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Too few for too many

Parking stalls up for grabs

First there was the oil crisis, then the gas shortage, and now there is the parking space shortage at the Hazleton Campus of Penn State University. Unlike the gas shortage, the parking shortage can not be solved by means of an odd-even rationing system. The lack of facilities available to accommodate the 685 permits purchased is a real problem being faced by all students who commute to Highacres.

Last year's class enrollment was 900 to 950 students. With this amount, the parking problem ceased to exist. There was a minor excess of cars on campus, but with some juggling the situation was kept under control.

But this year enrollment was kept open and as a result the student population rose to 1,030 students. With this increase in student population also came an

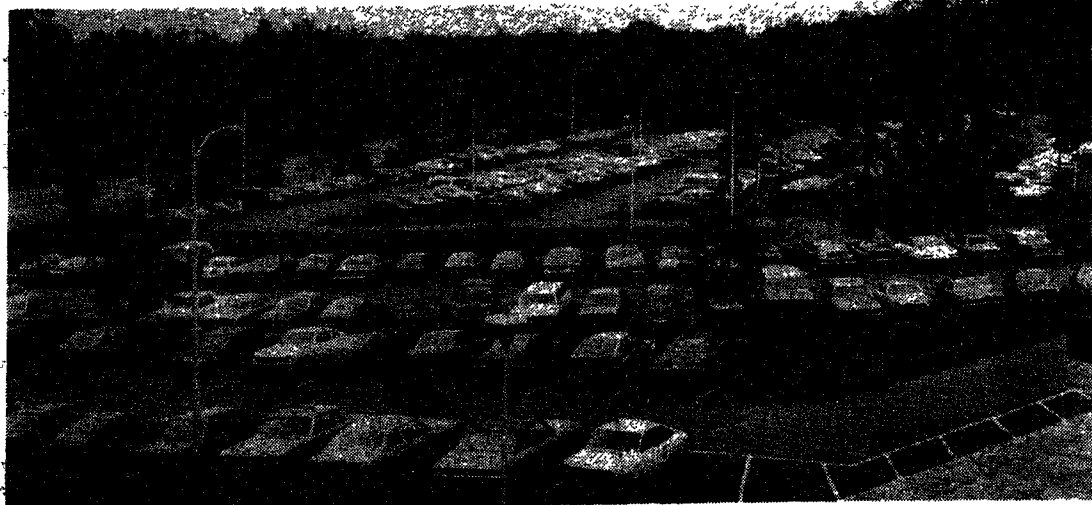
Right now the parking spaces aren't the only problem. Due to the amount of traffic coming in at the same time, Mr. Cerula has the four Security guards working overtime which causes added expense.

At the present, the only solution is to utilize any available space on campus. This includes the roadway up to the tennis courts and the grass by the Student Plaza. The only problem with this idea is that these areas will be off-limits in the winter due to the snow-plowing. If the enrollment for winter term fails to drop significantly, the possibility of a shuttle-bus from the Laurel Mall to the campus may become a reality. The Mall will allow Penn State students to park in one of its lots behind the Mall. From there the students would be

by a significant drop in enrollment. But the idea is not being pushed aside; both Mr. Cerula and Dr. David are still looking into the possibility.

Still another temporary solution would be to eliminate the designated A and B lots. This would allow any student, sophomore or freshman, to park in lot A on a first come-first served basis. But this too would result in still further problems, especially with the sophomores.

Security is not alone in the solution-seeking. The Student Government Association is in the process of trying to get one of the bus companies to extend their Laurel Mall trip to Highacres. If accomplished, this would eliminate a number of the cars on campus since the students could take the bus and also save gas.



excess of automobiles on campus. The freshman lot and the Residence Hall lot combined can accommodate 303 cars. The sophomore lot allows for 164. This

is a total of 467 available spaces while the actual number of parking permits sold totals 685 which provides an excess of 218 cars on campus. At the present, Security is doing their best to control the problem. Tuesdays

and Thursdays are not a problem due to the tight class scheduling. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are the days when the situation is at its worst. Security can handle the situation for the time being, but once Winter Term rolls around the problem will get progressively worse.

transported to the campus. But even this idea is not problem-free. The winter weather may cause treacherous road conditions which would prevent the shuttle-bus from making its runs or possibly delay the runs. Either way students would be late for class, which would only add to the problem. Also, the bus itself would be another added expense.

Security and Mr. Cerula are looking for a permanent solution which would eliminate this problem in future years. The perfect answer would be to build another parking lot. But Mr. Cerula mentioned that funds for such a project are not likely, since the University is hoping that the problem will solve itself

Now that all the facts are out in the open, the students can realize that there definitely is a very serious problem. One suggestion which may prove beneficial to the students and Security is that the students could come a few minutes earlier in the morning to avoid being late for class. Common sense is a necessity in a situation like this. Cooperation is the key word. Dr. David, Mr. Cerula and SGA are doing everything possible to eliminate the parking-space shortage. They are asking for the support of the students. They also ask for any helpful suggestions which anyone may have. With some understanding and patience, hopefully the problem will be under control by next term.

Administration makes changes

Last Spring several changes in the administration took place which many students found confusing. For this reason, the Highacres Collegian undertook to find out what really happened.

Mr. James E. White, Administrative Assistant of Academic Affairs, explains it this way. When the Assistant Director, William E. Schneider, retired in December, 1978, a new position, the Associate Director for Academic Affairs, was created. This position was filled by Dr. James J. Staudenmeier and became effective, March, 1979. The position of Registrar, Division of Undergraduate Studies, which had formerly been held by Staudenmeier, combined its duties with those of the Career Development and Placement Counselor, formerly Mr. White, to form the Administrative Assistant of Academic Affairs.

This position became effective September 1, 1979 and is currently held by Mr. White. His responsibilities include all counseling, registration, scheduling, records, and the basic skills program. Mr. White's past responsibilities, such as the work-study program and job placement, were reassigned to the Office of Student Affairs and Financial Aid.

As for Dr. Staudenmeier, his new duties differ from those of his former position in that he no longer deals with students directly. Although he admits that he still finds himself advising a



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Dr. James J. Staudenmeier

student once in a while, he is mainly concerned with matters of the administration and faculty. Such matters include the development and maintenance of academic programs and the assessment and development of the faculty here at Highacres.

If anyone wishes to locate either Dr. Staudenmeier or Mr. White, you can find them on the second floor of the Administration Building. Dr. Staudenmeier's office number is 215 and Mr. White's is number 212.

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