Parking Lot Situation Gives Edge To Faculty

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With the exception of the stadium parking lot there are approximately 1050 parking places on campus.

These spaces are in eight major lots — the lot behind the Chemistry Building with 220 spaces restricted to faculty and graduate students, the Hamman Hall lot with 290 spaces open to "special privilege" stickers and faculty.

The Jones lot containing ninety-six spaces for residents of Jones College, the lot behind the Physics Building usually for faculty but temporarily occupied by construction workers, Lovett Hall lot with forty-six spaces for faculty and visitors, Cohen House lot with seventy-one spaces for faculty only.

The library lot containing fifty spaces also for faculty only, and last, but most important to the students, the college lot with 189 spaces for the residents of the men's colleges.

Temporary parking is also permitted for thirty minutes in the spaces so marked at the Student Center, and for forty-five minutes at Lovett Hall.

Faculty members have about 765 spaces on campus while undergraduate students have about 405. Also the faculty members may park in any of these spaces depending on who gets there first while all the student spaces are rigidly assigned.

The proctor, Mr. Foley, when asked about the parking ticket situation this year, said that he has been giving only eight to ten tickets a day, significantly less than in the past.

He felt that this drop in tickets is due to an increased amount of co-operation on the part of the students as evidenced by the fact that there has been very little trouble this year with students not putting parking stickers on their cars.

Mr. Foley also expressed a reasonably lenient attitude toward students who park illegally just to run in somewhere and those who commit minor offenses such as parking out of the lines.

The Burns Agency patrolman, who is on duty at night, expressed the same type of leniency towards minor violations. About cars that "park" in the shadow of Rice Stadium late at night, he said that he had instructions to tell them to move on.

The parking situation on campus this year seems quite good, but it is easy to understand the confusion that sometimes results among the students about parking regulations when one notices the signs along the street running from the gym to the men's colleges.

The signs on the south side of the street say, "No parking on this side of street," but the signs on the other side of the street say, "No parking at any time."