

HOW SECURE IS SECURITY ??

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The need for a larger Security Staff at UPEI is being studied, according to A.J. MacLeod, Director of Security here. The staff now numbers eleven—six officers including MacLeod, two clerks, and two full time and one relief night watchman. That number is down from the thirteen employed last year because two female officers resigned to move off the Island.

When asked why the two had not been replaced, Mr. MacLeod replied "In all probability we will replace them, but not at the present time. With declining student enrollment at this University in the past few years, the need for extra personnel is being studied. A new reorganization plan is being drawn up, although there are now union disputes. These are all arbitration cases now."

He also noted that the decrease in staff did affect security at UPEI by putting extra pressure on the other members. A larger staff most certainly would curtail the number of break-ins, but it would never totally eliminate them.

In 1974, the first year that complete records were kept, there were 93 reported cases of break, enter and theft. That number seems to have dwindled to less than half

in the past year, although the official academic year-end report will not be released for a couple of weeks.

Instances of disorderly conduct and false fire alarms have also dropped considerably. However, thefts and alcohol abuse still remain major problems. More events create a larger distribution of alcohol on campus.

Mr. MacLeod affirmed that there is only one person on duty nightly after midnight. However, he added that "due to sickness and vacation leaves, this has been going on for years. I am not happy about this, but it is nothing new. We are in constant communication with other contacts on campus (i.e. in the residences). If there is a problem there, we can get on it in minutes." The fact still remains though, that the

security office is often closed after midnight as the night watchman does his rounds, making it impossible for some residence students to be reached quickly in case of an emergency.

Special events are fully covered by Security. More members of the Campus Police are being employed for these special events. This was confirmed by Philip Brown, who stated that there will be a full force of 18 members, with a minimum of 10 including the Chief C.P., at each of the special events.

Students were also advised to register their vehicles. As of Tuesday, Sept. 23, the Campus Police have been making the rounds of the parking lots, recording any unregistered vehicles. The owners will be notified that they must register their cars with security.

After this, they will be

towed away. As in the past, security feels that two or three weeks is allowance enough for newcomers to the campus to orient themselves and to obtain their vehicle registration stickers.

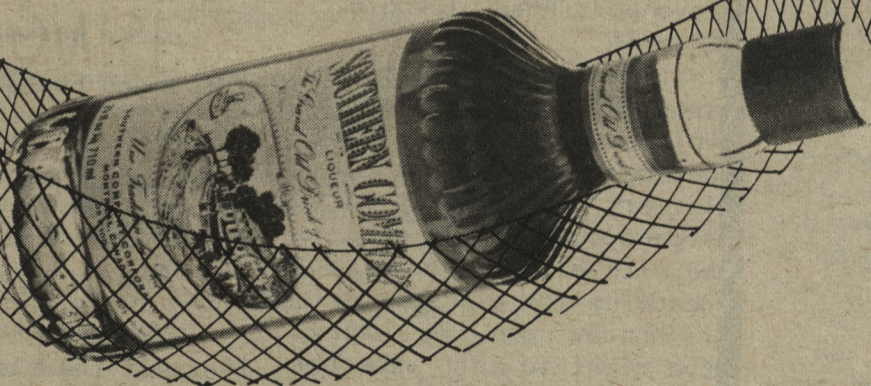
In the words of the Director of Security: "I caution again the number of our students who take for granted the roadways and visitors parking lot, who will be towed. Roadways outside Marian and Bernadine Halls will also be priorities regarding the removal of vehicles."

When asked if the sticker was necessary, MacLeod replied that it has been a great help to Security. The parking lots are checked more than three or four times daily, so that any vehicles with lights left on or with pets left in poorly ventilated conditions can be easily brought to the attention of the owner with the assistance of the sticker.

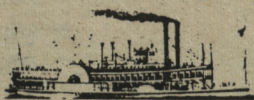
The last word goes to R. V. Lafferty of Security. He felt it safe to say that "students are now here to study. They sense that it is more important to settle down and not to party every night. This is not to say that they should not party at all, but the drop in the number of break-ins and disorderly conduct cases is due mostly to the students. The dons in the residences are also helping more. I feel that Security has changed its role from that of an enforcer in the early 1970's to that of a friend in the 1980's."



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