MIT will install Centrex

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MIT's internal phone system will be changed over to Centrex (on August 12, as scheduled, according to New England Telephonic, Inc.)

Most Belian, MIT telecommunication services, confirmed that this program Wednesday afternoon, stating "I know of no reason for them to fail to meet the deadline."

The 846-6200 System will not be affected, but 7000 phones at MIT and 1350 phones at the Charles Stark Draper Labs will have their numbers changed to the new 1 90. Draper customers will be interconnected with the MIT extensions by dialing 60. A MIT telephone user will have to dial 180 to be interconnected with the Draperphone system.

MIT will have a new phone number: 253-1000; so will Draper Labs, 258-1000. To get a particular on-campus extension, an outside caller would dial 253-1001. An operator will intercept 864-6900 and inform callers of the new number.

Most MIT phone numbers will stay the same, except for the addition of the digit 3 for inter-extension calls. For example, The Tech's phone number next year will be 3-5541 (it is now 1541), for those calling from other MIT extensions. Calls to Draper Labs from campus will require the dialing of 182 plus 5 digits (calls to Lincoln Lab from Draper require the dialing of 182 plus 4, plus four or five digits).

It will still be possible for dormitories to reach dormitory rooms by calling the main number (253-1000) and asking the operator for the appropriate line. With the installation of the new Centrex equipment, the quality of the circuit and the percentage of such calls successfully completed will improve. Dorm residents will still be able to call a toll operator at 80-190 in order to make collect, third number, or long distance call, but next fall there will also be a direct dormphone number providing the same service (the number has not yet been determined).

Long distance calls charged to MIT account numbers will still be possible, but the number will be changed from the current 820 to the new 190. The types of phone service available on campus will be very similar to those available now: there will be "Y"-lines which can make outside calls, and other extensions which cannot. One very significant difference under Centrex is that such phones can be dialled directly from the outside; another is that each phone can, and will, be billed for the number of minutes it uses. This will result, according to Belian, in a significant redistribution of telephone costs "to the specific users, rather than to the Institute as a whole."

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In addition, there will be several classes of phone service which are not now available. There will be a class of phones which cannot be dialled directly: these will be located primarily in such areas as building lobbies. There will be emergency phones in some locations which automatically ring the operator when they are picked up.

The most outstanding new service offered will be the "unlimited lines." It is expected at this time that only a few such phones will be installed, as they will be directly analogous to a normal phone line. After dialing 9, any call can be dialed, including long distance. Any call made from such a phone will be billed to the responsible organization, making security something of a problem, but one which will have to be worked out, according to Belian, by the offices involved. It is expected that heavy long distance users at the Institute will realize substantial savings by using these kinds of lines.

As previously reported in The Tech, the charges for an off-campus extension will rise sharply, to an extent, and these will be, at this time, considering having their extensions removed. There are no known problems, at this time, with the Centrex installation; but should any development keep the installation from occurring during August, it is unlikely that the system will be installed before Christmas time. According to Belian, "A changeover of this magnitude has to be made during a slack period."

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