

Orage Quarles is president and publisher of Raleigh's N&O.

Quarles to Address Fall 2002 Grads

Approximately 350 students will graduate from Fayetteville State University during the 13th Winter Commencement exercise scheduled for Saturday, December 14, 2002, at 10:00 a.m. in the Felton J. Capel Arena. A reception will be held for graduates and their families immediately following the program.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Mr. Orage Quarles III, president and publisher of The News & Observer in Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Quarles is a native of Houston, Texas and a graduate of San Bernardino College in San Bernardino, California. He has served as assistant to the president of Gannet West, and he has been president and publisher of several companies including: the Fort Collins Coloradoan, The Stockton Record in California, and

the Herald Rock in South Carolina. He was appointed to lead the Raleigh newspaper in January 2000. Mr. Quarles also has an impressive and diverse service background. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Associated Press, the Executive Committee of the Newspaper Association of America, the Triangle United Way, and the North Carolina Museum of Arts Foundation board.

Chancellor Willis B. McLeod will host a breakfast for graduating students and their families on Friday, December 13, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in the Helen T. Chick Building. Graduation rehearsal will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Felton J. Capel Arena following the breakfast.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs at 910.672.1482.

Commuting Students Concerned About Lack of Parking Spaces

By Denise Bruinton

When you think of a commuter student, you normally think of students that have a bit more freedom than those that stay on the yard.

From having relief from strict housing regulations to being bored in the dorms, you would never think of them as the ones having the bad end of the deal.

Limited parking spaces have been a campus problem for over four years on the campus of Fayetteville State University.

According to a recent sample of commuter students, more than 20 commuters have already received parking tickets this semester.

Not only do unfair parking tickets penalize commuters, but also a hidden penalty is that they are being chipped out of their education.

"Since there are not enough parking spaces, you have to drive around for about 10 minutes before you find a space. Even then,

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the space is usually a long way from your building," says Elizabeth Bloodwin, a commuter student. "You have to walk a long way to your class and that makes us miss out on some of the lecture."

Another problem commuters are faced with is discrimination. Not the normal types dealing with gender and race, but financial discrimination.

"I don't feel that the current parking status for commuters is fair," says Nicole Freeman, a commuter from Raleigh. "Why should commuters have to pay the same price for a permit as an on-campus student? Commuters don't even utilize all of the parking 'features' as on-campus students," she says.

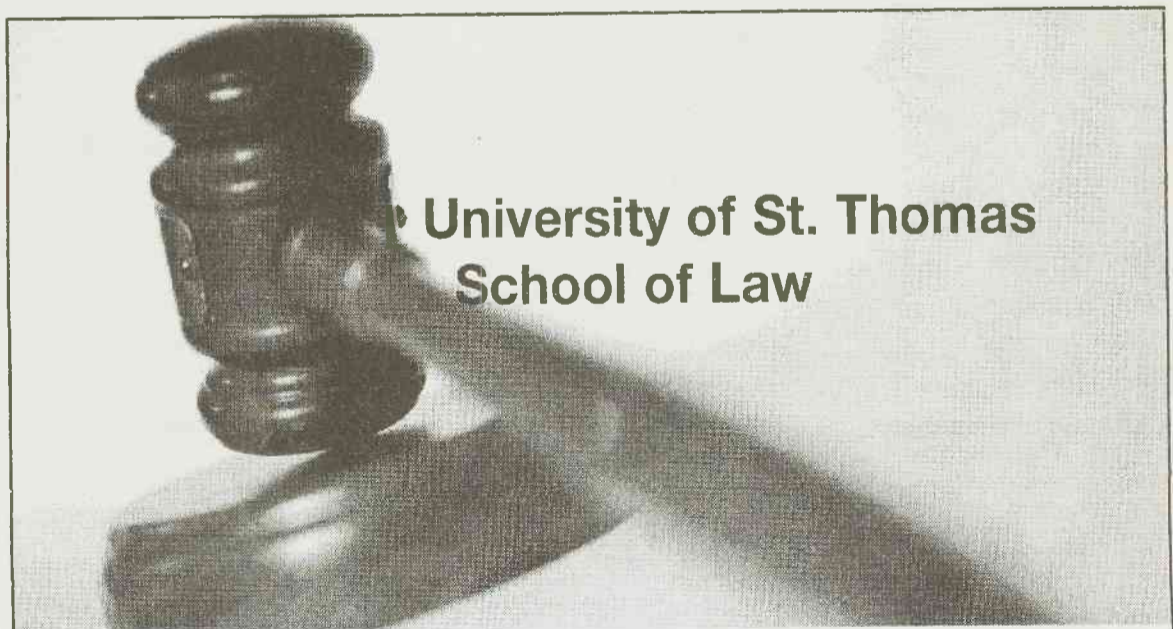
Campus parking officials

say there are two alternatives to be considered in the future concerning FSU's parking situation.

The options include using a parking deck and establishing gated lots for all entrances, says Captain Steven Godette of the FSU Police Department.

"If everyone would park in their designated space, there wouldn't be any problems," he says. "However, nobody wants to walk. Everybody wants to park close to the buildings. Sometime they even park in the handicapped spaces. Yes, it's more convenient to park close, but, even if you have to park far from your building, you should always be considerate of others."

"I think that FSU needs to provide more parking for commuters and make sure that commuters are not resident students, are parking in commuter lots," says Bloodwin. Freeman agrees, "FSU needs more student parking and less 'designated' parking areas."



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