

Parking department purchases new equipment, hires 7 staff

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Recent cuts in the University's budget have not affected the Department of Transportation and Parking's ability to purchase new equipment and hire new staff, officials said.

Like the Housing Department and other auxiliary services, the Transportation and Parking Department is self-supporting and does not depend on state funding, said Gene Swecker, associate

vice chancellor for facilities management.

The Transportation and Parking Department is supported by parking permit fees, parking fines, parking deck rent, special event parking fees and other sources, Swecker said. The department has recently purchased new equipment, including hand-held computers, and has hired seven full-time staff members.

Other University departments have been affected by recent state budget

cuts. Cuts have amounted to a 4.7 percent decrease in the University's budget, with further cuts possible. In September, University administrators responded to the cuts by instructing department chairmen and chairwomen to save money by not filling personnel vacancies and by reducing equipment purchases and operating expenses.

Self-supporting units are exempt from the hiring and purchasing freezes because they do not rely on state appropriations, said Ben Tuchi, vice chancellor for business and finance.

The Transportation and Parking Department is always under pressure to

keep costs down because it gets most of its money from parking permit fees, Swecker said.

"It's important that we control our expenditures because that's people's permit fees," he said. "People don't like to pay any more than they have to."

"Auxiliaries are always under pressure to hold prices down because they deliver a service. We're under the same pressure that any business is under. Everyone wants to economize."

Tuchi said auxiliary units, including Transportation and Parking, probably would not be asked to help support other areas of the University during the

budget crunch.

"Except in really limited instances, revenue raised by various (auxiliary) units has to be used by those units," he said. "As a matter of practice, the money tends to stay in the units where it originates."

Even if the self-supporting auxiliary units were asked to help support other University activities, they would not have much to spare, Tuchi said.

Examples of self-supporting auxiliary units that are cutting corners include the housing department, which typically has little left over after setting aside money

for future dormitory construction, the UNC Student Stores, which earmarks its profit for student scholarships, and the Carolina Inn, Tuchi said.

As an exception, the Athletic Department recently announced plans to funnel \$1 million of its proceeds toward academic use over the next five years, Tuchi said.

The Transportation and Parking Department needs all the money it has, Swecker said.

"The revenues are all going to traffic and parking, and there really isn't any excess revenue to share," he said.

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TIMES 12:30 to 1:30 — Check-In and race day registration. 2:00 — 10K starting time. 2:30 — 2 mile fun run starting time.

AWARDS For the 10K and 2 mile races, prizes will be awarded to the top two male and female finishers overall. For the 10K road race, prizes will be awarded to the first two males and females in the following age categories:

17 and under 23 to 29 40 to 49
18 to 22 30 to 39 50 and over

Prizes will also be awarded to the first place 10K team in each of three categories: male, female, and coed. Teams will consist of four members. Coed teams will consist of two males and two females.

We welcome runners with any type of physical disability. A prize will be awarded to the top wheelchair racer as well.

ENTRY FEES 10K — \$8.00 by November 9th, \$10.00 with late fee. 2 mile — \$6.00 by November 9th, \$8.00 with late fee. Each member of a team will receive a \$1.00 discount off the entry fee. Four person 10K teams may submit a single check for \$28.00 by November 9th, \$36 with late fees. Note: All team members must submit their applications in a single envelope.

T-SHIRTS REGISTRATION The official Footfalls 1990 T-shirt will be guaranteed to the first 300 entrants to the race. Fill out the attached entry form and submit by November 9th to the Campus Y. Late entries will be charged a \$2.00 late fee. Make your check payable to the UNC Campus Y and mail to:

Footfalls Road Race, UNC-CH Campus Y, CB# 5115, YMCA Building Chapel Hill, NC 27599-5115

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