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Campus Parkway

Council calls Moss protest Friday



photo: Howard Tewsley

Does parking bother her too?

The York Student Council has called a mass meeting for Friday (tomorrow) at 11 a.m. in the Founders College Residences Quadrangle.

The aim of this meeting is to outline for the students the extent of social injustice on the campus, and to determine a course of action.

The meeting is a result of the removal of "Faculty Only" parking signs from the lots by the YSC executive Sunday night. The action taken was not meant merely as a prank, but a serious action with high intents and purposes.

At an emergency session Monday night the council endorsed the principles which lay behind the executive's action.

"Our aim was to activate the students toward a goal of social equality. This is the first of a series of events designed to involve the students in the decision making process of the YSC," said Larry Englander, Academic Affairs Commissioner.

The council is acting at this time without the guidance of a policy statement, which is still in committee.

At the general meeting, the council will not only talk about the particular action taken with the parking signs, but will also offer specific recommendations for new, socially equal parking regulations, based on the assumption that this university really is for all the people in the

university community.

It also hopes to deal with other problems on campus, such as the apparent failure of Modes 171, and the inequality of seating at the high table in the college dining halls.

The specific recommendation for parking changes will include: open parking on all external lots and the abolishment of faculty and staff privilege in the inner lots, to be replaced by parking meters. Special considerations

will be granted of course to those who are ill, elderly, or crippled.

YSC was elected last spring without the existence of a definite platform. For this reason they are carrying the present policy decision to the students at large in the university.

The two-way communication between YSC and the administration was fine for deciding the number of students to sit on senate. But YSC now feels that the issue of social inequality on

campus should be decided by all the students.

For almost two months YSC has been grappling with problems of internal organization and policy, with little action being taken which was relevant to the student body.

Now some action is being taken.

Once again, the meeting is being held in Founders Residence Quadrangle at 11 a.m. Friday. All students are urged to attend.



photo: Dave Cooper

The council executive went roaming Sunday night and collected these from all over the campus.

Rights and responsibilities - a police state or freedom?

by David Blain

In February of 1968 President Murray G. Ross created the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities to study the behaviour of members of the university.

Its purpose is to recommend the norms that should govern activities of faculty and students in areas in which the committee considers that the university has a legitimate concern.

When R.M. Dale, Glendon's student representative to the committee, quit his post he wrote a letter to Glendon Student Council condemning the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities.

"The structure of the commit-

tee is guilty of Tokenism, the liberal perversion of participation, and the irrelevancy of participation of the Board of Governors that is found in most of the committees of this university," said Dale.

The committee is composed of two members from the Senate, two from the Board of Governors, three from the Faculty Association, three undergrads and one graduate student.

Reports from Queens, Cornell and Berkeley have been studied by the committee. In addition, members of the York University Faculty Association, students councils, residence councils, student papers and all other student clubs and organizations have

been invited to prepare briefs for the committee's consideration. So far only six briefs have been forwarded for examination.

Some 15 people have been invited to speak before the committee on related matters. J.A. Thompson, Director of Security and Safety Services, and W.W. Small, vice-president of the administration, have already appeared before the consortium.

Other notables asked to make presentations are J.P. Mackey, Metro Chief of Police, Dean Saywell, Dean of Arts and Science at York, and Principle Escott Reid, from Glendon.

The committee expects to make its deliberations known by the end of February. They will

be presented to York president Murray Ross who will presumably distribute the document to the faculty and the York student Council for ratification.

Dale, in his letter to Glendon Student Council expressed displeasure with the committee. He said, "That organizational functions have precedence over, indeed rule the individual conscience is more a characteristic of the Communist East European country that I visited this summer."

"The danger can be found in the built-in assumptions of the terms of reference. The work of such a committee would validate a relationship whereby the individual is subservient to the institution which is supposed to serve him. This is not the mechanism of a liberal democratic state but that of an authoritarian one."

It was partially because of Dale's letter and a newly implemented Glendon Student Council program to study the university that Jim Parks, council president, did not replace Dale.

Jim Weston, a member of Glendon student council, explained to Excalibur that "community group studies" have been set up to stimulate discussion on the university and its place in society.

The study groups are headed by a four man committee composed of two faculty members and two students. All four were selected by Glendon Students Council. They are expected to

hand down a report for a referendum in February.

J.A. Becker, secretary of the Committee on Rights and Responsibilities, told Excalibur that the initial meetings were closed to students because it was feared that they would be used as a soapbox by undergrads to prove something to their friends and not necessarily contribute anything useful to the topics under discussion.

He is of the opinion that there will emerge, from the committee recommendations, "some sort of vehicle that will keep a weather eye on the norms of behaviour." Students with beefs will move up through proper channels until they come to somebody that will make final decisions on all matters.

Just what the new mechanisms will be is still shrouded in uncertainty. First it must be decided "under what circumstances the mechanism will be necessary and then what mechanism" must be provided.

Becker speculated that a "student or university court" will be a very easy mechanism to achieve once the Osgoode Hall Law School moves up to York next year.

Presently there is a proposal before the Senate to set up a "York University Committee" composed of eight students and seven faculty that would decide extra-academic questions. In essence this would be similar to, the university court hinted at by Becker.

Course union - a fact of history

by Anita Levine

History students gave birth to York's first course union last Wednesday night. It was a relatively easy delivery, but complications may develop.

Ninety-two students showed up at the meeting, approximately one-third of the number majoring in the department.

They were there because they cared about the future of the history department, but many of them were frightened of offending the faculty.

They boggled at Larry Goldstein's motion, made early in the meeting, that history students elect representatives to each of

the faculty committees, "being equal in number to the number of faculty on each committee."

The meeting shuddered, visibly.

Goldstein was forced to withdraw his motion.

By the end of the meeting an interim executive had been elected and mandated to investigate the seating of students on the faculty committees of the department.

The Executive, composed of Linda Forrest, chairman, Gerry Bloch, vice-chairman, and secretary Bill Young, will meet Friday with history department chairman Lewis Hertzman.

They are seeking representa-

tion on all nine faculty committees, from the Curriculum and Examinations Committee to the four-member Executive Committee which acts as Hertzman's "cabinet".

The major problem with the University's first course union is that it does not include everyone. A motion that "a student taking a history course is a member of the union" was defeated at the Wednesday meeting.

Worried students seemed to feel that somehow it infringed on individual rights.

Instead, the meeting decided that "any student taking any history course may, of his own volition, belong to the union."