

# Finding parking becomes a chore

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Due to the construction of the residence halls, IU Southeast has lost several parking spaces, making parking harder than ever.

More than 50 parking spaces in the Hickory Lot have been lost to construction workers' vehicles and equipment. The whole gravel lot behind Knobview Hall, where the residence halls will be located, has also been lost.

This phase of the construction will be finished by the end of October or the beginning of November, freeing up about 50 spots where construction personnel currently park.

Dennis Simon, IUS Police chief, said he knows parking is a problem on campus.

"No, we don't have enough spaces on campus," Simon said.

There are about 2,000 spaces on campus compared to about 6,000 students and more than 700 employees.

Simon said there is relief in sight.

"As a rule of thumb, parking problems tend to ease up after about two weeks," Simon said.

Until the problem eases up, IUS Police are doing their best to accommodate students. Parking tickets are not being issued unless someone commits a flagrant violation, such as parking in a handicapped spot, parking in crosswalks or double parking. Also, all 49 parking meters on campus will be covered with bags for 30 days.

On the first day of classes there were more than 200 cars parked on the grass by 9:45 a.m. Campus police are not issuing tickets for parking in the grass.

In addition, IU Southeast employees are parking in areas other than the parking lots, freeing up even more spaces. Some faculty and staff are parking their vehicles on the tennis courts, opening up 36 spaces and Bob Snip, director of Physical Plant, is allowing his employees to park by the Physical Plant.

Simon said the police are going to crack down on cars



A student leaves a car in an improvised parking spot. With the construction of the dorms behind Knobview Hall, the gravel lot was eliminated, making parking difficult.

Photo by Patrick Emmert

parked without permits. This semester, the police are going to be sure that every vehicle parked on campus has a

parking permit or daily permit.

"The police department is making every effort to

accommodate students," Simon said.

Even with the accommodations the police depart-

ment has made for students, some are still having problems finding a parking spot.

Alyssa Hardy, elementary education freshman, and Gabrielle Neher, elementary education freshman, have not had much trouble parking because they get to campus early in the morning for their classes.

"I haven't had any trouble parking, but my friend drove around for 20 minutes looking for a parking spot," Neher said.

Neher's friend Kelsey Smith, nursing freshman, arrived about 15 minutes before her class. She considered 15 minutes to be a sufficient amount of time to get parked and make it to class on time, but was a few minutes late to her class on the first day of the semester.

Smith is still having problems finding a parking place.

"Today I followed people around who had keys in their hand until I found a spot," Smith said.

Although Hardy has not had much trouble finding a parking place, she has encountered another

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## More options than just subs

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The food options at IU Southeast will soon be changing from subs, breadsticks and pizza to hot entrées, fresh deli sandwiches and yogurt as Dining and Conference Services takes over the duty of feeding the campus population.

After getting only four out of almost 100 proposals back that were sent to local restaurants, it was decided it would be best for the students to let Dining and Conference Services take over the business of preparing the food at IU Southeast.

"I think it will be much improved over just a sandwich shop," Vickie Hartman, associate director of Dining and Conference Services, said.

Hartman said the most important things they considered when making the decision were affordability, quality and variety.

"Quizno's, Subway, Noble Roman's and McAlister's were the only ones who were interested," Hartman said. "We decided nothing would be different and a concern with McAlister's was price."

The new food area will have a full service kitchen complete with a char broiler, deep fryer, steamer and panini grill. There will also be a deli for fresh sandwiches, grab-and-go items, salad bar, fountain drinks and a different hot entrée every day.

"We feel like we can satisfy a much larger population," Hartman said.

Jason Cogswell, computer science junior, said he has only eaten on campus one time.

"I might eat there more if I like it," Cogswell said. "It is actually better for the people who will be living in the

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dorms."

Cogswell also said he would be more likely to eat on campus if they offered restaurants that weren't so close to campus. He said McAlister's and Quizno's were both good ideas.

Lauren Rose, elementary education sophomore, agreed with Cogswell.

"I would eat there if they had good food," she said.

Hartman believes the new dining program will be student focused.

"Some students come with only a few dollars on them, and they couldn't get anything from Subway or Noble Romans with that," Hartman said. "If you come with only two dollars you can get something to eat."

With a different entrée every day, Dining and Conference Services will be able to figure out what the students like and don't like and will be able to fix it.

"It will be trial and error at first," Hartman said.

Hartman also wants students to feel free to leave their comments in a comment box that will be provided for the new food service once it is up and running.

Hartman said the new area and services will open as soon as a few issues are taken care of.

"We are still waiting on a counter," she said.

## Hill brings campaign to campus

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During a question and answer forum at the IUS Library on Aug. 31, Ninth District Rep. Baron Hill, D-Ind., defended the accomplishments of the 110th Congress.

"We've done more this session than previous ones," Hill noted.

The four-term representative mentioned the 13 appropriation bills that passed through Congress before the August recess.

Some of the bills passed include a minimum wage bill, the first passed since 1997. Another important bill that passed was one that requires utilities to use 13 percent less coal for carbon reduction in the environment. Another environmental concern brought up by Congress was addressed via a requirement that appliances such as washers, dryers and air conditioners become more energy efficient.

Tax incentives will be provided for "greening" buildings. This would include planting bushes around buildings or even on the roof. Hill emphasized the seriousness of global warming.

Another environmentally oriented bill was passed which would increase the gas mileage to 35 miles per gallon for cars and 32 miles per gallon for trucks by 2022.

Also passed was the recommendation from the 9/11 Commission to deal with abandoned Soviet missile silos. Congress unanimously passed a motion to increase the punishment for smuggling aliens across the border. The punishment was increased from a misdemeanor to 10 years of prison time.

One bill of particular concern for college students would reduce college tuition cost by roughly \$8,000.

Hill noted the most serious problem facing the



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Baron Hill visited campus on Aug. 31 to promote his congressional campaign for 2008.

United States is its involvement in Iraq. Hill talked about the anguish of parents whose sons and daughters have already served one or

more tours in Iraq, with the possibility of facing more.

"Our troops are exhausted," Hill said. "They need to

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## SGA postpones paying for flowers

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At the Sept. 6 meeting of the Student Government Association, a bill to repay a florist was postponed until next week because of technical issues.

The bill would have paid a bill of \$66.48 for flowers that were sent to Kathleen Lee, economics and accounting senior and senator, over the summer after having major surgery.

Flo Gonya, general studies senior and SGA president, said SGA has money set aside in the general fund for illness and funerals.

David Prince, secondary education senior and senate chair, wanted to move the bill into emergency status to



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pay the bill before another late fee was added on.

"The florist is a small florist in French Lick, Ind.," Prince said. "We really need to pay that bill."

Joe Taflinger, general studies senior and senator, said the bill had to be run through SGA's policy and

procedures committee before it could be presented to the senate. Policy and procedures will review the bill next week.

Prince agreed to push the viewing of the bill back until next week's meeting.

Another bill to reimburse Joe Taflinger for water he

bought for an SGA event was read for the first time and will be voted on next week.

Nicole Taflinger, business senior and vice president, said she's pleased with recruitment efforts.

"I'd say we're starting off

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