New Telephone System and Telephone Numbers for the New School Year

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DAYTON, Ohio, August 27, 1969 --- The University of Dayton will greet its faculty and students with a new telephone system and telephone numbers upon their return for the new school year school officials said today. School begins Tuesday, September 2.

The new telephone system officially goes into service on September 1. It's called centrex, and will enable the administration, faculty and students to receive calls direct, without first having to go through the University's switchboard. Each telephone will have its own number beginning with "229."

The new main telephone number will be 229-0123, but the real efficiency of the system is that once callers get the individual phone numbers of persons at the University, they can call them direct without going through the University's operator.

"Beside this administrative efficiency," said Rev. Raymond A. Roesch, S.M., University President, "each room in the residence halls has a private telephone for the exclusive use of the student residents for placing and receiving calls.

"Growth generally involves change, and the University of Dayton is a growing, vital institution, constantly seeking to improve the quality of its student body. The excellence of its professional educators, and necessarily, the facilities that make possible the accomplishment of these goals."

Father Roesch also said that the new centrex telephone system offers the efficiency, economy, capacity and flexibility the school needs for its rapid expansion.

"Enrollment has grown from 10,042 in 1966 to over 12,000 for this coming school year," Father Roesch continued. "A new women's residence hall, a new engineering building and a new 13,000-seat basketball arena will be occupied this year and a new library next year. Other building plans include a men's residence hall and a fine arts building."

Ohio Bell Special Communications Consultant, William Stanton, said the centrex system was designed by Bell Telephone Laboratories. Installation of the 2,400 telephone system began this March. The entire facility is housed on the UD campus.