

General Telephone updates campus phone system

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General Telephone Company the Southwest has implemented numerous changeovers in the telephone system, changeovers which Bryan Division

Manager Bill Erwin said will 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 same. 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 installed 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 telecommunications 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 service. Students can sign up for long-distance service and the new

phone features Monday through 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 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 economical to employ the newer technology.

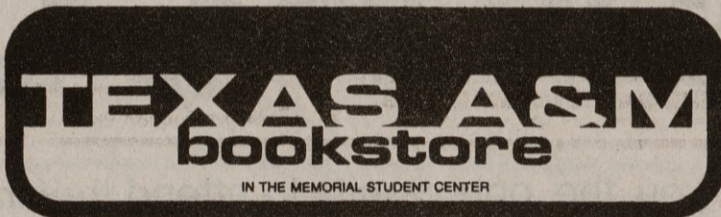
Although the use of the other new features is left up to individual students and University de-

partments, Sather said there will be an average 36 percent increase in overall cost.

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University ambulance	9-911	9-911
University police	5-2345	845-2345
University hospital	5-1511	845-1511
Maintenance service (non-business hours)	5-4311	845-4311
Student locator	5-4741	845-4741

Dorm judicial boards mix males, females on panels

By **DENISE RICHTER**
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Among a variety of changes taking effect this fall at Texas A&M University is a change in the structure of residence hall judicial boards.

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 each hall.

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

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-

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

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Law, Puryear, Hart, Haas and McFadden — one representative and one alternate from each hall.

Schumacher, Walton, Hotard, Neeley and Hobby — one representative and one alternate from each hall.

Spence and Briggs — three representatives and one alternate from each hall.

Aston and Mosher — three representatives and one alternate from each hall.

During a judicial board hearing, both sides of the case are presented, 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 probation.

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

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