

Campus payphones get facelift

*Program intended
to increase safety
on campus*

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Security Services has joined forces with SaskTel to further increase safety of students, faculty and staff on campus.

The program, identified as a step toward increased personal safety on campus by the President's Advisory Committee on personal safety, will see all 56 campus payphones outfitted with

five emergency buttons, said Advisory Council member Jan Niekamp. Most of the payphones have been changed over already and the few remaining will be equipped with the new buttons soon, she added.

Located on the bottom right corner of the machines, the five new buttons will provide links to Security Services, the USSU main office, Safewalk, Place Riel Information Center, and to the SaskTel business office.

All students have to do is pick up the receiver and push one of the buttons. There is no quarter needed. The call is then forwarded to the appropriate organization.

Anyone experiencing trouble on campus calling Security Services from a payphone will have the

location of the payphone displayed in the Security office. This will allow the Special Constables to trace the call and respond to a location if the person who made the call cannot stay on the line to provide such information.

Terry Roebuck from Computing Services said that the link to Safewalk is very important for students, as it will be answered by Security Services when Safewalk is not operating. He used the example that if a student was at school until 2 am and didn't feel safe walking to their vehicle, they could call Security and a walk could be arranged.

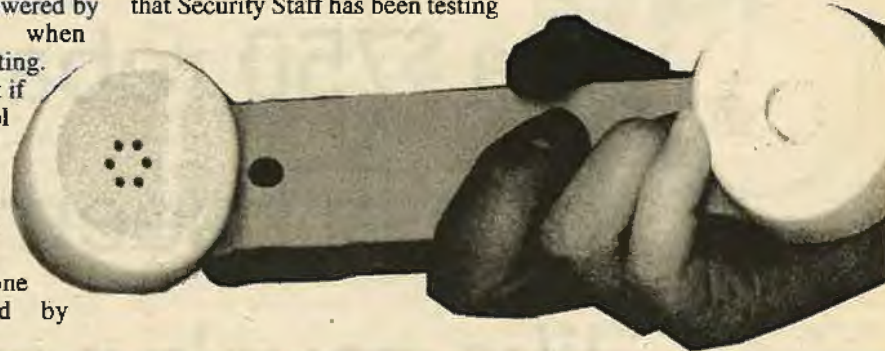
The Safety Phone changes were funded by

SaskTel. Dave Komada, SaskTel Sales Representative commented that "the technology has always been there[on the phone]," so when Security Services looked to utilize the button, it was an easy decision to add four more.

Angela Montgomery, Special Constable and Community Outreach Officer at the U of S said that Security Staff has been testing

all five buttons on the phones. She added that there is currently a project being completed, which will see all University of Saskatchewan maps changed to include the locations of each campus payphone.

The program is the only one of its kind in Saskatchewan.



What would you do as Prime Minister?

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On March 14, the Magna for Canada Scholarship Fund announced that, once again, it would be offering more than \$300,000 in cash prizes and internships with their company as part of their fifth annual As Prime Minister Awards program.

The Magna for Canada Scholarship Fund was created in 1995 by the company, and in a press release issued to Universities across the

country, Canada's largest supplier of automotive systems and components confirmed their contest would continue. The release "challenges full-time undergraduate or graduate students from colleges, universities, or CEGEPs across Canada" to write an essay with a maximum of 2,500 words on the question, "If you were the Prime Minister of Canada, what political vision would you offer to improve our living standards?"

50 semi-finalists will be selected by a national panel of judges, who will receive \$500 in cash. Ten regional winners, selected by the same judging panel, will receive \$10,000 cash, as well as a four-month paid internship at Magna International Inc., which is

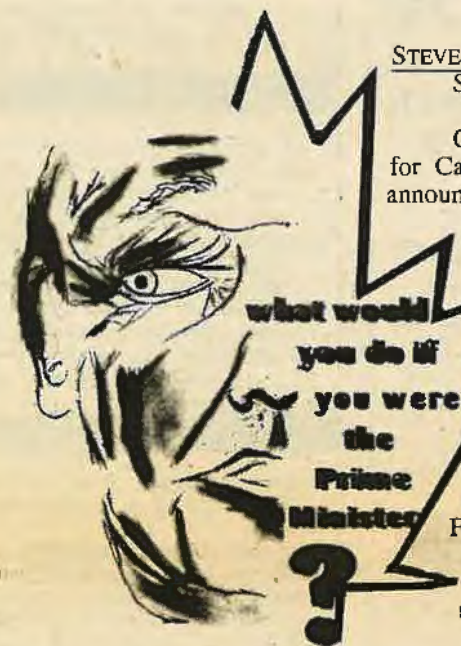
valued at \$12,000. One national winner will be selected from these ten, and will receive an additional \$10,000 in cash and a one year paid internship with Magna International Inc., valued at \$36,000.

Winning submissions will be selected "on the basis of solution driven innovative ideas that will portray the vision and courage to chart a course for Canada in the next century," and will be published and made available at all Chapters bookstores across Canada.

Students submitting an essay can do so in either official Canadian language, on typed, 8.5" x 11" paper to the Magna for Canada Scholarship Fund, As

Prime Minister Awards program, 337 Magna Drive, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 7K1. A separate piece of paper with the student's full name, permanent address, telephone number, name of university, area of study, and extra-curricular activities is required. Students can also submit essays through the program's website, located at <<http://www.asprimeminister.com>>, which also contains more information on the entire scholarship contest, or can phone 1-800-97-MAGNA if Internet access is not available.

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