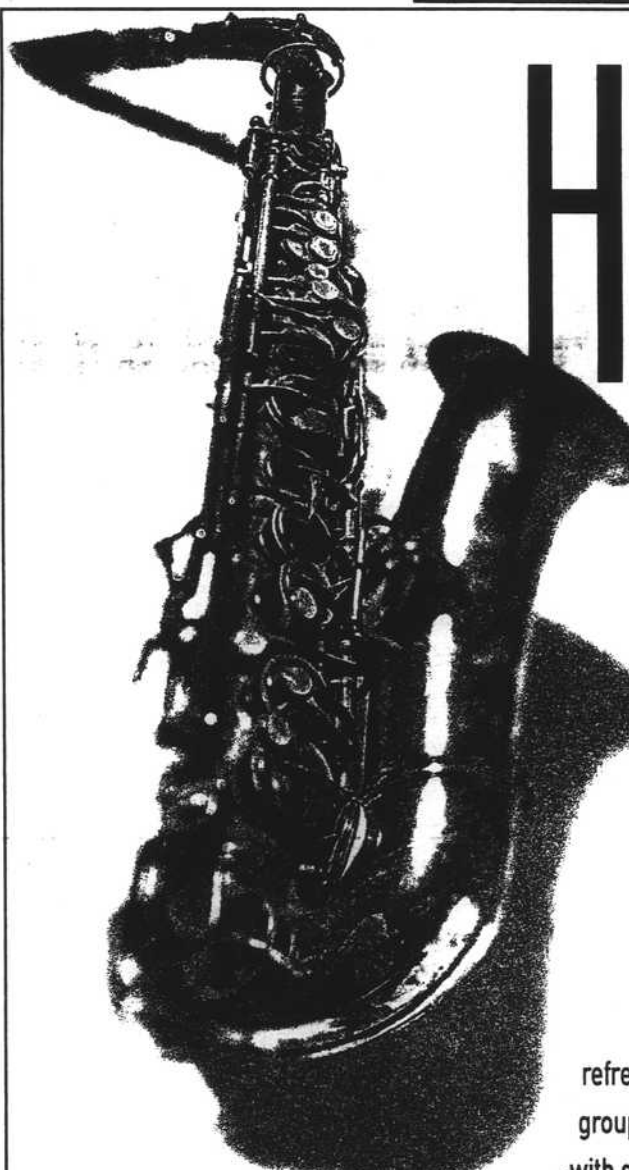
■ Senate Bill No. 4 unanimously passed. The bill gives the GLC the permission to begin lobbying the Lincoln Office of Public Works and other related city offices to find solutions for the "dangerous" traffic area of Vine Street from 14th to 17th streets.

■ Senate Bill No. 5 unanimously passed, which recognizes Won by One as an official student organization.

■ Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen encouraged senators to volunteer for the two spots available for ASUN members at the UNL Cultural Diversity Retreat Oct. 11-12. The retreat will be at Camp Kitaki in Louisville and will consist of 80 students - 55 who will represent 12 student organizations, and 25 at-large applicants who will be chosen.

He also asked senators to keep a positive attitude toward the beverage alliance contract, which gives Pepsi the exclusive rights to sell its drinks on the UNL campus.

"I hope students will look broadly at this contract - it's really good for students and the campus," Griesen said.



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