## ell Aggies risk towing fees daily

By DEBBIE NELSON

Despite signs posted at the kaggs Albertsons parking lot, 5-100 Texas A&M University stunts park their cars there daily.

m Catalino, manager of D&H wing Co., said Wednesday. Every school day, several of these udents return to the lot to find eir cars have been towed,

D&H Towing hires spotters to sit the parking lot and watch for stunts who park their cars there nile going to class. These spotters we the license numbers to the tow-g company, which then sends a recker to the lot.

From 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Catalino aid, they have time to tow only 12 of the illegally parked cars to company lot on Groesbeck et in Bryan.

D&H Towing charges \$50 for ach car towed. Catalino said the ney goes entirely to D&H. either Skaggs Albertsons nor Culpper Properties, which owns the eives any of the money

Will Moyers, comptroller for ulpepper Properties, said last seek they had to implement the wing policy because students re parking there and taking away pper's access to the shopping

Some days as much as 20 percent the parking lot is taken up by stu-ent vehicles, he said.

Buddy Lindley, credit manager the Skaggs Albertsons store, said Skaggs has nothing to do with the towing because they only lease the building from Culpepper Properties. Lindley said the only thing he can do is give out the towing any's phone number.

The phone number for D&H To-ing as listed on the signs at Skaggs bertsons has been disconnected. wever, Lindley has another whone number for D&H Towing which he gives to inquirers.

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Sherry Albrecht, assistant to the city manager of College Station, said the amount charged for towing a vehicle is not regulated by the city.

A city ordinance proposed last year, but not passed, would have limited the charge for impounding a whicle from a private lot to \$30.

ehicle from a private lot to \$30. Although D&H charges \$50, Lt. In Kennedy, of the College Staon police department, said the feer most wrecker services is \$35. ach wrecker service must be incted and approved by the city fore it can begin operation. When city needs a car towed, it calls wrecker services on a rotating

lice department has nothing to do ith cars being towed from the

kaggs lot.
Since the parking lot is private





tified only as "Lonnie," prepares to tow a car illegally both on and off campus. parked illegally on the Texas A&M campus.

property and signs are posted, Ken-

parked cars. Although it is not required, wrecker services usually report the license number and a de-

scription of the towed car to the

For a student to recover his

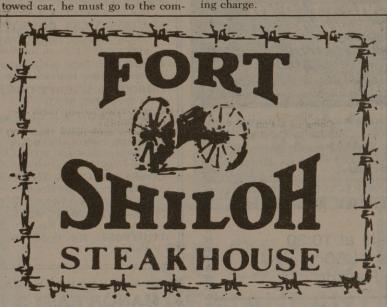
ing their cars as stolen.

An employee of A-1 Wrecker Company, iden- Many students risk high fees daily by parking

pany lot on Groesbeck Street and pay the \$50 fee.

nedy said, it is legal for a spotter to sit in the lot and watch for illegally If a car is towed for being illegally parked on campus, the charge is \$20, said Capt. Morris Maddox of the University Police Department. The same wrecker service charges \$35 for towing a car from a city loca-

D&H Towing Co. reports every car towed to the police, Catalino said. This is to avoid people report-Students have two choices: pay \$27 for a 2-semester parking sticker, or don't buy a sticker, park somewhere else, and risk a \$20-\$50 tow-



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