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Prepare to pay up, commuters Council passes disputed parking plan

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A plan to charge commuters for parking west of the University finally was approved Wednesday by the Eugene City Council, ending weeks of delays, public hearings and revisions to the original proposal.

Beginning Jan. 15, 1984, it will be illegal to park longer than two hours in certain areas west of campus without a special permit. Those permits are offered free to residents of the affected areas, but cost non-residents either \$17.50 a month or \$1.50 a day.

The Council was unanimous in its approval despite continued opposition to the parking plan by students and by employees of Sacred Heart General Hospital and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

"Personally, I don't feel obligated to provide unlimited free parking" to West University area employees or to student commuters, said Council member John Ball before voting with the rest of the Council to approve the controversial plan.

"We've been taking a lot of heat on this," Ball said. "Sacred Heart Hospital and the University of Oregon administration and the BLM have been ignoring the parking requirements of their employees and students for some years."

The affected areas are located in a 28-square-block rectangle bound by 11th and 18th Avenues and High and Hilyard Streets.

About half the area will be posted as a "residential preferential parking zone." Curbs bordering high-density housing and adjacent to the BLM offices will not be subject to parking restrictions.

ASUO representative Barbara McCarthy said after the meeting she still has concerns that the \$17.50 permit price tag might cause problems for some student commuters.

"I've asked them to make concessions for low-income students," McCarthy said. "I want to see the

plan succeed."

McCarthy said she generally was pleased with the way the city took student concerns into account in its final draft of the federally financed parking program.

After hearing complaints from fraternity and sorority representatives, the city traffic staff removed from the plan several blocks north of 11th Avenue where there is a heavy concentration of Greek houses.

Traffic planner Jim Hanks stressed that the purpose of the parking charges was to alleviate parking problems in the West University Neighborhood, not to generate money for the city through sales of the permits. Hanks estimated an average of 50 permits would be sold each month.

The \$17.50 price tag is meant to discourage commuters from parking in residential neighborhoods, Hanks said.

"There is adequate parking on the campus for all the commuters that come to the University," Hanks said. As many as 300 parking spaces are vacant each day in the student parking lot across from Bean dormitory, he said. Permits to park in the Bean lot cost students \$18 per academic year.

However, University planners have admitted the Bean lot is in poor physical condition and is inconvenient for many students because of its distance from the southwest end of campus.

"When you step out of your car, you're waist deep in grass or mud," McCarthy said. "To ask students to park there is ridiculous."

Those most pleased by the Council's action were members of the West University Neighborhood Association, who asked the city to develop a more restrictive parking program as part of their neighborhood refinement plan.

The city will receive \$293,000 in matching funds from the U.S. government to implement the plan.



Smile, say 'cheese'

Despite rain, cold weather, inadequate parking facilities and fewer students than expected, volunteers and organizers of a cheese and butter giveaway on campus Wednesday are pleased with the results.

"There were a lot of happy students," says Joan Bard, who was in charge of the distribution.

Bill Snyder, ASUO coordinator of student events, also is happy.

Distribution will continue on a monthly basis if some problems are worked out, says Lydia Donohoe, chair of the Lane County food bank board.

Snyder instigated the giveaway on campus by contacting the food bank, and he acted as go-between for the administration and the bank as the details of the distribution were worked out.

The dairy products allocated for the University, weighing 24,000 pounds, had to be unloaded from trucks onto carts at the edge of the courtyard. The trucks usually are driven up to the distributing tables, Donohoe says.

Photo by Dean Guernsey

Assembly vote backs 'town hall'

By Doug Nash
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The University Assembly on Wednesday narrowly defeated a proposal that would have given a great deal of power to the University Senate.

The motion needed a two-thirds majority to pass. An initial vote for the new faculty governance rules barely succeeded, with 90 in favor of the proposal and 45 opposed. However, upon a recount called for by University Pres. Paul Olum, the official tally became 91-50, lacking a clear two-thirds majority.

The proposal, which had been designed through the year-long efforts of a special task force, would have given much legislative authority to the Senate, now serving only an advisory role. Only

those measures without a two-thirds majority would have been referred to the Assembly, which would have met four times a year under the new plan.

The University president or 10 percent of the faculty could also have initiated measures in the Assembly, according to the proposal.

But in debate Wednesday, it was apparent that many faculty members still are satisfied with the University's unique "town hall" concept, which allows all 970 faculty members to take part in the Assembly's monthly meetings.

Task force member Sandy Tepfer, biology professor, said he was disappointed with the outcome.

"I'm sad but I think that the vote is close enough that I'm going to

bring it up again next year without rewriting it," Tepfer said.

Student University Affairs Board member Mike Prothe, who heads the 18-member student contingent on the Senate and the Assembly, said he was "really torn" at the final outcome.

"I was very frustrated at the way they rejected the students' interest in the Senate," he said.

The task force proposal called for eight students, or a one-fifth proportion to serve on the Senate. The Assembly had rejected SUAB efforts to raise that number to 14 with full voting capacity or to 18 with each student entitled to half a vote.

The University Senate approved the entire governance package last month.

Student named co-plaintiff in Solomon lawsuit

By Doug Nash
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Melissa Barker, the 26 year-old University student who was denied financial aid for refusing to sign a selective service form, has been named as co-plaintiff in a federal lawsuit attacking the enforcement procedures of the Solomon Amendment.

A Washington, D.C.-based lawyer, J. E. McNeil, has agreed to represent Barker in her opposition to the amendment, which requires all students receiving federal financial aid to certify they have registered with the Selective Service or are exempt from having to register.

All males at least 18 years of age and born after 1959 must register for the draft. As a woman born prior to 1959, Barker says she was unfairly targeted by the Department of Education's enforcement rules and should have never been required to sign the selec-

tive service form.

"These rules violate the intent of Congress," Barker says. "The federal Department of Education was out of line for enforcing procedures and rules that go beyond what Congress intended when it developed that legislation."

Barker says her action could not be declared moot under another anti-Solomon case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. That case directly attacks the amendment on constitutional grounds, while her suit questions only the government's enforcement procedures.

"The other federal case is looking at the Solomon Amendment — whether or not it itself is unconstitutional," she says. "We're suggesting that the administrative rules are unconstitutional."

Joining her in the case are a George

Washington University student and a Seattle University student, both of whom are women born prior to 1959, Barker says.

The suit, which will be filed in federal district court in Washington, D.C. Friday or Monday, seeks an immediate court order to stop enforcement of the Solomon Amendment regulations, Barker says. McNeil hopes to recover basic attorney fees from the court, she adds.

Barker says she learned of McNeil through contacts with Dave Fidanque, head of Eugene's American Civil Liberties Union chapter. Earlier this month, the ACLU announced it would not be able to provide legal services for Barker. She had wanted to fight the amendment on state grounds, using an Oregon constitutional provision that prevents laws from interfering with rights of conscience.



University student Melissa Barker will attack the Solomon Amendment on a federal level.