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## "Let's impeach them": parking committee

What about the parking dilemma at York?

Last Friday, 14 students gathered in the Steacie Science Library to discuss the formation of an ad hoc committee on parking. They are not satisfied with the existing system, nor are they satisfied with the existing student-faculty committee on parking.

Mike Blumenthal, a member of the new group said "Let's impeach them!"

Another group member, Larry Goldstein, stressed that they have no official power. "We are just looking into parking as concerned citizens of the university." Howie Spring volunteered as press secretary and Duncan McKie as secretary.

The new committee proposes to investigate the existing parking system on campus and to attempt to

have it revised. Larry Goldstein advocated replacement of the guard by student monitors. He suggested a one year trial to see if students would obey the fire regulations against parking by the buildings. "We should have student monitors to insure that regulations are kept — not student cops."

He also recommended that the faculty's privileged spaces be abolished. He said, "Our time is just as valuable so why should we have to park so far away?"

They held a second meeting on Tuesday. Group members had previously tried to obtain figures on government grants for parking and distribution of student fees. The chairman of the parking committee E.A. Annis did not have these figures available.

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## Who and where are the Committee members?

So this is York, the liberal university.

The university with students sitting on the senate, the faculty councils, the parking committees, committees on student affairs, on campus planning, on rules, regulations and responsibilities and a hundred other things.

What do you, the average student, know about all this democracy, responsibility, this freedom from heavy-handed administrators ruling obliviously on us.

Nothing.

Because our dozens of involved, participating students on the various committees aren't setting out to find what the rest of the student body wants and needs. (Maybe they're too

busy just sitting on their asses in committees to bother finding out what ails us!)

Who are you! It's time you told us who you are, and where we can find you, to ask, complain, point out, or maybe punch you in the mouth, about our problems with the multi-versity. Stand up and be really representative, all you representatives.

We demand that you as representatives of the student body, tell who you are, what committee you are on, what you stand for, and how any student can reach you.

Those who don't speak out now will be found out.

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## Super highways mean more to public: Ross

By GREG PHYSICK

Ten miles of a super highway mean more to the public than new additions to York's buildings, President Murray Ross told the annual fall faculty conference last week.

The amount of money spent on that portion of a highway could pay for all of the construction at York in 1968-69, Ross told the 20 per cent of the faculty members who attended the conference.

The problem facing York is there is no special 'court of appeal' to go to for more money under special circumstances, he said. "We are not all equal," Ross continued, "many different standards apply among the universities."

Lakehead, Trent, Brock, etc. should NOT be allowed to carry on Ph.D. work at all, he said. More dollars should be given to the better universities (such as York) to carry on a higher and better level of Ph.D. work.

According to Dr. Ross, another 700 students could have been admitted to York if we had the facilities and faculty. "Our actual and potential enrolment is going up very, very quickly."

Only 20 million dollars has been given to York by the government (still, the highest amount of money given yet to an individual university), but we need \$31 million to achieve our 1969-70 objectives.

A number of important issues will be facing York's Senate this year. Two new faculties, Fine Arts and Environmental Studies, will be looked into, as well as a teacher education program.

Ross definitely believes a university should have a Senate. Someone has to establish standards for graduation and standards for admission. "Historically and for very good reasons such questions as these should be addressed to the senate and faculty — not the students."

Ross said he stands behind York's board of governors all the way, for this board has three functions that are vital; fund raising, supervising the building programs, and an upper-house function which is also incorporated into the Board. It does not watch over the Senate, but gives advice to the Senate on certain ideas.

As for students, they are here and we have to listen to all students, says Ross — even if some of them are not in the majority.

One thing that must be done is to interpret the purpose of the university — that is, is a faculty member to do other things than just teach? Clarity in the nature and degree of participation in the university for the students is essential.

Both students and faculty should be involved in deciding the curriculum.

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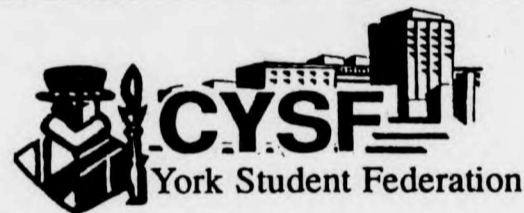
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