

Garage leads to fewer tickets, less parking meter revenue

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The parking garage that opened last year on City Campus has led to fewer parking tickets and less meter revenue for Parking and Transit Services, Parking Services Manager Tad McDowell said.

McDowell presented operating costs and revenue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, to the Parking Advisory Committee on Monday.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Parking Services is self-funded and does not receive any tax dollars.

McDowell compared the numbers from this fiscal year to figures from each fiscal year since 1994-1995.

The amount of money collected through tickets in 1997-1998 decreased 8.25 percent, down about \$42,500 from the 1996-1997 fiscal

year. McDowell emphasized that the drop shows Parking Services does not try to have a quota for the number of tickets it must give.

Revenue brought in through meters dropped 18.15 percent, down about \$32,200.

McDowell said the parking garage replaced a parking lot that had meters. Also, fewer meters are available at the Nebraska Union because of construction.

The parking garage dropped \$360,000 into Parking Services' pockets, and the garage was open for only part of the year, opening in fall 1997.

McDowell expects the 1998-1999 revenue to exceed that amount.

In other business, Alfred Arth, a representative for Academic Senate, proposed a new policy dealing with the absence of a parking permit in cars.

If drivers forget their permits, because their cars needed repairs for instance, they still can park on campus with another registered car.

They would be able to do this without paying the \$2 fee now required to get the temporary day permit.

Tickets can range from \$5 to \$25 if a permit is not displayed.

Arth said the proposed policy would be more user-friendly.

No action was taken on the policy, which, if accepted by the committee, would have to be recommended to Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance Melvin Jones.

The policy will be rewritten for clarity. Some committee members said the wording was too abstract.

The members also want to change the policy to say the driver must appear in person to receive the free temporary permit, rather than be able to call in.

Nebraskans are living longer than in the past

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But Newman said increases and decreases normally occur from year to year and should cause alarm only if they become part of a long-term trend.

According to the health report, young parents were most likely to delay prenatal care, which also may be a cause of the greater number of underweight newborns.

Newman said young mothers lack access to care in Nebraska, both because of social embarrassment and financial difficulty.

The average life span of Nebraskans - 74.8 years - matches the record set in 1995 and also is higher than the national average, Augustine said.

Despite higher rates of abuse of tobacco and alcohol, Newman said Nebraska's relatively clean population and low rates of homicide make for a good place to live.

Heart disease, which has been the leading cause of death nationally for several decades, was the most common cause of death in Nebraska in 1997.

Cancer - breast cancer for women and prostate cancer for men - was the

second most common killer in the state.

Women tend to live longer than men, and the 1997 statistics follow that pattern, with the average age of women at death at 78.5 years and of men at 71.1 years.

Newman said studies show women are stronger than men and tend to take better care of themselves.

Other more controversial studies suggest women are genetically superior to men in terms of health.

In Nebraska, the number of deaths from AIDS was cut in half since 1996, down from 60 in 1996 to 31 in 1997.

Augustine said better drug treatment to stop the progression from HIV to AIDS have pushed the number of AIDS-related deaths down in the last year.

Accidental death was the fourth-leading cause of death state- and nationwide, and motor vehicle accidents make up the largest number of those deaths.

The number of automobile-related deaths in Nebraska has been on the rise in the latter half of the decade, shooting up from a 50-year low in 1995 to 288 deaths in 1996 and 306 in 1997.

RHA appoints senators as social co-chairmen

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Two Residence Hall Association senators were appointed Social Committee co-chairmen Sunday night.

Liz Ormsby and Nathan Fuerst were both approved by acclamation.

"We make a good team," Fuerst said. "We also have a lot of things in mind for the year."

Ormsby agreed she and Fuerst work well together.

"We both have a lot of energy and feed off each other," Ormsby said.

In the past, only one person was appointed chairman, but President Ben Wallace said this year two were

chosen to lighten the work load.

In other RHA news, Courtney Mears was selected as senator of the week.

Larry Willis, RHA speaker, made the nomination based on the amount of work Mears has done for the Review and Recommendation Committee.

RHA Senator Julian Sundaram said a polka dance is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 7:15 p.m. in Selleck Residence Hall.

"We have some Czech students living here (in Selleck)," he said, "and this should be a good activity."

CLARIFICATION

Monday's Daily Nebraskan reported that participants in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's can-drive contest against Kansas State University could bring their cans to the UNL Food Store Parking lot Monday. While students, faculty members and staff are encouraged to save cans this week, UNL Recycling Services Coordinator Dale Ekart said they should bring their cans to the store parking lot, 1700 Y St., on Nov. 16 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Any cans left before this time may not be counted for the contest because no workers will be around to collect and count them.

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