General Telephone updates campus phone system

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General Telephone Company the Southwest has imlemented numerous changeovrs in the telephone system, hangeovers which Bryan Divi-

constitute a significant improvement in service on the Texas A&M

campus.
"We're employing the very latest in telephone technology, Erwin said.

There are separate changeovers for the dorm phone system and the faculty-staff system, he said.

For students, the summer changeover involved the installation of push-button phones to replace the rotary-dialing system

and changed the prefix code from 845 to 260. The last four digits of dorm phone numbers remain the

For the faculty-staff phone system, the 845 prefix code remains the same. That changeover was

completed Aug. 14. After the new switching system was completed, new push-button phones were in-

stalled in campus buildings. Both phone systems operate from a new central switching office, Erwin said. To report any trouble with the phone system, students, faculty and staff can call 779-4102.

A business feature package including several optional telephone features is available as a result of the new phone system. For example, the residence hall phone system now can perform such functions as call forwarding, call waiting and speed dialing.

Bob Sather, University tele-

communications manager, explained that call forwarding allows a person to program his phone to forward a call to another phone when he is absent from his own Call waiting is similar to the

"hold" function on phones with multiple lines. Speed dialing programs the phone so one digit can complete a call rather than several digits. Students will have to apply for

the special features through the local GTE division the same way they sign up for long distance ser-Students can sign up for long-distance service and the new

Friday in the Memorial Student Center.

The cost of speed calling is \$1.70 a month; call forwarding, \$1.65 a month; and call waiting, \$1.95 a month. Sather said no deposit will be required for the services unless the applicant has a bad credit rating.

The faculty system now can perform those functions in addition to such features as conference calling, Sather said.

Although the use of the other new features is left up to individual students and University de-

be an average 36 percent increase in overall cost.

The University's existing phone system was installed in 1968 serving a total of 3,851 lines which grew to nearly 11,000 lines 10 years later. Erwin said the system was operating at maximum capacity and it would be more econo mical to employ the newer tech-

Erwin predated that the new digital switches system will last the University through the rest of the 20th century.

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Dorm judicial boards mix males, females on panels

Battalion Staff Among a variety of changes tak-ing effect this fall at Texas A&M University is a change in the structure of residence hall judicial

Judicial boards, often referred to as j-boards, are made up of dor-mitory residents who hear cases of University and residence hall rule

"The purpose of a j-board is to provide peer justice," Murray said. "J-boards give hall residents a voice in the enforcement of policies within the hall. They usually hear cases concerning cooking, pets and minor disturbances — all hall-related incidents. We want the hall representatives to have a voice in deciding how to deal with these violations.

In past years each dorm has had its own judicial board made up of hall residents. Members were selected through interviews conducted by hall staff and hall council members.

This year, we decided to strive for more consistency in the j-board system by combining halls under one board," said Central Area Coordinator Tom Murray. "We found the women's halls op-

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erated very differently from the men's halls in that they were inconsistent on decisions and pun-ishments. For example, cooking visitation violations were handled much tougher in the women's halls."

Under the new system, set for a two-semester trial basis, both men and women will serve on area judicial boards serving two or more halls.

The new boards are: Clements, Crocker, Legett, McInnis and Moore — one representative and one alternate from

Davis-Gary, Keathley, Fowler, Hughes and Moses — one representative and one alternate from each hall.

Law, Puryear, Hart, Haas and McFadden — one representative and one alternate from each hall. Schuhmacher, Walton, Hotard, Neeley and Hobby — one repre-

sentative and one alternate from Spence and Briggs — three rep-

resentatives and one alternate from each hall. Krueger, Dunn and Under-

wood - two representatives and one alternate from each hall.
Aston and Mosher — three rep-

resentatives and one alternate During a judicial board hearing,

both sides of the case are pre-sented, and the board members determine the guilt or innocence of the accused. If the verdict is guilty, the board also determines the punishment which can range from a verbal reprimand to hall

In violations where a student from one judicial board area violates a policy in another judicial board area, the case will be heard

by the board representing the hall where the violation occurred.

For example, if a resident of Moses and a resident of Krueger violate the visitation policy in Krueger, they both would go in front of the Krueger-Dum-Underwood judicial board. But the board representative from Moses would sit in as a voting member of that board when the

heard the Moses resident's case.

If an off-campus student violates residence hall policy, the case will be handled by the assistance of the state o tant director of student affairs.

"When the Residence Ha Association was evaluating the board system, one thing that came up was that most students didn't think it was a very big deal," Murray said. "We wanted to put some

Nolen Mears, assistant are coordinator for the Corps are dorms, said improved training as supervision of judicial boards. members are advantages to the

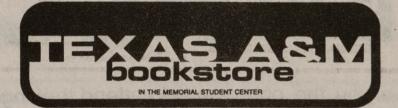
new plan. Murray said: "There were 25) boards on the campus and it was very difficult to spend time with that many halls. By redesigning the number of boards and tighter ing them up, we'll be able to give them (board members) better training.

Dorm residents who are in terested in serving on their are judicial board should contact the head resident of their dorm.

Judicial board members must have at least sophomore standing must have lived in the hall the represent for at least one seme excluding the two new me dormitories), must have at least1 2.25 grade point ratio and must not be on any disciplinary probation while serving on the board

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