

# Increase in parking meter and permit rates in effect

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Parking meter rates at UNC have risen 250 percent per hour, and parking permits prices have gone up \$25 per permit effective July 1, traffic officials said.

UNC Director of Transportation Mary Clayton said that the increases were necessary to cover the costs of providing new parking and maintaining current parking areas.

"In prior years, parking was priced to accommodate the physical changes that impacted the parking

situation (new construction taking over lots, restructuring of current lots, etc.) In the past couple of years, this couldn't be done."

Clayton said that parking, like other University service departments, needed to be self-sufficient.

"This year, the Board of Trustees approved an increase of less than what we asked for," she said. "As a result, the maintenance and new parking costs will be twice what we will receive from the permits and meters."

Clayton also cited abuse of the

parking meters as a reason for the increase in their cost. The meters were never intended for long-term student use. However, some individuals had been parking in the metered spaces for long periods of time, sometimes for days.

"Students were parking and putting money in the meters then just leaving their cars. They seemed to have found it cheaper to pay the fine than to pay for the meter," Clayton said.

"We also studied the parking in Chapel Hill, Durham and Raleigh and found that we were about 15 cents cheaper per hour than they

were."

She said that the transportation office was seeking to simplify parking rules and make them uniform throughout the area.

Overall, the parking meters on campus have been raised from 10 cents to 25 cents per hour. Rates for parking permits, which cover the fall and spring semesters, have been increased from \$108 to \$132 per year for the Ram's Head lot, located across from Kenan Field House. Clayton said that the increases were just the beginning.

"We are seeking permanence," she said. "We are looking at structural

parking in the future, like decks. A deck space will cost from five to six hundred dollars to build and maintain." She said that buildings and other structures will soon take all of the available standard parking, and decks will be the only alternative.

The traffic office is also working on ways to decrease the costs. "Many campuses are moving to universal campus transit systems for which all students would pay a fee," Clayton said. "Also, automation would possibly decrease the cost. We have the in-house computers, and we are looking into software."

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## WXYC escapes monotony

By **JAMES BURRUS**  
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WXYC, the University's campus radio station, brings an opinion out of everybody, but all students agree that the station located at 89.3 FM is definitely unique.

According to station manager Bill Burton, WXYC is recognized as one of the 10 or 12 best college radio stations in the nation. "Definitely the best in the state, and probably the Southeast," he says.

The most obvious reason that XYC, as its affectionately called, is so unique and highly regarded is because of the variety of music it plays. It is the only station around

where one can hear something from Willie Nelson, followed by the Gang of Four and then something totally out-of-date like the Bee Gees. So what if everyone was hoping they would never hear the brothers Gibb, minus Andy, again. "We'll play anything that's good," says Burton.

This station definitely has something for everybody's taste. Disc jockeys play traditional rock 'n roll tunes that all double "r" fans have heard, plus obscure groups that are just trying to break the ice on commercial radio. But there's more to music than rock 'n roll, and XYC is out to prove it. Anything that can be classified as music has a chance for airplay on XYC. It is not uncommon to hear jazz, country and funk mixed in with the rock during any stretch of XYC's air time. "Variety is the spice of life," Burton quotes.

On area commercial stations, such as G105 and 94Z, one tends to hear the same pop songs over and over. According to Burton, commercial stations limit themselves. "They are boring to work with and to listen to," he says. XYC is on the air 24 hours and broadcasts no paid advertisements.

Jocks at XYC have a lot of freedom to play what they want. Barbara Behen, a disc jockey during the summer and the regular school

year, says, "Being able to inflict your tastes on other people is great. Especially getting phone calls from people saying, 'That's the worst song I've ever heard' or 'That's a really good song' is fun."

People who listen to XYC escape the pop syndrome. This explains why Burton figures that a little more than half of the student population turns its dials to 89.3. "Almost all people who listen to contemporary music listen to us at some time or another," he says. He estimates that 20 percent of the student population permanently park their dials at XYC. According to Burton, a year and a half ago when XYC was on the ballot as a referendum item for constitutional funding, they received more votes than all of the student body president candidates. "It shows that people cared more about XYC than who was going to be their next student body president," Burton says.

Burton also figures that 10 percent of the student population hates XYC, "but at least they know we are here." Burton says of XYC, "Listen if you like it, if you like it tell your friends about it, if you don't like it — sorry. That's what college radio is all about."

The station offers more than music

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