



Letters...

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Dear Editor:

It seems once again the residence students are getting the short end of the stick. As of late today, Sunday Feb. 7/88 the parking lot opposite Blanchard Hall has not had the snow removed from where the cars have been parked. there has been plenty of opportunity to go into the lot with a snow blower and clean the large areas still snow bound. Instead all the parking lots that would "not" be filled with cars on Sat. were plowed.

The parking lot in question is the only one where over night parking is permitted, its nice to know where the priority lies around this university. Have you noticed the professors parking lot has been plowed. Another question of priority is the location of the overnight parking area. the explanation for the one beside Blanchard Hall is to help in the snow removal- everywhere else but in the selected area, it would seem. The present area occupied by cars parked overnight would be the same whether the cars were in the lot closest to Duffy or down by Blanchard. So much for common sense. If you are not pleased with the parking situation- do something about it.

As well, I notice that the administration has not pub-

lically responded to the editorial a while back about the snow removal. I guess its time to contact the Safety Commision, the Society for Disabled and the CBC to tell them about the lack of concern and politeness in not answering editorials, here at UPEI, so that everyone can contact those in authority at upei and see where the apathy lies. It sounds like the administration is playing a say nothing and hope it goes away policy. Well it won't!!!!

—Apparent Second Class Car Parker

Editor:

Why are the maintenance workers on this campus so incompetent? Why is everything they do half-arse? I'm refering to the way they plow the snow. They have good equipment available but they aren't capable of using it correctly. They have a big, new Massey tractor with snowblower and a loader but never use the blower. The blower would make an excellent job of clearing the snow but the fools use the loader which makes a hell of a mess. They leave piles of snow all over campus and they make the place look like hell. If they used the blower they wouldn't have all those piles.

Then they go around and leave piles of sand all over the walkways which quickly turns to mud. Walk into any building on campus and right by the door is a big puddle of mud which has been tracked in. Some idiot has destroyed the concrete park bench over by Memorial Hall. They can't even do a decent job of clearing the parking lots. There is never less than four inches of slush in the parking lots. Many people get their feet wet walking through it and some people get splashed by people driving by. I had to leave in a bit of a hurry a few days ago and I went out to the parking lot and I found that some S.O.B. had dumped four feet of snow in front of my car. I'm sure they could have found other places to put the snow.

I saw that there are chunks of ashphalt curb on top of the piles of snow and there are numerous places around campus where they have left the walkways and tore the sod all up.

I have quite a bit of experience at snow removal and I know that it is possible to do a better job than what Maintenance has been doing. I want to see it done right from now on and I'm sure that everyone else feels the same way.

—Disgusted

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