

# Students program registration alternative

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Three computer science students are challenging the University's sometimes pessimistic view of computerized pre-registration and will try to develop a workable program for scheduling students.

Raun Boardman, Reed Lacy

and Ravi Vedanayagam voluntarily chose the project to fulfill requirements for CS 423, practicum in soft-ware technology, computer science instructor Sandee Mitchell says.

"As long as they live within the class account, they can just about come up with whatever project they want," Mitchell adds.

Boardman, a sophomore from

Medford, says the trio chose the project after reading of the University's current reluctance to adopt such a system.

"We needed a project and figured that would be a complex one," he says. "We could do it. It'd be difficult, but it can be done."

Because the three have fewer than 10 weeks to complete the project, they will use only certain kinds of information in their program, Boardman says.

"But our total data base would include more info than the time schedule," he adds.

The trio will compile the class preference lists of fictitiously registering students, then take precautions to insure that the students have sought instructor's consent when it is needed.

To avoid over-scheduling, the data base will include class limits. Boardman says they will include student transcripts in the program, in order to determine whether students have met class prerequisites.

"If it works, we can do more things in the future," Boardman says. "We can update, expand our data base — take in drop-adds and so on — in order to keep the class lists current."

But there is one catch in the project.

The program they develop will serve but a small percentage of students, and only imaginary ones at that.

"We will most likely fabricate 150 students, with all of their transcripts and so on," says Lacy, a junior majoring in computer science.

University regulations prevent the three from using actual student records, but Boardman says someone must develop a program before the University can imple-



Photo by Allan Silver Blatt

Reed Lacy and Raun Boardman punch in commands for their model pre-registration system. When perfected, they hope the University will be able to adopt it in place of the traditional Mac Court smorgasboard.

ment a working pre-registration system.

"We're doing our best to write it up so the University could use it," he says.

Boardman and Lacy say the story of their project has two endings.

"Either University officials will be too offended that we did it and

will ignore us, or they'll decide it's reasonable."

Associate Provost Gerard Moseley says the idea of students developing a pre-registration system is not entirely far-fetched.

"We solicit any help we can from the University community," Moseley says. "If we end up with a pre-registration system, we won't have to start from scratch."

## Cable franchise debated at Council

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The Eugene City Council heard testimony for and against a proposed ordinance granting Teleprompter television a 15-year operating franchise.

The Council will vote on the ordinance Oct. 23. The ordinance has already been passed by the Springfield City Council and the Lane County Commissioners.

Groups opposing the ordinance centered on three main issues: the 15-year time granted the company; the absence of other cable companies in the franchise bidding; and the absence of easy public access to Teleprompter facilities to provide community service programming.

Don Chalmers, director of the Coalition for Community Television, testified for the group.

Chalmers said it would be a mistake on behalf of the public interest to allow itself "to be tied into a franchise with a single company such as Teleprompter for more than 10 years.

"Fifteen years could be couched into an increase of 25 years further down the road," said Chalmers.

Teleprompter's attorney Dennis Pursell, said the 15-year franchise is necessary to offset the investments Teleprompter will have to make in its technical facilities. Pursell said any reduction in that time period could only cause higher subscription rates.

Chalmers testified that 20 companies around the nation could provide as good if not better cable service as Teleprompter.

However, Les Swanson of the Metropolitan Cable Television Translator Commission, said his regulatory agency decided it would better serve the area to go with Teleprompter and fuse terminating and penalizing check points every three years.

Chalmers showed the council a petition that has been circulating around Springfield that would force a special election on the issue. So far, the petition has been signed by about 500 persons, half of the 1,003 needed by next week.

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