

# You Can Drive, But Don't Try To Park

Spring Term is the time to have a car on campus. Who can resist cruising on College Avenue, gaping at coeds, turning up the radio, and heading out to Whipple's for some sun and water?

It's great to have a car in Happy Valley—until you try to park it.

Yes, that lack of parking space is still plaguing University Park. According to student leaders and University officials, the problem will be worse this term than ever before.

Convenient parking space has become so scarce that Garry Wamser, head of the Undergraduate Student Government's parking committee, has said that a parking sticker gives a student only "the right to hunt for a parking space."

The problem exists also for faculty and staff members. Although the Administration gives staff drivers preference over students, more space is needed. Anthony A. Derzak, of the personnel relations office, said that at least "1,000 spaces are needed immediately."

## USG Committee Working

Wamser's committee is now considering three areas: parking for students living in West Halls, parking for women and an over-all need for more space.

West Hall drivers have complained that the nearest lot in which they can leave cars overnight presents them with a 20-minute walk. Multiply this by a two-way trip, Wamser said, and "it's hardly worth it."

USG's committee is investigating several solutions for the West parking problem. One, applicable only in the winter, involves using the 16 tennis courts in front of Chambers as parking lots. Wamser said that the plan is a possibility for next Winter Term.

Another suggestion calls for the conversion of several holes of the golf course's front section into parking lots. This idea has been discounted, Wamser explained, because new golf holes to replace the converted ones will not be constructed within the next 10 years.

West Halls Council has proposed that the mall in front of West, bounded by Pollock and Fraser Roads and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity house, be converted from its present grass into a parking lot.

Officials in Old Main, however, have said that the mall has too much aesthetic value to be destroyed. They have also indicated that the area is too close to the central campus to be used for parking.

Wamser said that he is planning to submit the mall plan to a vote by West Halls residents. He said that he will report

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his findings to the Administration.

Derzak, who is in charge of faculty and staff parking, has suggested that the physical education department turn over one of its intramural football fields for parking use. The fields are located across Atherton Street, near the golf course.

### Danger for Coeds?

In addition to the West Halls situation, USG is studying the problem of those coeds who are forced to park comparatively long distances from their residence halls.

Last term, complaints of everything from vandalism to exhibitionism were heard from coeds assigned to park in Lot 63 North, near East Halls. This lot, which is not within a short walking distance of several coed living areas, is isolated, and until recently was unlighted.

A possible solution calls for the setting aside of Lot 52 for exclusive use by women. This lot is south of the Computer Science Building, and is closer to three main coed areas—Pollock, South, and Simmons-McElwain.

Wamser said that to regulate parking in Lot 52, special stickers might be issued only to coeds.

The lot, however, is due to be partially

lost to an expansion of the Computer Science Building and construction of an auditorium on Shortlidge Road, Wamser said that the Administration has promised to set aside other areas for parking, to replace the lost space.

Concerning the over-all need for more space, this is a problem that apparently is growing worse. According to Capt. Philip A. Mark, traffic violations officer, approximately 6,000 students now have cars here. Only 2,236 spaces are available on campus for overnight parking, Mark said.

### Parking Space Decreasing

Derzak reported that about 600 spaces will be lost to construction by this summer. University plans call for the building of 500 new spaces during the next two years, he said, adding that the loss of space will be felt almost entirely by the faculty and staff.

Derzak said that employees working in Pattee Library and the north part of campus have the most trouble parking. He said that there are 350 spaces available to accommodate 1,200 people.

Unauthorized parking by faculty members also presents a problem, Derzak said. He cited those faculty members who are



CARS, CARS, AND MORE CARS—But parking space on campus appears to be getting more scarce. USG officials and members of the Administration indicate that the parking situation for Spring Term "could be worse than ever."

assigned to park in a single lot, but use other lots in their daily travels.

The drivers whose spaces have been illegally taken are forced to use lots not assigned to them, and in some cases they are inconvenienced by longer walks to offices.

Derzak voiced dissatisfaction over the number of disability permits issued by the Ritenour Health Center. These permits allow physically disabled or handicapped students to use centrally-located parking areas, such as the Hetzel Union Building lot.

Derzak said that "a good 200" faculty and staff spaces have been displaced in this way.

### Multi-level Parking?

In solving the parking problem, the primary concern seems to be the cost of new lots.

The least expensive parking facility is an unpaved, gravel-topped lot. Derzak said that this type of lot costs \$100 per car space.

A macadam paved lot costs about \$250 per space, while another possibility, a high-rise parking garage, would cost between \$2,500 and \$3,000 per space.

Wamser said that USG favors the construction of a multi-level parking garage, despite the possibility that a large number of cars in a relatively small area would cause traffic problems. He said that the Administration opposes such a high-rise project because of the cost involved.

A multi-level garage has been suggest-

ed, Wamser explained, because there is little open space on campus to be developed. Most open areas have either been claimed for construction or will be preserved for their aesthetic value.

A suggestion by Derzak calls for the purchase of three blocks of land across from North Halls, on Park Avenue. The University would have to also buy 21 homes now on this land.

Derzak said that once the homes are bought and the land is cleared, a lot for 800 to 1,000 cars could be built. Considering what he termed a good price for the houses, the total cost per car space would be between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

The plan has not been discussed with borough authorities or property owners, and their cooperation, of course, would be necessary.

Derzak mentioned that a high-rise parking project might necessitate charging a fee for employe parking.

### Loosing More Space

But for the immediate future, the schedule shows more space being lost to construction. Lots tabbed as victims will be the one now found north of the women's recreation fields, along with a lot between Borland Laboratory and the Forum Building, on Curtin Road.

Wamser said that the Administration might limit student parking to only upperclassmen, eliminating sophomores. Even this idea, however, will not provide relief for the tight parking situation that is foreseen in the Spring Term.



PART OF THE WEST HALLS lawn that has been proposed for conversion into a parking lot. The Administration is said to oppose the plan because of "aesthetic" values, and because the area is too near the central campus to be used for parking.



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