

Dal changes parking policy

Students don't know enough, but changes will still happen

BY AMY DURANT

New parking regulations may limit who can get a permit, depending on how close to campus they live.

Sandy McDonald, chief of Dal security, says the changes are being proposed to amalgamate parking regulations between the Daltech and Dal campuses.

"We have two systems and we only want one," he said.

A parking committee made 18 recommendations to "adopt the best features" of both the TUNS and Dalhousie parking regulations.

These included free evening parking, phasing out reserved parking spaces, meter parking, student prices for permits, and appropriate handicap parking spaces.

Among the committee's recommendations is the Near Zone Policy.

The policy wouldn't allow people who live close to Dal to buy

parking passes.

Exceptions to this policy include the residents of Fenwick Place, a limited number of residence students, and disability parking.

There is also a survey, distributed through *the Dalhousie News*, that outlines the changes and asks for feedback.

But Sandy McDonald thinks only about 10 percent of the people who will be affected will reply.

James Shears, a second-year student, hasn't filled out a survey — he hadn't even heard of the changes to the parking system.

"I think it's horrible. Residence students are paying however much money to park on side streets. But for off-campus students, it's a good idea."

Candice Horne and Vicki MacLellan were also surprised to hear about the changes to Dalhousie's parking system. But neither expect that the changes will present many problems.



photo by Lee Pitts

WAY, WAY, WAY, WAY, WAY....parking your car at Dal is becoming a distant prospect.

"I know people who have cars," Horne says. "They walk."

Marc Sanders, a third-year student, also had not heard about the new system, but agrees it's time for a change.

"I'm kind of annoyed about the [current] policy," he said. "The last time I talked to them about it, they had sold four permits for every parking spot."

Amy Hannah and Matt Cameron, also third year students, both filled out the surveys.

Hannah says it won't get much response because it's in the wrong medium. Cameron agrees.

"Maybe that's the point. Do they really want student input?"

Regardless of what the new policy becomes, cars ticketed more than four times will be towed.

Harsh welcome for Playboy

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McMaster *Playboy* rep, says he is surprised by the controversy at Dal. Since starting this year at McMaster, he says he hasn't had any problems.

Vattompadam says feminist groups at McMaster must not be as big as Dal's. He also attributes the lack of complaints to the general open-mindedness of people at his school.

"From what [Yip and Wildsmith] tell us... Halifax is conservative," he said, adding that both are doing a good job.

"They're more involved than the other reps, they have

more parties."

Brian Slowey, Western's rep, agrees. He says he can't see how *Playboy* is hurting anyone.

And *Playboy's* Rakowitz says she can't see what all the fuss is about either.

"The college kids really aren't promoting the nude women in *Playboy*," she said. "They're promoting *Playboy* as a brand."

"I could understand the hubbub if we were doing a search for nude women on the campus."

The reps are not paid for their work, but each rep gets a free subscription to the magazine and t-shirts and stickers with the *Playboy* bunny logo for their parties.

Playboy's Raleigh agrees that Halifax may be more conservative than other cities with reps. But, in the end, the controversy is good for business — which was the point in the first place.

"The Dal reps... work hard and are very outstanding," she said. "They do a lot of work."

Raleigh, who works at *Playboy's* New York office, joined the company specifically to start up the university rep program.

She says most of the people she works with are women, and that the company is good to them.

She says it's an intelligent and liberal workplace, and to work there you have to be educated and open-minded. Her mom helped her get the job.

-with files from Shelley Robinson

News Briefs

Art college students vote to go on strike

Students at Halifax's Art College voted in favour of a one-day strike.

The student union of the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design (NSCAD) is protesting what they say is unfair treatment at the hands of the provincial and federal government, Canadian banks, and the NSCAD Board of Governors.

499 students voted 94 percent in favour of the action.

The strike is planned for Thursday Feb. 11, and the students are asking for a number of changes, including a tuition freeze, frozen NSCAD enrollment and a vote on the Board of Governors executive committee.

NSCAD is a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, a national student lobby group.

Tobin re-elected in NFLD

Newfoundland Liberal premier Brian Tobin was re-elected on Tuesday.

The liberals won 32 seats and just under 50 percent of the popular vote, while the Tories took 14 seats and the NDP 2.

Tobin, who was criticized for heavy spending in the weeks before the election, announced a \$12-million cash injection to post-secondary education in the province last month.

20 years ago this week

Body Politic acquitted

The Body Politic, a gay news magazine, was acquitted of transmitting obscene materials through the mail in what the magazine's lawyer called a "legal milestone".

Ontario Provincial Court Judge Sydney Harris ruled the Crown had failed to prove the Pink Triangle Press, publishers of *the Body Politic*, had breached community standards in publishing an article entitled "Men Loving Boys Loving Men". The article described sexual acts between men and young boys. The public had a right to know and be informed about things they might find appalling, the judge said.

Knights of old

The US Boy Scout handbook went back to plugging virtues such as chivalry, preparedness, and ability to cope in the woods.

The edition of the handbook carried such

admonishments as "the knights of old were pledged to protect women. The scout of today treats them with the same high regard."

Leary banned from Canada

Acid guru Timothy Leary was banned from taking a trip to Canada by the Canadian Immigration department.

The former Harvard philosophy professor and LSD champion was refused entry due to his extensive criminal record involving marijuana use, the department said.

Winning DSU candidates big spenders

Dalhousie Student Union president-elect Dick Matthews and vice-president-elect Graham Wells spent an obscene \$306.40 on the campaign that brought them to victory.

The \$306.40 was roughly equal to the combined campaign totals of the second and third-place teams.

The last-place team, consisting of Alan Fitzgerald and David Thompson, were reimbursed \$50 by the student union, despite not submitting their election expenses.

Punks policed in Vancouver

RCMP pressure on the University of British Columbia's student union caused the group to cancel a punk rock concert.

Concert organizer Mike Bocking was clearly miffed at the RCMP action.

"As far as I know, this approach is similar to practices in the Soviet Union, where the police monitor cultural events," he said.

It is not clear whether tests were conducted to ensure what Mr. Bocking really knew.



CHEERS: Winning DSU candidates Dick Matthews and Graham Wells have a cheap toast to their record setting election campaign fund.