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Anderson announces new student parking lot

By FORREST ORSER

UNB President John Anderson, reacting to SRC demands for more and improved student parking, has announced that construction will begin immediately on new parking facilities for students.

The parking lot, roughly the same size as the present lot above the SUB, will be situated between the SUB lot and the path from the SUB to Teachers College.

Anderson stressed that the parking lot would be an "immediate solution to an urgent problem" and that since the university had not budgeted for the expense the resources available at UNB would be utilized. The lot will give the students parking in an ideal place, said Anderson.

This will be accomplished by using the UNB Surveying Engineering Dept. to survey the location of the lot, the Maritime Forest Ranger School to clear the lot and the Physical Plant department to put gravel on the lot. Mr. D.C. Campbell, a member of the university's Board of Governors and president of Tractors and Equipment Limited, will contribute the heavy machinery and operators to clear and level the land for the lot.

The only expense to the university will be the cost of bringing in gravel.

The aesthetics of the new parking lot have been considered according to Anderson, and a fringe of trees will screen the parking area from the road. The area to be cleared, said Anderson, is covered mostly by small trees and bushes.

Work on the project started Thursday and will be co-ordinated by Vice President (Administration) B.F. Macauley, until director of academic planning and campus development Eric Garland returns to the Campus.

The project is the result of a meeting on Tuesday between Anderson, Macauley, the Student Representative Council executive, and the student senators.

Although the construction of the parking lot has not been passed through the usual administration channels, Anderson said that Senate would probably approve of the construction of the lot. "There are times when the president must take action quickly for the good of the university," said Anderson.

The senate will be asked to give approval for the project at its next meeting.

Anderson has asked the SRC to express its feelings on the project at its next meeting Monday night.

According to SUB Director Kevin McKinney, there has often been a lack of parking for the SUB, especially on nights when there were a number of events being held.

He felt the new parking lot will improve the situation. Commenting on open parking as another possible move toward relieving the parking problem, Anderson said that in this case, "the cure would be worse than the disease."

He feels it could cause conflict between the students and the faculty, and would not benefit anybody.

Chairman of the Senate parking committee Professor Fiander points out that having separate parking areas for faculty and students was an attempt to solve the problems caused by open parking.

Fiander added, "For everyone to have parking where they want it, you'll have to have a lot more parking space than we have now."

Chief of Security C.F. Williamson said that until November 15 warnings were being issued to those parking unregistered cars on campus. After this date, tickets are being issued.

Under the new system, fines range from five to ten dollars, with the possibility of having your car towed away.

Last year, when fines started at two dollars, \$630 was collected in parking fines, according to Assistant Comptroller D.G. Sedgewick.

At the present time there are three patrolmen on campus daily enforcing parking and traffic regulations.

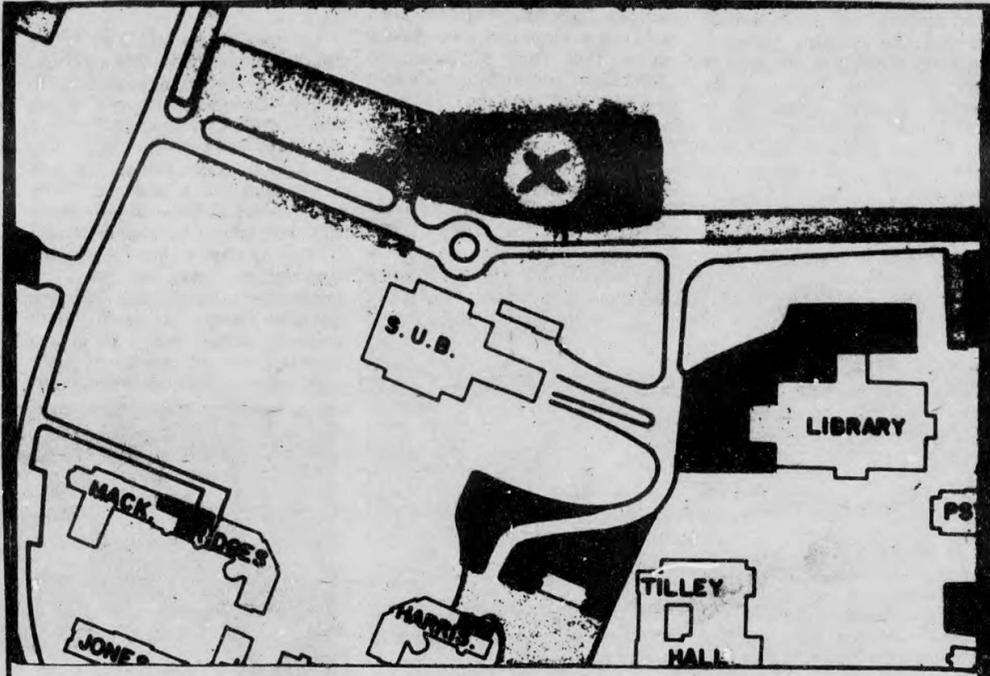
Williamson added that for the regulations to work, co-operation is needed and that "The fewer tickets we issue the happier we'll be."

Responding to suggestions that the Student Disciplinary Council hear appeals on parking tickets, Williamson said he had no objections to an independent body hearing appeals.

Fiander said he is not against the SDC hearing appeals, although he thought the faculty should also have a body to hear its appeals.

He said that an attempt is being made, partly through the extensive registration form, to determine the number of people bringing cars on campus, what areas are most often used, and so on, so that parking can be planned more efficiently in the future.

Fiander said his committee has also recommended that, in the future parking be considered in the planning of any new buildings on campus.



X marks the spot, just south of the SUB circle, where the new lot will be. UNB President John Anderson announced the new lot on Wednesday. He said existing university facilities will be used to build it, and the only cost to UNB will be the gravel. Anderson said the lot was an "immediate solution to an urgent problem."

1st year students can now park here

By FORREST ORSER

First year students can now register their cars for parking on campus on Tuesday, November 20, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Student Center. First year students in previous years have not been permitted to bring cars on campus. UNB President John Anderson said he has instructed Campus Security Chief C.F. Williamson to not give out tickets to first year students who do not have registration stickers, and to cancel all tickets given

previously this term to first year students for not having stickers.

Anderson says "The regulations were made at a time when they made sense, but now they are anachronistic."

It will not be possible to officially rescind the regulations until the university's Board of Governors meets.

Anderson's actions followed a recent SRC motion to ask the administration to rescind their restrictions forbidding first year students parking privileges on campus.



President Anderson



These trees won't exist very shortly. This is where the new parking lot will be.