

## "Hokie Bird"



### Air Transportation Services

Air Transportation Services has a Super King Air 200 Prop Jet and a Citation II Jet. Both aircraft are flown by professional pilots employed by the university. There needs to be a minimum of 3 passengers per flight traveling on official university business. The rates are usually better than the airlines and these flights are tailored to your convenience, since you set the departure and arrival times. For more flight information, call 231-2636.

**THE VIRGINIA TECH AIRPORT** is working with surrounding localities towards the formation of an airport authority. If successful, it should create an improved future for the airport customers.

The Airport has 3 aircraft available for personal rental, with a valid pilot's license, two 152 Cessnas and one 172 Cessna. Flight instruction is available to faculty, staff students, and the general public. For information, call 231-2636.

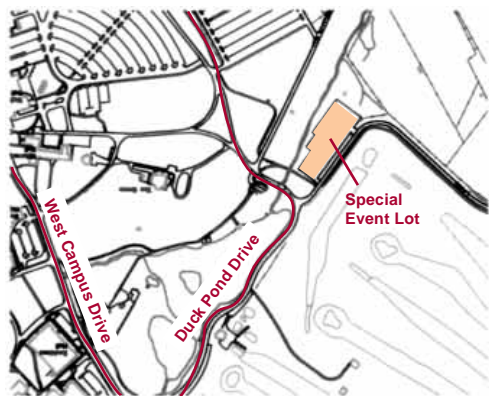
### Motor Pool Shuttles

**THE MOTOR POOL** can provide shuttles for Special Events Parking (for events with 50 or more visitors to campus). For organizations taking advantage of special event parking Motor Pool has 47 vans for rent. Faculty, staff, or students with a valid US driver's license can drive the vans. Motor Pool also has 2 passenger buses available for rent. Drivers are provided for the buses. For more information about renting shuttles service, call Motor Pool at 231-6141. For more information about scheduling special event parking, call Parking Services at 231-3200.



### Special Event Parking

All special events on campus that anticipate more than 50 visitors driving to campus need to coordinate with Special Event Parking at Parking Services. Parking for such events will be primarily at the Special Event Parking lot located west of the Duck Pond. To make shuttle arrangements from the lot to campus, event sponsors should contact the Motor Pool and/or an outside vendor. Please note the new phone number for Special Event Parking: 231-3200.



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### Hokie Passport Please!

#### Parking Services

**FACULTY AND STAFF** who work on the east side of campus will have noticed the new Parking Gate at the Architectural Annex/Media Building Lot (across from DBH). This is part of a Parking Gate Demonstration designed to increase F/S parking and discourage unauthorized users. This lot will be used to evaluate the effectiveness and acceptability of gated parking at Virginia Tech. All Faculty/Staff members who have purchased a parking permit will be able to gain entrance to the lot using their Hokie Passport in a card-swipe. Frequent users of this lot can purchase a transponder (Hokie Puck) for a one-time cost of \$25. The Hokie Puck provides "hands-free" access.



#### Parking Gate Questions & Answers

- Q.** How do visitors get into the gated lot?
- A.** One-time visitors to the lot can get a keypad code from Parking Services when they get their visitor hangtag.
- Q.** If I have a transponder (Hokie Puck), do I still need a university parking permit?
- A.** Yes. All cars without a university permit

will be ticketed.

- Q.** When are the gate arms down?
- A.** The gate arms are down from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.
- Q.** Who do I call with problems or questions about the gate?
- A.** For all gate related questions or problems, call Parking Services at 231-3200.

## Q&A

### Motor Pool Goes On-Line

Motor Pool's on-line reservation service continues to be a success. The process takes only a couple of minutes and your confirmation is e-mailed to you in even less time. To reserve a Motor Pool vehicle on-line visit [www.mp.vt.edu](http://www.mp.vt.edu).

### Becoming Bicycle Friendly

#### Alternative Transportation

**THE BICYCLE WORKING GROUP**, made up of faculty, staff and students, is devoted to making our campus bicycle friendly. One year after its formation, the Bicycle Working Group is pleased to sponsor a shared pathway demonstration.

The shared pathway demonstration will allow bicycles to share pathways with pedestrians in the following locations:

- The sidewalk on the northern side of Washington Street, from the intersection with Kent St. to the intersection with Duck Pond Drive.
- One-way, uphill only, on the sidewalk on the western side of on Kent Street, beginning south of Owens, to the intersection with Washington Street.
- Library Plaza between College Ave and the Drillfield.
- The success of this program will depend on responsible cycling.

**Remember: yield to pedestrians. They always have the right of way.**



## Offenders Get the Boot!

### Parking Services

For the Fall 2000 Semester, Parking Services is working to increase available parking in faculty/staff lots through stronger enforcement of parking policies and adding several new programs aimed at deterring habitual parking offenders.

- Parking Services will begin placing wheel boots on any vehicle that has received 5 or more tickets in a semester in an effort to discourage habitual parking offenders. In addition to the parking ticket, there is a \$25 boot removal fee. Parking ticket totals will start at zero at the beginning of each new semester.

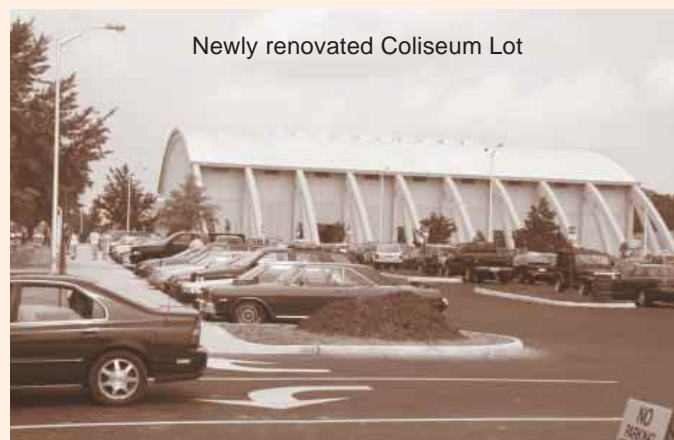


### Construction Update Parking Dollars at Work

- Faculty and staff who work on the south side of campus have witnessed the renovation of the Coliseum Lot. At a cost of \$480,000, the completely renovated Coliseum Lot has added over 170 new spaces and a new bike path.

- The Track/Soccer lot located at the corner of Spring Road and Southgate Drive has been brought up to university standards for parking lots, including lighting, curbing, and landscaping. The cost for this project was \$132,000.

- Tentatively set for a December, 2000 completion date, the new Barger Street faculty/staff lot (located west of Women's Center) will add over 40 new spaces at a cost of \$85,000.

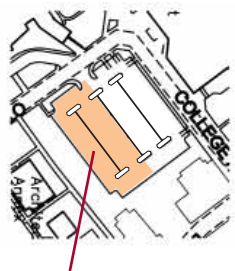


### DBH Lot Enforcement

Faculty and staff, please be aware that the visitors' side of the Donaldson Brown Hotel/Squires Student Center Lot is reserved 24 hours/ 7 days per week for overnight guests of the Donaldson Brown Hotel. A DBH permit must be displayed in order to park in this section of the lot. This regulation will be strictly enforced in the Fall Semester 2000.

### Accessible Parking

In an effort to better serve the entire university community, Parking Services has created 10 new accessible (handicap) spaces and removed 52 unused accessible spaces after a 4-month review of accessible parking. The 10 new accessible spaces are adjacent to the following locations: Owens Hall, Price Hall, North Drillfield, Randolph Hall, Pamplin Hall, the Bookstore, Davidson Hall, and DBH. The unused accessible spaces have been converted to over 80 regular spaces, increasing parking in the perimeter lots. Accessible spaces will continue to be monitored and adjustments made as demand dictates.



DBH Permit  
Required

## Commuter Alternatives Program (CAP)

### Alternative Transportation

- In an effort to alleviate traffic and parking congestion on campus and promote the use of alternative transportation, the Office of Transportation has initiated the Commuter Alternatives Program (CAP). Virginia Tech employees and students who commute to campus by foot, BT, or bike will have the option to

register for CAP. CAP participants will be given 20 free daily permits per semester, and access to emergency ride home service (this service provides CAP participants with a ride to their vehicle, or local residence, in case of emergency). Currently, participation in CAP is free. To register, fill out a parking registration form, available at Parking Services. CAP participants cannot also purchase a regular parking permit.

- The Alternative Transportation Program is working to provide access to an electronic bulletin board for carpooling/ridesharing purposes. Watch for more details.

For information on Alternative Transportation call 231-1737.

- The Blacksburg Transit provides free bus service to all Virginia Tech faculty, staff and students. For more information on BT services call 961-1185, or visit their web site: [www.btransit.org](http://www.btransit.org)



## Message from the Director

### Welcome to Moving Forward!

*Moving Forward* is the name of our newsletter and our goal at the Office of Transportation. We are sending this annual newsletter to all on-campus faculty and staff to inform you about the changes and improvements for the new academic year. Additionally, we'll continue to keep you posted on other activities with our monthly Transportation & Parking Updates.

One of **Parking Services'** highest priorities this year will be maximizing available spaces for faculty and staff. We'll achieve this by:

- More effective enforcement (we're adding another full-time officer).
- Placing wheel boots on habitual violators.
- Demonstrating the effectiveness of gated F/S lots.
- Increasing the cost of parking tickets (now \$25)

The **Motor Pool** has been pleased with their customers' enthusiastic response to the new on-line reservation system. Check it out at [www.mp.vt.edu](http://www.mp.vt.edu).

There has never been a better time to schedule a business flight with **Air Transportation Services**. We recently renovated the interior of our King Air 200 ("the Hokie Bird") so it and our Citation II jet are available to meet your needs.

This is the first year for our **Alternative Transportation (AT) Program**. AT is focused on encouraging the use of the BT, biking, and walking to campus. These are healthy and environmentally sound alternatives to driving a car to campus and will help to reduce traffic congestion and parking difficulties.

If your organization would like to hear more about transportation and parking initiatives feel free to contact me (231-4548) to schedule a talk. Thanks and have a great year.

Steven L. Mouras  
Director of Transportation

