

STUDENT LIFE

Parking shortage prompts alternatives in transportation

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With few parking spaces available and the fact that freshmen are not allowed to park on campus, students have discovered other methods of transportation to get around the University and Chapel Hill — namely bicycles, buses and trolleys.

Bicycling is a popular recreation in Chapel Hill, but more and more students are beginning to use bikes for transportation, said Tom Davis, store manager of Performance Bicycle Shop, in Carrboro.

"We have a lot of students come in," he said. "Our best-selling bike is the all-terrain bike that most students buy."

Davis said the all-terrain bikes are built to handle more abuse than other styles. Most students buy the city model which is lighter and is used to get around town on trails and over curbs, he said.

Davis said bike prices at his shop range from \$250 to \$800, which are lower than some local stores because his store is part of a national chain with

its own line of bikes. He urged students not to spend too much on bikes if they were not serious cyclists.

"If you are using it just for transportation there is no reason to spend extra money, unless you just want a good bike," he said.

According to campus police, students should register their bicycles at the police station in the security services building next to Morrison Residence Hall, or at any local police or fire station.

When the bike is registered, a permanent registration number is stamped on it, and a decal warns that the bike is registered with local authorities.

As further protection against theft, police advise students to park their bikes in well-lit locations, and to buy a good lock which secures both wheels and the frame of the bike.

Bikes are not the only type of transportation, however. Chapel Hill Transit, the town's bus system, is another popular alternative. Scott McClellan, an administrative assistant for the organization, said many people associated

with the University ride buses.

"Carolina has the single largest concentration of people in the community, so they use the buses to go back and forth to class, the store and the gym," he said. "They use it for everything."

Fares for the bus system are increasing, McClellan said. Trips around the University will increase from 25 cents to 30 cents and other routes around town will increase from 50 cents to 60 cents.

Students can also buy bus passes at the transportation department. Frank Carpenter, cashier for transportation department, said prices for passes range from \$20 for a 40-ride ticket to \$302.40 for an unlimited route pass.

Carpenter said the most popular pass with students is the all-routes pass that costs \$124.20. This pass includes every route but the Blue Line, which travels to Durham. The pass expires May 15.

Another source of public transportation is the Chapel Hill trolley system that began operation last year. The

trolleys run from downtown on Rosemary and Franklin streets and Columbia and Pittsboro streets to North Carolina Memorial Hospital. The trolleys run Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Still, some students bring their cars to campus hoping for all-too-elusive parking spaces. Nick Franzese, student government parking administrator, said all available spaces have been allocated for the upcoming year, but students can still file hardship applications for the fall. The applications will be due August 31.

When purchasing a permit students must provide proof of registration giving present student status and their car registration, Franzese said.

Students should remember that parking fines range from \$5 for improper display of a permit to \$50 for parking in a reserved space or fire lane. Carpenter said parking in reserved spots may also result in the car being towed. Parking in a lot without a valid permit carries a \$20

fine and is the most frequent ticket students are given, he said.

He said unless students absolutely need a car on campus they should use the bus system. "Most students are spoiled and used to having their cars parked close by, but with traffic congestion parking rules are strictly enforced," he said.

The department of transportation will make allowances for students who are moving into their residence halls in the fall. Students will be allowed to park in temporary unloading zones for 45 minutes from Aug. 25-31.

Commuters who live in a two-mile radius of the Bell Tower are ineligible for permits.

Hey! Conformist biking is not as easy as it looks

I bought a mountain bike yesterday. I know, I know, it's just my way of being a hip conformist, but hey, this is Chapel Hill, remember?

Anyway, I was riding my old piece-of-shitless aluminum, out-of-date 1-speed to class the other day when my back tire suddenly started spewing a lot of hot air, prompting me to kiss a tree. At that moment I knew I had a pretty good reason for getting a new bike.

Mountain bikes are great, everyone says. You get one and suddenly you're riding all over the place, even places you're not supposed to ride, like front lawns and cemeteries. You're riding through the woods, under huge oaks and over small animals, through creeks and into huge oaks, picking up dangerous Lyme-disease-infected ticks. On campus, every eye is on you as you whiz by on your way to do hip things like going to class and every mouth utters in awe, "Get outta my way, ya #\$%&*!"

And they're great for your health, too, unless you plummet down the side of a hill at 40 mph. You can get out in the fresh air and cycle all day long, doing great cardiovascular things, turning that beer gut into 100 percent potential muscle. So who cares what it costs because you're getting in shape, and you can't put a price tag on — what? It costs how much? What does it do, evade Soviet radar?

Of course, the most difficult part of buying a mountain bike is scraping up the dough. The second most difficult part of buying a mountain bike is choosing from the hundreds and thousands of models, even though the one you buy will look just like everyone else's. Questions to ask yourself before you go into a bike shop are: Should I get aluminum, steel or titanium? How am I going to explain this to my dad? Is my credit card over the limit? What's really wrong with having a 10-speed? Did *Dick Tracy* cost this much? Will my schoolwork suffer because of the four jobs I'll need to pay for this damn thing? How am I going to explain this to my dad? What's the capital of North Dakota? How many Canadian provinces are there? How much wood would a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

While you're in the bike shop, don't get talked into buying something you really don't need. If it comes with a depth finder, ask yourself if you're going to use it for fishing. If the answer is yes, then by all means get it. However, wheels might come in handy, so be sure you get them. And let's face it, microwave ovens are convenient, but not in heavy traffic. Of course, none of this means anything if you've got the will power of jelly. Like me.

Also, you're going to need a bike lock, because if you don't lock up your bike it'll disappear faster than an American in Beirut. The best lock for a mountain bike is a large safe, preferably made of high-quality steel, with laser sensors and a siren loud enough to wake up an economics class in Carroll Hall. Unfortunately, a safe is rather difficult to drag around campus, unless you put wheels on it, and then it might drag you,

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different species, however. They have good seats in the Kenan Field House and generally don't let it hang out in the parking lot.

The Professional Football Fans wouldn't leave before the end of the game if there was a fire; they're here to watch some football. Most come with Sony Watchmen to check the Notre Dame-Nebraska scores on slow downs.

Football is a rough sport, but in Kenan the violence is not limited to the playing field. The Korean War caused fewer injuries than the Card Section, where fans try to imitate Ninja warriors by hurling cards at innocent Band members. What was going on when they thought this up? "Really guys, giving sharp cards to thousands of drunken, rowdy football fans is a great idea!"

On a serious note, we hope the whole UNC family, from the lowliest freshman to the most Grand Exalted Rams Club member, learned something from the Dick Crum debacle. Namely, you should never fire any ACC coach who comes within four points of beating Clemson.

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especially if you get anywhere near Hillsborough Street. Therefore, a U-shaped lock that doesn't look like it could hold grease is probably your best

bet. If it comes with an alarm or deadly spikes tipped with cyanide that shoot out when messed with, all the better.

After you buy your Stealth bomb—, uh, mountain bike, you will suffer from a mild guilt trip, which I like to call the "post-buyem depression." The best cure for this is to call "Women's Secret Confessionsto help take your mind off it.

Of course, since you spent so much money on it, you can't possibly ride it because it might get scratched, so it's better to lock it in the attic, right alongside your Colecovision and your BMX. Or you could frame it and hang it over the mantle. But remember, the whole point is to just enjoy it.

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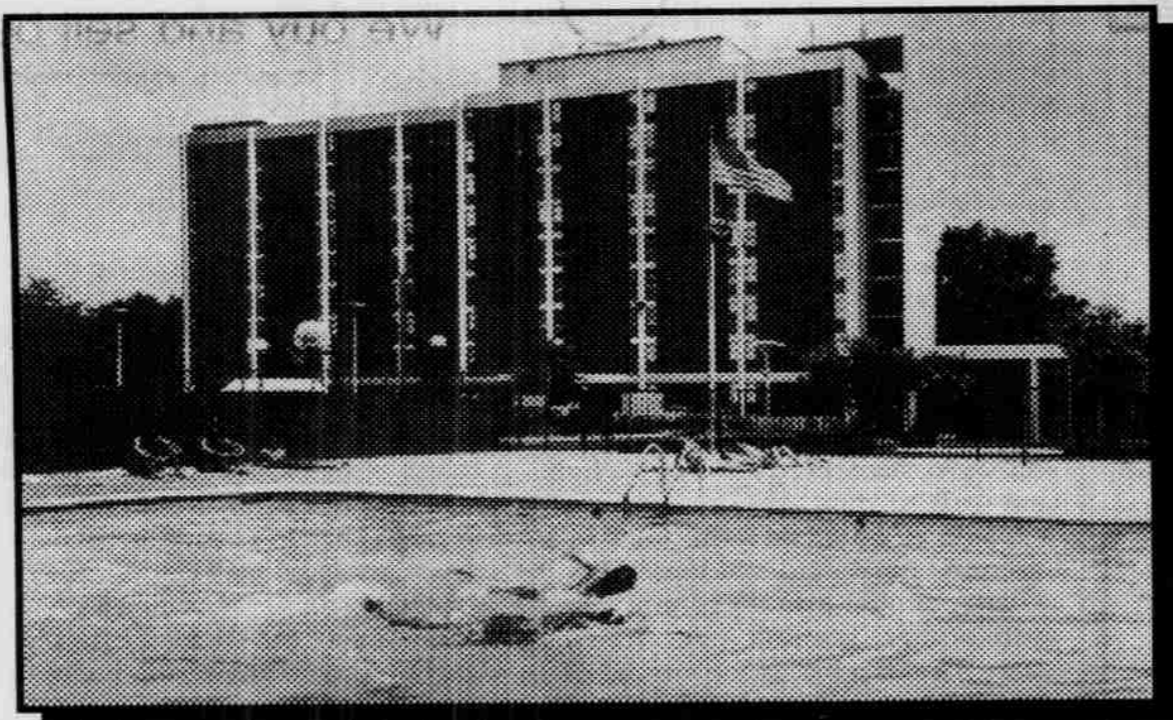


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