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## Tow companies bag student cars

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It's open season in the parking lot. Students in need of a quick space are improvising—parking in red zones, commercial centers, staff areas—and some are getting picked off like so many stray deer.

Wednesday morning alone, tow companies bagged six cars

on the dirt lot along Brussels Road. According to UNLV police, around 25 to 30 students took some creative license on the law and formed a single file down the middle of the driveway. The police station was swarmed with irate students whose cars were blocked in.

The call was made and within minutes the tow trucks came charging through.

Some cars slipped by. Others were towed.

One of them belonged to Cary Brown.

Brown parked her car in the lot about 9 a.m. and returned about 4 p.m. to find a sparsely filled lot, her car nowhere in sight.

Brown said there was no one from parking enforcement telling students not to

park down the middle of the lane.

"I didn't hesitate to park here," Brown said. "There were 25 other cars all in a row."

In an effort to locate her car, she called UNLV police and found that it had been towed by Custom Towing, one of three companies authorized to tow at public sites.

Custom Towing told Brown that she'd have to pay \$81.50,

and if she didn't claim her car by 5 p.m. that day, the fine would go up.

In addition, UNLV parking slapped her with a \$25 citation for obstructing the flow of traffic.

"All (25) cars were cited," whether they were towed or not, said student parking attendant Ed Talbot.

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## Parking fees subsidize Public Safety services

By TONYA LOMEQ  
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The UNLV student population of approximately 20,000 helps generate about \$200,000 each year in parking tickets for the Department of Public Safety, according to Sgt. Don Drake.

So where is all this money going? Drake, a 14-year veteran, said that the Public Safety "receives no money from the university" and must support itself. Money generated from parking tickets pays for the salaries of the students who work for Public Safety, the special services offered (vehicle jump-starts, lockouts, and flat tire service), maintenance of the parking lots, and replacing signs around campus.

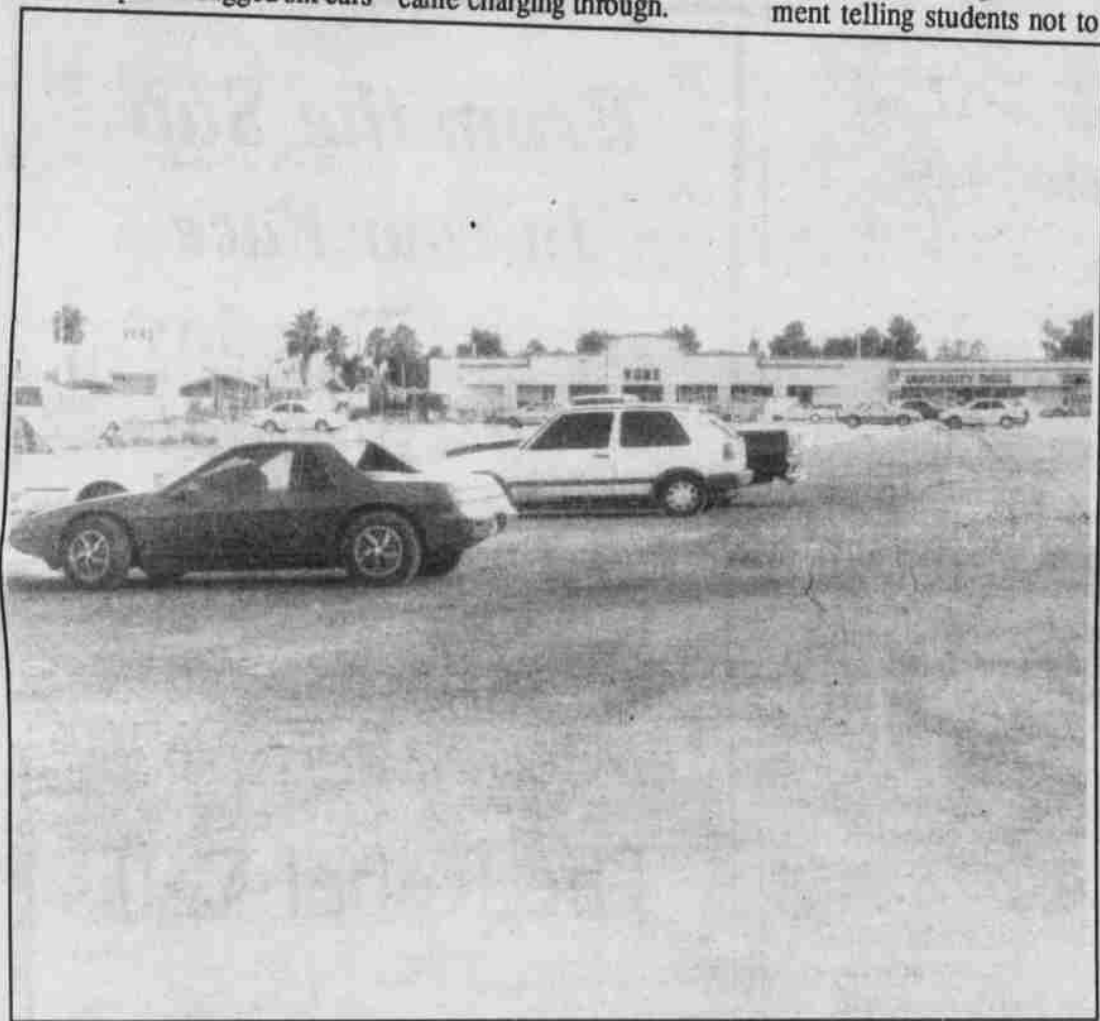
In addition, Drake empha-

sized that the money was being spent to improve the campus. He said that Public Safety is paying for a 400-car parking lot on the north end of campus for student parking which was originally funded through President Robert Maxson. Public Safety also paid for lighting in one parking lot on Brussels and plans to install two more in the dirt lot. They will also be installing 20 emergency phones around campus, according to Drake.

As for what type of ticket is most issued, Drake stated it is a tie between "improper zone," a \$10 ticket for parking where cars not permitted to park, and a \$25 ticket for "no parking area" which includes red zones and double parking.

Drake also said that he ex-

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By Hyun-Ho Han Rebel Yell Stock 93

No parking at UNLV: Still a farce to some, a headache to others.

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## Area businesses: you will be towed

### Shops warn students not to park in lots

By GREGORY QUINN  
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Naugles worker Libby had double duty last week working both the restaurant and the parking lot.

Besides taking taco orders, she had to take license numbers of cars parked illegally on her lot.

"We are having cars towed as we speak," she said.

Students on a mad dash to class have found the short walk from Maryland Parkway to the heart of the university much too

enticing. They park in the commercial centers and hope they don't get caught.

Many are paying for it. Big time.

Towing fees run about \$81.50, plus \$5 for every day a car is left impounded. On top of that, the student gets slapped with a citation, normally \$25.

"We try to warn (the students) as they're leaving," said Libby, "but it's hard to catch them when you have a business (to run). Normally if you can catch them, they'll move (their cars). Sometimes not."

Mary Costa of The Equity Group, a property management company whose offices overlook the lot next to The Warehouse, said they have posted a security guard

from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Monday through Friday.

"We've noticed that most of the problems occur in the morn-

ing," Costa said. The students, "are restricting the flow of patron parking for the business owners here."

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## WARNING

NO PARKING - TOWING

Please move this vehicle immediately. Another violation will result in towing and storage expenses.

This vehicle will be towed on: Day: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Towed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Towed: \_\_\_\_\_

A notice like this appears on students' windshield when parking illegally.