Dial access adds more features

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The Dial Access Teaching System, located in the basement of Denney Hall, is being improved with a new computer system with all new software and added features.

Diane Guette, audio visual service specialist, said the system was originally designed in the 1960s by the North Electric Company.

“The system is at the point where we need to test our statistics to see if they are accurate,” she said.

“Right now we have 220 possible lines available, and students can call from 13 locations on campus,” she said.

One of the new features in the planning stage is to increase the number of locations, such as the students home, where students can gain access to the system.

Guette said she is not sure how many new access lines will be developed.

According to Al Geiger, a co-designer of the new computer software, the entire system will be replaced by a smaller unit.

Three large racks of computers will be replaced with a system that will operate from a desk top.

Presently students can dial from any of the 13 booths located on campus, or they can use the Anywhere Line.

“The Anywhere Line allows tapes to be played over any telephone but not all tapes are available over it,” Guette said.
Techie toys

Tom Wei, 26, a Continuing Education student from Columbus, hooks up a tape for the Dial Access system. The system allows students to use tapes that correspond to their course work.