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Parking, Parking Everywhere students find new parking regulations are an albatross around their necks

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student sits patiently in his car. After fighting through traffic, The rests in the Parking Area near the Zachry Engineering Cenpraying that a spot becomes lable before his next class starts. as he moves up in line, a blued Parking, Traffic and Transporta-(PTTS) officer informs him that

nust move his car. At first glance, Texas A&M seems a peaceful place. But there is a cret battle of wits going on been the student body and the esned Department of Parking and ic Transportation.

One of the most recent sources and staff member conflict coming from the PTTS ffce in Koldus Student Services alding is the new rule that comto dance salsal a.m. to 2 p.m. iters who wish to park in PA 50 must find a new place to wait cy of Houston or spots to become available, ff Hispanic Her vs now restricts people from ping their cars and waiting. David Griffin, a sophomore me-

ical engineering major, said the rule puts off-campus students lisadvantage

What are you supposed to do?" n said. "Drive around campus a spot is available? I don't think very necessary at all

riffin said the new parking rule mplishes little beyond annoying

People are courteous anyway, d I don't think the rule will be efve," Griffin said. "Waiting in the al parking row isn't much better waiting on the strip.'

Doug Williams, associate director parking services, said the regulain PA 50 is justified. The parking in Zachry (PA 50)

Williams said. "Traffic parked on access roadways only leaves one lane for two-way traffic

Williams said the new rule is in the interest of student safety.

"During lunch and in between classes, people get into a hurry," he said. "It's safer if that traffic isn't on the access road.

Some students see the method behind PTTS's madness, but are still annoyed by the results.

Brandon Meyers, a senior construction science major, said he is frustrated by the current regulations.

my classes don't start until 10 a.m., but I have to get here at 7:15



Meyers said policies on staff park-

ing need an overhaul. They should let people park in staff [spaces] after 4 p.m.," Meyers said. "Professors are leaving for the day by then, anyway, and no one new is going to show up. There are

always empty spots in yellow lot."
Williams said PTTS has plans to cut down on long lines of cars in the Williams said. "The project should begin right after Bonfire. In the meantime, we are trying to get people to ride the buses to school.

Griffin said that for him, riding

the bus is not an option. "I live in a new subdivision named Steeplechase out on F.M. 2818," Griffin said. "I have to walk four blocks to catch a bus that comes to campus, and even then it takes an hour to get to school.

Students are always finding new ways to skirt parking regulations and take advantage of traffic patterns on campus.

Gregg Johnson, a freshman mechanical engineering major, said that in three weeks at A&M he has learned how to beat the system.

'They only have those two little red lots on Southside," Johnson said. "I've found that the easiest way to get into those lots is to move your car on Friday afternoon after everyone has left for the weekend or during the day when people go to run errands.

Even the most placid drivers have problems, and every student has a story to tell about a run-in with the men and women in blue.

Trent Varvel, a sophomore mechanical engineering major, said he does not understand why student parking on campus is so scarce.

"During move-in week, on Northside I parked in a yellow [staff parking] lot because all of the other spots were taken," Varvel said. "I left it there overnight, and they called me at 6:50 in the morning to move

Varvel said sometimes students

must surrender to futility. "I went out there, and there were spots everywhere," Varvel said. "My car wasn't hurting anyone, but I still had to pay the ticket.



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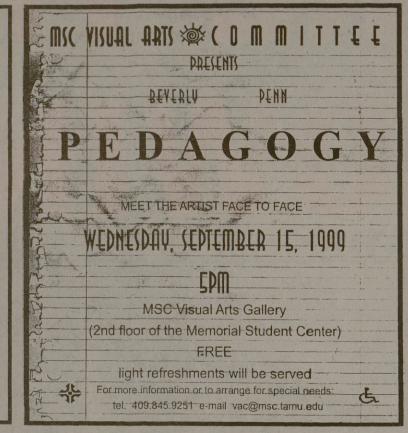
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