

Parking: a problem of convenience

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There always seems to be a parking problem on campus but Security Chief Charles Williamson describes the problem as a matter of convenience not of space.

Everyone wants to park as close as they can but that is not always possible.

There are 2461 parking spaces on campus. In a study done October 1, during the peak traffic flow, there were 2265 cars parked on campus. This left 196 spaces available. The problem with some of the spaces is the matter of convenient parking. People are apparently not willing to walk to their place of business.

There have been more than 3,000 parking stickers sold on campus. This figure includes students, staff and faculty, and residence students. There have been more stickers sold than spaces available because some sticker holders have more than one car. Also it has been taken into consideration that there is a general overlap of cars on the campus at any one time. Not

everyone is on campus at the same time. This 3,000 figure also includes stickers that have been sold to replace the stickers that were removed and replaced with the purchase of a new vehicle.

The biggest difficulty for the security office, in regards to parking, is getting all the vehicles that park on campus registered. There is also a public service offered by the security office if the vehicle is registered. For example, if a driver has left his/her lights on then the security office will make an attempt to contact the driver from the vehicle registration sticker.

Parking "tickets" are used by the security force to enforce parking regulations on campus. If a car receives more than one ticket and it is neither paid nor appealed, then there is a cancellation of parking privileges. If a vehicle has had its privilege removed, then the vehicle is subject to tow-away. The owner must pay any charges for towing before the vehicle may be picked up. There is no obligation on the part of the owner to pay for the outstanding fines, but the vehicle

will still remain on the tow-away list. This procedure is outlined in the Motor Vehicle Traffic and Parking Regulations pamphlet under the Fine section. Autos will also be towed away if the area in which it is parked is identified by a traffic control device, or blocking or impeding traffic or deliveries. Money received from tickets issued last year, amounted to \$5,835 revenue from stickers. This money is put into the miscellaneous income fund of the university.

Williamson said he would like to see "more convenient parking developed" but he does recognize "it is contrary to the long-range plan of the university." The long-range plan promotes peripheral parking at the university.

There are 33 individuals employed by the Security office. These employees are responsible for building inspections, room reservations, radio communication, a janitorial key control, library exit control, car patrol and check of properties off campus. The Security office also maintains a lost and found. This is only a short list of the functions of the Security office on campus.

Engineering week wrapup

By PAUL MACNEILL, EE V

Well, Engineering Week is over for another year, but a good time was had by all who participated. In general, most events were well-attended.

The EE V Class took full honors in the Coaster Derby with the Golden Moose - built in just over 24 hours and driven by Bob Pelletier - taking first place and the "Spirit of 79" piloted by Ron Gallant clinching second place. EE V wishes to thank Moosehead Breweries for their generous sponsorship of their winning entry.

The receipts from the Pie Throw totalled \$139 which was donated to the United Way. Civil Engineering Professor R. McLaughlin seemed to be the most popular "sacrifice" as the winning bid for him was \$47. Many thanks to Torf for lending his brilliant ability as an auctioneer to the cause, and livening up the bids. Stay tuned for further events in support of the United Way later this month.

The winners of Friday's hooch-brewing contest were: Peter Emery, first place, and Jim Morneau/Bob Fournier second place. Many thanks to Prof. Torfason for risking his life and limb by judging this event.

The Surveying composite team took first place in the hockey tourney but unfortunately the baseball tourney was cancelled due to inclement weather, as was the car rally and Woodlot Warm-up.

Saturday morning on the cold Saint John River, Bob and Terry in EUS came first in the Canoe Race. For the illustrious EUS president Dave Harmon it was Saturday

morning in the Saint John River.

The Big Bash last Saturday featuring Hooker, was packed and it was rumoured that several billions of brain cells were disintegrated as a result of the pub.

It should be noted that every Thursday evening the EUS sponsors feature movies open to all,

Woodshed wants YOU

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The Woodshed offers an opportunity for students to relax, indulge in coffee and donuts and listen to mellow live music. The rich panelling, natural wood chairs and tables, and gentle lighting offer a comfortable atmosphere where many students combine the aforementioned pleasures with talk, backgammon and last minute homework.

Tucked neatly into a corner on the top floor of the student union building many students are unfortunately not aware of the Woodshed's existence. However, according to SUB Director Cindy Stacey, the turnout has improved greatly this year from its past two years of operation.

A similar idea was formerly presented in the Subterrain, which was located in the basement of the SUB. The old Social Club was then using the present Woodshed room. The two swapped occupancy, as the 54 seats available in the Woodshed could not serve the increased demands of the Social Club.

The Woodshed is open Monday through Wednesday, each week from 8 p.m.-midnight. Performers include student musicians and

with such flicks as Apocalypse Now, Every Which Way But Loose, Moonraker, Life of Brian upcoming to name a few, for half of what you would pay off campus.

Engineers are to prepare themselves for the Smoker, coming up in early November and for the Pub in the SUB Ballroom Thursday.

professional talent making a stop in Fredericton. Performers are paid at a rate decided mutually with the SUB director. Rather than using their performance time as a moneymaking venture, many amateur entertainers consider it advantageous for exposure and practice. Their pay is financed largely by the SUB.

The Social Club donated \$500 for first-term entertainment. A request for a similar amount was made to the SRC but no answer has yet been given. Total costs run in the vicinity of \$4,000 per year. The coffee and food sales are self-sustaining. Due to such a low budget, advertising is carried out on a minimal basis. However, word of mouth has appeared to offer an adequate promotional stimulus.

In addition to the three evening performances, the Woodshed is available on Thursday evenings for booking by student organizations for their own special events. Pubs in the ballroom warrant that the Woodshed be closed over the weekends. If you have not yet acquainted yourself with this beautiful little room, grab a deck of cards, your math assignment, a cribbage board and a friend and enjoy the comfort of the Woodshed soon.

Cynic-at-large

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Why is it that humans seem to have an incessant desire to make fools of themselves? I speak specifically of playing this role under the overwhelming influence of alcohol. There are very few people on this campus, myself not among them, who can claim absolute exception to this condition. Yet the events of this weekend past led me to ponder on the benefits of getting pissed to the gills.

I failed to make a coherent connections between pleasure and complete intoxication. Rather, I associated drunkenness with pain. I happened to be sitting directly in the path of someone's fall last weekend and received as punishment for this obstruction a swollen lump on the back of my head, a pair of broken eyeglasses and a bruised shoulder. There are other familiar examples such as stumbling to unsteady knees, walking into walls, starting a fight with the person beside you before you realize that he is 6½ feet tall and weighs 300 pounds, lighting your finger instead of a cigarette. Of course, let us not forget the morning-after pain, often revealed in the green faces and dark circles under the eyes of so many students.

Then again, those suffering more acute symptoms never see the morning after, as they do not rise from the dead until late afternoon.

Apart from such agony, alcohol is a soothing liquid relaxant. It causes the body to become limp, sometimes even immobile, the head to loll casually from its perch, the hand muscles to relax their grip around your drink as it falls nonchalantly to the floor. Two of the most significant muscles it relaxes are the tongue and brain. There are no bounds to what you can say, but unfortunately the words are not always connected to intelligent thoughts. Alcohol is known for its permanent extermination of brain cells, but it also causes temporary crippling of these cells. Perhaps it is fortunate that a side effect of this semi-consciousness is the inability to remember what you said, did or attempted to do the night before. In this instance what you don't know won't hurt you.

Alcohol appears to loosen the reins holding emotions in check. Everyone has so many more friends, the jokes are always so hilarious, and it is so easy to fall head over heels in love (although you celebrate your new found romance alone as you never see him/her again.)

In the opposite sphere, alcohol seems to stimulate bravery and aggression as the men attempt to defend all the virtues of life with their fists. One such incident occurred last weekend at the woodlot, resulting in a trip to the hospital for one of the participants.

There appears to be a distortion of the definitions of right and wrong when one is smashed. I hope such insidious distortions are due only to the veils of alcohol and not to a basic insufficiency of the human mind.

I am referring to the destructive acts of vandalism that occur during almost every drinking event. Several areas of Tibbets Hall were mauled during the pub last Friday night. Telephone books were ripped from their chains, garbage and empty beer bottles littered the hallways, screens were torn from windows and an electric exit sign was partially pulled out of the ceiling.

Where does one draw the line between Animal House hilarity and fun to malicious or thoughtless destruction of private and public property? From personal to property abuse, I am sure many of the acts committed under a drunken haze are later regretted. Why do so many of us insist on being

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