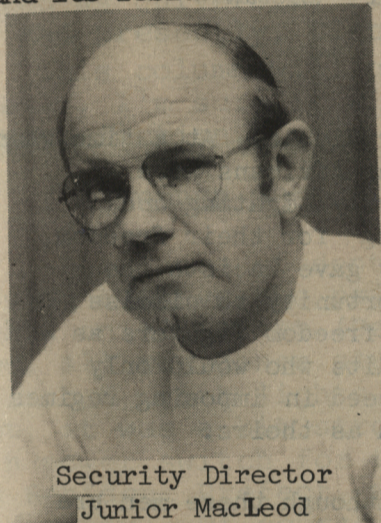


UPEI's SECRET SERVICE

by Ann Higdon

There exists in our society today, a secret organization of unknown dimensions. Inherent in every university system, this secret service enables the student to continue their social life and academic life peacefully, harmoniously, and safely.

And you would like to know more about this secret group, right? Well, to begin with, it's not "that" secret (or this wouldn't be in the newspaper and I might not be living), but they do prefer to keep a low profile. They are the one and only UPEI Campus Security. The definition of a campus security is - a group of people working together for the safety and benefit of the campus and its residents.



Security Director
Junior MacLeod

The security office is located on the bottom floor of Main, in and out of which travel six male officers, one female officer (Linda Tupper), two female clerks, and three night watchmen. And, as an added surprise, three officers are qualified provincial police. One of them is

Director Junior MacLeod, the "interviewee" (in this case). The security office is open on a 24-hour basis. Incidentally, this office is the only telephone connection with the university after 10:30 p.m. They also have emergency numbers available any time, so keep it in mind in case a friend gets a wine bottle stuck in his throat.

Security has several tasks which keep them fairly busy. Technically speaking, security must enforce federal, municipal, and campus law. They also do other important things (that we take for granted) such as registering vehicles, campus patrol, traffic control, and generally being available to give help upon request. Note that last word. The security can't help if they don't know that you need it. That means reporting any accidents, be they major or minor, that happen on campus and also using the service they provide for

lost and found items.

Several problems keep security unnecessarily on their toes. They seem to have the most trouble with cars. Often many cars are left unlocked with keys still in the ignition, and/or the headlights on. The officer will turn off the lights or lock the cars to avoid theft or dead batteries. Also many students have not yet registered their cars. (Last year, there were 1305 cars registered.) For students with motorcycles, a recommendation is going before the parking committee for a parking

space solely for motor-cycles.

Adjacent to the above problems is the issue of towing cars away that are blocking emergency access to the campus. There are approximately 1200 spaces in the parking lots and cars are still found by fire hydrants, etc. During the winter, snow removal becomes impossible if the snow plow has to try to squeeze between two parked cars on opposite sides of the road. So as a final plea, do not park your cars anywhere but in the parking lots. And, as a final warning, if you do, your car will have to be towed away at your expense.

One last major problem deals with fire alarms. Once upon a time the fire department was directly connected to all UPEI buildings. However, one night the volunteer firemen were called out on six occasions to false fire alarms. So now, the residences are connected to the security office. And apparently security might live happily ever after because there has been a steady decline in false fire alarms. As J. MacLeod puts it, "We really do have a great deal of adults attending this university, but there are still a few

'kids'". I should mention that if you invite one of those 'kids' in (not from your residence) then you, and you alone, are responsible if he falsely pulls a fire alarm. So adults, watch your 'kids'!

As this reporter was leaving her interview with Mr. MacLeod, she ran into the assistant director, J.K. Curley. Mr. Curley, who is in charge of the 950 keys belonging to the campus, said that there are too many of them being lost for comfort. This has been so true that for safety Blanchard Hall once had to have all its locks changed, because too many keys were missing. Also, lost keys are forwarded to the security office, so if you have lost keys you might find them there.

Now, before I leave this article, let me mention that the Director of Security believes that there is a good relationship between security members and the students, and that the S.U. members have given tremendous cooperation in organizing S.U. events.

Upon closing, I would like to thank the Director for a pleasant interview. Furthermore, I hope that you, the students, have been made more aware of your "secret service".

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