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Registration's long lines and stacks of IBM cards are on their way out.

By fall term 1968 most students should have to fill out only one form to register at the University.

University officials announced Monday that most of the cards will be gone by next fall and the long lines will be eliminated by fall term of 1968, when done entire-

tration packet as the first step in the registration changeover. It will "temporarily double" the work of registration, according to Registrar Clifford Constance.

The sheet will include various types of information, such as birth date, parents' name, etc., which the University needs to collect only once, plus other data which changes infrequently, such as residence.

Once this information is collected, students will have to provide it again only when they such as present sys-

Thus, the only cards which be in the packet for next term will be those directly nected with registration for es.

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University students were first promised a computer registration system more than 20 years ago.

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Ready in Five Minutes

OSU's registration program was innovative in 1969, but one year later another method of computer-assisted registration took the forefront in registration technology. This system, installed and implemented by UCLA in 1970, is called

an on-line registration system.

This system allowed students to interact directly with registration officials behind computer terminals. As the students listed the classes they wanted, the officials enrolled them directly into the classes. If the desired class section was full, the official could list other available sections. The process took

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SCT provides systems for about 350 schools, said Rick Legoza, SCT western region director, while IA handles the registration and financial systems of 500 schools, according to Coyle.

IA also uses systems from Perception Technology (PT), which has provided hardware systems to three Pac-10 schools and LCC.

PT has been the leader in the registration database field, with 150 schools using PT systems. "We have been the predominant player," said Wendy Ziner, marketing communications manager at PT.

"In fact, we feel we have such a leadership position, we have begun establishing a user group for customers in the higher education market," Ziner said.

The computer hardware systems established by PT are "really application-dependent for the school," and are not "like an off-the-shelf package," she said.

The University of Washington selected PT for their system because "number one, they gave us the best deal, and number two, they're the leader in the country for telephone registration," University of Washington Registrar Melanie Bell said.

In addition, PT met Washington's requirements, including accommodation of 48 phone lines with expansion capability to at least 64, and having previously installed a system in a university with at least 4,000 students, Bell said.

Lane Community College's PT-installed system was selected after evaluation of five proposal respondents. The system met several requirements, including price, performance, experience with installations, and amount of volume voice recording, Jim Keizur, LCC director of computer services said. Furthermore, "PT was better," he said.

Asked about the University's

current lack of computerized registration, Sharon Moore, acting director of admissions and

registration at the computerized LCC, said. "I think they'd better hurry up."