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University student use of the Burger King parking lot on Franklin Avenue is affecting access for the restaurant's customers.

Big battle over small spaces

■ The frequent overflow from campus parking fills local business lots

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As more and more students drive to campus, the parking situation is getting tighter and tighter. And local businesses such as the campus Burger King are suffering because of it.

"We have limited parking," Burger King manager Chris Brown said. "When students use my parking lot to go to school for 10 hours, I'm losing business."

The problem is so frequent and ongoing that the regional Burger King headquarters is getting involved.

Micki Waters, vice president of marketing for Burger King locations in Oregon, said on any given day she will tag warning cards on as many as 18 cars for parking illegally.

Waters said the campus location always gives a warning to first time

offenders but will tow a car for multiple violations.

"It's not just students who are the problem. Football game days are crazy for us," Waters said. "It's truly an ongoing battle, and it's really hard on us."

It can also be an ongoing battle for students to find cheap parking near campus, as increased numbers of students move from on-campus housing to the sprawling apartment complexes near Autzen stadium.

"The way Eugene is developing is not conducive to life without a car," ASUO Vice President Mitra Anoushiravani said. "Most students are getting cars because the housing situation near campus is not very good."

For students and businesses such as the campus Burger King, better parking on campus would be a welcome improvement.

"It's hard for the ASUO to advocate for that," Anoushiravani said. "Right now, it's not a priority, but if enough students came to us and asked for our help, of course we'd be happy to advocate for better parking on campus."

One thing that students can ask for is a better transit schedule from the Autzen area apartments to campus. As students tend to work late on campus, conforming to the bus schedule can be difficult.

"We're looking to bring more service to that area in the evenings and weekends," said Andy Vobora, service planning and marketing manager for Lane Transit District. "As we include more service routes to students, we'll need to increase the cost of the service. That's something we need to negotiate with student government."

According to Fred Tepfer, University planning associate, the University commissioned a study of campus parking about three years ago. The study came with a list of recommendations, many of which have been implemented by the University.

"Parking is one of those subjects that never goes away," Tepfer said. "The supply of parking is not unlike the supply of roads. When we build more, we just get more congestion."

Scholarship

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\$704,361. Oregon State was the only other university to have more OSAC scholarships — 319 — issued to its students.

Oregon residents can apply for a variety of awards with values ranging from \$500 up to 90 percent of a student's financial need. The OSCA application is due March 1.

Jim Gilmour, associate director of student financial aid, said all students should "at least explore what is out there before they decide" there are no scholarships for them.

Earning a scholarship can only help a student's financial situation, Gilmour said. Scholarship money is used to replace loans in a student's aid package.

"It saves money they would have to pay later," Gilmour said.

The OSCA's application is available at the Office of Student Financial Aid in Oregon Hall and on-line at www.osac.state.or.us.

Other on-line options for scholarships are also available. One popular service is the Fast

Web search on which a student inputs personal data. The data is then matched with requirements for different scholarships. Many of the scholarships offered through the OSAC also show up in this search, so it can be a time saver.

One such award is the Ford Scholars program. Gene J. Evans, public information director at OSAC, said the Ford program has the potential to be worth the most of all of the awards available because it works on a sliding scale.

"It's really one of the best scholarship programs in the country in terms of what it's worth," Evans said.

Andrea Kristine Winter, a class of 1996 Ford Scholar, also won one of eight Future Farmer's of America scholarships. She said students who wish to win scholarships should participate in school activities.

"This not only gives you the opportunity to experience and learn a variety of things, it is also a lot of fun," Winter said. "It shows the scholarship committee that you are able to balance your schedule and budget your time."

"It also gives you the opportunity to develop many skills such

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Financial Aid Office
applications, reference material

Graduate School
specializes in information about graduate funding

Departments
check with individual departments

On-line
Fast Web: www.fastweb.com

Oregon State Assistance:
Commission: www.ossc.state.or.us

University Financial Aid:
financialaid.uoregon.edu

National Financial Aid: www.finaid.org

SOURCE: University Sources of Scholarship Information, from the Office of Financial Aid

as public speaking, customer relations, job skills and a sense of fulfillment," she said.

If earning a scholarship sounds like too much work, all students older than the age of 13 can enter a daily drawing for \$10,000 scholarships. The Web site www.freescholarships.com holds daily drawings for \$10,000 scholarships, and once a month, one lucky student can win \$50,000.

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