

Reaction to new permits mixed Parking plan draws questions

by Bill Welch
Staff Writer

This week's announcement of new campus parking regulations with a limited number of expensive permits has drawn a mixed student reaction and caused a big headache for the University traffic office.

William D. Locke, administrative director for the Traffic and Registration Office, said he has been flooded with student complaints and questions. "It seems like I have been spending 90 per cent of my time on the telephone answering questions and listening to complaints. I'm not getting any work done," he said.

The complaints, Locke said, stem from a fear of being left without a place to park next year rather than a concern with the price or possible inconvenience.

"We've had all kinds of complaints but primarily people are afraid they might be left out. They just don't like the idea of being forced to park out at the airport," he said, referring to the inexpensive alternative of driving to one of the fringe lots and catching a shuttle bus onto campus.

Locke said he tells all callers—faculty, staff and students—the same thing.

"We just don't know yet how many people won't get permits. What we are hoping is that people will carpool. If people do that, things

won't be too bad," he said.

Locke said he was optimistic about the system's success. He said a survey taken recently showed that although there are twice as many cars registered now as there are spaces, the campus is only about 1,000 spaces short of the actual number needed to accommodate everyone who must drive and park.

A lot of people have two cars registered now, he said, noting that under the new plan no person or family will be able to register more than one vehicle. "If you take that into consideration, we will only be 400 or 500 people without permits," he said.

If enough people will carpool, he said, the shortage shouldn't be too severe.

Many complaints, Locke said, are from people who live south of Chapel Hill where the community bus system will not service. Most of those people are afraid they will not be able to get a space on campus and will have to get up early and drive to one of the fringe lots on the north or west end of town so they can catch a bus back to campus.

A possible solution for those commuters is the construction of a third fringe lot serviced by a shuttle bus, Locke said.

"We might need a perimeter lot on the south side of town," Locke said. "Both sides of Manning Drive down below Hinton James would be a good place."

While most of the complaints received by the traffic office have been about possible inconveniences of the new plan, Locke said there has been no shortage of gripes about parking prices.

The price of the permit, \$54 for a nine-month period, an unlimited pass to ride the new buses, which will begin rolling in August. But Locke said many people have told him they will never ride the bus if they get a parking permit and ask for a partial refund for the price of the bus ticket.

"I tell them it is all a package deal. The University is paying \$300,000 a year for this bus system, and there's no other way we can think of to raise the money," he said.

Jarvis Sinclair, presiding officer of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said he thinks most graduate students like the new plan, with its virtual guarantee of a parking space for those who are able to obtain a permit.

"It's the best that can be done under the circumstances," Sinclair said.

Sinclair said his major complaint with the system is that graduate student instructors and teaching assistants "are being put at the bottom of the departmental totem pole."

Faculty parking permits will be distributed by a system determined within each department and Sinclair said he thinks the graduate assistants will be excluded.

He said each department should have a lottery with all faculty and graduate students given an equal chance.

There will be nearly 5,000 permits for faculty members, and those who drew up the plan were "very careful to give them almost enough spaces for all the faculty," he said.

"The faculty said they need it because they have classes at given times they have to go to. But they have ignored the teaching assistants who have the same classes. It's a two-edged sword," he said.

Sinclair said he thinks graduate students should be given as much priority as seniors when the Campus Governing Council establishes an allocation system for distributing the permits among the students.

"Graduate students and seniors might be considered together as top priority, but that has to be worked out. Some grad students have been here eight or nine years, and it would be unfair to deny them a permit," he said.

But while Sinclair is concerned about the permit allocations, he said their price is not unrealistically high.

"Unlike most other students, most graduate students have been to other schools, and really, \$54 a year is cheap compared to other schools," he said.

Lee Corum, a graduate student who has worked on the development of the new parking and bus systems, said the plan will work to everyone's benefit.

"We will have basically the same number of spaces on campus as we have now. What we are doing is taking the money from the permits and applying it to the fringe lots and the bus system," he said.

Campus Calendar

Today's Activities

The Psychometric Laboratory and Biostatistics Department of UNC will present Professor Jan de Leeuw of Bell Telephone Laboratories and the Data Theory Institute, Leiden, The Netherlands, who will speak on "A New Approach to Nonmetric Scaling." The Colloquium will be held in Room 101 Davis Hall at 4:00 p.m. today. Refreshments will be served at 3:30 in Room 101 Davis Hall. All are invited.

There will be a service of worship at 8:15 today at the Battle House (Baptist Campus Ministry) preceded by recreation at 5. The topic will be "The Humanity of Jesus."

The UNC Department of Chemistry will present Professor Allan MacDiarmid from the University of Pennsylvania who will speak on "Even-Electron Silicon Compounds" today at 4:00 p.m. Coffee will be served in the lower lobby at 3:30.

Undergraduate Education Majors: Pre-registration advertisement sessions will be held today from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Locations for these sessions are posted in Peabody Hall.

The Preparatory Lecture on Transcendental Meditation will be tonight at 7:30 in Room 101 Greenlaw. Admission is free.

There will be a meeting of the Student Academic Advisory Committee tonight at 7:30 in Room 212 of the Union. The meeting should be brief; old and new members are asked to attend.

Collegiate Citizen Bike-Hike Pledges will be collected in the Student Union today from 3-8:30 p.m. They may also be sent to Box 25, Student Union. Monday is the last day to be eligible for the grand prize, an autographed UNC basketball.

Christian Science Organization meets regularly each week on Thursday at 5:15 in the Union. Topic for this week: "Unity with God—How can we make it work to bring about unity and understanding among men?" Check the calendar in the lobby for room number.

The CGC Appointments Committee will hold hearings tonight at 8:00, in Room 206 of the Union.

The annual APO Campus Chest Auction will be held tonight in the Great Hall at 7:30, with John Allen Brown as auctioneer.

Dr. Thomas Molnar, Professor of French Literature and Intellectual History visiting UNC, will speak on "Charles Maurras and the French Right: Reflections on Alternative Culture Thought" Monday night April 15, at 8. The lecture will be held on the third floor, New West Building, Dialectical-Philosophical Society Chambers.

The CGC Rules Committee will meet tonight at 7 in the CGC office in Suite B of the Carolina Union.

Items of Interest

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Going to summer school? The Kappa Delta Sorority House will be open both sessions. \$200 per session includes room and board. The house is located at 219 E. FRANKLIN Street across from the Planetarium, close to campus and downtown. If interested call the KA house at 968-9160 or 942-4808. First come, first serve.

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People's Coffee House sponsored by Gay Rap Group. Everyone invited, entertainment and refreshments. 305 E. Rosemary, 8 p.m., Friday.

Carolina Quarters invites all those interested in reading or working for the CQ to an informal party, Friday, at 3:00 p.m. in the Graduate Lounge, Second Floor, Greenlaw Hall. Positions are open especially in Poetry and Business management, as well as in Fiction. Refreshments will be served.

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