

Meters Next?

'Pay-to-Park' Plan To Plague Student Drivers

By Bev Woznow

Students are soon to pay for the privilege of bringing their cars to campus.

A paygate has been ordered by the university to be installed at the exit of the extended SUB parking lot. This is the latest in a number of moves to discourage students from driving to campus.

As enrolment rapidly increases each year, the number of student drivers likewise climbs. Unfortunately, parking space steadily decreases as new buildings squeeze out the cars.

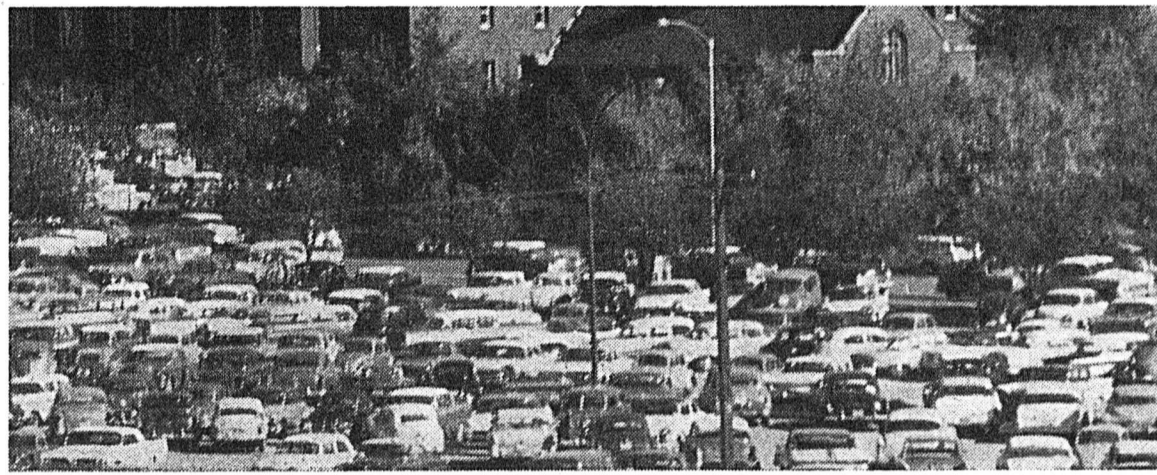
Some 500 stalls will be lost this fall when construction begins for the proposed education building. This will close St. Joe's lot, till now, largest unrestricted area for on-campus student car parking.

MINIMUM FEE

Professor J. J. Bakker, head of the university committee dealing with the parking problem, hopes increased convenient bus services and charges on parking will encourage students to leave cars at home. With this year's routes in effect, a minimum of one transfer is required to reach campus from any area of the city.

With removal of St. Joe's, the new paid SUB stalls will become the only major space of any size for students. A minimum fee per visit will be collected as each car passes the exit gate.

More drivers are expected to take



CARS AND CONCRETE are becoming a problem on Alberta's almost-crowded campus. Traffic tickets and transit trolleys may be the answer, the administration contends.

Face Fines For Failure To Register Cars

Failure to register automobiles regularly brought onto campus will meet with stricter measures this year. A \$25 fine will be levied on those students violating this regulation.

Penalties for infractions of campus traffic and parking regulations have been stiffened as well. On the first offence a warning ticket is to be issued while second and third offences will cost \$2, \$5 respectively and subsequent offences will result in suspension of parking privileges and referral to the Deans' Council.

All cars parked on the campus must bear a registration sticker affixed to the right hand corner of the rear window. Registrants are required to bring their driver's licence, pink card and fee card number. Registration will take place in the National Employment Service offices.

Parking areas for students are restricted to the four student parking lots during the daytime. The streets which border the campus are under city traffic and parking regulations.

Extend Campus Bus Service

Edmonton Transit System is again running special bus services to the university campus. This year coverage has been extended from the Route 23, Groat Road-Parkallen run to include direct transportation for students from all corners of the city.

Service on the Groat Road route

is essentially the same as last term with only slight rerouting in the campus area. The main campus terminal is now 89 Ave., in front of SUB and replace the 88 Ave. stops.

The run which previously left 101 St. and Jasper Ave. at 8:05 a.m. each morning, now extends from 81 St. and 118 Ave. in northeast Edmonton, and provides direct service from all northeast feeder routes.

Other routes introduced provide

direct early morning transportation to campus from Laurier Heights, Hardisty-Gold Bar and Calder.

The Edmonton Transit System also plans to extend the operation of Route 6 (Low Level) from the present terminus at the University Hospital. The route will be extended north on 114 St. to provide more convenient service.

Plan Clarify Students' Stand

A draft of a letter to The Edmonton Journal, stating that the U of A Students' Union has not stand on nuclear disarmament, will be put forward for consideration at Tuesday's council meeting by Students' Union President Peter Hyndman.

The letter will clarify the Students' Union position on the issue, as officials of the Combined Universities Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament gave a statement implying all university students belong to CUCND.

Now is the time for all students interested in professional entertainment to express their feelings to their council representatives. This statement was made by the president of the Students' Union in reference to Homecoming Weekend.

According to the president a "very major proposition" is forthcoming with reference to the organization of the permanent staff of the Students' Union. The executive hopes to have a proposition ready for consideration by Council Tuesday.

Commenting on Frosh Week, Hyndman said "I wonder what has happened to the spirit of rebellion." He has not seen "such a docile, obedient mass before."

advantage of the unofficial welcome extended them to use the Jubilee Auditorium lot during the day.

FUTURE DIM

Administration and faculty drivers are also finding themselves increasingly without convenient parking facilities, unless they pay for rented stalls.

Retiring Students' Union representative on the committee, Lionel Jones, definitely feels "long range prospects for continued student parking on campus appear dim unless changes are made in present policy. Should the present pace

continue, the situation found in larger North American universities may be reached, where no students would be allowed to leave cars within campus boundaries."

First year students would be the first hit by further restrictions, as seen in possible solutions brought up to the committee. An extended blackout area may limit privileges to students living too far from transit systems or convenient access to campus. Staff, administration and students' council may consider more encouragement of organized car pools.

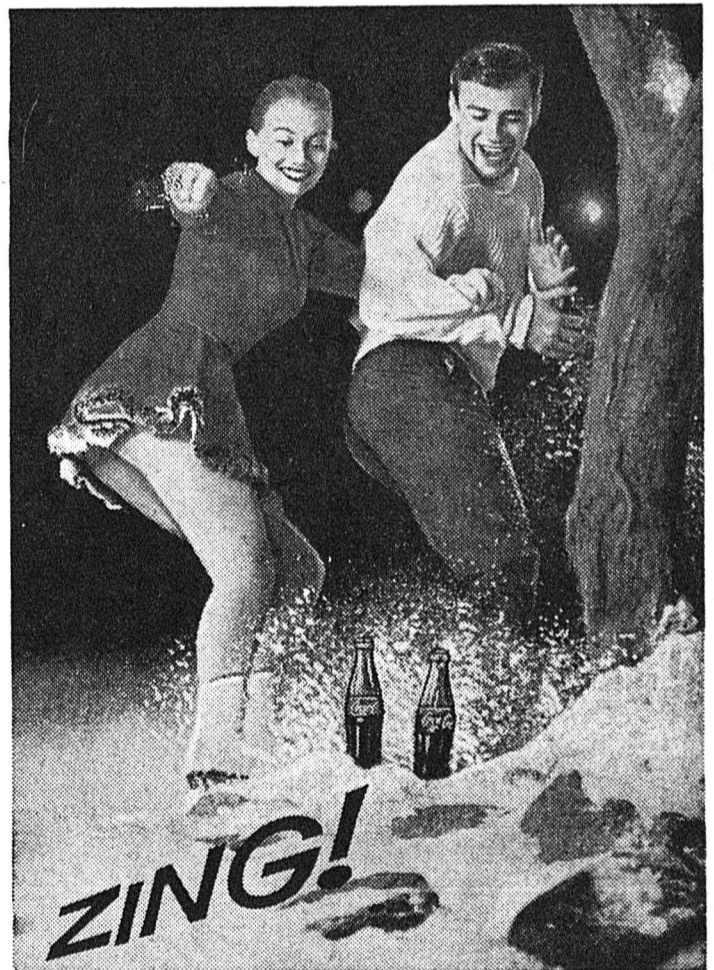
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