

'Park Sharks' Return

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The approach of summer generally does strange things to the student mind. It breeds laziness and carelessness, not only in studies, but in actions performed in everyday life. Generally, these symptoms are not serious if they affect only one person, but when promoted by brief mental relapses they begin to harm other people, then something must be done about them.

The case at hand concerns the ever-present parking problem at Troy. Recently the student body made a concerted effort to correct the situation. The result was the "You Gain by an Open Lane" campaign, which accomplished more in a few weeks than the entire Los Angeles police force did on campus in two years.

Leaders of the campaign, feeling that the student body had entered into the swing of the project, relinquished their strict surveillance of the parking lots and eliminated the student "gestapo" which reported the violators.

Within a week, the parking situation resembled a four-way traffic jam on Wilshire and Western at midday. Things became so bad last week, that one irate Trojan, check-mated by another car, pulled the sign saying "You Gain by an Open Lane" out of the ground, and placed it in the driver's seat of the offending vehicle. Attached to the sign was a threatening note.

Once again the cry, "Do something about it" echoes on campus. This time, however, the solution lies with the students of the university. If the cry is to be answered it must be answered by the drivers themselves. Only through cooperation and thoughtfulness can it be corrected. Remember, "You Gain by an Open Lane."—F.M.N.