

Registration troubles many students; new system due

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At the end of every vacation, returning University students prepare themselves for that troublesome task commonly known as registration.

Students often enter the appropriately titled "Pit" only to find crowds, perennial lines and closed courses, which can prove frustrating particularly for those students planning to graduate in the near future.

"If some students hadn't dropped particular classes I needed, my graduation would have been jeopardized," journalism major Megan Alexander said.

"As I was getting up to where you register, all the classes I needed closed," Alexander said. "So as I waited in line I had to make an alternative schedule. I had to sign up for classes that I normally wouldn't have wanted to take," she added.

Paul Hoobyar, a first year graduate student, also had scheduling difficulties during registration. All of Hoobyar's first and second priority classes were closed, he said.

"I had three classes that I wanted to get into," said Hoobyar, who is getting a master's degree in creative writing. One of the classes is taught only once a year, he added.

"When I showed up at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, all of the classes I needed to take were full," he said.

One of Hoobyar's main complaints was that undergraduate English majors can pre-register for 400-level courses while graduate students cannot.

"I am precluded from pre-registration for those 400-level classes as a graduate student," Hoobyar said.

The English department does in fact allow seniors to pre-register for 400-level courses, but they must be within three terms of graduation, said

Marilyn Reid, the department's administrative assistant.

In addition, the department will only allow two-thirds of the class enrollment to be undergraduates, Reid said.

According to the department's statistics, about two-thirds of the enrollment in 400-level courses are undergraduates and one-third graduate students.

Besides not getting into any of the classes he needed, Hoobyar complained about having to wait in the add-drop line at the English department the Wednesday following registration hoping that students would drop the courses he needed.

"I got there at 7 a.m. and there were nine people in front of me. Why do you have to wait in line in Mac court and why do you have to wait in line on a subsequent day for the waiting list?" Hoobyar asked.

A great deal of these problems could be avoided if the University had a computerized pre-registration system, according

to University Registrar Herb Chereck.

Computerized pre-registration, which Chereck says the University will have within the next three years, allows departments to have student demand information before a term begins, which shows trends in students' demands for classes.

"You can get enrollment demand. You can get it broke down by class level so you can have that information in advance," Chereck said.

This information can aid educators in making decisions such as whether to add additional sections of particular courses, move a course from a smaller to larger room or cancel a course with a low enrollment, Chereck said.

"The best way (to register) today, as far as I am concerned, is the new touch-tone telephone system," he said. The system allows students to register at any time from any where in the

country provided they use a touch-tone telephone.

Automated tuition assessment is also another advantage of computerized registration, he said.

Hundreds of registration statements, which provide the students, cashiers and tuition assessors with financial aid information, are left on the floor of MacArthur court, Chereck said.

He said he suspects "thousands of dollars" are paid just in the printing and reprinting of those statements.

Lane Community College, as well as 40 universities across the nation, currently are using the touch-tone registration system, said LCC Registrar Bob Marshall.

The system went into effect last summer and has cost about \$80,000, Marshall said.

"We recover that with a \$1 student fee basically for their convenience of not having to drive to campus," he said.

Musician examines stereotypes

Men Against Rape is sponsoring a concert to be given by Geoff Morgan, a musician who addresses gender stereotypes. Morgan will perform his brand of "men's music" in the EMU Forum Room tonight at 8:30.

In 1976, Morgan was a successful songwriter and musi-

cian in Nashville, Tenn., composing for performers such as Barbara Mandrell and Ronnie Milsap. However, as feminism and the women's movement began to influence his work, he began to write songs that challenged the tough image he

felt society had created for men.

"One of the messages he tries to get across to the audience is that it's important for men to think about their place in society," said David Tebben-Snell, of Men Against Rape. "They should be open to newer, less oppressive roles."

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stealing the animals). This is the first time the choice of evils defense has been used to justify such a crime.

The prosecutor, Lane County Assistant District Attorney Frank Papagni asked, "What evil are they talking about that justifies this sort of action?" Papagni pointed out that ALF "went a step further" in vandalizing laboratory equipment.

After the opening statements, Lane County Circuit Judge Edwin E. Allen made a compromise ruling on whether the choice of evils defense could be used. Allen ordered Houze to present his evidence before him prior to jury selection, either in writing or by summoning witnesses.

Allen explained this would allow him to see how many objections would be raised, saving a future jury from sitting through a protracted courtroom struggle.

"I choose the middle ground," Allen said, adding that he was avoiding a situation where the jury could be distracted "from what the trial is all about."

Houze chose to present his witnesses, including the arresting officer and psychology professor Richard Marrocco, a researcher at the University.

Houze asked Marrocco about his "form perception" vision research with monkeys and whether the monkeys possessed similar vision to humans, ostensibly to prove the legitimacy of the research. Marrocco also was asked to confirm that various degrees of surgery had been performed on the monkeys.

Pre-trial activity continues tomorrow when Marrocco will finish his testimony and Houze will present further witnesses, after which Allen will rule on whether the choice of evils defense meets his requirements.

Olson

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Olson, who has served as executive director for 13 years and has worked under four governors — Tom McCall, Bob Straub, Vic Atiyeh and Goldschmidt — said now that he has passed "the magic age of 50" it was time to rethink his career plans.

Olson supervises a 10-member staff and manages a two-year budget of \$750,000. As executive director of the now defunct ECC — abolished in 1975 and replaced by the OEPP — Olson mostly worked behind the scenes, providing information and analysis on a wide range of educational issues for the executive office.

He said his most notable achievement as executive director was his office's ability to "sustain the agency's reputation and standing as the place that people turned to for accurate and objective information and analysis."

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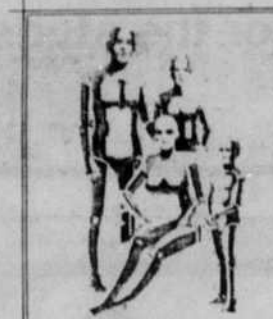
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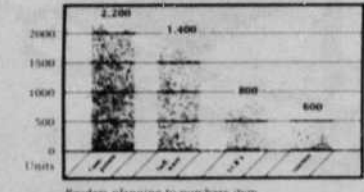
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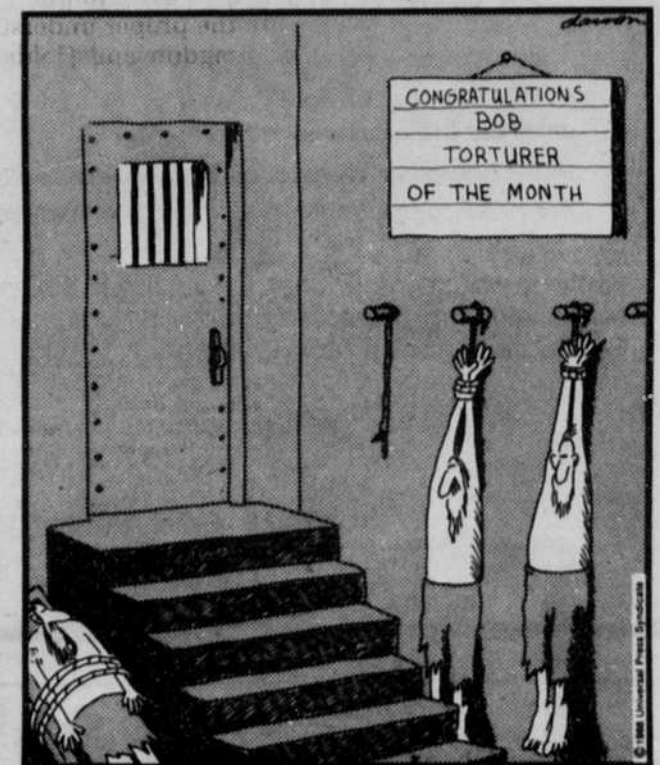
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