

# Bill urges parking service to ask for repayment

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What has been a relatively idle year so far for the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska turned into an active one Wednesday night.

Senators debated and passed three bills that they said they hoped would have an impact on the university.

In one bill, ASUN senators voted to urge the Parking Advisory Committee to recommend staying with the current method of funding.

Parking and Transit Services currently use permit fees, citation fees and meters to pay for parking needs.

There are some, though, who would like to see state funds, tuition dollars and private gifts used to

pay for parking, said Andy Schuerman, ASUN president.

"Although (using state funds) sounds appealing, there's not enough money," Schuerman said. "There should be user fees that go to pay for parking. (That way) it's not just students paying. It's students, faculty and staff."

Heath Mello, College of Arts and Sciences senator, said with this bill, Parking and Transit Services would not do anything new.

"They're just going to do what they're doing now," he said.

The second bill said ASUN would "urge the university" to repay Parking and Transit Services for any "capital investments," such as parking lots, that the university took.

It also said the Parking Advisory Committee should recommend to Parking and Transit Services to "demand just" repayment for forfeited

property.

Schuerman said the university does try to compensate Parking and Transit Services, but no studies have been done to determine whether they are being justly repaid.

Graduate College Senator Stephen Allen supported the bill.

"If anything, this will help keep the costs low for students," Allen said.

Nick Burns, ASUN representative to the parking advisory committee, said money should go to academics before it goes to parking.

In a third bill, ASUN senators voted to lobby the academic colleges and the Department of Information Services to speed up implementation of the Degree Audit Reporting System.

The system would aid in the senior check process and give underclassmen the chance to check their progress. Four colleges have imple-

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mented the degree audit system but will not be able to use it until all colleges are ready.

The bill said ASUN will use groups such as the Academic Committee, the Government Liaison Committee and the Student Impact Team to ensure that this process is completed in a reasonable amount of time.

Schuerman said this bill would be a "gentle nudge" on the part of student government, saying, "Yes, indeed, students think this is a good idea."

Cody Northrop, College of Engineering and Technology senator, said this idea has been discussed before.

"If it's to the point now where it's feasible, I'd like to see it," he said.

## Law & Order

### Man arrested on suspicion of child abuse after crash

Police arrested an 18-year-old Lincoln man Tuesday on child abuse charges after the man led officers on a high-speed chase with an infant in his back seat, Officer Katherine Finnell said.

The chase ended in a crash in front of the Capitol.

Police took the 9-month-old girl into custody after medical teams found third-degree burns on her left arm.

The burns were inflicted before the crash, Finnell said.

Police arrested driver David Gore, 18, on suspicion of a variety of traffic violations and felony child abuse after the three-minute chase, Finnell said.

The girl was not in a safety seat of any kind during the chase, Finnell said, and was apparently thrown around the back seat of Gore's car.

The infant's mother, Tiffany Ladehoff, 19, was cited for misdemeanor child abuse.

Police tried to pull Gore over at 26th and W streets at about 8:15 p.m. because he was driving without his lights on, Finnell said.

Gore fled, leading police down Vine Street to 16th Street, reaching a high speed of 50 mph, Finnell said.

Gore turned at 16th Street, then onto K Street against traffic.

Finnell said Gore then crashed into a light pole on K Street at around 35 mph.

Gore and a 19-year-old passenger fled the crash, police said. Gore was arrested about a block later. The passenger was not charged.

Officers searching the car discovered the infant in the back seat of Gore's car, Finnell said.

Police said Ladehoff said she had left the baby in Gore's car while she visited a friend's house. Ladehoff said the burns were caused by an accident with a curling iron, Finnell said.

The infant is currently at BryanLGH West.

### Police arrest woman on suspicion of possession

A Lincoln woman was arrested Tuesday evening in the parking lot of a Walgreen's drugstore with several bags of a substance believed to be methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, police said.

Officers arrested Davida Kucera, 24, on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance.

Finnell said officers found a small purse containing a small brass pipe, a scale, syringe, 2.9 grams of meth and other drug paraphernalia.

A tackle box found in Kucera's car contained an additional 5.2 grams of meth held in eight small plastic bags, Finnell said.

### Deputy Sheriffs holding 40 cases of confiscated beer

Lancaster County Deputy Sheriffs are holding only 40 cases of beer confiscated from a Delta Tau Delta party Friday, Asst. Chief William Jarrett said.

Jarrett said deputies dumped 30 cases while at the party then transported the remaining beer to a county property lot.

The remainder cannot be dumped because it represents an environmental hazard, Jarrett said.

Compiled by senior staff writer Jake Bleed

## ASUN sponsors union book fair

From staff reports

The Association of Students of the University of Nebraska will sponsor a book fair by Books are Fun Ltd. in the Nebraska Union today.

The fair will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Nebraska Union's alcove, next to Subway.

ASUN President Andy Schuerman said prices will be up to 70 percent off of regular bookstand prices.

The fair will feature children's books, cookbooks, compact discs and various bestsellers, such as John Grisham's "The Testament."

Books are Fun is a national organi-

zation that holds book fairs at college campuses, hospitals and businesses.

Schuerman said the only way Books are Fun could come to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was if ASUN sponsored the fair.

By participating, ASUN will receive a flat fee that will go toward the enhancement of student government, he said.

"(With this), we could ask for less money sometime (in student fees)," he said.

The money that ASUN earns at the book fair can be used only for things that ASUN could not use student fees for, Schuerman said, including improvements to the ASUN office.

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