

Reserve signs make a comeback

by Dave Cooper

The reserve parking signs in the outer lots will be going back up next week, but fewer spaces will be allotted to staff and members of the faculty.

Originally there were 440 spaces reserved. These spaces sold for \$25 each, but only 237 reserve stickers were bought this

year. An official estimated that at peak times only half of the reserved spaces were being used, while other lots were overcrowded.

Professor J. Granatstein, a faculty representative on the parking committee called the previous number of reserved spaces "just plain stupid."

The only way the administration could leave the reserve signs

down would be to refund the extra \$10 to the profs, the committee was told, and this they aren't prepared to do.

E. Annis, chairman of the parking committee, said students are being ticketed in the old reserve areas, even though the signs have been removed. Annis said the students are given a copy of the parking regulations at the beginning of the year and are expected to know where they can park.

According to Annis there is supposed to be a guard on duty in the outer lots to direct students not to park in the "understood" reserve lots. He said this has not been done because of an acute shortage of staff.

Faculty members have been complaining about being ticketed for parking in the no parking areas. They say they can't find room to park in the reserved areas. Students are complaining about being ticketed for parking in the reserve areas because there aren't any signs forbidding them from doing so, Annis said.

The parking committee, which has no attending students, has established a commission to probe into the parking problem at York. The commission will hold open meetings, receive reports and opinion. A partial report will be released by Jan. 31, 1969.

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its possible weaknesses."

Ross countered this in his report by stating the accused acted so as to "disregard the hard work and achievements of many of the predecessors who labored persistently to bring about reform."

At the Thursday meeting several members indicated that they would file a minority report.

This report agreed to the facts but disagreed "on the committee's ability or right to make a recommendation based on the facts. The majority view, (agreed to by six of the nine members) is remarkably close to my own judgement of the action which I am required to take".

Reaction of the guilty members to the report centred around

their disapproval of the lack of terms of reference of the committee. While they would not say that the penalties levied were overly severe, they expressed the view that the committee should have been set up to enquire into the motives of the sign-snitchers, as well as the actual theft.

Larry Englander objected to the lack of open channels of communication and said that since there was virtually no parking committee, it was rather difficult to co-ordinate action.

Others voiced objections to the basic legality of the committee, and consensus was that they would first consult among themselves before further commitment could be made on this point.

Modish modes modified

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used this year and in the past. This year, of the 900 students in each class, only 250 are in the live lecture room. The remaining 650 students watch the live lecture through closed circuit television, in four other lecture rooms. Boyd will be writing a brief in support of Polka's recommendations, in the near future.

Jerry Blair, another Modes tutorial leader, felt the idea was "good, but that not all people can teach modes." He felt a "screening of the people to teach modes", would alleviate this problem.

Professor Jack of the Philosophy Department, and the chief lecturer in the modes course, told Excalibur he had "no comment." He said "The idea must be discussed by the faculty before any comment can be made."

Students were highly receptive

to Polka's ideas. One student thought the idea was "Great". "Right now modes stinks." Other students said they would "get more out of the course if Polka's ideas were in effect."

A meeting was held yesterday concerning the modes course and at press time no recommendations were available. Professor MacFarland allowed only one fifth of the student representatives in the course to attend the meetings. This was done at a meeting on Tuesday. Of the 90 student reps, from each tutorial, each group of 4 students chose one representative to attend the meeting. MacFarland denied the press and the YSC Academic Affairs commissioner Larry Englander permission to attend the meeting. MacFarland, the course director, could not be reached for comment on Polka's suggestions.

McGill polisci strike goes well

Montreal (CUP) — The occupation of the McGill University political science department moved into its second day Tuesday with a completely successful boycott of all political science classes.

Some 75 students spent the night on the fourth floor of the Leacock humanities building and awoke Tuesday to a schedule of 11 separate counter-classes, lectures and seminars organized by the occupation committee.

No professors or students crossed the picket lines set up in front of all regularly scheduled classes.

The dispute centers around the revised student demands for one-third representation on all committees and councils of the department. The proposal is a compromise set by the students after faculty rejection of earlier proposals for student-professor parity.



Vidis Kundrafs

Striking Peterborough Examiner reporters march on the picket line outside the Examiner Building.

Strike in Peterborough

by Anita Levine

Peterborough is a one-horse town.

It's just after 6 am and an old man stops in front of the Peterborough Examiner building to buy a paper from the box. He looks up briefly to nod at a sober group of men wearing signs, huddled in the doorway to the building. They nod back, gloomily.

The old man shuffles off while one by one the men file back onto the sidewalk, back into the wet drizzle, to continue walking steadily up and down the way they've been doing since Nov. 2. They're reporters for the Peterborough Examiner and they're on strike.

Lord Thomson bought the paper, a daily, in April, and he's giving the reporters a real good deal — offering them lower salaries than they were making before.

A senior reporter for the Examiner earns \$120 a week. The last of the big-time spenders is offering a top of \$117 for a six-year journalist, in the new contract.

But an experienced printer will get \$143.25 a week.

So the reporters in Peterborough aren't making much money right now. There's only about 20 of them, and every day they stand out on the cold, slushy Peterborough sidewalk, jump aside

as the horse-drawn snowplow clears off the pavement, and watch the printers go in to put the paper out.

The printers have said they won't cross a tight picket line but the Examiner building is half a block long and fronts on two streets, so a tight picket line means at least 300 demonstrators.

They won't get them in Peterborough. It's not a union town. Not like the Oshawa strike two years ago at another Thomson paper — they had the auto-workers at that time and it was fought and won.

Members of the Toronto Newspaper Guild are starting to come through. Last Friday, several editors and reporters from the Toronto papers walked the line, in the rain, and decided they could get their colleagues to do it too. They'll be running buses up there starting 3 a.m. Friday morning, carrying their own members and students from Ryerson, U of T, and York who want to picket in the dawn.

The Examiner staff needs all the help they can get to keep that paper from hitting the streets. All they want is a decent wage. It's not much to ask. Even from a one-horse town.

Anyone interested in picketing the Peterborough Examiner tonight, tomorrow night, Sat. or Mon., contact Anita Levine, 630-6088, 635-3800, or 635-3880.

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