

# UCSC Agrees To Parking Lot

An improved parking lot at the Barn Theater will be made available free to students by UCSC to ease the parking crunch in the University Terrace subdivision area.

Ralph Bargetto, president of the Santa Cruz Area Chamber of Commerce, made the announcement Monday.

"This is a direct result of the positive dialogue between the CofC and the business community and UCSC," Bargetto said.

He saluted Wade Nittler, who heads the CofC-UCSC group seeking to improve town and gown relations, Dr. Elizabeth Penaat, UCSC vice chancellor of administrative affairs, and Colette Seiple, assistant chancellor for university relations, for getting the action to try to solve the perennial parking problem.

The problem arises because some UCSC students park their cars on city streets and then take the bus to the campus to avoid a fee.

Steve Reed, who is director of UCSC community and government relations, told CofC directors Monday that the campus estimates there are 60 students who park in the University Terrace area to avoid the UCSC

parking fee, and he said the practice "obviously has a deleterious effect on property values."

The proposed solution is not permanent, he warned.

The lot should be ready when school opens, Reed told The Sentinel.

The upgraded parking lot is expected to accommodate 75 vehicles.

Asked why he thought the lot

wouldn't be overrun by students seeking free parking, Reed pointed out that it is a relatively inconvenient place to park for all but those who park in the subdivision to avoid a fee.

Reed said also that arrangements are being made with the county for resurfacing of Glen Coolidge Drive and the provision of two bike lanes. The bike paths will not go through parking lots.

Reed said also that the parking lot at the Barn Theater would be emptied at 6 p.m., that it would not be allowed to become either a residential parking lot or an all night parking lot.

In response to another question, Reed said that UCSC cannot waive parking fees unilaterally because it is part of a systemwide parking plan. Changes made would have to be adopted systemwide.

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