

Free public transportation helps students get around city

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Everywhere is within walking distance if you have enough time. But for most students, time is a limited resource.

With the aid of Lincoln's public

transportation system and the use of a bike or car, however, travel time can become a less weighty issue.

First, students have to get to campus. If students are driving in from northern and western Nebraska, getting to UNL may be slow. Current construction on local highways may cause slower posted speed limits along with other factors that will slow traffic down.

According to the Department of Roads, the traffic on Nebraska Highway 2 between Bennet and Syracuse may be controlled by flaggers in possible speed zones.

Currently, speed limits are reduced and there are some one-lane roadways between west Lincoln and Bennet on Highway 2. Construction in this area is expected to be done by June 1998.

Also, Highway 77 in Ceresco will have traffic controlled by flaggers with slower speed limits, possible cross-overs and local detours.

"Traffic may be slow, but it should flow and be well-maintained at the construction sites," said Mary Jo Hall, Communication Division Manager of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Once on campus, students can trav-

el between City and East campuses for free by riding StarTran, the public transportation system in Lincoln. Through the UNL/StarTran Transportation Program, students can use a bus pass that, along with their student ID, lets them ride free. The passes are available at Parking and Transit Services in the Stadium Drive Garage. StarTran buses run Monday through Friday, from 5:15 a.m. to 7:05 p.m., and Saturdays from 6:30 a.m. to 7:05 p.m.

StarTran Public Transportation system also serves all of Lincoln, Monday through Saturday. There is no night or Sunday service.

For students with night classes, an intercampus van service is available from 6:00 p.m. until 10:35 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters.

Students who park on campus are provided shuttle service to the parking lots by three shuttles. The hours of service of the three shuttles varies between 7 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.

Annual permits for parking cost \$108 for Aug. 8, 1998 through August 22, 1999, fall and spring permits are \$81 and a semester permit is \$40.50. Reserved and perimeter permits are also available. New students were sent information about application deadlines and prices.

The price to park in the Stadium Drive Parking Garage is 35 cents per half-hour for the first hour and 50 cents per hour thereafter. Parking meters located on campus have time limits ranging from 10 minutes to four hours and cost 25 cents per hour.

Bike racks are available near buildings on both campuses, as well as at locations downtown. Lincoln also has a system of hiker/biker trails. Many trails start near campus and run in all directions for recreation or commuting. Sidewalk riding is prohibited in the area bounded by K through R streets between Ninth and 16th streets and on O through R streets between Seventh and Ninth streets.

Parking maps with information and bus schedules are at the Stadium Drive Parking Garage, located west of Memorial Stadium. Bus schedules also are located at Lincoln Libraries and in the Nebraska Union.

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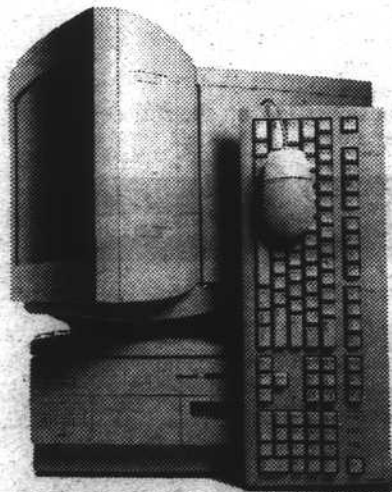
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