

YCS members to pay for sign theft

by George B. Orr

Those found responsible for the theft of parking signs will be made to "pay for replacement of the signs they admit taking and to pay a fine of \$25.00 each."

This was the decision made by York President University, Murray G. Ross, after receiving a report from the court-committee established by him to investigate the removal of the signs by members of York Student Council.

"It is apparent that this was not a mere prank, but was a deliberate, overt, and illegal act to demonstrate that the persons involved disagreed with certain parking regulations."

In his prepared statement, Dr. Ross mentions that York is "closer to being an open society than most universities on the continent", and thus decries any radicalism that might unreasonably rock the boat.

"Force, violence, and illegal activities should not be tolerated in the University as the means to achieve change. I hope that at York we will all agree that change can be induced by rational discussion and through the democratic process."

In reaching his decision, he states that his action is to be imposed upon the guilty parties as individuals, and not as members of the Council. But beyond the financial penalty, he passes

judgement.

"In short, it is the students of the University, and not I, nor any committee appointed by me, that should decide the degree of responsibility, if any, that the York Student Council has for this incident."

This decision was made on the basis of a report submitted to Ross by Henry Best's ad hoc committee set up for this purpose.

The committee met publicly last Thursday to wind up its deliberations, and heard from Messrs. Small of the administration, and Thompson of campus security.

Discussion at that meeting ranged from the actual condition of the signs to the composition of the present parking committee, but the main intent of many of those present was a questioning of the validity of the committee, along with its function.

Terry Boyd and Pearl Chud, two committee members, voiced strong objections to the committee's existence, and eventually Chud walked out in protest.

Those members of YSC accused with the theft who were present were playing politics as hard as possible, with John Adams stating that the theft was an attempt "To focus the attention of the student body on the structure of the University, and

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Mel Lubek (VIII) addresses audience at last Friday's forum. Standing behind Lubek is Henry Best, director of student services.

Recruiting referendum Dec. 10

by David H. Blain

YSC will hold a referendum on campus recruitment on Tuesday Dec. 10.

Students will be asked to vote on two issues:

1. Are you in favour of any kind of officially sanctioned on campus recruiting?
2. Should companies supplying material for the Viet Nam war be allowed to recruit on campus?

At last Friday's forum in Winters Common Room Henry Best, director of student services, said that as an individual he reacts strongly against anyone making decisions for him as to who he should or should not see.

Best made it clear that if students bar any company represented by the National Employment Service from operating on campus then they are barring all companies in NES.

The NES is a country-wide employment agency operating on university campuses and run by the federal government. It represents, said Best, "all legal business in Canada."

The Canadian government can't differentiate between companies unless it cancels a firm's registration. Therefore, he said

Hawker-Siddeley has to be represented like all other companies until such time as registration is revoked.

Best promised that the administration would abide by whatever decision the student body makes concerning the issue. He said that if NES is rejected that there is the possibility that the university could set up its own placement service but that the task would be staggering, and has proved difficult at other universities.

Peter Brimicomb, one of the original four speakers, advocated retention of Hawker-Siddeley and student placement.

"We realize for society to exist we must put restrictions on the individual" but the restriction of student placement is contrary to the "manifestation of the right of free assembly," he said.

Professor Lee Lorch of the mathematics department compared the mass executions of World War II to circumstances existing today.

"There is none of us who can say that we don't know" about napalm. "University facilities should not be used by a company who attempts to involve our stu-

dents in mass murder," he said.

Lorch expressed the fear that people would be able to come to York and accuse the students of being involved in butchery.

He called for the elimination of any and all companies which produce war goods regardless if they produce anything else which is beneficial to society.

A dissenter against Lorch's final statement produced a list of Canadian companies directly or indirectly promoting the war and suggested that the boycotting of such firms would be disastrous and lead to economic chaos.

The list included Bell Telephone, Xerox, Ford, General Motors, and General Foods. The Canadian government sells wheat to Red China which filters down to North Viet Nam thereby promoting a continuation of conflict. Hence the federal government was also on the list, the dissenter said.

The crowd roared its approval.

The majority of the speakers said that none has the right to bar any company for political reasons and that no student was being forced to deal with so called "war companies."



Will YSC heads fall over the parking issue?

Course kids and faculty approve of Polka's modes revisal

by Frank Holt

A "green light" has been given by John Saywell, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, to proposals made by Brayton Polka, senior tutor of Vanier College, to alter the modes of reasoning course.

In last week's issue of Excalibur Polka suggested modes of reasoning be taught in each college in small groups of 10 or so, by fellows of the college. He said that modes should be a course in the problem of communications and that essay writing be the major mark criterion of the course. He added that a pass-fail system should operate, "the as-

sumption being that students have come to university for the sake of learning."

Saywell felt Polka had "the best idea I've seen yet." He pointed out that only an "overwhelming number of problems" would stop the idea from being initiated. He wouldn't say when the idea could or would be initiated. Some of the problems, he said, included; "getting the proper staff"; find the money to pay them; and getting the approval of the masters of each college."

Dr. John Conway, Master of Founders College, expressed approval of the idea in principle. He suggested that the idea be

considered and explored further.

Dr. Fowle, Master of Vanier College, stated he was "very enthusiastic about the possibility of the fellows of the college jointly producing unique college courses." However, as he hadn't thoroughly examined Polka's ideas, he was unable to say if modes was the course to start with.

These proposals are backed highly by Terry Boyd, a modes tutorial leader, and the chairman of the graduate student association. Boyd said, "The change in the lecture procedure of today to Polka's college level tutorials is the best idea for revamping the

modes course." He said, "the main concept of modes is to tie the general education courses together. This would be more

workable in the college system."

Boyd rejected the "visual aid for a mass number" concept, see Modish modes page 4

Be silent senate spectators

Want to sit in on something momentous? Now's your chance, but you'd better hurry, because tickets are going fast.

Now that the Senate has opened its doors to students, it is faced with a problem of space. In an effort to combat this no more than 25 people will be allowed to sit in.

Mind you, you can't talk. You

just shut up and listen. But you've got to get a ticket for the spectator's section.

The meeting is today at 4:30 p.m. in McLaughlin Senior Common Room. Reserve your seat now by going directly to the Senate Office in Winters room, and saying that you want one ticket.