

Review planned for registration procedures - - at last

Senate has finally taken steps to alleviate one of the most harrowing experiences on campus for both students and faculty - registration.

Spending a very confusing day attempting to register for university for the first time is a very poor introduction to higher learning, but it is the introduction experienced by most students here.

A task force will be established to make recommendations for registration next year. Hopefully a well-researched study will result in fewer problems next September.

To truly alleviate the problem Senate must be prepared to drastically change the method used to register first year students. Senior students have usually learned the ins and outs of the system while registering at the rink and have had the option of pre-registration. It is the influx of

confused freshman students each year that causes the major problems at registration.

Most of registration proceeded fairly well this year with the largest problem arising at the comptroller's desk. Surely more employees could be hired to alleviate the bottleneck there which resulted in hundreds of students waiting in lines for several hours to pay their fees.

Students are prevented from leaving the line and returning the next day because late payment of fees results in a five dollar fine per day. Obviously most students aren't as wealthy and extravagant as some people seem to think if they would rather stand in a line for several hours to avoid paying a small fine.

Hopefully some consideration will be given to using the new Aitken University Centre as an auxiliary to—or a replacement for—the rink during registration.

Much more emphasis should be placed on pre-registration for all students above their first year. One problem is that the registration kits often do not arrive on time for all students to use them, meaning longer lines at registration.

This is one method of registration which has never been used to its full potential by students—even though it is to their own advantage to do so.

Both the timing and emphasis of pre-registration should be changed in the interests of both students and administrators.

One major problem with registration is the short period allotted for it each day. Certainly there is no need for a two-hour break during the middle of the day. Few students are able to complete all their registration forms in the morning so most have to return for the second session. Staggering the hours of

some of the workers at registration would allow the process to continue all day and would help to prevent some of the bottle-necks.

Most students are given an impression of this university during registration which is not really warranted. The university, obviously, is not as inefficient all year round as it is during registration. If it was this institution would very likely be bankrupt.

However, the administration has failed to update its registration methods in recent years which, coupled with increased enrollment, has added to the muddle of registration.

The Brunswickan applauds the decision of senate to review and revamp registration procedure. We only hope they remember to get input from the ones most deeply affected - the students.



I'm sorry, we can't register you into the university until you get the authorized signature of your fifth cousin, twice removed; and pay your fines for late registration which comes to about 65 dollars

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