



Dozing Dozers: Heavy equipment occupies part of the Carmichael Building parking lot as the first day of construction on the new lower lot ends.

Photo by Pam Walker

Parking solution?

\$1,000 a spot lot

By Anna Paulette Witt
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There doesn't seem to be any cheap solution to UNCA's parking problems.

In fact, each spot in UNCA's new parking lot is costing the institution \$1,000, said Sam Millar, head of university engineering.

The new lot, located below the existing Carmichael Building lot, "will be completed by mid to late November," said Millar.

"UNCA has to borrow the money to build the lot because the state won't pay for parking facilities," Millar said.

He said that the funds to pay off the loan will

come from both parking fees and from parking fines.

In a recent meeting with the Kaleidoscope staff, UNCA Chancellor William Highsmith said that so far this year monies received from parking fines equal half of the total fines taken during last school year.

UNCA Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Dr. Eric Iovacchini, said the main reason for the increase in ticketing is that UNCA Campus Security has a new employee writing tickets from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

However, though UNCA students may be often

ticketed, they are still fortunate in having to pay only \$16 a year in parking fees, said Millar.

He said that some UNC campuses charge as much as \$78 per year for parking privileges.

Highsmith said that the main reason UNCA is not building a parking garage is that it would make it necessary to raise parking fees at UNCA.

"A parking garage would cost us \$3,000 a slot to construct," said Highsmith. He said that means that the 100 slots soon to be opened on campus would cost UNCA \$300,000 instead of the present \$100,000.

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Alcohol law gives police new DUI authority

By Leigh Kelley

North Carolina's new Safe Roads Act which took effect Oct. 1, has two tough measures providing police with stiffer means of enforcement.

Roadblock Provision: Police now have authority to use roadblocks to discover impaired drivers.

Arrest Provision: If a person blows a .10 on a breathalyzer or has a .10 blood alcohol content the person automatically loses his or her driver's license for a minimum of 10 days.

Al Hyder, spokesman for the Asheville police chief says he thinks these actions will effectively deter drunk driving (DUI's), if people don't forget about the law.

"It's too soon to tell about any increase or decrease in DUI arrests as a result of the alcohol law because this is a honeymoon period," he says.



Sprite or Light?: Cheri Cagle, Melanie Cagle and Elizabeth Hill indicate their beverage preferences.

"If there is a decrease now it's probably due to all the attention given in the media. I feel that this will be only temporary however, because people will forget and start their old behavior pat-

terns."

Hyder says he doubts the police will use the roadblock provision because a driver's license road check is easier and causes less controversy. The police already do this and it

is up to the officer's discretion whether to administer tests to drivers suspected of being drunk.

In a report on the Safe Roads Act, James C. Drennan of the University of North

Carolina Hill Institute of Government cites other provisions.

Anyone underage convicted of trying to buy alcohol with a false I.D. will lose their driver's license for a year. Drennan says it is now a criminal offense if anyone underage gets caught driving under the influence of any amount of alcohol.

There is also a modification involving drunk driving deaths. The act reclassifies as a felony deaths resulting from car accidents. Previously, conviction resulted in a misdemeanor charge.

Finally, Drennan says, the act prohibits drivers from drinking any alcohol at all while driving, although passengers may drink.

UNCA is adapting its own policy to the provisions.

UNCA student activities director Sharyn McDonald says the school's alcohol policy affects all student so-

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