

One-hour parking fails

Maybe the reason violence and vandalism are problems on campus is that students need ways to release the frustration that builds up while looking for a place to park somewhere within hiking distance of the University.

Of course, making it impossible to park a car is one way to encourage students to walk or ride bicycles to school. But many students still have to drive to school because they live too far away, or live off the bus routes, or have a cold and don't want to get wet, or for a variety of other reasons.

Every day these people can be seen circling the University, guiding their dinosaurs through throngs of pedestrians, burning more gas looking for a place to park than the U.S. would trade an F-16 fighter plane for.

The plight of the student commuter was worsened when the Eugene Traffic Engineering Department effectively removed 16 square blocks of off-campus parking by placing a one-hour time limit on parking from Potter to Onyx streets between 18th and 21st avenues.

One-hour parking is useless to students. An hour is just long enough to allow students to park, go to one class and return in time to see the little traffic department three-wheeler deposit a sheaf of tickets on their windshields.

The new one-hour limit came as the result of a request by the South University Neighborhood Association, whose members are apparently tired of seeing cars parked in front of their houses every hour, a dubious improvement.

But the people who benefit the least from the one-hour limit are the residents of the one-hour blocks themselves. They'll be getting tickets for parking in front of their own houses. Many of the houses in the area are rented to students or have been made into apartments, which means too many cars for the driveway. Are people supposed to park on their lawns? Or should they join the Parking Grand Prix and compete with commuting students for safe parking spaces?

The one-hour limit is termed a 90-day experiment by the Traffic Engineering Department. Well, the results are in early: it's a failure. The one-hour limit does nothing but aggravate an already serious parking space shortage while making life hard for the residents of the neighborhood it was supposed to benefit.

Letters

People not fooled

The U.S., through Kissinger's "shuttle diplomacy" has tried to pose as an impartial arbitrator stepping into Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) for peace and democracy. Henry's "peace" plan for a two-year transition is praised by Britain — also trying to look unbiased. The U.S. seems willing to abandon Rhodesia's white regime for a black government friendly to racist South Africa and the U.S.

In reality, U.S. capital investments and influence in all of

southern Africa are threatened by liberation movements. The U.S. is forced to change its policy. Present U.S. policy is one of "retrenchment" — step back some to dig in and keep fighting — to maintain control.

The Zimbabwe people are not fooled by the "peace" talk of Kissinger and Rhodesia's Smith. They have no choice but to fight the white racist regime propped up by U.S. imperialism. It was the success of the liberation forces which forced Smith to negotiate in Geneva in the first place, after years of brutal apartheid govern-

ment. But the people of Zimbabwe don't expect the Smith regime or its U.S. and British backers to give up their profitable exploitation of Zimbabwe peacefully. "We had no illusions when we came to Geneva," said Kumbirai Kangai, member of the central committee of Zimbabwe African National Union (the leading liberation organization in Zimbabwe). "... the Geneva talks were a victory for us because we ... succeeded in isolating the Smith regime still further on the international front. But while we talked in Geneva, we scored fresh victories on the battlefield..."

The people of Zimbabwe call upon the American people to support them by opposing U.S. intervention in southern Africa. Kumbirai Kangai will speak on the liberation struggle in Zimbabwe and how Americans can aid the Zimbabwe people at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Room 167, EMU.

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Greeks dominate IFC

Should fraternities decide for everyone? Currently Greeks are deciding the fate of all ASUO programs, from club sports to environmental programs, from alternative education to day care.

The Incidental Fee Committee determines program priority according to the amount of money they allot student groups and programs. The survival of programs ranging from MEChA and Women's Resource and Referral to the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic hinge on the decisions of the IFC. Five of the seven IFC members are Greeks.

This makes for the danger of a fraternity-dominated IFC dealing fiscal death to any program that doesn't sit well with their Greek politics and opinions. At this point, the IFC does in fact represent a minority opinion in relation to the general consensus of thought on this campus. As one IFC member stated, "Look at all the power we have," (ODE 1-12-77).

Why has this happened? Because a group of aspiring student politicians have organized their living groups into a well-oiled political machine that would have made Mayor Daley proud. It is my belief that the majority opinion should prevail.

Winter term at the U of O seems to be a time of complacency, since everyone knows that in April the fever of spring will shock them into high gear again for a good scholastic finish. However, there are students working in a fury of effort trying to satisfy our minority-led IFC. These are the staff members who must turn in budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. To survive they must prove without a doubt they are worthwhile programs. If our IFC were a cross-

section of the community, programs might not need to waste so much time, effort and money on the budget process. One program on campus has turned in a 64-page budget, in hopes of meeting the IFC expectations. This program and others might be running scared, because they feel the expectations might be based on the political ideologies of one minority.

For example, can women's sports expect equal fiscal attention when only one female member is on the IFC? As one IFC member asked, "How many students benefit from the program? Turn it around: How many students benefit from minority control of the IFC?"

In the budget criteria the IFC set up this year they ask, "Do the benefits from programs help students graduate?" Has the IFC minority looked over once again the opinions of another important group, the graduate students?

Pluralism is a way of life on campus. We need a good cross-section of elected officials so we can all have a say in student government. The ASUO constitution provides for at least two public budget hearings. Unfortunately, they are sparsely attended. We need student participation or unfortunate mistakes may take place.

In a budget criteria memo, the IFC stated "IFC are policy makers...." Which means, the majority are policy makers. As takers, students have a right and a responsibility to attend these public IFC hearings.

As a final note, the Incidental Fee Committee guidelines clearly state: "The Associated IFC shall represent the students of the University...." Let's make sure they do!

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Show compassion

Parking problems aren't anything new to University students, and while there is obviously a lack of parking places, there is a greater lack of compassion for students on the part of an apartment manager.

I recently moved into the Ridgewood apartments on 18th Avenue and Kincaid Street, where a person can hardly tell where one apartment building ends and another begins.

This is the case with the apartments I live in, which link with the Kincaid apartments. While there is one small parking lot for Ridgewood tenants, there is additional parking in front of the Kincaid apartments.

I have parked in front of the Kincaid apartments several times because the other parking lot was full, or because it was easier to pull in and out of. I had noticed a small sign that read "Tenant Parking," but I felt I was a tenant.

Unfortunately, several evenings ago I happened to park my

car in front of the Kincaid apartments. The next morning my car was gone.

After a phone call to the local police and then to a towing company, I learned that my car had been towed away upon request of the manager of the Kincaid Apartments.

Two hours and \$28 later, I had my car and my sanity back, but I felt totally screwed over.

After a few phone calls, and several conversations with the towing people, I learned that I wasn't the first victim. Not only had this person managed the Kincaid apartment for years, but on the side had developed intricate methods for heartlessly towing away vehicles belonging to Ridgewood tenants and those of innocent visitors who saw no signs stating "violators would be towed away," and could not see the small "tenant parking" sign at night.

From talking to tenants, I found that she (the manager) literally cruises the block waiting for suspicious cars to roll up into one of her parking spots, and then either walks up to them and screams neurotically, or waits until they leave their car and then calls the towing company.

Other apartment managers experience the same problem and I can sympathize with them. Many of them post signs that say violators will be towed away, or leave notes on the windshield of the car asking the party not to park there anymore. It usually works, and would have for me. But I didn't even get that chance.

Even though the manager has been taken to court over the matter before, and the law proves to be on her side, the law does not keep a person from being compassionate.

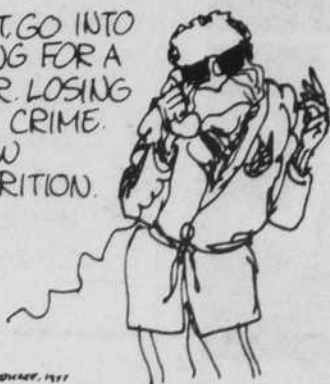
Students do understand the parking problems, and we are not that hard to deal with, and hooray, hooray for the few damn compassionate people left in the world who realize this.

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JERRY, KID,
IT'S THE
PRESIDENT.
I THOUGHT
I'D ADVISE
YOU ON
YOUR
RETIREMENT.



FIRST, GO INTO
HIDING FOR A
YEAR. LOSING
IS A CRIME.
SHOW
CONTRITION.



NEXT, BUILD
YOURSELF A
POWER BASE
IN YOUR OWN
HOME. AN IM-
POSING DESK.
A FACSIMILE
PRESIDENTIAL
SEAL. MINI-FLAGS
OF ALL NATIONS.



ALWAYS LOOK
EX-PRESIDENT-
IAL. SHAVE
4 TIMES A
DAY. WEAR
SUITS AND
TIES EVERY-
WHERE BUT
THE GOLF
COURSE.

WHEN YOU
UNVEIL
YOURSELF
IN PUBLIC
BE SEEN
ONLY WITH
INDUSTRIAL-
ISTS. THEY
ADD TO
YOUR
PRESTIGE.



HOLD ONTO THE
TV RIGHTS TO
YOUR MEMOIRS.
CHARGE FOR
ALL INTER-
VIEWS. GET
YOURSELF A
GOOD AGENT.



IN
1978
GO
TO
CHINA.



AND, JERRY, WHEN
YOU COME TO
VISIT, COULD YOU
BRING ALONG AN
18 1/2 INCH SPOOL OF
TAPE I FORGOT
IN THE RUSH.
LOOK BEHIND
THE LINCOLN
PORTRAIT.