Dormphone equipment aging

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firmly. At least one member of the student repair-team, equipped with a beeper, is on call 24 hours a day. During the last R/O Week, it was Edward Hunter '79, a member of the student repair team who braved the dizzy heights of the Student Center to inch his way up the radio mast and take a DU banner from the antenna.

MIT also has some unusual calling patterns. The hour between 11-12pm is the busiest at MIT, while 4-5pm and 2-3pm are the busiest hours for most phone exchanges. The largest number of calls is directed to McCormick; the heaviest calling pattern originates from Bexley.

One last peculiarity of the MIT system is the prevalent phone hacking, though this activity has diminished in recent years. A small number of residents have created an interconnect key system somewhere in East Campus. It provides access to outside lines (unlimited metropolitan calling) and dormlines, and features an intercom system. The system even has music on hold.

Baron remarked that phone hackers have been a concern to the Office of Telecommunications. Last summer one of the major projects of Telecommunications was to check every Dormphone at MIT to see that each one was in proper working order. Baron explained that the Office does not act as a policing agency, providing that the line and phone are returned to their prior condition after use, and as long as the modification does not interfere with the Dormphone service of other students.