

Do You Know...??



SWITCHBOARD STARS

Marge George, left, and Sharon Biehle, switchboard operators at Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center, are walking encyclopedias. Callers expect them to know virtually everything. If they don't know, the dandy duo usually finds someone who does.

"What time is it in Hawaii?"
"What kind of wax do you use on the floor of this building?"
"Are there any seats left for the football game?"

These are samples of hundreds of questions fired at Texas A&M's Memorial Student Center switchboard operators every day.

One operator was startled late at night when a man called from afar asking if she could hum the Aggie War Hymn. She tried humming and whistling it, but eventually hunted up a student to fill the request.

A&M has no campus switchboard, but since the MSC is known as "the living room of the campus," many general calls are routed to that switchboard. The board has only eight lines and the pace is hectic since the MSC has 50 extensions in addition to phones in 65 rooms.

International visitors to the campus pose stern problems for switchboard operators.

"When the Mexican troupe of

Ballet Folklorico was here, the performers kept the telephone lines humming," Marge George explained. "Luckily, we had bellman John Conejo available. He manned the switchboard and we filled in for him at the desk."

All the switchboard operators are trained to fill each other's positions. Mrs. Nan M. Holland, guest rooms supervisor, recalls an amusing incident during the Christmas holidays when the MSC was officially closed.

"Director Wayne Stark noticed several lights on the switchboard and summoned a student to handle the calls. Paul Bleu of Lynn, Mass., called Mrs. Holland for instructions to operate the board.

"Paul told me I sounded like I was way off in a barrel," Mrs. Holland chuckled. "I told him to check all the keys and make sure the buzzer was turned on, but he still couldn't hear me. We started again, then he began to laugh. Paul discovered he had been talking through the earpiece."

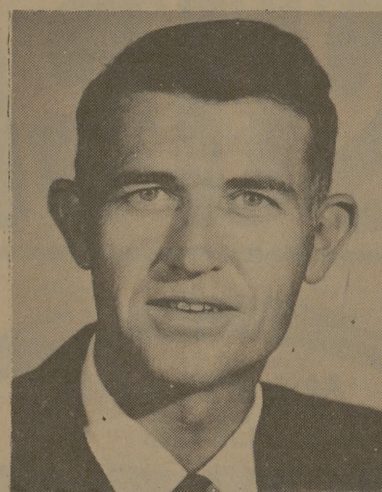
Sharon Biehle and John Ash-

worth Jr. join Mrs. George in keeping the switchboard open 24 hours a day. They handle an estimated 7,500 calls daily.

All try to keep posted on general information. They need to know scores of ball games, starting times for movies and community events, and other tidbits to satisfy callers.

Operators usually ask callers to hold the line a moment when a conversation is in progress on the extension being called.

Subbing as a desk clerk, an operator noticed the board flashing, and in a hurried voice to the guest at the desk, asked: "Would you hold the line a moment, please?"



CHARLES WALL

Wall Joins Utility Program

Charles Wall Jr., an employee of the City of Pharr for the past four years, has joined the water utility training program of Texas A&M's Engineering Extension Service.

Wall served Pharr as parks superintendent, building inspector, and assistant water and sewage superintendent. Prior to that time, he operated general merchandise, insurance and real estate businesses.

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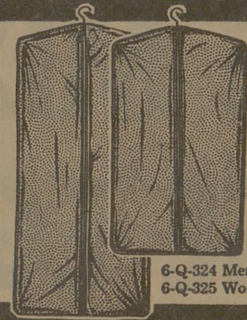
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