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Everyone must pay for parking this year

By Hugh Westrup

Everyone must pay. That's the message from the York parking officials who have devised a new system in an attempt to ensure that all drivers pay for parking space this year.

Last year, 30,000 parking violations were issued in York lots, and York's director of Safety and Security Services, George Dunn, estimates that 5 per cent of the cars parked here during that time were non-paying vehicles.

"There were too many people not buying official parking permits," said Dunn. "We don't like giving out parking tickets to cars without permits. It's a cumbersome system."

In an effort to eliminate parking tickets and enforce payment regulations, manned kiosks have been erected at each lot to monitor incoming cars.

The guards stationed in the kiosks are temporary help who will remain posted "until we're satisfied that 99 percent of the people on campus have bought permits," said Dunn.

So far, the parking office had lost \$800 in the first month of this term,

due to the hiring of guards, and the number of permit buyers is the same as this time last year. This would seem to indicate that the new plan is not succeeding, but Dunn cautions that these figures are confounded by a declining enrollment and the recent staff strike which slowed down university operations.

He said people are still coming in to buy permits, so no conclusive figures are yet available.

Dunn attributes the new system of enforcement to requests made by students.

"Members of the student council who served on the York parking committee last year were incensed that some people were beating the system. The students were a large contributing factor in persuading us as to what can be done this year."

The York parking operation works on a break even basis. Its sole source of income is parking permit revenue.

The major portion of the parking budget goes toward salaries and maintenance, with the largest cost of the latter being snow removal. Dunn said the cost of snow plowing last year was \$90,000. One memorable snowfall in December cost \$10,000 to remove.

To cover the cost of operations, parking fees were raised this year to \$40 for unreserved areas and \$125 for reserved areas. It is the first increase since 1975.

In addition to being ticketed, cars are regularly towed away. Those vehicles which the parking office can identify are merely towed to a different lot on campus. Unidentifiable vehicles are taken to a pound located near a physical

plant. When the owner comes to claim the impounded car, his identity is requested and put on record.

Each towing costs \$5 but no one is required by law to pay the fee. Only when towing is requested by a police officer is a driver legally obligated to pay the towing fee.

Unpaid fees do eventually catch up with the negligent student on registration day. Before one is allowed to register, all previous unpaid fines must be paid.

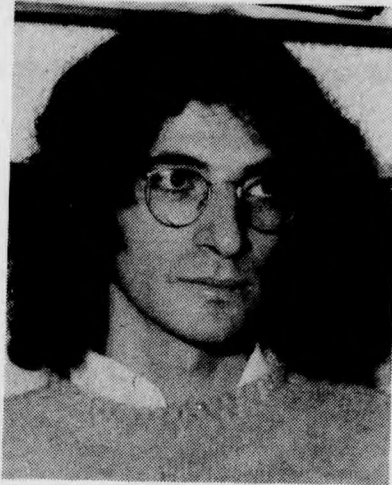
If a parking debt accumulates to over \$100 during the year, the

university has the authority to de-register the student. According to Karen Grellette, parking office coordinator, 300 students were threatened with expulsion last year. Of those, only nine eventually refused to pay their debt.

Unpaid fines are outstanding as long as the student is in attendance at York.

Those who wish to appeal single tickets must go before the Parking and Traffic committee, headed by E.S. Annis. Last year, 350 appeals were made of which 178 were upheld.

Elections challenged



Abie Weisfeld

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I made the tribunal aware," said Regan, "that the root of the matter is finding out if the RWL's action was done on purpose to get the slate elected, even at the risk of infringing on the election rules, or if they were unaware of the regulations." Regan said.

Brayman reported that last Monday the Vanier Residence mailboxes were stuffed with these pamphlets. "This evening-distribution ensured effective dissemination of the literature by the Tuesday morning election day," Brayman said.

If the tribunal decides to oust YSAC members from the election, Brayman will move up to first place. When asked to comment

Brayman replied:

"At this point I won't comment on this because it's all up in the air and haven't heard Brickwood's or Weisfeld's story.... there was campaigning on Tuesday but I don't know if that should invalidate Brickwood or Weisfeld. But I'm sure the tribunal will make a just decision".

Brayman's opposition, Weisfeld, said the complaints about the campaign were, "a bit of a farce, with so much being made of RWL leaflets".

The run-off election between Brayman and Weisfeld was postponed when the complaints were filed. "But let the opinion of the students prevail in a run-off election between Brayman and I... that should be sufficient for everybody concerned," Weisfeld added.

The voting results for the October 25 Board of Governors election are as follows: Peter Brickwood (235); Shawn Brayman (220); Abie Weisfeld (220); Christopher Chop (207); Paul Hayden (200); Victor Roskey (85); James Carlisle (73); Leon Regan (42); Hermann Schindler (32).

Senate elections

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YSAC Senators Ian Kellogg and Sylvester Anthony agreed that one of YSAC's objectives on the Senate was to use the body to "provide a forum where students can let the administration know what the students want." Anthony commented:

"Essentially... there is a need for student leadership in positions that affect students."

He said that in the whole cutback issue there had not been any perceived strong student leadership, and that this was needed.

Kellogg said that YSAC was born from the sit-in in York President Macdonald's office during the YUSA strike.

"I ran for Senate in order to publicize the existence of YSAC and to get more people involved with us in fighting the cutbacks", he said. Like Anthony, he hoped that YSAC's presence on the Senate would help get students interested in the cutbacks struggle.

Besides Cash, Anthony and Kellogg, the student Senators elected were Brent Spiess (YSAC), E. Brad Varey, C.M. Harclyde-Walcott (YSAC), and Janet Walters, plus one position open as a result of the withdrawal of Janice Green.

The function of the University Senate is to be responsible for the academic policy of the University, including hiring of faculty, setting admission, course, and graduation standards, and the conferring of degrees.

(Other student senators will be given a chance to comment in next week's Excalibur.)

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