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Traffic department slashes parking times

90-day test instituted to lighten congestion

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New regulations just south of campus limit parking to one-hour periods, Mondays through Saturdays. Instituted by the Eugene Traffic Engineering Department, these regulations are a

test for traffic control. The Saturday regulation is an admitted bureaucratic error by the department.

Photo by Ken Shim

Parking near the University isn't really disappearing. It's just running shorter.

At the request of the South University Neighborhood Association (SUNA), the Eugene Traffic Engineering Department is conducting a 90-day test, designed to alleviate parking congestion in residential areas around the University. The result is that parking on Potter, University, Harris and Onyx Streets between the areas of 18th and 21st Avenues is now restricted to one hour at a time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Formerly there was no time limit on parking in those areas.

The test officially began the week of Thanksgiving vacation although Leslie Childress, spokesperson for the SUNA, complained it's been slow beginning. "They've been sprinkling signs on different streets for about a month and a half," she said, "It's hard to tell when the test started.

SUNA recommended a parking restriction on streets close to campus because they have had problems with people parking in one place all day — what Childress characterizes as "car dumping."

SUNA asked for a three-hour time limit to be enforced Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — the three hours allowing adequate time for a student to attend class and then retrieve his or her car.

What they got was a one-hour time limit enforced Monday through Saturday (except on Potter and University Streets between 18th and 19th Avenues which exempt Saturday). Keith Pearson of the Traffic Engineering Department said, "We cut the time limit to one hour because it's impossible to enforce three-hour parking between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., it's too short a time span. But, enforcing the restriction on Saturdays was just a bureaucratic error."

Concluding the test, the traffic department will survey the residents of the affected streets and the members of SUNA to determine the effectiveness of the ban on unrestricted parking. The department will then act, based on the citizens' recommendations and either make the one-hour time limit permanent or suggest other solutions to the parking problem.

"The association is unhappy," said Childress, "the test is working in some areas but not in others. The traffic department instituted Saturdays and a one-hour time limit against our recommendations. We think they should review the test and then institute the neighborhood plan we set up or take all responsibility for the one-hour rule.

"Right now all that's happened is that people are parking on different streets," she explained. "The test hasn't solved the problem, it's just moved it. SUNA wants to work with the University to solve the problem — maybe by utilizing some of the parking lots that are often empty."

State commission on education seeks change in funding policy

By TOM FLUHARTY
Of the Emerald

Education and schools seem destined to be in the forefront of the current session of the Oregon Legislature and the Oregon Educational Coordinating Commission (OECC) will be just one of many groups dealing with the subject.

Charged by the 1975 Legislature to examine the total state educational budget for 1977-79, the commission was called on to provide advice and recommendations to the Legislature and the governor.

The commission undertook that task last October, adopting some 50 budget recommendations for

the upcoming biennium.

The OECC has recommended that the state's share for Basic School Support be increased from 30 per cent to 33.3 per cent. T.K. Olsen, executive director of the commission, said the OECC decided on that as an interim figure; even though the commission feels it should be higher, they doubted if the necessary state funds were available.

Among the budget recommendations applying to higher education, it is proposed that the current 25 per cent of instruction costs continue to be paid by resident undergraduates with increases in costs shared by students and General Fund support; no state support for nonresident undergraduates; and a phased increase in the student share of the cost of instruction for resident graduate students from 30 to 31.5 per cent in 1977-78 to 33.3 in by the end of 1979. The OECC also recommends a state policy of increasing nonresident graduate rates to 50 per cent of the cost of graduate instruction by the end of the 1977-79 biennium.

Also recommended was a phased-in increase in medical and dental fees so those students will pay 15 per cent of the cost of instruction by the end of the 1977-79 biennium.

The commission will also introduce three pieces of legislation,

none of which deal with higher education. The first would establish statewide minimum competencies for reading, writing and computing, the second concerns an equalization option for intermediate education districts and the third deals with state funding for special education.

Bogen to give up exec post

Gerald Bogen, vice-president for student affairs at the University, announced his plans to resign at a staff meeting Wednesday morning. Bogen said his resignation would be effective when most convenient for University Pres. William Boyd.

Though he was unavailable for comment Wednesday the Register-Guard reported the vice-president as saying "it's time for a change . . . I have a whole series of options to consider, including staying at the University of Oregon in another capacity."

Bogen has served in his present capacity nearly seven years, and is qualified as an associate professor.

The paper quoted him as

saying that at the time he took his administrative position, "I thought three years would be adequate because you need new ideas, new blood. When I was in the peace corps they had a policy of 'in, up and out' and I think that's a wise policy for anybody in educational administration."

University Pres. William Boyd was not available for comment.

According to an unidentified source, no replacement for Bogen will be hired. Instead, Bogen's administrative duties will be split between Ray Hawk, vice-president for administration and finance and Paul Olum, vice-president for academic affairs and provost.



Gerald Bogen

Busses shuttle to Mac Court for B-ball fans

Special Lane Transit District busses will run rooters to Mac Court for Thursday evening's basketball game and save them parking hassles. They will leave from 10th Avenue and Willamette Street at 7:05, 7:25 and 7:45 p.m. for the Mac Court main entrance. After the game the busses will depart from 15th Avenue and University Street to return riders downtown.