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## A&M gets new emergency phones

### Eleven outdoor phones provide convenience for dorm residents

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Eleven new convenience speaker phones with emergency capabilities have been installed outside campus residence halls.

Since last semester, residence hall doors have been locked from 7 p.m. until 10 a.m. for safety reasons. Guests must be admitted into the hall by residents and escorted. The phones have been installed to notify residents of visiting guests.

The phones, which all have an emergency line routed directly to the University Police Department, have been installed by the Department of Student Affairs to provide a safer environment for on-campus students.

Dan Miser, housing operations supervisor, said locking the doors at 7 p.m. caused problems with students propping the doors open. The new phones should alleviate such problems, he said.

Bob Sather, telecommunications manager for campus, said the phones not only enable students to dial into dormitories after hours, they also can be used should an emergency arise.

Students need to be aware that these phones are monitored 24 hours a day for emergencies, he said. The phones have been installed with safety in mind. They are cordless to prevent vandalism and possible cutting of lines.

In addition, a single emergency button automatically routes calls to the UPD, the A.P. Beutel Health Center and the radio room of the physical plant. These locations also have display panels that pinpoint the caller's location on campus. The caller's location can be traced without the caller uttering a word.

"It's almost the same as dialing 911," Sather said.

The phones are mounted outside entrances to most residence halls. Puryear and Law Hall share a phone on the side of Puryear's Ramp 9. Krueger and Mosher also share the phone out-

side of Krueger. The phone that serves Hart Hall is located near Ramp 2.

"We put these first few in to get them off the ground as a test," Miser said. "Eventually we plan to install phones for each residence hall."

A person using the phone to dial hall residents or friends is given only one minute to complete his conversation.

Sather said, "The phones are not to be used long for non-emergency type traffic."

In addition to the dormitory convenience phones, seven similar phones are in the process of being installed in remote areas of campus.

These phones, identical to those outside residence halls, will be placed in remote parking lots and at key points along jogging trails and in Hensel Park and the Research Park, Miser said. The phones, to be installed by the end of the month, will be mounted and illuminated like phone booths.

## Panelists address crime on campus, safety precautions

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Though Aggies do not lie, cheat or steal according to the Aggie Code of Honor, a survey published in the Oct. 4 issue of *USA Today* reported that Texas A&M had the highest rate of reported crimes of all college campuses in Texas.

Rape, sexual harassment and safety precautions were just a few of the issues addressed Tuesday night by a three-member panel at the program "Campus Issues for the '90s." The program was the first in a series of safety awareness programs being presented this week, designated as C.A.R.E. week — Creating Attitudes for a Rape-Free Environment.

According to statistics, one of every four women has been sexually assaulted or experienced a sexual assault attempt. In 65 percent of the rape cases, the victim has met or is acquainted with the rapist.

Betty LeMay, patrol officer at the University Police Department, told the 13-member audience that a common risk that many students take is jogging alone. Students who jog should

do so with a friend, she said. It is important that one be alert and aware when walking alone, she said.

"You want to communicate, 'I am confident. I know what I'm doing,'" she said.

Although the majority of sexual assault victims are women, one of every seven males is sexually assaulted as well, she said.

Gene Zdziarski, student development specialist of Student Affairs, said many males disregard precautions to avoid sexual assault, thinking it is a crime affecting females only.

LeMay said the majority of crimes reported at A&M involve property theft.

It was reported that \$65,000 worth of bicycles were lost or stolen at the University last year, she said.

LeMay said many thefts from residence-hall rooms occur when students leave their rooms to do laundry or take a shower. For this reason, students should lock their rooms when they intend to leave for short periods of time, she said.

The second program of the C.A.R.E. week series, titled "Rape: What Now?" will be presented from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in 225 Rudder.

## Hitler paintings awarded to first owner's children

HOUSTON (AP) — Four watercolor paintings by Adolf Hitler that U.S. soldiers found hidden in a castle more than 40 years ago must be returned to the children of the owner, a man who was Hitler's friend and personal photographer, a judge ruled.

The family of Heinrich Hoffman Sr., a German photographer found guilty at Nuremberg of war profiteering, also will get two archives containing hundreds of photographs from the U.S. Army, U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes ordered.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Frank Conforti claimed the paintings legally belong to the United States under the U.S.-German treaty signed after World War II, but Hughes said the government failed to prove it has a legal claim on the paintings or photographs.

"Equal justice under law protects people without exceptions

for those people whose father's politics were wrong," Hughes, who made the ruling last Thursday, said.

Two of the paintings most likely will be returned to Germany, while the remaining pair will remain in Houston as part of a collection owned by Billy F. Price, a local art investor who has been battling the government about the paintings' ownership for years.

U.S. troops discovered the paintings in May 1945 in a German castle where Hoffman had stored them for safekeeping during World War II. They were mistakenly identified as German government property and later transferred to an Army warehouse in Virginia.

They remain in a federal archives warehouse in Alexandria, Va.

## Investigation prompts PUC to change reporting system

AUSTIN (AP) — The Public Utility Commission, in the wake of allegations that it has allowed utilities to overcharge customers hundreds of millions of dollars, directed its staff Tuesday to report to it in a new way on utility company earnings.

But Commissioner William Cassin, who presented the resolution approved unanimously by the three-member panel, said he doubts utilities have overcollected that amount from customers, as charged by Sen. Carlos Truan.

The Texas Senate approved a resolution Monday by Truan, D-Corpus Christi, directing the PUC to promptly review the impact of a 1986 federal tax reduction on utility rates. Truan said customers have been overcharged because the 12 percent federal corporate tax reduction has not been reflected in lower utility rates.

"I'm not saying that there were not (hundreds of millions of dollars lost). I'm saying I seriously doubt it, because we have a system in place that was designed to prevent that,

and I think the system probably functioned adequately to prevent it," Cassin said. "But we're going to find out by virtue of my motion."

The PUC soon after the enactment of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 established a staff task force "to ensure that utilities under the jurisdiction of this commission did not earn excessive amounts by virtue of any tax reductions accruing to them under that Act," stated the resolution.

The commission at that time was composed of Dennis Thomas, Peggy Rosson and Jo Campbell. Ms. Campbell still serves on the commission, along with Cassin and Marta Greytok, who heads the panel.

Currently, commission members individually review staff reports on utilities monthly, Cassin said. But he said there is no system for discussing the reports.

The staff also was told to report on the last rate of return authorized by the commission, and on the rate the staff would likely recommend today based on current costs of capital.

## Construction conundrum continues to confuse campus

Construction on campus is continuing to impede traffic because of the closing of several inner-campus streets.

Lubbock Street is closed near the power plant work site and between Coke and Nagle Streets.

Coke Street is closed between Joe Routh Boulevard and Lubbock Street, while Ross Street is closed from Spence to Ireland. Ireland is

closed to through traffic south of the Northside parking garage.

Mosher Lane and Spence are local access near construction of the new residence halls.

Spence is open to one lane of traffic adjacent to the new Petroleum Engineering Building.

The construction situation on campus will continue with minimal change for some time.

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