

Everybody Talks About Parking, But

by Dave Poole

Question: How can 5638 students squeeze 1700 automobiles in 500 spaces provided for parking area?

There has been much said about the parking situation here at the University but little has been done constructively to alleviate the pressure. It was the objective of this reporter to interview Mayor Frank X. Kryzan and Acting-Chief-of-Police Cleary specifically for the purpose of finding out what the city of Youngstown was doing and plans to do for its only institution of higher learning.

These two men expressed the fact that they were "definitely in sympathy with our problem and that 'NO' police officer had been assigned to the University area with a quota of tickets to deposit between the windshield and wiper blades on the cars of the learning and the

learned." The reason for an officer being assigned to this area was to alleviate the strain on the good citizenry that surrounds our Halls of Ivy.

Offers Suggestions

The Acting-Chief-of-Police Cleary gave two very good constructive suggestions which need to be taken seriously.

"An efficient car pool which screens the students being allowed to drive, taking into

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consideration distance traveled and demand of working hours.

"A definite need for practicing regard for your fellow students.

The first reason was indeed very good. Do you know that on the majority of campuses throughout our nation freshmen and sophomores are not allowed to have automobiles? We realize that this would be impossible to do since we are primarily a "commuters school." This reporter definitely feels that there too many single riders who don't make any effort to "pool" their car toward saving parking space. This indeed needs to be corrected. Only an honest searching of one's reasons for "solo" driving will be effective toward reaching a solution. What about it?

The second reason given by the Acting-Chief certainly could be applied to each one of our sets of driving habits. The common courtesy that you extend to your neighbor at home shouldn't be left there. When you make it impossible for someone to get their automobile out of their parking space, be sure to leave your keys in your car so that person can get out of the situation.

Start Using Courtesy

Nothing is more disgusting than to leave classes on your way to work, only to find that some selfish individual has locked his automobile thinking his fellow students are vandals. Incorporate courtesy into your driving and parking habits around the University! It will help the situation a great deal.

The Chief-Executive of our city, Frank X. Kryzan, being an alumnus of our school, stated that he wants to help us in every way he can. He declared, "My office is open to you and the University student's problems along this line at all times." He said he was not at will to disclose the plans he wished to propose for improvement in the University area. They are weighing the situation heavily now.

This is a chance for us to put pressure on at home and in our wards for a capital improvement program which involves the University directly. What about a city War Memorial Auditorium with a large parking area? That would help greatly, wouldn't it? It is high time that we realize that as a part of Youngstown University we must accept our responsibilities, not only as students, but as the citizenry of today and tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be our day of reckoning with similar situations. We can do our part now.