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New poster policy bares most walls

By Karen Bremer

A new policy drawn up by J.A. Armour, director of the physical plant, stipulating that posters and notices in the Ross Building be limited in size to 8½" by 14" and be posted only on specially painted orange surfaces, will go into effect on September 19.

These display surfaces will include certain walls and pillars in Central Square, the Ross Building, and Curtis Lecture Halls, in addition to already existing bulletin boards. Advertising may be posted for a space of one week, after which it will be removed by the cleaning staff. All display surfaces will bear the name of the night of the week on which they will be cleaned off.

The aim of the new policy, according to Peter Wood, assistant to the vice-president of York University Services, is to "strike an equal balance between the load on the cleaning staff and giving the best possible exposure to posters". To this end, a group consisting of John Becker, vice president of Student Affairs, Paul Hayden, president of CYSF, and members of the physical plant staff last week searched out the areas to be painted.

Reaction to the new policy is mixed. Paul Trollope of the Gay Alliance at York calls it "fairly fair, as long as there is sufficient space made available for advertising." Donna Symington of the York Christian Fellowship "liked the way it was before, but I can understand their wanting to make the place look a little neater."

According to Armour, the new policy, while eliminating clutter, gives each group a fair chance to advertise by allowing only one



The solution

poster for any one group or event per display area.

Last year, a poster policy implemented by John Becker limiting the posting of notices to existing bulletin boards was ill-received. The policy was reversed on January 3, 1977, once again permitting the posting of notices on every surface except doors and windows.

Display areas will fall into the category of either public space or domestic space. Public space includes the public areas of Central Square, Curtis Lecture Halls, and the first two floors of the Ross building. On the third to ninth floors in Ross, the walls in both towers in which elevator doors are set, and the walls opposite the elevator, are public space. All walls in the corridors linking the towers are public space as well and are for general use.

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