PR Lot Might Expand, Football Players Promote Literacy **Add 500-Space Annex**

By Jamie Dougher

To address the eventual loss of on-campus parking for students living in resi-dence halls, officials plan to add nearly 500 spaces to the Park-and-Ride lot.

The PR lot has 532 spaces for student and faculty use. A new surface lot will be built adjacent to the existing PR lot to create 500 additional spaces.

There are now 480 spaces on campus designated for students living in residence halls, but those spaces likely will be eliminated by the year 2005.

Assistant Director of Parking Services

Cheryl Stout said she is excited about the addition to the lot. "Certainly there will be a benefit to students who need a storage area for their car," she said.

the new spaces will be slated for student

Derek Poarch, director of the Department of Public Safety, said the 500 additional spaces are a preliminary number and that the additional lot is still

But Poarch said additional spaces in the PR lot is an attainable goal. "We're going to squeeze all we can squeeze," he

He said the issue will be discussed in future Transportation and Parking Advisory Committee meetings.

The PR lot is located off campus in a relatively undeveloped area on Estes Drive. Stout said it should be easy to add the 500-space lot adjacent to the

She said any change in transit to and from the PR lot would be negotiated through TPAC.

By JORDAN BARTEL

players, including senior linebacker David Thornton, senior defensive tack

le Anthony Perkins, sophomore wide

receiver Brandon Russell and freshman offensive lineman Jason Brown, took

turns reading to elementary school stu-dents in the Pit.

Kindergarten through fourth-grade students from Mary Scroggs Elementary School's after-school pro-

gram were excited to spend the after-noon with some of their favorite play-

look up to these guys," said Tricia Thompson, director of the after-school

program. "I think the football players had just as much fun as they did."

Russell said he was happy to take part in the event. "You always get a good feeling when you read to kids," he

said. "You can tell they look up to you,

so any chance we get to work with them

After the players read some of the kids' favorite books, by authors like Dr.

Seuss, students got the chance to get autographs and take pictures with the

athletes. "The football players were great," Thompson said. "They let the

is always a good experience."

The kids were ecstatic because they

ers, organizers said.

Poarch said the University will work with the town to improve transit options. "We're going to do everything we can to make trips out there quicker and more reliable," he said.

Mary Lou Kuschatka, Chapel Hill Transit transportation director, said there are three bus routes traveling to the PR lot, with the last trip to the lot

Kuschatka said she understands that there might be a need to change elements of the transportation system with the PR lot's expansion.
Poarch said TPAC is considering

other options to solve the problem of limited student parking, such as parking programs and other PR lots, but negotiations still are under review

The DPS now offers parking passes to 600 applicants for the 480 spaces available on campus.

Stout said an excess of applications are accepted every year because a cer-tain portion of students choose not to park on campus after all.

Stout said this system has never yielded more student acceptances than there She added that there are no plans to

alter this system with the additions to

the PR lot

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kids sit on their laps and get their auto-graphs. They were wonderful."

Perkins, who read books such as "Curious George Gets a Medal," said he Taking time out for kids was a priority for the UNC football team on Monday. saw his involvement as beneficial to About 13 team members participated in Literacy Day, the first event of Children's Rights Week, co-sponsored by the Campus Y's youth outreach committee and Project Literacy.

From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., several players, including senior linebacker Dayid Thornton senior defensive tack. himself and to the children.

"As a student athlete, it is important to be involved in the community," Perkins said. "The kids really enjoyed it, and I was able to take my mind away from school and sports for a little bit." Along with reading, the football play-

ers also played football and kickball

games in Polk Place with the children. Organizers of the event said they were

pleased with the interaction between the students and the athletes and believed

their goal of promoting literacy was met. "I think it went really well," said Chris Lamb, co-chairman of Youth Outreach. "We wanted it to be a chance for (the students) to see guys that they looked up to and to learn, through the football players, that literacy is a lifelong endeavor." Youth Outreach Co-chairwoman

Catie Cunningham said she was con-

vinced that the children were made more aware that reading is important as a result of the event.

Cunningham also was impressed with the team members' dedication. "The football players just warmed up to the kids and got really personal with them," she said. "They were really into it. "You could do nothing but smile at

these big guys reading to little kids."

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