

Elevators need lift

by Susan Sulton and Neal Watson

There have been calls for better emergency facilities in campus elevators following yesterday's incident in which two students were trapped in an elevator in Humanities for 45 minutes.

The students have said there should be emergency telephones in all campus elevators in the case of medical or other emergencies. The elevator in Humanities did not have an emergency telephone.

Campus Security's Chief Officer Ralph Oliver said yesterday's inci-

dent was routine and said he was not aware of any policy to ensure all elevators had emergency phones.

"Ideally they would have them," he said. "Some have them, some don't."

Arts student Elise Miller contacted *The Gateway* yesterday morning to say the elevator was stuck, preventing one of the students from keeping an important appointment for a bone scan.

Miller said she had difficulty contacting Campus Security. Ray Lem-

ke from U of A maintenance paged the foreman of Montgomery Elevator (the company which services all campus elevators), but could not locate anyone.

Ronnie Hermanutz of Montgomery said the problem was with the paging system at the University, not with her company.

At 10:30 a.m. a woman from Campus Security arrived, saying help was on the way. She stood in front of the elevator doors, which the students had propped open with books, to prevent anyone from falling down the open shaft. She

talked to the students and "controlled the situation very well," said Miller.

The servicemen from Montgomery arrived shortly after 11:00 a.m. and finally managed to release the students on the third floor.

Although the students involved

vigorously denied pressing the emergency stop button, the servicemen pinpointed that as the reason the elevator stopped. "The panel in the machine room indicated the button had been pressed," said the Montgomery spokesperson.

Natives explore options

by John Watson

A traditional Indian pow-wow and a Metis dance performance are two of the attractions at the 10th annual Native Awareness Days.

The Native Students Club is promoting native awareness under the theme of 'Explore Your Options' Mar. 22 and 23.

The events are aimed at the native community but are open to non-natives as well.

Native students will lead campus tours, starting in room 124 Athabasca Hall at 9 a.m. Friday, Mar. 22.

A free public forum which follows at 1 to 4 p.m. in SUB Theatre will include presentations from university staff, native grads and guest speakers.

The forum will be an aid to prospective students. Native grads will discuss their university experiences. Lectures on student services and the development of the School of Native Studies at the U of A are also on the agenda.

A social dance on Friday at 6 p.m., at the Native Friendship Centre, 10176 101 Ave. will feature a Metis dance performance.

The traditional pow-wow including folk costumes and drum groups starts Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Sacred Heart school gymnasium, 9624 108 Ave.

For more information, phone the Native Student Affairs office at 432-5677.

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