



Phone registration

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The wait is over for all those students dying to try out the new telephone registration system.

Right now you can pick up a touch-tone telephone, dial 432-5500, and you'll be on-line! A VOICE will ask you to enter your I.D. and so on.

But even if you follow all the instructions of the VOICE carefully, you will probably end up nowhere if you don't have the right registration material.

Faculties will start distributing the registration booklet on March 17. The first group of five hundred privileged students can start registering for 86-87 session on March 24th, the rest get their chance from April 1st.

The system was tested extensively in February and 'everything went very well', said Hugh King, Associate Registrar. "We had very few problems considering how new the system is."

But students are urged to try out the system during the winter session, so that 'any problems which may arise, may be remedied early enough.'

Hugh King held a demonstration of the system. It took about five minutes to register in five arts courses. But the courses were selected beforehand.

"Selecting suitable courses and

planning the timetable is the student's responsibility," said Silzer, "from now on they can't put the blame on the departments, the registration clerks or even the computer."

The system hardware cost was about \$200,000. But according to Silzer, 'no price tag can be put on the benefits of the system.'

The students will certainly appreciate the fact that there would be no more running around campus, no more frustration over not getting the course, no more standing in a long queue.

"Academic staff won't have to spend any more time doing clerical work during registration," Silzer said, "and most of all, the Administration office and the Registrar's office will have a much improved image with the students."

"We are really proud of the way the planning and implementation went," said King, "we are now on the forefront of technology."

The Registrar urged the students to try out this new and efficient telephone registration system as soon as they can, and he is confident that the students will welcome the end of their registration anxieties and frustrations.

Students without the proper telephone can use a public telephone, which are all touch-tone.

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