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Dorms get their telephones

And they're free for spring term

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Telephones were installed in all dorm rooms over spring break in another phase of the University's new phone system, permitting the University to become the phone company to dorm residents, said Marjory Ramey, director of University Housing.

University Housing owns the phones and the University leases lines from US West Communications, Ramey explained.

The phones are free to dorm residents this term, but starting next fall residents will have to pay \$15 per month per room for the service in addition to long distance bills. Residents will not have the choice whether they want a phone or not, Ramey said.

"I like not paying for it (spring term)," said Aaron Henry, a freshman living in Watson Hall. "Now we don't have to deal with hall phones, which won't bug everybody anymore."

Pay phones and old campus extension phones will be removed from dorm hallways sometime spring term, Ramey said.

Ramey said there are benefits to the University's phone system. She said it is cheaper than US West and that students will be offered a long distance calling card which will give a 10 percent discount when used during specified hours.

"It's nice that you don't have to pay for installation," said Carey Tomberg, a freshman living in Hawthorn Complex. "They had phones at the University Inn, so I guess it's only fair to have them in all the dorms."

Phone directories will be available from the University within a week or two, Ramey said.



Photo by Martin Thiel

Nathan Gibson, a senior in costume design, yaks it up on his new dorm phone in Dymont, courtesy of the University's continuing phone system renovation.

Students to attend protest at test site

By Catherine Hawley
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A group of about 50 University students will join thousands of other anti-nuclear protesters this weekend for the annual American Peace Test at the U.S. government's weapons test site near Las Vegas, Nev.

The students, who call themselves the Desert Ducks, will demonstrate their opposition to nuclear weapons testing at the four-day protest, which will include music, speeches, workshops and Shoshone Indian ceremonies as well as acts of civil disobedience.

"We want to put pressure on the government and increase awareness," said senior Pam Turla, who will be attending her third protest at the Nevada test site. "We've got to wake people up."

Protesters also plan to express their support for the Shoshone Indians, who are in a dispute with the U.S. government over the rights to the land on which the test site is located.

Also this year, the main action of the Nevada protest on Sunday coincides with anti-nuclear protests in the Soviet Union, West Germany, Great Britain and France.

Protesters run the risk of arrest for acts such as setting up blockades and trespassing on Department of Energy property, but participants who do not want to be taken into custody can show support for the protest in other ways, Turla said.

"It's really a personal decision," said Turla, who was arrested three times at last year's protest. "The consequences for being arrested and the circumstances at the protest change every year."

Students travel to the test site in "affinity groups," whose members provide support and encouragement for each other. Students who do not want to be arrested will support members who are taken into custody, looking after belongings and acting as an outside contact for anyone in jail.

Junior John Organ does not plan to get arrested on his first trip to the Nevada test site, but he hopes to record the weekend's events for a slide presentation.

"I have the intention of wandering everywhere, taking pictures with my camera," he said.

Actually, protesters arrested at the test site are usually not jailed, Turla said. Instead, in most cases protesters are taken to a holding area for a few hours, issued a citation and released.

"It would take too much time and energy to pro-

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Parenti blasts imperialism in nation's foreign policy

By Hon Walker
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Imperialism is still alive, and it remains a major part of U.S. foreign policy, said Dr. Michael Parenti, a leading voice of the American political left.

"The process of imperialism is the most powerful force in the history of humankind," he said. "It cut up the globe, it gave us our political realities of today, and it's not taught; it's not mentioned in the media."

Parenti spoke to about 75 people at the First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St., Tuesday night as a fund raiser for *The Student Insurgent* campus publication.

Neo-imperialism is happening today in Central America, Parenti said. The United States systematically extracts nations' wealth, putting them into debt, and de-industrializing the economy, he said.

"These countries are not poor countries; they're rich."

Parenti said. "You don't go to poor countries to make money. The people are poor, but there is incredible wealth in these countries."

"Capitalism works. And I believe it does — it works. But so does torture work, so does assassination work. A lot of things work, but the question is for whom do they work, and how do they work," he said.

The cost of maintaining a "global military machine," Parenti said, is steep — about \$300 billion per year to protect international interests, he said.

Most Fortune 500 companies have investments in the third world, reaping benefits for the rich but nothing for the people of the third world — or the American taxpayer, Parenti said.

"When it comes to protecting their money, your money is no object. And that's the cost of imperialism."

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Photo by Steve Card

Michael Parenti (right) talks to well-wishers after speaking to about 75 people Tuesday night in a benefit for *The Student Insurgent* campus publication.