

# University regulations shun cars

## Vehicles ticketed 24 hours a day

Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week — there's no time you can't get a ticket for parking in the wrong place at the University.

It's no secret that a student trying to find a parking place for the day is at a disadvantage. The University has only 2,000 parking spaces for faculty, staff and students. Fewer than 900 of those are for students.

And those spaces are available only after the purchase of a parking permit, priced at \$18 per year. Part of the parking lot, near Bean Hall, is allotted for student parking at a reduced \$9 fee.

Students who can't afford or don't want to invest in a parking permit will find themselves competing for the few metered spaces on 13th and 18th Avenues and University and Agate Streets, or parking in the limited-time neighborhood streets.

Feeding the meter between classes can prove difficult, and student cars are not welcomed by residents, who often can't find space to park in front of their homes.

Worst of all is the penalty for parking in the wrong place, or overstaying the time limit. Tickets assessed by Campus Security officers range from \$2 to \$10, for a variety of offenses.

At least 4,000 people each month collect University parking tickets, the Campus Security Office estimates. The regulations they break are listed in that office's parking information brochure. Students who want to avoid finding tick-



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*In downtown Eugene parking meters have been removed and free overparks constructed to accommodate daily traffic.*

*The University is a different story with limited space and ticketing security officers working seven days a week.*

ets under their windshields can pick up a copy of the brochure at the office, on 15th Avenue across from the covered tennis courts.

Some places to avoid parking are yellow zones, near a fire hydrant or in a fire lane, in a loading zone or in service drives, entrances or alleys. Visitors' parking lots are also prohibited to students.

What's more, a driver can be ticketed for improper parking (such as backing into a head-in space), speeding or driving carelessly.

Anyone living in a bus, motor home or camper on University property can be cited for improper parking and even find his or her home towed away.

Students whose cars break down on the campus and can't be moved should notify the Campus Security Office at once, or they may not find anything to be repaired.

Because the responsibility for finding a legal parking place rests with the vehicle's driver, according to parking regulations, the University's scarcity of parking spaces isn't a good excuse for breaking those regulations.

However, if a student thinks a parking or driving ticket is unjust, there is someone who will hear an appeal.

The Traffic Petitions Officer, at 39 Prince Lucien Campbell Hall, has the power to dismiss a violation, find a ticketed student not guilty of the violation, or

lower the fine.

Petitions must be submitted in writing at the Campus Security Office within 10 days after the ticket is issued. Arrangements can be made for the petitioner to appear in person.

If the Traffic Petitions Officer denies the petition and requires the fine to be paid, the student has a final chance — the Traffic Appeals Board, staffed by two faculty members, two classified staff members and two students.

The written appeal, which must be submitted within five days, should show that the Petitions Officer's decision was arbitrary, unreasonable or not supported by sufficient evidence. The Board's decision is final.



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