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PARKING SURVEY STUDIED

Several months ago, questionnaires were distributed to medical center employees concerning where they parked, where they would like to have parked and other items.

It is reported that many of the returns were not only frank and to the point, they scorched the printed page.

The consensus, of course, was that there simply aren't enough parking spaces—at least not within a half block.

Before, during, and after the survey, parking jokes were flying thick and fast. Cartoons can still be found clipped and taped above desks.

The cartoon which warmed the hearts of many depicted a man applying for a job. The potential employer was giving the new man a quick rundown of all the fringe benefits, the advantages of the job and the impressive, 5-figure salary. To all of this the applicant replied: "Forget all that. *How's* the parking?!"

But no matter how much jokes warm the heart, they won't keep tight shoes from pinching in the health-hike from the more distant parking lots, nor will they keep you dry while hiking under a wet summer sky.

What is the answer? Many people suggest comfortable

shoes, a wide umbrella, long raincoat and high-topped rain boots. The University Traffic Commission, however, is trying another approach to the parking problem.

First the December parking survey was conducted. Then the results of the survey were carefully studied in an attempt to define the problem more specifically.

The results of the survey and the resulting studies will culminate in a report and recommendations to be presented before the Traffic Commission in April.

The recommendations resulting from the survey will be aimed at minimizing the existing parking problems, with an eye to their future solution. There will also be recommendations made as to what the university should do in the next ten years to deal with on-campus parking.

To determine what should be done in the future, studies are being conducted (and have been programmed for a computer), in an attempt to find some correlation between the number of parking spaces needed and some continuing factor, such as the number of employees or—in the case of the medical center—the number of beds. This correlation would be most helpful in



A medical librarian at the University of San Carlos, Guatemala, is shown examining part of the first shipment of books and journals from the Duke University Medical Center Library. Medical literature assistance to Guatemala has now been extended to include dispatch of Xerox copies of journal articles and copies of bibliographies produced by the Medical Center Library staff. Any one wishing to contribute books and journals to the Duke-Guatemala medical library project is asked to call the library at Ext. 3505.

future planning of medical center expansion, for planners would then know that if we add so many beds or so many employees we will need so many more parking spaces.

The survey, it is hoped, will result in a greater utilization of *available* parking spaces. It is

also hoped that the planning committee will be able to determine the most logical location for a multideck parking facility, *if* such a facility is proposed as a practical step in alleviating the parking strain.

Meanwhile, wear comfortable shoes.

	Drive	Pct. Drive	Passenger	Bus	Taxi	2 wheel Vehicle	Walk	Reside	Other	Total
Medical Students	518	61.5	208	39	0	9	65	2	1	842
Hospital Faculty	280	87.5	34	4	0	0	1	0	1	320
Hospital Staff	1568	60.3	609	314	7	5	68	7	22	2600
Hospital Visitors	1534	63.6	308	181	96	0	289	0	3	2411

Above are some of the statistics resulting from the returns of the December parking survey which was conducted under the supervision of Mr. Clyde N. Holland, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering at Duke, and with the endorsement of the University Traffic Commission.

Note: The data collected in December was a partial sampling which was expanded to cover the entire university (here the medical center) population. The calculations are based on the peak hour parking demand from 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.