

Computers May Be Cure For Registration Headache

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Registration's IBM cards are an annual student complaint.

Every fall students' registration packets swell with locator cards, insurance applications, subscription cards for the Oregana, ticket cards for the University Theatre, and usually a few surprise cards.

And students usually have plenty of complaints about filling out all those cards. This fall there were 20 cards and each student had to list his University address nine times, his University phone seven times, his home address 10 times, his home phone twice, his father's name and address six times, and his course lists three times.

But winter term the packet shrinks (to seven) for all but a few new students and complaints about registration die out until the next fall.

Several University officials have decided not to let the registration problem go unsolved because the student outcry against all those cards is now silent. Last year the Registrar's Office tested a new kind of registration form that would eliminate almost all the cards—and their bothersome repetition of data.

The experiment was a one-page "course-list" sheet which had a student mark in his name, student body number, class, hours, and courses—each only once. The student then shaded in boxes for the appropriate numbers or letters.

The sheet wasn't actually used for registration; students filled it out after they had registered for classes. But it was processed by computer as if it were the registration system and the results were compared with the actual student registration.

The verdict: the system works, though the form needs revising and probably more testing. So it won't go into use until at least the fall of 1967, if then.

Counseling Center Director Spencer Carlson said that even though students knew the form

was only experimental, that it didn't count, the accuracy of those final results was almost as high as the present system.

"Of course, we want it to be higher," says Carlson, but he thinks revisions he's working on now will correct the problem.

This "accuracy gap" was caused by students' failing to mark some of the boxes correctly. For example, many marked "0" when they intended to mark "1." Carlson hopes to correct this by shading all the "0" boxes.

While Carlson works to improve the technique of using this new computerized registration form, Registrar Clifford Constance and a committee of faculty members and administrators are deciding what kind of computerized registration they want to use.

One system would have the "course-list sheet" merely take the place of all those IBM cards. Students would still register for classes in the same way. They'd still stand in line, turn in an instructor's card, and get their "course-list sheet" validated by the department.

That would cut the packet down to probably the course list sheet, a fee card, and a student body card, according to Robert Bowlin, acting registrar last year. Any other cards—such as the locator cards on file in the Student Union Lobby—could be obtained from the computer.

That would silence most student complaints about too many cards to fill out.

But those administrators could also decide to use the computer registration system to wipe out the other boondoggle of the present set-up: the long registration lines.

This other alternative would have students mark a similar sheet at the beginning of registration week with the courses and sections they wanted to take and any time they wanted to reserve for work, or other activities. These sheets would all be fed into the computer, which would then schedule classes, attempting to give students

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Refuses to Pay

Dorm Dissents From Tax Levy

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Can a group that isn't even recognized by the University levy a tax on all freshman dormitory residents to support a dance that is sponsored by the entire freshman class?

Hal Kingslien, president of Decou Hall, doesn't think so, especially when almost one-third of the freshman class—freshmen living in co-operatives or off-campus—can go to the dance free.

Roger Gould, president of the freshman class, and Marge Ramey, advisor to the freshman class, both agree that the dormitory students ought to foot the bill for the rest of the class.

Gould said: "It's democracy, I guess," when the Emerald asked him about Kingslien's objections to the \$50 tax which has been levied against all freshmen living in dormitories. The money is to be used to support the Frosh Snoball, scheduled for Jan. 29.

Social Funds

Gould explained that the Freshman Dormitory Class Council had levied the tax against the social funds of each dormitory unit. He said that a representative of each unit had been invited to a meeting to discuss means of financing the dance and had decided on the \$50 charge.

However, Kingslien said his unit had voted against the proposal, and said that members of Decou Hall would refuse to pay the fee.

Gould said: "The majority of

the dorms were in favor of this idea. They're (Decou Hall residents) part of the freshman class and they have to go along with the majority."

Supposedly, a vote was taken in each unit concerning the \$50 tax, and then the unit's representative met with the Freshman Dorm Class Council to take a class vote. Gould said that some units voted against the plan, but "not very many." He also said that several units were not represented at the meeting.

Kingslien explained that "what we voted against was not the Frosh Snoball, but the way it is being run."

Individual Tickets

He said he had suggested that individual tickets be sold to dormitory residents, rather than forcing everybody to contribute—"whether they're going or not"—through the social funds.

However, Kingslien said he was told that "not enough people would pay as individuals and then there wouldn't be enough money for the dance." He told the Emerald: "Maybe the Frosh Snoball is a tradition without value then; maybe it's just a waste of time and money, if nobody is interested enough to buy tickets on an individual basis."

Gould said that all dorm units would be forced to contribute to the dance fund, and said that Mrs. Ramey or A. L. "Si" Ellingson, director of the Student Union, would "make them pay."

However, Dan Williams, director of dormitory personnel, told the Emerald that "nobody can force a dorm to pay the \$50 per person." He explained that the treasurer and counselor of each dormitory has to sign a requisition to withdraw money from a dormitory's social fund.

"Like Taxes"

Mrs. Ramey didn't say that she intended to try to force members of dissenting units to pay the \$50 charge; however, she did say refusing to pay "is a little bit like not paying your taxes." She said: "I'm sure that as responsible citizens they'll (all of the units) will pay the charge."

Ellingson said: "I don't know how a unit which voted against it (the \$50 tax) can be forced to pay it. It's entirely up to the freshman dorms and the freshman class."

Mrs. Ramey said that the Frosh Snoball, an annual affair, was originally founded by the dormitories and explained that freshmen living off-campus or in co-operatives are invited to the dance as "guests of the dorm residents."

Only about 71 per cent of the freshmen live in the dormitories.

The same issue was raised last
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Student Ratings To Be Used By Flemming

An Advisory Council recommendation that University President Arthur S. Flemming set up a faculty evaluation program to give students a voice in faculty promotion and tenure apparently will go into effect this year.

Flemming told the Emerald that a committee is now being formed to initiate the faculty evaluation program. The committee will consist of three students, three administrators and three faculty members.

ASUO President Steve Goldschmidt will appoint the student members, the Advisory Council will appoint the faculty members, and Flemming intends to appoint the three administrators himself.

Flemming said he "hopes that the committee will be constituted before the end of the week."

The Advisory Council's recommendation for the committee resulted from the group's discussion about the ill-fated Mosser plan, which the faculty rejected at the end of fall term.

Flemming told the members of the State Board of Higher Education of the faculty evaluation program at the Board's last meeting. (See Flemming's statement which is printed in full on page 7.)

Tables Finally Up



Two long-awaited heated tables have finally appeared on the Student Union Terrace.

The tables were first suggested last spring as a partial solution to the SU Lobby controversy. The problem arose when Students for a Democratic Society were not allowed to have a table in the lobby. Although many groups protested and called the decision unfair, the SU Board decided to allow only those tables which would "facilitate the operation of the building."

A plan to limit the number of tables and to give priority to all-campus groups supported by student funds was then proposed by

the ASUO Senate. But the Board continued its policy. President Flemming supported the Board's decision, but also promised heated tables on the Terrace.

According to SU Director A. L. "Si" Ellingson who first ordered the tables in June, "The bureaucracy of this institution is incredible." But after six months the two tables are now available to all campus groups on a first-come, first-served basis. Use of the tables must be scheduled ahead of time, like other rooms in the SU.

If these portable tables are not adequate, overhead infra-red heating will probably be in-

stalled, according to Ellingson. Some sort of wall backdrop, other than the peg boards now present, will also be provided.

Although the cost of the tables and heaters will not be known for a few weeks, they will probably be paid for from incidental fee reserves, according to Ellingson.

After manning a table, YR President Don Powell commented, "It's an improvement, but it's not really warm enough. The heat just trickles out. I'm not sure they're worth the expense. Besides, I think we should still be inside."

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Emerald Staff To Meet

There will be a mandatory meeting for all members of the Emerald staff Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Emerald office.

Any students interested in working for the paper this term should also attend the meeting, which will be held in 301 Allen Hall. New positions open include copy editing, reporting, and proof reading.

Call Bob Carl, ext. 1817, for further information. Old staff members who cannot attend the meeting should tell Carl by 5 p.m. Wednesday.