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Security tips for the collegiately challenged

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Calvin Gallman knows campus safety is an important issue.

As victim/witness coordinator for the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety, Gallman points out how campus police aim to help make the campus open to learning more about safety and to encourage everyone to pay attention to their surroundings.

This way, students and faculty can be exposed to proper precautions to be taken in the event of danger and make use of them.

"People should make intelligent decisions and use common sense," Gallman said.

It's essential for the police officer to be a part of the community. And officers in uniform are around campus 24 hours a day, whether on foot or bicycle.

Also, they have an adopt-a-cop program, which allows officers to spend their time in a specific part of the community and attend functions in that area.

"This makes (the officers) more approachable," Gallman said.

The most common crime on campus is theft. When this occurs, it's important the victim report the incident quickly.

"Timely reporting is essential," Gallman said.

For instance, if a student's book is stolen, the student should report the theft right away.

This way, officers can call the bookstore and notify them so the criminal won't be able to sell the book back.

Rape is one of the less common crimes on campus.

Only two rapes were reported last year to the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety.

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Rape often goes unreported because the victim feels like the incident was his or her fault. However, it's important that victims contact someone.

Gallman can assist victims in going to court if they report the incident.

"I can get details for what the victim might need," he said.

Gallman also encourages the students and faculty to look out for each other and to report any crime they witness.

"If you report something, you are an extension of the police department," he said.

According to Gallman, most crimes occur in early fall.

He attributes this trend to a variety of reasons, such as new students adjusting to university life and leaving home for the first time.

As activities increase, crime increases as well.

For example, Gallman said more problems with alcohol take place when there are big sporting events.

"Anytime you have more activity, crime will go up," he said.

In order to prevent crime, Gallman emphasizes that students should be aware of safety tips and follow them.

He said that doing this will keep students safer than if they decided to carry weapons instead.

There are a number of other things students can do to protect themselves.

Project I. D. is a campus program in which students can get their valuables engraved with a number.

If those valuables are stolen or lost and then found again, they can be traced back to the owner.

Students can enter this program by contacting their resident advisers, resident hall directors or the Office of Crime Awareness.

The USC Police Department also tries to prevent crimes with door hangers.

If students accidentally leave their room or car doors open, officers can put a warning hanger on the door.

The hangers alert students that they need to better secure their rooms or cars in the future.

However, if precautions don't work and students should happen to be in danger, they should utilize the call boxes around campus.

Once a call has been made, campus police officers should be able to help in less than two minutes.

Junior Billy Oglesby thinks there should be more call boxes in locations where people can find them.



ANN MARIE MIAN The Gamecock

Campus police officer Gary Bainer and field training officer Denise Woodward chat in front of the Russell House. As a part of the university community, campus security officers help to maintain a higher degree of security.

He suggested placing one inside a building, possibly close to an elevator.

When other students spoke about safety, though, they said they felt safe for the most part, but were still cautious.

"I feel safe, but I won't walk anywhere at night alone," senior Julie Wright said.

Oglesby parks his car in the university garage because more officers drive around there.

Senior Kawanna Darden stays aware of what is going on around her.

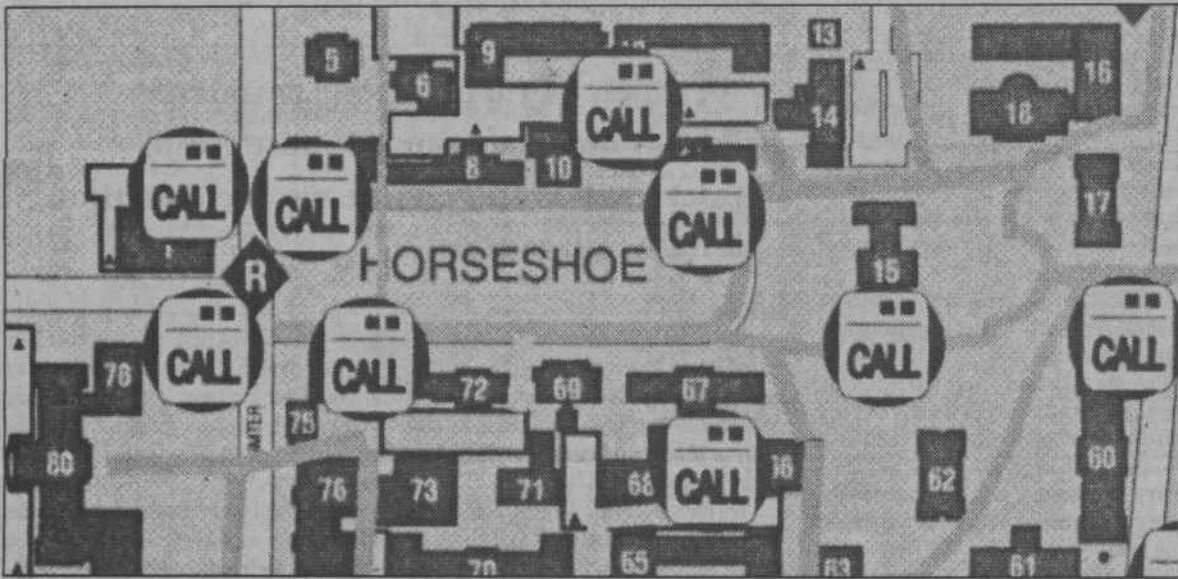
Sophomore Andrew Crowley lived at Bates House last year and felt safe walking from there to the Russell House at night because of the lights. He made sure to take well-traveled

routes, and if he walked alone late, he'd tell a friend when he expected to be back.

"I've never felt threatened," he said.

Here are some safety tips advocated by the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety:

- In an emergency situation, utilize the call boxes located around campus
- Use the APO Escort Service or the USC Police Service if you need to go somewhere late at night
- Lock your doors and windows
- Have your valuables engraved
- Don't drive under the influence of alcohol
- If you must walk somewhere at night, take alternative routes, avoid short-cuts and don't walk alone



If students should find themselves in danger, they can activate the nearest call box. Police officers should respond within minutes. Call boxes are located at different locations around campus.

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