

New system begins April 1

Call 3333 for emergency

From April 1, members of the York community needing help in emergency situations will have only to dial one emergency number — 3333 — to reach a 24-hour Emergency Services Centre equipped to handle everything from drug crises to burst water mains.

The Centre, to be located with the central switchboard, may be dialed direct from any campus phone, or from any outside or private residence telephone if preceded by 635.

Designed as a crisis-middle-man system, the Centre will take all incoming calls and relay them to the relevant service. In cases when the caller is unfamiliar with the campus or too excited to be easily understood, the operator can participate in the conversation to assist with directions.

Initiated by a proposal from the Department of Physical Plant, the ESC will be manned by a staff of six who will receive a month-long intensive training programme with

films and lectures to familiarize them not only with the equipment, but also with the campus and its people. Included, for instance, will be talks by people from the Addiction Research Centre and related agencies on how to deal with drug crises and the type of calls they may have to handle.

Once the ESC is operative, the night security guard at the gatehouse will be freed for patrol and persons coming on campus and needing directions will be able to call the Centre directly from an all-weather phone located outside the gatehouse.

One feature of the ESC will be an identification panel with a separate light for every passenger elevator on campus that will come on as soon as the elevator telephone is picked up. This will allow the operator to isolate the location of a stalled elevator even before talking with those inside.

In the future, plans are to add a print-out device giving the location of all activated fire alarms, and

other supervision and control facilities as the need arises.

Mal Reader, York's Communications Co-ordinator, termed the ESC a service centre for members of the University community that "must be kept fully informed" of what organizations exist on campus for handling emergency situations.

"We're extending an open invitation to those organizations on campus that help the community, to give us details of their operation and their telephone numbers so we may know where to relay incoming calls."

"You belong to a club and pay your membership, but sometimes a junior member gets a lot more from the club than the older ones if he is reasonably discreet and plays according to the rules. And he gets back ten times what he put in."

Dr. R.J. Uffen
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G.I.'s at Fort Lewis in Washington, where purchases of non-union lettuce continue, have collected over 500 signatures on a petition urging the Pentagon to stop forcing G.I.'s to act as involuntary strikebreakers. In mid-January, farmworkers and their supporters protesting the purchase of Bud Antle lettuce and cut back sharply on purchases from growers who have signed with the UFWOC. Moreover, the Union suppliers are paid less than Bud Antle.

The direct purchase of Bud Antle lettuce by the Defense Department increased 350 per cent during the first quarter of fiscal year 1971. Second quarter figures reveal that

the trend has accelerated. 13.5 per cent of all lettuce purchases were from Bud Antle as compared to two per cent during the second fiscal quarter of 1970. Moreover, the total amount of all lettuce purchases is up 30 to 40 per cent from last year, while Antle's sales are up 600 per cent.

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