

Traffic movements disrupted in McMaster parking battle

HAMILTON (CUP) — McMaster University students have taken to the streets in the current parking fee crisis here.

A group of 20 students early in the morning of Jan. 10 blocked parking lot entrances and attempted to disrupt their operation, although University President H. G. Thode had announced that student protests would not affect the administration's policy.

(The "park-in" was organized by an ad hoc committee of the Students' Representative Assembly to protest parking conditions and the recent imposition of a parking fee.)

Four student stalled their cars in the entrance to the lots, but city police were already on the scene. One student had his driver's license taken by an official, and recovered

it only by the efforts of his lawyer later in the day.

A tow truck, called to the scene, had first its keys and then its ignition wires removed.

For several minutes, students even blocked a second truck which was attempting to remove the stalled one.

Other students picketed entrance booths or distracted parking officials by paying fees with pennies, cheques, and American bills.

An attempt was made to continue the protest Jan. 11, but police acted quickly and toughly in the near-zero weather and the attempt ended after 20 minutes.

A campus policeman was reported to have exhorted drivers to "run over" demonstrators blocking their entrance to the lots.

By EKKEHARD KOTTKE

Students' union has asked the provincial government to amend the Treatment Services Act to provide better medical insurance for students.

As the act stands the government is forced to discriminate against a large sector of the student body.

The only students who benefit from assistance to students' medical services are the ones 19 years of age or less. In addition they must qualify as dependents on the family plans (MSI).

Older students must have resided in Alberta for 12 months out of the last 24 and be not principally dependent on other persons for their maintenance.

In a submission to the provincial government the students' union has requested that students be classified under a special category

for purposes of the Act.

The brief also emphasized the limitations of the Student Health Service coverage. Married students need wider coverage for their families and students in general need summer coverage, the brief contends.

Proper year-round coverage involves considerable expense to the students, however.

The brief presented average figures of earnings and disbursements of post-secondary school students and asked that:

- the age limit of dependents attending a post secondary school be raised.

- all students paying fees toward a degree granting course be eligible for subsidy provided for in the Treatment Services Act, Alberta Medical Plan.

The submission was made "not only to obtain assistance for a group who need financial help, but to obtain for students the basic health considerations to which other people in the province are entitled."

Short shorts

DANCE CLUB

U of A Dance Club lessons begin tonight. Nominations for next year's executive will be taken at lessons this week. Voting will be done at next week's lessons. There will be a Dance Party, featuring the Bell Cantos Jan. 21, 9 p.m. in the Ed gym. Price: single 50 cents; couples 75 cents. The final dance of the year, "Winter Waltz", is Feb. 4 at the Troc '59.

ILARION CLUB

The meeting scheduled for tonight is postponed until Jan. 25, 7 p.m. in ed bldg rm 177.

Instead all are invited to a "Yordon Supper" tonight at St. Andrews Hall, 9831-75 St. about 5:30 p.m.

FLYING CLUB

The U of A Flying Club will meet Wednesday, 8 p.m. in room 124, phys ed bldg. Gordon Prest of the Edmonton Soaring Club will speak on gliding. Plans for a tour of Namao Air Force base, Jan. 30, will be finalized. Everyone is welcome.

PRE-MEDICAL LECTURE

A pre-medical lecture for all students interested in medicine will be given Wednesday, 8 p.m. in room 2022 of the med sciences bldg. Dr. R. J. Johnson (surgery), Dr. R. W. Sherbaniuk (internal medicine), Dr. L. Stayura

(paediatrics), and Dr. Wm. Ferguson (obstetrics and gynaecology) will speak on the medical course. Coffee will be served.

SEMINAR APPLICATIONS

A Canadian Native Seminar will be held on campus Jan. 28-30. Guest speakers will deal with civil rights, education, and religion of the native Indian. Registration fee is \$20. Anyone interested should apply in SUB 108 before Jan. 22.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Students' union annually presents the following awards to students both graduating and returning, whose contributions to student activities and university life have been meritorious:

Gold A rings; Silver A rings; Gold Key blazers; Gold A pins; Silver A pins.

Deserving students are asked to submit completed questionnaires before noon, Jan. 31.

Nominations by two people on behalf of a third party for an award are also requested for consideration.

All nominations and applications should be addressed to the Awards Committee and must be left in the students' union office.

Tom Landsman,
Chairman
Awards Committee

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