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York security breaks into staffer's car to remove parking decal

By Hugh Westrup

A York staff member discovered last week the extent to which the parking office will go in acting against a parking violation.

Marlene George, a coordinator for the York Enquiry Service, returned from work last Tuesday to discover that her locked car in DD lot had been entered and the parking decal had been taken. The decal was on loan to George

from a co-worker who is currently on maternity leave. During the summer, an enquiry was made to the parking office by the coworker, in anticipation of the leave of absence, for a six month reserved space this year. The request was refused so she bought a full year sticker and offered George the space for the fall.

George, who reimbursed her coworker for the use of the decal, has been parking in the woman's reserved space in DD lot since early September. She has therefore been disobeying the regulations of the York parking contract which state that vehicles must be registered with the decals they display.

Upon discovering that the decal was missing, George phoned the parking office and asked if it had been turned in but the reply was no. Enquiries by a friend to a lost and found parking official on Wednesday revealed that the parking office had indeed removed the sticker.

George admits, "I'm guilty, but I feel that the way they went about proving it was wrong. You approach people, you don't break into their cars."

"They could have contacted me," she continued. "My car and license number are on record, and my friend's decal number is also on record."

Replying to George's complaints, George Dunn, director of Safety and Security Services, said the act was justified because the decal did not belong to her.

"Breaking into a car is not an offense per se," he said. "Only when there is an intent to commit an illegal act is it an offense. We were removing property that in the absence of the owner was our property."

Asked if there was some other way of approaching George, Dunn said, "We're trying to cover a lot of ground with only a small staff."

Dunn said that if the woman had made a request to him about transferring the parking space, an arrangement could have been made.

Dunn said that entering cars is a practice that has been used on several occasions before this incident.

When questioned about the legality of entering a car, a representative from the Community Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP) said that disobeying a regulation in the York parking contract entitles the parking office to act in the above manner in order to rectify the situation immediately.

Ahhhright.



Bethune's food co-op

By Anthony Cheung

If you have a taste for bread, would you care to try a different kind of bread each day for a week?

Since last October, a food co-op has come into existence in Bethune College. The service is operated on a non-profit basis and is primarily for Bethune College residents. The organizer of this venture is Jan Day, who is also the manager of Bethune's Just Another Coffee Shop.

"It is possible to provide customers with the top quality products at their wholesale prices as we would make our orders for Jacs," said Day. "If we can anticipate higher demands, the prices will even be lower in proportion to the increase in order volume." The list of products available are mostly dry goods and include pure clover honey, mixed cereals, canned fruit juices and baked goods. Fresh produce is presently unavailable due to storage difficulties.

The prices of goods range from 75 cents for a loaf of bread to \$2.52 for a dozen carob chip cookies. All prices are listed at the wholesale level and only natural ingredients are used in these products.

Orders can be made before Friday 1 pm for Thursday delivery at room 113 in Bethune College each week.

As of today, the co-op is running on a trial basis and response has been quite favorable. However, Day maintains that it is still too early to evaluate its success.





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