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As I was driving through the parking lot, I looked at my watch, and thought to myself, "I'm going to be late again." I kept circling and as usual there were no spots. Finally I found a spot all the way in the back of the campus. As I was walking to class I noticed the huge traffic jam of cars trying to find somewhere to park. It seemed that all the cars were lost and had nowhere to go. Iona College has made the parking less conducive to the eighty percent of students that commute because of limited space, school events, and faculty not parking where there supposed to.

Due to the limited space in the Iona college parking area, students may find it difficult to finding somewhere to park. Iona has about eleven-hundred spaces for students to park on campus. The security office issues about thirteen-hundred decals which cost eighty dollars each. This causes a problem especially in the early morning hours. Most students sign up for early morning classes, which is usually the busiest time for the parking lot. This is when students may find themselves circling around with nowhere to park. This also causes problems for students academically. For example, when students show up late for class or sometimes won't go at all just because they can't find a spot. Iona claims that issuing more decals than spaces is okay because not all the students are going to be at school at the same time. However, if a student is paying eighty-five dollars to park, Iona better make sure there's enough spaces to accommodate them

School events in the parking lot at Iona also cause a problem for students. When Iona has an outdoor school event or function, its often set up in the parking area. For example, when the school has Club Day, there are tables set up all over the front of the parking lot. This causes a problem because it takes away about seventy-five to a hundred spots from both faculty and students. Losing all the spots causes the already overcrowded parking garage to fill up. Some would say there's really no way to avoid this problem unless the school just doesn't have anymore school events. But what Iona could do is try to have the events on the football field or up on the grass so it doesn't interfere with parking.

When the faculty does not park where there supposed to, it eliminates more spaces for the students. Iona has two-hundred and forty spaces reserved for faculty, and over five-hundred faculty members

who mostly commute. Students can only park between the white lines, while faculty is supposed to park between the yellow ones, which are reserved for them only. If a student parks between the yellow lines he or she will get a ten dollar fine from the security department. The problem is faculty parking between the white lines just because it's closer to where they have to go. Faculty often get to school earlier than students so they can park anywhere they want. This leaves less spots for students to park in. This also wastes more space because it leaves an empty spot where a student can't park.

The parking situation at Iona college is horrible. The burden shouldn't be put on the students alone. The faculty should have to deal with the problem as well. The school has to come up with a new plan for parking instead of just letting the students worry about it. The parking causes nothing but problems, and the school should start to become aware of it