

To the Community

From the Faculty and Student Art and Architecture Committees

Memorandum on TRAFFIC AND PARKING

I

For some time the number of cars on campus has been increasing while the number of parking places has remained constant. As a consequence, roads have become clogged with cars parked illegally, generally impeding the regular flow of traffic and threatening to block passage of the fire truck in case of emergency. Now, with the start of the new Elizabeth Harrington Dickinson Science building and the lecture hall, the Commons parking lot and the parking area by the nightwatchman's booth are no longer available.

To solve the problem, the College architect in consultation with the administration and the student and faculty Art and Architecture Committees has designed two new parking lots intended to provide maximum accessibility compatible with preservation of the campus that we value. These lots have just been completed, so that now--for the first time in many months--we have sufficient parking facilities to meet the needs of the whole community and visitors to it, and to make possible a strict adherence to traffic and parking regulations.

With the beginning of work on the new buildings, the old road into the campus running north of the Barn has been closed off except for access to the faculty-staff parking lot adjacent to the Barn. The new entrance south of Cricket Hill is now to be used regularly by all traffic. The nightwatchman's booth will be moved as soon as possible to a new location near the flagpole circle, until more permanent quarters can be made.

With the new traffic pattern and the new lots in operation, parking around the flagpole circle and along the road between the Barn and Commons in violation of long-standing regulations must be discontinued immediately. Two-way traffic--including a number of delivery trucks bound for Commons and the new construction--requires the unobstructed use of the two-lane roadway.

II

With these circumstances in view, the Art and Architecture Committees are recommending to the President that

- 1) He, consulting with the Judicial Committee, determine a method of enforcing a rule prohibiting parking on all roads, except for ten-minute standing on the lanes leading to student houses.
- 2) Parking in the two new lots be differentiated on the basis of residence and non-residence. We propose that the parking area immediately north of the brick garage studios, because it is the nearer to the Barn and Commons, be reserved for the cars of all those--faculty, staff, and students--who do not reside on the campus. The parking lot near the tennis courts would be for the use of all who live in student houses and faculty apartments. The non-resident lot would be available to evening and weekend visitors to the College.

These recommendations assume that all cars regularly used on campus be registered and receive appropriate stickers indicating parking lot eligibility.

- 3) For non-residents going to the Post Office in Commons, spaces for eight cars limited to twenty-minute parking be designated in the old West parking lot north of Leigh House as a substitute for parking along the delivery entrance to Commons (which is prohibited).

III

Sometime during the spring a new parking lot for forty or fifty cars will be created south of the new road, just to the north of the Nursery School and the Brooder apartments. This lot is designed to replace eventually the faculty-staff parking lot just north of the Barn, which until the art buildings are begun will continue to be available on a first-come first-served basis.

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