

Cone experiences What you don't know could cost you third fire this year

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For the third time this academic year, fire fighters were called to extinguish a fire in Cone Hall.

The fire alarm sounded as some of the residents exited the building. Nicole Bryant, a junior from New York and resident of Cone Hall, said she was in her room on the second floor when she heard the alarm.

"My first reaction to the alarm was, 'Oh no, not again,'" Bryant said.

Debra Crump, public safety officer, was the first to arrive at the scene. "The flames were about five feet high coming out of a five gallon garbage can," Crump said.

"Most of the women were not in the building at the time of the fire."

Crump said she then called the fire department.

Fire fighters from three different departments appeared on the scene approximately 10 minutes after the fire alarm went off. Al-

though the ceiling and walls were black with residue, no one was hurt and there was no real structural damage, said Leon McDougle, director of Public Safety.

The fire was the third reported in Cone Hall this school year. There were two other reported fires in December, one of which was caused by a curling iron.

The cause of the most recent fire is still uncertain. "At first I was told that the fire was caused by a dryer in the basement," Bryant said. "A lit cigarette in the garbage can caused the fire," McDougle said.

Paula Johnson, of the Fire Department Administration Office, said that the cause of fire was not in the official report. "The report only says that there was a small fire in a basement garbage can," Johnson said. She also said that there was one fire truck on standby while the firemen removed the smoke. "As of right now, there is no investigation going on," Johnson said.

(NAPSA)-Bennett students who choose a phone company without doing some research risk being penny wise and phone foolish.

According to experts at AT&T, many consumers don't know there are different types of calls, what they're paying for each of these types of calls, or that the rates some companies charge may vary by time of day.

An AT&T Consumer Affairs Director says this can result in consumers paying more than they have to.

It's important for consumers to understand their calling patterns so they can make an educated decision when it comes to choosing a calling plan," said the AT&T Consumer Affairs director. "We advise consumers to check with their

telecom provider for full details on their calling plans and rates."

Most calls consumers make are made within their state and are termed "local toll calls."

Local toll calls are made to locations outside a customer's local calling area but are short of being long distance calls. On average, local toll calls make up about 70 percent of consumer in-state calls. What consumers don't realize is local toll per-minute rates can be higher than state-to-state rates. This means an in-state call can cost more than a call from New York to Los Angeles.

Read the fine print. Many calling plans that appear to charge the same per-minute rate actually have rates that vary by time of day and day of the week.

Some companies charge rates as much as two or three times higher on calls made during the day when millions of people are at home.

Here are a few tips to help save money on every call:

- Know what types of calls you're making.
- Ask your telecom company for their in-state rates, not just advertised state-to-state rates.
- Shop around for a telecommunications company. It's possible to save as much as \$135 annually by choosing a carrier with a calling plan that includes competitive local toll rates.

To find state-specific information, visit www.att.com/loctoll. Or call 1-800-222-0300.

AT&T says by learning more about your phone service, you may be able to save money.

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The make-up days will be Tuesdays and Thursdays during March and April from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The first three snow day make-ups have been scheduled. The Reading Day May 5, will be canceled. The fourth snow day make up will be announced at a later this semester **SNOW DAY #1 (Jan. 18)**

Tuesday and Thursday classes Make up from 11 a.m.

8:00 a.m.	Tuesday, March 7
9:30 a.m.	Tuesday, March 14
1:00 p.m.	Thursday, Mar. 16 (No ACES)
2:30 p.m.	T, Mar. 21
3:45 p.m.	Th, Mar. 23 (No ACES)
5:30 p.m.	T, Mar. 28

SNOW DAY #2 (T, Jan. 25)

8:00 a.m.	T, April 4
9:30 a.m.	Th, April 6 (No ACES)
1:00 p.m.	T, April 11
2:30 p.m.	T, April 18
3:45 p.m.	Th, April 20 (No ACES)
5:30 p.m.	T, April 25

SNOW DAY #3 (Wednesday, Jan. 26)

Classes that meet on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday will make the missed day on Friday, May 5 (Reading Day) at the regular meeting time.

The Banner publication for Spring 2000 schedule changed due to snow days. See Page 8.

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with the help
of kids like me.

-Ana, age 16

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