New dorm reduces parking

By Jonathan Richmond

(Reader's note: This is the first in a series of articles about parking problems at the Institute. Next week will focus on the east end of campus.)

A controversy has arisen over the issuance of parking permits for Tang Hall residents. Previously, all students living in Tang had been entitled to a parking space. The construction of 500 Memorial Drive has forced a sharp reduction in available spaces, however, and parking spaces have now been termed a "scarce resource" by Tang Hall students living in Tang had been entitled to a parking space.

The Resident's Association (RA) held a meeting on August 22, John Woodbury, Assistant Director of Housing, informed Tang that the number of parking spaces available for Tang Hall residents would be limited to 135, an insufficient number to provide for all requesting parking.

The Residents' Association made appointments with representatives of the Planning Office and the Campus Police, and posted a sign on August 26 explaining the situation and asking interested residents to contact the Association. Two students came forward.

The Association then established a three-member parking sub-committee consisting of Sherman and the two residents to establish a priority system for the permits. Students with medical reasons came first, followed by those needing cars for communting to off-campus research. Next came officers of the Residents' Association, followed by the general population ranked by length of residence in the hall. Dean Robert Holden, who lives in Tang, reviewed the list of priorities and approved of them.

On Sept. 8, a number of disgruntled residents started circulating petitions addressed to the Dean for Student Affairs expressing their concern over the parking situation; their dislike of the priority set by the Residents' Association; a demand for parking spaces for all desiring one, or a 25% monthly rent reduction for anyone desiring parking in default of this.

The petition was delivered to the Office of the Dean on Sept. 10. On Sept. 12, a notice was issued by the Campus Police informing residents that stickers would be issued to previous permit holders on Sept. 15, and that a lottery for the remaining spaces would be held today.

Frank, Shannon, Vellucci win

By Jerri-Lynn Scolfield

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Chemical warfare ban may end

By Tom Lurdo

In the midst of difficult negotiations with the Soviet Union on a treaty banning the production of nerve gas, and after a 10-year moratorium on the production of lethal chemical weapons, the Senate approved funds on Sept. 16 for the construction of a plant capable of manufacturing a new type of nerve gas weapon.

By a vote of 52 to 38, the Senate, reopening a decision made by the House on Sept. 10, approved the allocation of $31.5 million for the nerve gas facility as part of a Military Construction Authorization Bill. The House has also approved a Department of Defense Appropriations Bill for 1981 that includes an allocation of $19 million for equipment for the plant. Both appropriations are part of a larger major program that is estimated to cost $1.6 billion for building a new chemical weapons site.

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