



READY FOR BUSINESS — These Schoolcraft College students will soon be applying their data processing skills at regular jobs, but right now they're absorbing advice from Data Processing Instructor Oscar Paulpart (left) as they prepare for final examinations prior to graduation. The students, (from left), are Jill Way, 19325 Westmore, Livonia; Roy Width, 15020 Puritan, Detroit; and Charlotte Bumstead, 36515 Glenwood, Wayne. All will receive the Associate Degree in Technology after completing a two-year course which qualifies them as junior programmers.

Bell Operators Give Patrons New Greeting

Beginning Monday, April 15, a new greeting from the operator will be heard by West and Downriver area telephone users who dial information.

Instead of responding to the customary "information," the operator will say, "Directory Assistance."

The change, according to John Peard, Michigan Bell Telephone Company manager in Plymouth and Livonia, is being made to improve information service by reducing requests for telephone numbers readily available in the directory.

Peard said the new greeting will serve to remind callers that the number they want probably is in their recently distributed directory. On the average, about three out of every four calls to information are for numbers listed in the directory, he said.

"THE TIME SPENT by an operator looking up and repeating telephone numbers already in the directory should be devoted to helping those people

who must call information," Peard said. "People, for instance, who can't read or see well, those who need new num-

bers not yet printed in the directory, or those calling from a telephone where there might not be a directory."

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