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volved, said Dennis Pruitt, vice president of Student Affairs. "We would prefer to be able to deal with individual situations having unique circumstances with a wide range of flexible alternatives possible," Pruitt said. "The system generally provides the opportunity for students to provide reasons why he should not be thrown out."

The alternative to this policy is a policy of zero tolerance. A policy of zero tolerance would mandate an exact punishment for certain violations without regard to any unique circumstances of a particular case.

"We did have some concerns about the suspicious clause," said Rajan Shah, Chairman of the Senate Rules Committee. "But the alternative to summary suspension is zero tolerance. Now students will have the opportunity to be judged on a case-by-case basis and with all the circumstances of the case."

Another important clause in the policy deals with double jeopardy. According to the policy, a student can be sent through USC's disciplinary process as well as be brought up on criminal charges.

Also, if criminal charges on a student who committed a crime, on or off campus, are dropped, USC

still reserves the right to punish the student if deemed necessary.

"We don't want any student or anyone in the Carolina community to think USC is a sanctuary from the law," Pruitt said. "Our first objective is to see that the Carolina community is protected and students get the help they need."

"We want students in need of assistance to feel comfortable coming forward and asking for help without any fear of retribution," he added. "This system is rehabilitative, not punitive. We want to assist students in understanding what is appropriate behavior."

Students dislike new phone service

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Several students have reported not being able to make long distance calls using their cards in the past couple weeks because USC changed telephone operator services on March 30.

Prior to the change USC used the AT&T operational services, but is now using a division of Telecom USA.

According to Mark Bradley, manager of the Office of Communications, USC made the change in order to cut the cost of facilities. In the long run, the change is expected to be financially beneficial to the university and cut down the number of busy signals that students often encounter when making long-distance calls.

Bradley said students were not notified of the

change because "the phone service said that it would be a transparent change."

Students disagree.

"I think that the phone system is frustrating. It was inconsiderate of the university not to notify us of the change," said accounting freshman Jacqueline Addison.

"I do not like the new system. It makes it difficult to call my parents," said Ramona Walker, psychology freshman.

Kyla Walker, an art education junior, said, "This is the wrong time for a change. Students are preparing to go home for the Easter break and they cannot make long distance calls."

All problems experienced by the students should be cleared up, Bradley said. If there is a problem, students should dial the telecom operator.

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to best benefit students.

"The reports could be beneficial in helping us determine the degree of alcohol consumption among students and also in getting an idea of how many underage drinkers there are," he said.

"I'm all for rehabilitating students who need help, but I'd be nervous about harsh punitive sanctions," Pruitt said.

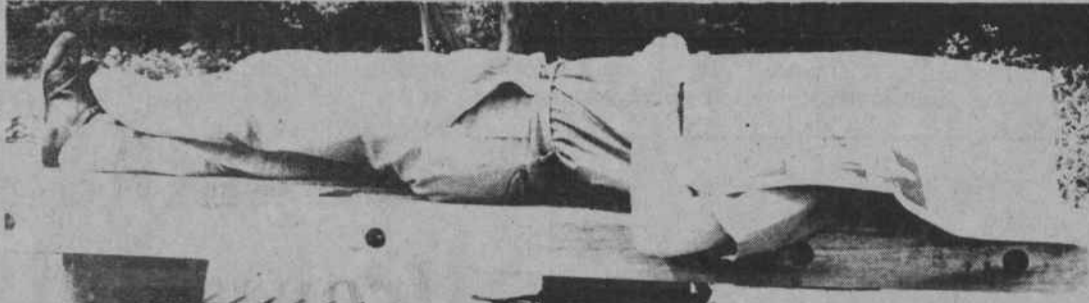
"Although students are responsible for their actions off campus,

it's not generally brought to our attention unless they have a problem that requires help or they commit a


felony, which makes them a potential danger to the university," he said.

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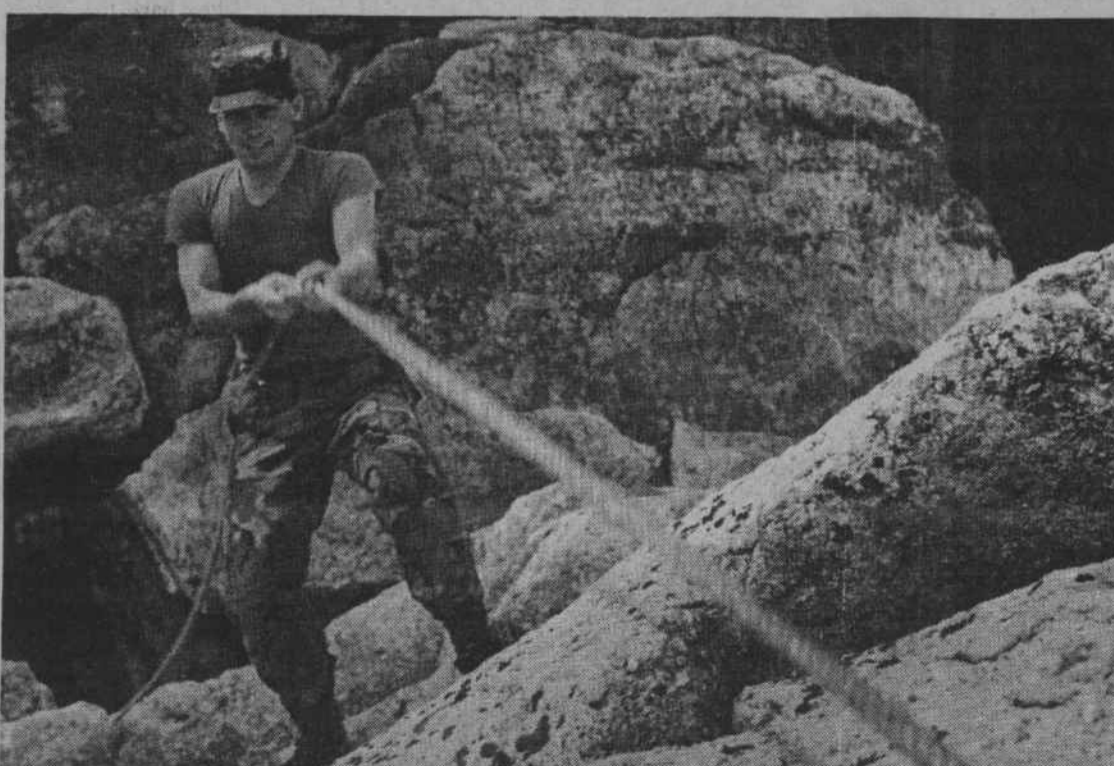
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