

SUB parking facilities cause student grumbling

By NANCY CARR

This year parking facilities at UNB are again the cause for grumbling among the commuting student population. However, Chief Security Officer, C. F. Williamson, says "If anyone would park where they're supposed to park we'd have no parking problem."

The problem as it exists is obvious from a glance at a map indicating authorized students parking lots. The seven main lots (which three are residence lots) are all located on the periphery of the campus, while the central lots are designated as "staff-faculty". Aside from small patches of road space such as the stretch below Loring Bailey Hall, non-student students must park either in the two adjoining lots above SUB, beside the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, or off Windsor St., or, of course, they would prefer to walk to classes from the lot behind the Lady Beaverbrook Gym.

A car count survey conducted by the Security Office indicates students' dislike of parking in the rink lot, the LB Gym lot, and the lot below the Teachers College playing field in particular.

The survey, taken at the beginning of this school year, found that although the lot below the playing field has a capacity of 150 cars, there were 17 and

12 cars parked there on the mornings of September 18 and 19 respectively. On the other hand, the staff-faculty lots beside Tilley and Carleton Halls, listed as having a capacity for 97 cars, contained 151 and 113 cars on the two mornings.

With the exception of freshmen, who are not allowed to park anywhere other than the rink lot, students must apply to the security office for a free parking sticker to park in the student lots.

If they park in these lots without a sticker, or in the staff-faculty lots, they are eligible for a \$2 parking ticket.

Records are kept at the office of all tickets issued. If violations by one student continue, he or she may theoretically be disallowed all parking privileges on campus. "However", says Mr. Williamson, "We have never had to resort to that measure."

Students are not the only ones to find fault with the parking situation. Faculty members who are unable to find parking spaces in their designated lots are also complaining to the security office.

Students may take heart in knowing that faculty members who park in student lots are also liable for tickets.

Parking offenders are given 72 hours to make an appeal to the security office. If they are still

found guilty of the parking infraction, they must pay the \$2 fine to the UNB Business Office.

Failure to do this may result in the withholding of the student's marks by the Business Office. "But", said Assistant Comptroller D. G. Sedgewick, "we're not terribly interested in 'a' parking ticket back in the fall. Anything

beyond this, he said, does constitute a delinquent account.

Mr. Sedgewick voiced the opinion that perhaps UNB students would do well to take a look at the parking regulations on other Canadian campuses. He knew of one, he said, where a 'cage' was dropped over the offending car to insure payment of fees, and an-

other where cars could be towed away.

While admitting that such extremism was unnecessary at UNB, he said, I don't know what the solution is. It's a paradox."

The situation is currently under study by the Security Office.



Photo by Jim Walker

Once again parking facilities is a major topic of discussion among students. Surveys have shown that students are using their more centrally located lots and then filling faculty-staff parking facilities. One reason appears to be that student parking lots are not conveniently located compared to staff parking. The matter is being studied by the Security Office.

Astronaut to speak at Fall Festival

By MARY-LEE GALLANT

Colonel James Irwin, one of the astronauts on Apollo 15 is to be the guest speaker for the University of New Brunswick's Fall Festival.

Expenses have been one of the main problems in deciding who to bring in. But Peter Ashton who is in charge of Irwin's visit is hoping for a three way split of the cost between the Student Representative Council, the Geography Department and the UNB speaker's budget.

The total cost of inviting Irwin is \$1,800, if this three way split is used, \$1,250 of this cost is the

speaker's fee, \$500.00 for travel and \$50.00 for lodging. The SRC's total expense would be \$600.00.

However, another solution may yet reduce expenditures even further. The SRC and the Chamber of Commerce may come up with a split that will give the SRC a total cost of \$433.00.

For two nights the cost of having Irwin would be \$2,000 with travel expenses at \$500.00 and lodging, \$100.00. This would leave the total at \$2,600.00 and the split at \$1,300.00. Then this amount would again be divided between the SRC and the Lecture

Series Committee (Senate). The SRC will then be cut to \$433.00. Plans are all tentative with the final results of the bargaining not known until next week.

Ashton commented that "I think Irwin was a good choice because of the interest he has to everyone."

The approximate date of the talk is Oct. 30, with Head Hall chosen as the best location for the event. Irwin's talk will be broadcasted over CHSR and hopefully Audio-visual will be able to use close circuit television in case of overflow.

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