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Free parking could be history

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venient, Lowry said that to park near the campus, a person will have to pay a fee.

The first area that is proposed as close—in parking will be along Maryland Parkway, in front of Archie Grant and Maude Frazier halls.

Only those willing to pay for nearby parking will be charged a fee, Lowry said.

Barriers will be erected and a magnetic card will be necessary to activate the gates to enter.

Lowry said the same ratio of staff to student parking will exist until the Alumni building starts breaking ground in front of Grant and Frazier halls. Then student parking will be diminished, but the next proposed close-in parking area will be across from the Arco station, giving students more available parking spaces, Lowry added.

The second stage is when everyone will be paying a fee to

park on campus. Ultimately, the master plan for parking calls for six parking garages to be built to accommodate the students.

Lowry said the main concern is where the money will come from. Funds may have to be borrowed, and then paid back through the parking fee, he said. Another possibility is raising seed money (charging a fee before the garage is built) for the building, Lowry added.

Lowry said he couldn't talk about the cost of the parking program, but he said "the proposes fees would cover creating and maintaining the parking system and a modest mark-up to be used for other parking."

If the proposed parking garages are accepted by President Maxson and seed money is needed, a parking fee could be initiated by next fall semester, Lowry said. On this schedule, the first parking garage

would be built by the end of 1992, Lowry added.

Currently the height of the parking garage has not been determined. Lowry said the committee is trying to find out the cheapest per space cost and they don't know how high they can go with the building.

"We don't know the cost break," Lowry said. Calculations on the weight of the cars on the third story and above will determine how much the bottom has to be beefed up. Then a cost benefit analysis will show how cost-effective each level is, Lowry added.

Another consideration for the parking garage is the height itself. "We don't want a parking garage that towers over the campus," Lowry said.

When all six parking garages are build (the proposed date is 1995), Lowry said there will not be any parking within the perimeter of the

campus. "Each year we will see more parking area taken up by new buildings," he said.

Lowry said Maxson has negotiated with the Clark County Airport Authority, to possibly use land adjacent to the Thomas and Mack Center at the southwest corner of Paradise and Tropicana avenues.

Anyone that would like to find out more about the future parking proposals or make recommendations can attend the meetings at 7:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in room 518 of the Frank and Estella Beam Hall. Those who can't make the meetings may write Lowry at the Parking and Traffic and Control Committee, Office of the Chair.

Lowry said he would like to hear from the handicapped community and that the committee needs their input.

Smoking

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Currently, failure of students to heed the smoking policy may result in a warning, probation, suspension, or exclusion from classes.

The law also provides a designated fine of "not less than ten dollars, or more than one hundred," for offenders.

The process by which administration, faculty, and students will be informed may include better education of the policy at orientation, an update at the beginning of each semester, and by informing new personnel.

Other suggestions: to implement a reminder to all may include ashtrays at the entrance to each building, and the building designated with a sign before entering.

The ad hoc committee will take these suggestions and proposals to their constituents for a response.

In one month, they will meet again to finalize the recommendations. If an agreement is reached, it will be forwarded to Maxson for a decision.



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