

Security Department Cracks Down WHERE THE % # £ % / # IS MY CAR?

"We have parking spaces for over a thousand cars on campus, yet people continue to park in unauthorized areas," stated A.J. MacLeod, Director of UPEI's Security Department. "We tried to give car owners a break during the first month of classes by not towing their vehicles away but they still refuse to abide by the university's rules and regulations on parking."

The Security Department, working out of offices in the basement of Main Building, have always had problems with vehicles parking in No Parking areas. There are 1035 marked spaces in the six parking lots around campus, and with traffic control during busy periods (i.e. Graduation or U.P.E.I. Day) parking can be found for 13-1400 cars.

It appears that a good deal of the parking offences occur around the residences and in the visitor's parking lot at the front entrance to the University. Mr. MacLeod stated, "We have been trying to give the ones who live here a place to park their cars but we haven't been getting any cooperation. The area back of Bernadine and Marian Hall is not a parking lot and the Visitors' Parking Lot is just that....a parking lot for visitors to the university."

In the future the Security Department will be towing cars that are illegally parked. All owners and drivers, be they students, faculty or staff of UPEI, must have

their vehicles registered with the Security Office.

"Now that the winter months are coming upon us, a good deal of caution and understanding should be used by drivers. In past years it has been our experience that storm warnings have been issued and a lot of people just leave their cars and tie up things.



In the future, in order to keep things going, these cars are going to be removed at the owner's expense."

During the winter months cars usually get bogged down trying to get in or out of the parking lots. When the cars are deserted they are obstacles to the snow removal crews!

The Security Department handles a good many other problems besides parking. Some of these include a number of "hit and runs" on vehicles each month, Thefts in Residences, Public Mischief (i.e. broken bottles in parking lots, broken windows, etc) lost and found goods, Fire Alarms and equipment, and policing sports events are other responsibilities of Security.

If one happens to strike

a vehicle in the parking lot when the operator of the vehicle is not present simply drop into or call the Security Office and report what has happened. Few people realize the seriousness of leaving the scene of an accident even if little damage has been done.

Thefts from cars and in the Residences has become a serious problem at UPEI. The Security Department warns that when you leave your vehicle, room or office, remember to LOCK your door.

The Security Office would also like to stress the importance of reporting missing property as soon as one discovers it missing.

Tampering with fire equipment is another

serious offence with fines up to \$500. A number of students have been charged and fined in the past for fooling around with fire extinguishers or for pulling a fire alarm.

The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public has always been a major problem that the department faces each year. Security officers will be confiscating liquor and charging the individuals involved. This problem arises often at sports events and during Student Union sponsored "wet" events.

"We are just looking for a little cooperation from the university community in order that we may help things run a little more smoothly around here."

UPEI Parking and Traffic Regulations

A. PREAMBLE

The Board of Governors of the University, acting upon the recommendation of Senate, hereby approves the following regulations respecting the operation of vehicles on the University campus.

The use of a vehicle on campus is a privilege, not a right. For the safety and convenience of all persons on the campus of the University it is essential that the traffic and parking regulations be observed.

B. PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

(1) Parking on campus is permitted only in the new parking areas (Lots A, B, C, D and E). These areas

are for the use of students, faculty members and staff members.

Certain other parking areas on campus have been marked as "Visitors' Parking" and are solely for the use of visitors to the campus on business.

(2) Each member of the University community, upon application, will be issued with a parking decal. The decal is the individual's permit to park on campus.

Breaches of the Parking and Traffic Regulations may result in fines being assessed on the permit holder, cancellation of parking privileges, removal of the vehicle from the campus at the permit holder's expense, or more serious disciplinary

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