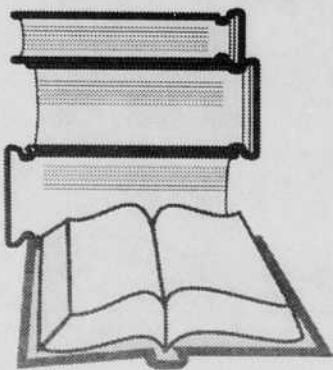


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OPS explores parking options

■ **CAMPUS:** Plans for a new parking lot, permit fees and better bike access to the University are in the works

By Amy Palanuk
Higher Education Reporter

As the campus population increases, available parking spaces decrease drastically, and some argue that the University should build a parking structure.

However, University officials say the cost to build one outweighs parking needs on campus.

"As a matter of policy, alternate modes of transportation have a higher priority than parking structures," said Dan Williams, vice president for administration.

Alternate modes of transportation include supporting carpools, the development of LTD access to students and faculty, and better access to the University via bicycles.

"We're not convinced that we've maximized our alternatives yet," Williams said. "We are tweaking the system to do some things different, to relieve some pressure that is created by overnight parkers and our hope is that we are going to be able to sell some spots."

This tweaking of the system will be seen next year with the development of a new parking lot for overnight parkers.

The lot will be built between Moss and Columbia streets, behind Williams' Bakery. Construction for the lot will proceed as immediately as possible, said Tom Hicks, associate director for the Office of Public Safety. But the immediate impact on campus parking will not be seen until late next year when the lot is finally finished.

"We're trying to strike a balance between supply and demand [by increasing the price of parking permits]. At what point does demand drop to a feasible level?"

— Tom Hicks
Office of Public Safety

"We could get probably about 75 new spaces in that area by clearing the lot and paving it," Hicks said.

With an unexpected demand for overnight parking permits this year, OPS sold about 650 permits to resident hall students.

This is the first year the permits were sold, and OPS had expected to sell only 400, Hicks said.

The permits allow students to park overnight in the Bean Area parking lot for \$24 per term. Next year this price will increase to an estimated \$75 per term for residence hall students wanting to park their cars on campus overnight. Students will still be required to purchase a parking permit for day use which will cost \$65 a year.

"We're trying to strike a balance between supply and demand," Hicks said. "At what point does demand drop to a feasible level?"

By roughly comparing the supply of parking spaces with the demand for them, the parking department decided that an increase in overnight parking permit fees was needed, Hicks said.

"By raising fees, it begins to bring the cost of [parking] up to what it costs to bring a car to a reserved parking complex," Hicks

said. "If there's extra revenue, we want to be able to possibly put a small lot by the residence halls, adding possibly 100 to 150 spaces."

Hicks plans to work with the residence halls to decide on what kind of process will be used to determine who will be able to purchase overnight permits.

"We want to limit the number of permits sold down to about 400," Hicks said.

If the limit is reached at the beginning of fall term, 1997, Hicks mentioned the possibility of a lottery of permit purchases. OPS is working with the residence halls to discuss these options, Hicks said.

As for the possibility of a parking structure, nothing has been planned for the near future, but according to the parking department it is certainly an option.

"The option of a parking structure was never completely ruled out, but extremely expensive," said Rand Stamm, parking program coordinator for OPS.

The city of Eugene's new downtown parking structure added 264 more spaces but cost an estimated \$13,000 per space to build. Monthly permit rates to park there are \$45 a month.

"With those kinds of costs," Hicks said, "we need to ask, what kind of rates is the campus willing to pay?"

At this point, parking officials believe the campus community is not ready for these costs, and no immediate decisions for major parking developments have been made.

"It's not realistic for students, faculty or staff to think they're ever going to be able to park where they want to, when they want to," said Williams. "This isn't quite like going to Albertson's."

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