

Bike parking will soon be a serious matter with security

by Tricia Ciaravino

Spring is here and with it comes bicycle riders. University Police Chief David Hollenbeck said he wants to encourage students to ride their bikes because it frees parking spaces and is environmentally safe. But he said students must be careful and lock their bikes with the right equipment because bike thieves see the campus as a shopping mall where they need no money.

Hollenbeck said riders should purchase a chain 3/8 inch wide, cased in hardened steel, and 6 feet long. At this length, the chain can go through both wheels, the frame and the bike rack.

He said a cable is also a

good idea. Make sure it is 1/2 inch wide and 6 feet long. Hollenbeck said many thieves will try to cut through the holding device with a bolt cutter. The cable is a little harder to cut.

"The longer they have to sit and struggle, the longer they're exposed," he added.

Always use a good, solid lock. Hollenbeck said the best locks are U-type locks.

"It makes absolutely no sense to skimp on security," he said. Especially if the bike is a good one.

Register the bike. The Public Safety Department has a registration program. It is a lot easier to identify a stolen bike if it is clearly marked as yours.

Hollenbeck said he thinks

their prime suspects are juveniles and recommends students call the police if they see kids or anyone else suspicious hanging around the bike racks.

About 56 new bike racks have been added and 20 more are needed to complete the project. Hollenbeck said he thinks this will help reduce the number of bike thefts.

He also said now that racks are available, students have no reason for parking their bikes elsewhere.

"We're going to start enforcing (parking rules) for people to park their bikes in appropriate places," he said. "I have no reservations, when somebody parks their bike on a handicapped ramp, about cutting it loose and impounding it."



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UNLV police recommend extra precaution in locking up bikes.

No more (parking) at light posts and signs. They're just going to have to use the legal bike racks."

Hollenbeck said he welcomes student input. He en-

courages students to call Public Safety, Student Government or Plant Maintenance if an appropriate spot for a rack has been overlooked.

10 most common reasons for parking citations

The following rules and regulations are most commonly ignored:

1. Parking rules are enforced 24 hours per day throughout the calendar year. Note: After 7:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and on weekends, parking is permitted in the student and faculty lots.

2. UNLV Parking Permits must be completely "stuck" with their own adhesive to the lower right-hand corner of the front windshield. (Not taped or on the dash).

3. Metered parking is enforced from 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. or as indicated on individual meters. Faculty, students and staff are not allowed to park in "Visitor Only" metered spaces.

4. All parking on campus requires a valid UNLV parking permit. Individual spaces and areas may not always be marked. Signs are posted at the entrance to parking areas. Students, faculty, professional staff and administrators using a rental or loaner vehicle must secure a temporary parking permit.

5. No parking is permitted in construction areas, whether posted or not.

6. Hanging parking stickers must hang from the rear-view mirror. The accompanying sticker must be affixed, with its own adhesive, to the front, lower right hand corner of the windshield. The numbers on each must be the same. The Parking Enforcement personnel cannot be expected to search the floor or seats for temporary stickers that have fallen or blown from the proper location.

7. Motorcycles and mopeds must park in designated areas. Mopeds cannot be parked in bicycle racks.

8. Individuals (professors, secretaries, coaches, maintenance personnel, etc.) cannot give permission to park contrary to the UNLV Parking Rules & Regulations. Guests, speakers, consultants, alumni, VIPs, visiting teams or groups should be informed by the host of the UNLV parking regulations and meter violations. Each department is responsible for securing temporary parking permits for visitors.

9. Inability to find a legal parking space does not justify incorrect parking.

10. Service/delivery vehicles must have a valid university permit.

NOTE: The complete Rules and Regulations are available at the Department of Public Safety. The above regulations are only excerpts. Students, staff and faculty are responsible for all of the regulations.

The above information was submitted by Vince Eade, chair of the Parking and Traffic Committee.



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