

Parking tickets

Fines are illegitimate

By SHELLI HUNTER

York University has no legal power to fine students, according to Andy Roman, Osgoode Hall Law Student, who is prepared to go to court over this matter.

In September 1970, Roman was served with two parking tickets for not properly affixing a parking permit to his car. Roman then submitted an appeal for a trial to E.S. Annis, Director of University Facilities.

Roman feels that the University parking fine system is operating in an illegal manner. This system intimidates students by insisting if parking fines are not paid, final marks will be withheld. This system is based on the legal ignorance of York students.

If a Metro policeman serves you with a ticket you may plead guilty or are entitled to a hearing. If you are served a ticket by university parking patrol officers, you are

automatically guilty. You are not given the right to a fair trial, Roman says.

This is contrary to the principles of natural justice, he says. The fundamental principle of law is the right to a fair hearing.

Roman feels that the enforcement of university parking regulations interferes with the spirit of learning and creates a climate of suspicion and mistrust.

Parking regulations, he feels, are beyond the powers of the university because they do not further university goals which are:

(a) the advancement of learning and the dissemination of knowledge;

(b) the intellectual, spiritual, social, moral and physical development of its members and the betterment of society, according to the York University Act, 1965.

Roman says the university is governed by the law of contract

with the student. The student pays the university in order to attend. This contract gives the university obligations to the student.

The student may sue the university if this contract is not fulfilled. Further, the University is not authorized to discipline students unless they disrupt the studies of others, he claims.

Roman poses the questions, "Can the refusal to pay parking tickets be valid grounds to refuse a student his degree? What if a student refuses to pay? What if every student who is fined refuses to pay?"

Ed Annis has submitted Roman's appeal to University solicitors. The solicitors have been considering this appeal for two months and the case is presently at a standstill. If Roman doesn't hear from the solicitors by April and his marks are withheld, he will take the university to court.

Calls FLQ 'Chinese'

NEW YROK (CUPI) — The Front de Liberation du Quebec is a Red Chinese revolutionary group "determined to overthrow the Canadian Government and establish a People's Republic of Canada," says John R. Rarick, Louisiana Democrat.

A member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Rarick says that "despite the recognition of the Communist threat (FLQ), Mr. Trudeau and his government extended diplomatic recognition to the government of Red China and has given indication of supporting

the Red Chinese admission to the United Nations.

"Mr. Trudeau exploited the realities of the situation magnificently," Rarick said, "The shock troops of the FLQ are safely in jail protected from the Canadian people and Trudeau's ideological friends of Red China have been extended diplomatic recognition without any backlash."

Fearing for the safety of the U.S., Rarick said, "And we of the United States now have Castro and the Soviet fleet on the South — Trudeau on the North — our

fighting men in South Vietnam — and our attention directed to the Middle East."

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2. Peripheral Lots.

During peak periods "A" Lot is invariably full, but space is normally available in "M" Lot on the south side of St. Lawrence Boulevard. Similarly while "B" and "C" Lots opposite the College Complex are overcrowded "D" Lot, immediately to the west on Steeles Avenue, is usually filled only to half its capacity.

In the best interests of all users of the parking lots any vehicle found blocking the free flow of traffic will be tagged for obstruction and towed to the pound.

C. G. Dunn,

Director of Safety and Security Services.