

Gameday parking confronted by RHA

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Residence hall students are perturbed that Nebraska Boosters are selling their parking spots on football game days and keeping them from their entitled parking.

The issue was brought up by the Residential Enhancement Committee at Sunday's Residence Hall Association meeting. Students had complained that they were unable to park in their purchased spots, said Jadd Stevens, residential enhancement chairman.

The Nebraska Boosters are allowed to sell parking spots at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to fans in some student and faculty parking lots, color-coded red, blue and green.

Before the game, the boosters drive around the lots and tally the number of open parking spaces. The number of spaces open determine the number of spots the boosters sell.

This is causing problems among students who look for spots in parking lots that are currently oversold anyway, Stevens said.

Students with reserved spots in the yellow sections also are finding their spots filled by game fans. Boosters aren't supposed to sell spots in these areas, but

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fans park in these lots without realizing they aren't supposed to park there.

This is caused by confusion about where the blue and green parking lots end and where the gold ones begin, RHA President Ben Wallace said.

Many students are forced to park in reserve lots. One senator said safety was an issue during night games. Students who park in reserve lots have to walk far to get home during the night hours. Some don't feel safe.

Other students who already have parking permits are being charged by the boosters.

If an incident like this occurs or another problem arises related to parking on game days, a formal complaint needs to be filed by the student with Parking Services, Stevens said.

Stevens said the issue will be approached in a way that will keep relations between Parking Services and students positive. "We'll seek out whatever benefits both sides the best," he said.

Wallace also felt that approaching Parking Services in a friendly manner was important.

"We need to explore all our avenues, decide what we want to do, and deal with it in a professional manner."

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\$114 million.

Mayor Mike Johanns said Sunday that the federal emergency assistance funding was vital.

"There is no way the city budget could pay the entire cost of the cleanup," he said.

Johanns said Sunday that he had spent his Saturday driving around the city and speaking with those who spent their day removing broken limbs and trees from their property.

"(Saturday) was a huge day," he said. "Even with the football game in town people really, really got out and helped."

Douglas said that because LES still had the help of about 200 outside electricians, she wished if there were trees and limbs that were going to fall, they'd fall.

"It's best for it to happen today so we can deal with them and get back to normal," she said. "The main thing is that we still have workers here who can help us."



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