

# Very few parking permits available for fall

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There are a limited number of parking permits available for the fall, according to the department of transportation and parking services.

Approximately 300 permits are still available for the fall but most are reserved for junior transfer students, graduate students and hardship cases, according to Lori Palazzo, cashier in the transportation and parking department.

There are still available permits for P lot, located on Airport Road, which — with a free bus pass — costs \$36 for the year. Centrally located parking areas can cost up to \$240 and are in limited supply.

On Aug. 28, remaining parking permits will be sold to returning students and on Aug. 29, to transfer and new students. Returned student permits will be redistributed by student government on a waiting list basis.

When purchasing a permit, stu-

dents must provide proof of registration giving present student status and their car registration, according to parking administrator Kathy Haines.

Students should keep in mind that parking fines range in price from \$10 for parking improperly to \$50 for an unauthorized display of a parking permit. Parking in a parking lot without a valid permit carries a \$20 fine.

Repeat offenders, and those who

have parked obstructing traffic, fire lanes, or parking areas allocated for specific purposes, are subject to being towed.

The department of transportation will make allowances for students who are unloading and moving into dorms in the fall. Students will be permitted to park in temporary unloading zones from Aug. 26-30. Zones A, F, I, K, L, M, S5, S3, T, P and PR will display signs reading "No Permit Re-

quired Today."

Students should not park in any area which does not display the sign and should arrange for their regular parking needs by Aug. 31, when enforcement of all parking regulations will begin.

Students living within a two-mile radius of the Bell Tower are ineligible for a permit. Freshmen are not permitted to park on campus.

## Students look to bicycles as a transportation alternative

From staff reports

With the increasing scarcity and expense of parking spaces on campus, many students are discovering a less hassle-filled method of getting around on campus and in Chapel Hill — bicycling.

According to Kurt Hafer, an em-

ployee of Tumbleweed Cyclery, cycling is a popular sport in the Chapel Hill area. "There are so many bike shops in this area," he said. "As athletic fitness and recreation, people in this area are looking to cycling."

"Right now, the emphasis is on exercise, with commuting as a plus. The fitness aspect has grown a lot since the 1984 Olympics, which generated a lot of publicity for cycling."

Ken Punnell, floor supervisor at Performance Bicycle Shop, said the Triangle area is good for cycling. "We have pretty good roads here, but drivers here are not as aware of cyclists as they are out west," he said.

Mike Boone, manager of Pedal Power, said he had seen a lot of riders in the two-plus years he has been in business. UNC students and faculty use cycling as a means of commuting to campus, he said.

Most bike shop employees said

they recommended an all-terrain bike for students. "They're safer, more comfortable and very sturdy," Boone said.

Prices at Tumbleweed Cyclery range from about \$200 up to \$2,000, with the more expensive bikes more similar to racing bikes, Hafer said.

According to campus police, students should register their bicycles at the police station in the security services building next to Morrison Residence Hall, or at any local police or fire station. When the bike is registered, a permanent registration number is stamped on the bike, and a decal warns that the bike is registered with local authorities.

As further protection against theft, police advise students to park their bikes in well-lighted locations, and to buy a good lock, locking both wheels as well as the frame of the bike.

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