

Cameras eye bike paths

The ominous-looking camera perched on top of the EMU addition last week wasn't "Big Brother." In fact, the ASUO even took legal precautions to prevent students from being identified as they bicycled or walked through the breezeway past the EMU Print Shop.

The camera is part of a study on bicycle-pedestrian conflicts being completed by Campus Planning. The stop motion camera records seven frames a minute, recording traffic patterns and problems during stress periods. The area will be photographed again after improvements are made.

The original film is to provide a record of what is actually happening now, and allow campus planning to test the effect of the new design after it is installed, according to David Rowe of the Campus Planning Committee.

Proposed improvements include a combination of signs

and wooden ballards, or short posts, to separate bicycle and pedestrian traffic in the area that has been plagued by accidents since it opened.

New signs will be similar to those already fastened to the concrete columns in the new addition. Plans include two

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"bicycles yield to pedestrians" or similar signs installed on the west end of the breezeway. Similar signs will be placed in the other entrance.

Six posts are proposed to provide an aisle for bicyclists. Harry Benedict of the Campus Planning Committee, says the current plan is to funnel bicycle traffic coming from 13th Avenue and University Street through the south side of the breezeway. Benedict says trees may also be planted along the west entrance ramp

to slow down traffic and provide a transition.

He says the posts could be hazardous, but added they haven't been designed yet and could be dropped altogether. Plans call for them to be placed adjacent to the concrete columns.

The ultimate success of the project won't rest on design decisions, Benedict says, but will be dependent on politeness. "Attitudes aren't enough to warrant the current situation," he says.

Rowe says signs may also be added to doors opening into the breezeway, alerting those coming out of the building.

Filming of the area will continue today and Wednesday, according to Benedict. ASUO Pres. Jan Oliver says the camera wasn't put up until provisions were made so no student would be identifiable. The films will be destroyed in three months.

Surveys hit campus; students rate drugs

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Some 4,500 drug information surveys are being mailed to nearly 30 per cent of University students today by the University's Drug Information Center (DIC).

The drug-use survey is the first ever conducted at the University and is designed to provide information about student attitudes and use of various drugs, including tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and cocaine. Results will be compiled by the DIC staff and used to provide a base for student drug information program planning.

"Right now the focus of programs aimed at students is determined by shared administrative beliefs about student concerns," said Joe Coss, a DIC staff member. "The survey will provide us with a better idea of what those concerns are."

The survey, which Coss estimates will cost between \$500 and \$700, is being funded with money

allocated to the DIC by the Incidental Fee Committee. The Office of Student Services is providing financial and physical support for the survey and the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority aided in survey distribution.

Coss said results of the survey will go to the ASUO Office of Student Services and State Mental Health Division as well as to the DIC.

"The surveys will be sent to 4,500 students randomly, including those who live both on or off campus," Coss explained. "Results will be compiled and run through a computer so the original questionnaires can be destroyed to maintain confidentiality."

The survey asks students to estimate the frequency with which they use 11 drugs including alcohol, amphetamines, barbiturates, caffeine, cocaine, heroin, LSD, marijuana, nicotine, psilocybin and tranquilizers. It also asks them to rate each drug from "strongly prefer" to "strongly do not prefer."

The second part of the survey is a 16-question knowledge test, which includes questions about the classification of certain drugs and the effects of their interaction. The survey also contains questions about the use of oral contraceptives.

Coss expects the center will have results from the survey compiled in several weeks.

Says capitalism based on false premise

Marxist economist analyzes capitalism

By **HEATHER McCLENAGHAN**
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Nationally recognized Marxist economist James O'Connor told a University audience Friday the basic definitions of bourgeois economics do not describe modern capitalist reality.

O'Connor, speaking to a standing room only crowd, explained how the standard bourgeois treatment of economic principles,

given micro-economics, does not jive with the truth.

The very definition, given "capitalism" itself, is based on a false premise, O'Connor said.

"It is possible for you or I to buy the means of production," O'Connor quoted from a widely used American economics text. "This definition says nothing about an individual's real material condition. If we look back in history and ask if people have

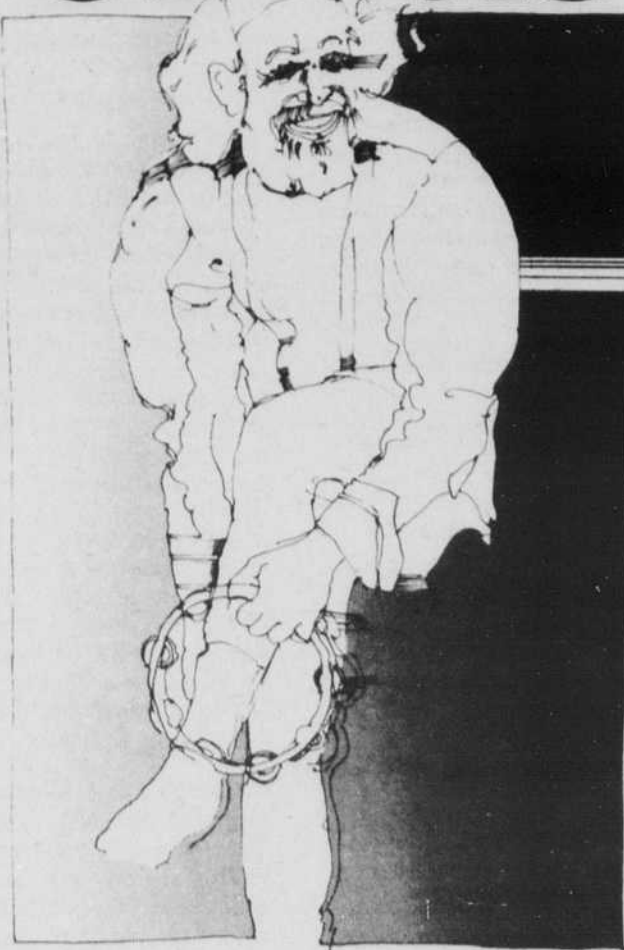
ever owned their own means of production the answer of course is yes. But that was a period of pre-capitalism and certainly doesn't describe capitalism today."

Capitalism today is charac-

terized by one class which owns the tools of production and one class which owns the means of producing, in other words, capitalists and wage workers, O'Connor said.

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