

Emergency intercoms ready to aid forlorn

By GARY LEY
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Driving home one Sunday at 3 a.m. your car runs out of gas at University Street and 13th Avenue. Besides cursing, what can you do?

You can go to the fire alarm pedestal at the same corner and use the intercom system on it to call Campus Security. One of the two officers always on duty will hear your call and help you out.

There are five such intercoms on campus. In addition to the one at 13th Avenue and University Street they are at the southeast corner of Science I, the northeast corner of Lawrence Hall, the northwest side of the Music School and between the University library and PLC.

The system was installed three years ago and has proven quite successful, according to Oakley Glenn, director of Campus Security.

"At first it drove us nuts," says Glenn.

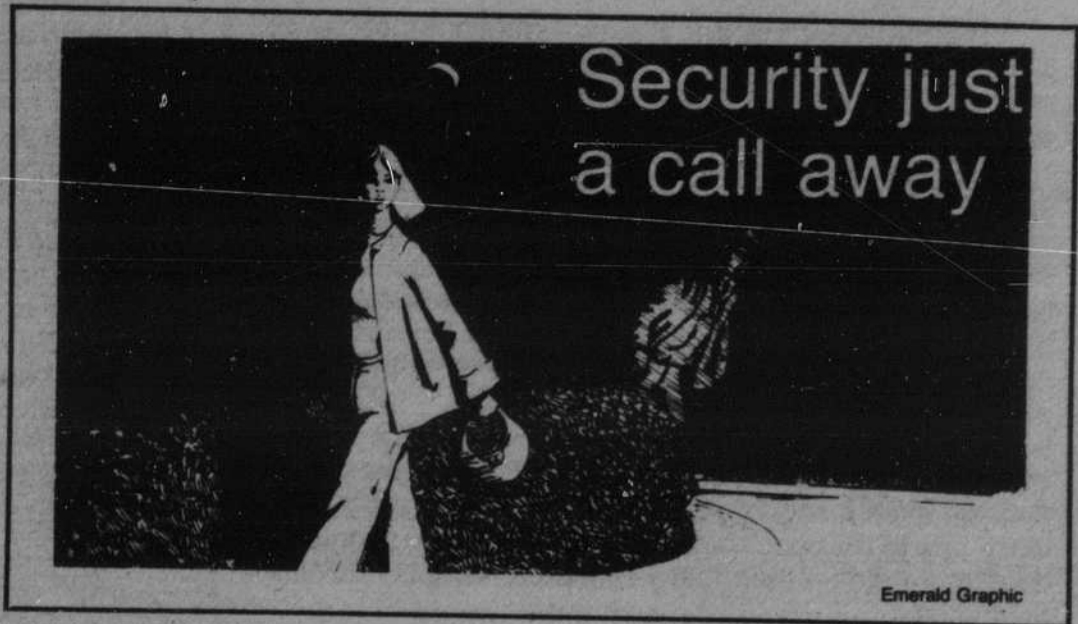
"People would press the bell and run off while we had to send an officer out there to see if anything was wrong."

But abuse of the system has dropped off, and it is now primarily used as an information service.

Glenn says his office gets an average of four calls a day on the system, most of them involving directions or car troubles. Glenn says the system is the one of only a few means of communication on campus after 9 p.m., so it is often the only way those unfamiliar with the campus can find their way around.

Fortunately, there has only been one call in the system's history involving someone's physical safety. The first year the system was installed, two men were jumped by three intoxicated persons near Friendly Hall. Alerted through the intercom, security officers were able to catch the attackers.

Glenn says fire alarm pedestals were



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chosen as sites for the intercoms for economic reasons. The system is partly funded by the ASUO, but he hopes the administration will allot money for expansion of the intercom service.

The east side of campus is not now covered by the system, and Glenn says "I'd like to see the system extended to the dormitory area where most of the late-night activity on campus is."

Financial aid forms ready

By CAROLYN BEAVER
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It may seem early, but it's time to start thinking about financial aid for 1978-79.

Beginning this morning, financial aid forms for the coming academic year are available in the financial aid office, Room 270, Oregon Hall.

The forms change yearly and this year the process may even be simpler. In the past, all undergraduates have filed Basic Educational Opportunity Grants (BEOG) and Financial Aid Forms (FAF), but this year, for the first time, they will be combined and sent to one location.

The BEOG is a straight grant, no strings attached, but is available to undergraduates only.

In addition to the BEOG/FAF, students (both grad and undergrad) need to obtain the University's financial aid form. It is basically the same as last year's, but has a few additional questions.

The University's form will include questions pertaining to welfare and social security recipients. Those receiving public assistance will need verification when the form is submitted.

As always, the office needs a financial aid transcript from previously attended schools and a copy of the student's income taxes.

No information on scholarships and awards is yet available.

In addition, the office has financial aid counselors to help with problems. Counselors are availa-

ble to help figure need.

Also, after the awards are distributed, changes occur in student status, counselors can help adjust the amount of the award.

For more information, call the Financial Aid Office at 686-3221, or come to the office 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Counselors begin appointments at 9:30.

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in the negotiations, but still has the option of sending observers, which it probably will do.

GTF Vice-President Bill Ratteree says they still welcome the ASUO as an observer. Feldman says in philosophy, the ASUO sides neither with the University or the GTF's, but he feels observer status is necessary because the issues dealt with have a direct effect on the student body.

Feldman also suggested a student committee on collective bargaining to "build in a mechanism to view the bargaining process." The committee would research each proposal coming up and make recommendations to the ASUO.



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