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## Residential students barred from parking in Hendricks lot; Senate hosts forum

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Frustrations and questions over a new parking policy ushered in the new semester for campus residents.

"I think it's very unfair," said first-year student Becky Cochran, who lives in Binford Hall. "This wasn't a decision that involved the input of residents."

Cochran was referring to the new rule effective Jan. 1, for the parking lot behind Binford and Hendricks Hall, that allows parking for CCE and commuter students only. The rule is in place at all times, seven days a week. Faculty, staff, visitors, and the handicapped can also still utilize the lot.

To avoid getting slapped with a \$20 parking citation, Cochran, and other residents of Binford, Shore and Mary Hobbs, now park in the lot behind the Frank Family Science Center and Bryan Hall.

Phil Manz, vice president and chief financial officer, was present last fall at the weekly meeting of vice presidents and deans when the change was made.

"This decision is due to the rapid and remarkable growth of the CCE student body," said Manz. "We went from having nearly 200 CCE students in the fall of 2000 to nearly 500 this spring."

The Hendricks lot, formerly the Binford lot, failed to accommodate the increase last semester with its 180 spaces.

"The lot was always full and people were parking where there were no spots, which blocked people in," said Bill Stevens, di-



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The Hendricks lot (above) became a source of conflict when the administration made parking legal only for CCE students. Residential students now use the lot behind Bryan Hall and the Frank Science Center.

rector of the Center for Continuing Education. "Prospective adult students were even turned away from Guilford since there were no spots to park when they were turning in their applications."

Stevens also notes that adult students are usually rushing from work to class and do not have a lot of time to find a parking spot.

"Since time is very important, convenient parking is even more necessary for them," Stevens said.

Some residential students affected by this change were concerned about their safety since there was no outdoor lighting on

the gravel pathways leading from the Frank lot until Thurs., Jan. 17. Others were surprised that they were excluded from the decision process.

"I was very shocked that students were not a part of the

process," said Megan Page, Community Senate president, "I didn't even hear about the decision until after it was made."

"I understand those concerns," said Manz. "One of

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## Senate hosts forum about student parking issue

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Spurred by concerns over the new parking policy, Community Senate invited the campus to its meeting Wednesday night in Boren Lounge.

About 35 students, faculty, and staff gathered to hear Bill Stevens, director of CCE, address these concerns and explain the decision's rationale.

Stevens began by explaining

that the parking issue initially arose from the CCE's Student Government Association for two reasons. First, the lot was designated for CCE students in 1973 and remained that way until the construction of the Frank Family Science Center in 1998.

CCE students then objected to the "Binford" sign put up next to the lot after the construction since the lot traditionally was

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Monday, January 21, was Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For full coverage of Guilford's celebrations of Dr. King, see next week's issue.

