Editor's note: The following is the first of a three-part series by Bruce Vasconcellos, staff writer, concerning the campus parking situation and subsequent growth in the use of bicycles.

by BRUCE ULLMAN

Almost half of the $8 fee paid by students and faculty to park on campus this quarter will go to pay off the existing bond debt incurred to build the lots. All of the money collected from the sale of the parking permit is paid into a state-wide fund and then it is up to each campus within the state university system to convince the state University Board that it needs more parking facilities, according to Executive Dean Douglas Gerard.

Aside from the $6.01 out of the total fee for the bond debt, $1.27 pays for "logistical services," including the security patrols of the parking lots; $1.61 finances the "physical plant operations," which means the gardening and street sweeping; $1.07 goes into a "reserve fund," which pays for major repairs to the lots and minor new construction; and $4.50 of the fee pays the salary of those who count the money and keep records of who paid and who didn't.

Part of the security service are the citations given to parking violators. The fines paid for the citations go directly to the County Roads Department.

In fact, to clear a fine, a violator has to pay at the county court house, not at the campus Security Office.

Gerard said that there are several bills pending in the California Legislature to allow at least part of the fine to go to the school, but now the law states that all traffic and parking fines assessed in county territory shall be paid to the county. That applies to the university, since it is in county, not city, territory.

Gerard said that the county is reluctant to give up the source of revenue, as it is very lucrative.

Faculty, administrators and staff are the only state employees in town who pay for their parking. Gerard feels that they do have a legitimate complaint, but he pointed out that the $8 fee is considerably less than some of those who work in the private sector have to pay for parking.

One of the main reasons for the high bond debt—$706,000 from this quarter—Is the cost of construction, according to budget officer Joe Burre.

Although the Board does put every parking lot construction project out for bid by private contractors, state law requires that a"fringe standard" must be paid to all employees on any project the Board contracts for.

Lots of parking

To build a great parking lot here costs $221 per space as opposed to $200 per space in a parking structure. Gerard said there are no plans for this school to build parking structures.

Gerard said that at any time during the day one could find at least 300 lighted and paved spaces. He said that the catch, though, is the convenience, proximity, to the center of the campus. Gerard said that during the day, most of the convenient spaces are occupied.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Sen. McGovern—is that all there is?

Some people said he wasn’t worth walking across the street to see. They were right.

I drove to San Francisco Friday to hear Senator George McGovern speak at the Cow Palace. I might as well have stayed home.

I went, hoping to hear what the Democratic presidential aspirant plans to do with this country after he has solved the war in 90 days. America has other problems besides an unwanted war and the senator would have plenty of time for action if he wraps up Vietnam as scheduled.

I went, hoping to understand a little better this man who could be the nation’s next leader—the person who will represent America to the world.

I went, hoping to find strength, leadership and sincerity in a man seeking a job that requires a strong will, purposeful mind and decisive ability.

Instead I found a man obsessed with tearing down his opponent. McGovern spoke about ending the war and ridding the government of corruption. It’s the same song he’s sung throughout the campaign. There’s no denying it’s a pleasant tune to tap a toe to, but the glittering generalities didn’t leave much room for exactly what McGovern intends to do with a four-year term in the presidency.

McGovern attacked Nixon, speaking of corruption and broken promises. He enjoined Nixon to come out of hiding and fight him, man to man. And he talked about the vicious, mud-slinging campaign carried on by Nixon supporters.

McGovern is selling himself on the basis of what Nixon isn’t, not on what George McGovern is. And that leaves listeners with a sinking feeling that McGovern isn’t sure of what he wants to and can do.

Perhaps, what it all boils down to is most evident in a speech McGovern gave before aerospace workers Monday. He told the workers he planned to pump $10 billion into creating jobs in areas of housing, transportation, pollution control and public service projects. That might help aerospace workers if they were in the business of housing, transportation or pollution control, but they are not.

McGovern does not have the right answer for aerospace workers. In fact, he lacks the answers to many of the country’s problems.

He ended his speech Friday, saying, “Do all you can to vote for yourself and vote for America on Nov. 7.”

Putting an “X” next to Richard Nixon’s name will do just that.

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Mustang teams win

The Mustang water polo team traveled to the Bay Area this weekend, first to be beaten by the big Pac-10 UC Berkeley team, 3-4, then to win a sudden-death game against San Francisco State University, 5-4.

In a game against Santa Clara University the Mustangs came out on top with an impressive win.

The Mustang cross country team came through again this weekend as Dale Horton, Jeff Nlland, Rich and Russ Walline placed second through fifth in a tri-meet win over UC Riverside and Cal State Bakersfield. Nlland was named Runner of the Week for his performance.

Another group of runners representing the Mustangs at the Readley Invitational placed second overall, with John Benson and John Burns leading the way.

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