Senate Presents Plan To Remedy Parking Problem

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The problems of over-crowded or non-existent parking lots and the accompanying student infringement of existing regulations have prompted studies into the parking situation at Rice by the Dean of Students, University Business Manager and the Student Senate one-man Parking Study Committee, Peyton Barnes.

Barnes presented to the Student Senate several concrete proposals for the alleviation of the parking situation two weeks ago. The Senate, lacking a quorum, was unable to act; and the proposals, amended after comparison with Dean Higginbotham's study, were resubmitted at the SA meeting last night.

Although the Dean's recommendations were not available for publication, rumors that they included closing Hamman (Continued on Page 6)
Parking lot to undergraduates and instituting stiffer enforcement of the regulations stirred the Senate to action.

Subscription Lot

The Senate moved to submit recommendations to the Administration calling for a permanent committee of two students, one faculty member and the Senate off-campus representative to regulate parking and act as an Appeal Board in parking and traffic violations matters. The Administration was also asked to investigate the feasibility of constructing a subscription parking lot to be financed by selling parking rights on a yearly basis.

A location behind the RMC was suggested for this lot. It was further recommended that after the lot had been paid for, the student parking fees be placed in a fund for future parking improvements.

Undergrad Force-Out?

It was brought out before the Senate that if nothing is done, the planned expansion of the faculty and graduate division will force all undergraduates to Jones lot and the Stadium.

Barnes' report suggested other changes which the Senate did not send on to the Administration. These include:

- Placing parking fines in a fund for the construction of new parking facilities.
- Opening Hamman Hall lot to all in the afternoon and changing some portion of the visitors parking to temporary parking.
- Creating a 15-minute parking strip along one side of the Library lot driveway.
- Giving some college lot space to the off-campus college members.
- Opening restricted lots to students at 5 pm instead of 6 pm to encourage off-campus members to eat dinner at their colleges.

Realizing that not all of these proposals will find approval, both Barnes and the Senate invited comments and suggestions. Copies of the report are available in the S. A. Office and in the library.