

Parking rates comparable

By Sandra Bullock

Campus parking rates across the province of Ontario are comparable to those at York University. An *Excalibur* study shows that York parking rates are not worse and in some instances better than those at other university and college campuses across the province.

Twelve of Ontario's post-secondary institutions were involved in this survey.

The greatest amount of parking space was found at McMaster University, Hamilton. Here, 3969 automobiles can be parked at one time. Over 80% of the other campuses can park an average of 2000 vehicles. The least amount of space was found at Ryerson where there are only 550-600 slots available. York Campus can hold 7000 vehicles in its reserved and unreserved lots.

Many of the campuses have semester rates as well as annual ones. A semester is usually 4-5 months long depending on the institution. Those who pay by semester are then paying twice if they put in a full year of study.

The campuses that charge monthly rates will usually take block payments. Don't let the number of parking spaces mislead you. The actual number of cars that use the facilities are far greater than the facilities themselves. For example: McMaster University has 3969 slots but issues 5360 permits. Carleton University has 2800 slots but parks 4500 - 5000 vehicles daily. The closer the parking lot is to the buildings is also a major factor in determining the blow to the pocket book. This is also true of York, as the reserved lots are closer than the unreserved.

On the whole the situation here at York looks a lot better than may have been expected. Although it's not much consolation to the pocket-book, York rates are average and as one university representative put it, "paid by all".

News briefs

In response to the growing concern over provincial cutbacks on Ontario to Universities and other social services the **Trent University Campaign to Fight Cutbacks** has decided to hold a conference on the 29th and 30th at Trent.

The aims of the conference are primarily to encourage communication and contact between the various groups across the province with the ultimate goal of formulating some sort of directions and goals for the summer ahead and for the following year.

The impetus to call this conference came largely from a feeling that the diffuse energy at the March 16th demonstration needed to be brought together and consolidated if any general movement fighting cutbacks is to take place in the future.

We realize the idversity of problems between small and large Universities, regional and metropolitan, and other variants in the post - secondary system. However the common threat demands common action. If anything is to be achieved we need a united front and it is with this aim in mind that we propose this conference as a preliminary step.

We feel that this conference is very important if we are to make any progress in fighting for the maintenance of the Universities and other social services. We hope that as many of you as possible can attend. Write to us soon.

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GALINDO MADRID, former Chilean student leader, jumped ship in Squamish B.C. last May 28 and requested political asylum in Canada. After many months this was refused, with immigration authorities claiming he was an ordinary shipjumper, despite Madrid's public statements protesting political repression in Chile and the subsequent appearance in newspapers in Santiago Chile of articles noting his presence in Canada.

If he is deported to Chile he would likely "disappear" and be executed. Conservative estimates place the number of political murders by the military junta at between 10,000 and 20,000 in the four years since the coup d'etat which ended the government of President Salvador Allende.

Madrid was the son of a copper miner in the area of Valparasio and was active both in his school and in support of Allende's Popular Unity government. When the coup occurred he was arrested and held for four days of torture, even though he was only 17 at the time.

Recently a group of Canadian parliamentarians from the three major parties attempted to visit Chile in order to determine if human rights were being respected. The military refused to allow them to visit.

After the coup, Madrid was drafted into the army and forced to clean up Pisagua concentration camp. In a sworn deposition he states, "I observed corpses dumped in open pits, torture rooms... and instruments and equipment for torture. The limbs had been mutilated and damaged and had broken jaws and smashed skulls."

The Galindo Madrid Defense Committee is urgently requesting that people make their objections to Galindo Madrid's certain death by deportation known to Bud Cullen, Minister of Immigration and that financial contributions to cover the thousands of dollars spent defending him be sent to them at Box 69127, Station K, Vancouver, B.C. V5K 4W4.

Everyone, whether students, staff, or faculty are urged to remain active in **working against cutbacks** over the summer; If you will be around York this summer, and this applies especially to members of YUSA, YUFA, CUPE, GAA and IUUE, please contact Mary Lou Pigott at the YUFA office (6334) or anyone at the G.A.A. office (6341). Plans are being made for summer activities and the back-to-school period in September.

The York Women's Centre is looking for a co-ordinator for next year. The job involves 10 hours of work per week, and pays \$6.50 an hour. Work commences August, 1978. For a job description and further information, call the York Women's Centre, 667-3484, or 667-3062.

The **Italian - Canadian Association**, which is entering its seventh year of existence at York, recently elected its 1978-1979 Executive Council.

The new president is Lawrence Tavolacci; secretary, Cathy Nesci; social director, Eva Calabretta; treasurer, Duilio Bagnarol. Although elections were held March 22, a tie between Oliva and Trigiani held up completion of the council.

Members are reminded of the mammoth End-of-the-Year Dance to be held tomorrow night in cooperation with the Italian-Canadian clubs of U of T, Scarborough and Erindale Colleges. The dance is being held at Montecassino Place and will feature the music of "Europa" and "Disco Cheech."

In view of a tie between Nino Oliva and Michelina Trigiani in the vice-presidential election, the position remains unfilled.

Last tangle in CYSF

By Paul Stuart

Before it disintegrated in a tangle of mutual recriminations, Tuesday night's student council meeting dealt with several issues.

Following a telephone call to CYSF President Paul Hayden from National Union of Students central committee member John Doherty on Tuesday, council tabled a request that it send a telegram to Secretary of State John Roberts urging that the ceiling on Canada Student Loans not be raised. Hayden said Doherty made the request because bigger federal government loans could give the provincial government a reason to lower its OSAP grants.

The council voted to endorse, in principle, a request that Vanier College allot office space to Birthright, an anti-abortion group, to provide counselling for pregnant women. Health Services and the peer counselling service Harbinger are allotted space on Vanier residence's second floor at the present time.

After the meeting CYSF President Paul Hayden said that Birthright "would at no time assume the identity of Pro-Life (also anti-abortion) or distribute Pro-life material in its office." Hayden told *Excalibur* that he voted for the endorsement of give Birthright a chance to counsel women "who choose to continue their pregnancy."

Asked to comment on the CYSF move Sue Kaiser, Harbinger co-ordinator, said that she personally does not see a need for an on-campus Birthright office.

"This doesn't change what Harbinger will be doing in the slightest," said Kaiser. "We'll continue to provide a full range of option counselling and for women who choose to continue their pregnancies to term, we'll continue to refer them to Birthright."

Among Kaiser's reasons for opposing space for Birthright are that the group "does not provide birth control counselling as a matter of course," and that their proposed service "would not be viable" because few women who come to Harbinger are interested in continuing their pregnancies to term.

Winter's rep Robin Carter moved a constitutional amendment that the vote-requirement to impeach the CYSF president be raised to three quarters of the council from a simple majority.

Abie Weisfeld, a graduate rep, opposed the motion because the present requirement ensures that, "the president is the most susceptible to political pressure." Carter countered that the three-quarter vote requirement would put the president in a position of parity with other council members.

"Aren't they supposed to be responsible too?" he asked.

Weisfeld stirred things up when he said, "in view of its record, I don't trust council to decide this fairly and democratically."

"You're going to get censured for that," responded Hayden. "As chief officer of this council I take it as a personal insult when you say the council is undemocratic."

Weisfeld replied that, regarding council's record and Carters' motion: "You know it's undemocratic and everybody else knows it's undemocratic, but you're willing to do this anyway."

Calumet reps Steve Campbell and Lawson Oates left the meeting before the motion could be brought to a vote, thus breaking quorum. Weisfeld felt this was justified because the majority of council members "wouldn't listen" to opposing arguments. After the meeting, Robin Carter said that he hoped the council majority "would not be portrayed as undemocratic, because they were more undemocratic than anyone when they broke up the meeting."

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