

REGISTRATION

by Jim Bollinger

End of another term - and time again for that frustrating fiasco they call registration. When you read this, you will have already gone thru it and will be relieved that it's over again at least until May. But think back once:

Let's assume that you're a ninth term 'K'. You get the master schedule as soon as they come out, and immediately pick out a schedule that is at least satisfactory (never mind that they're not offering some of the courses you really DO need this term.)

You've picked out three courses that are required, and your new schedule will have you finished with classes by 1:30 - plenty of time to allow between school and the hours of that new job you have to get (you know - the desk job paying \$5.25 an hour in an air-conditioned office. All you have to do is have the hours available, like 2:30 - 6:30.

You truck on up to make an appointment with your advisor, and discover that you can't get in to see him (or her) until 3:30 on the day of your registration, but you scribble your name down quickly - better late than never. Then time passes.

The day before you're supposed to register, two of the classes you wanted are closed, and you fear for the third. Finally the time comes to see your advisor. Luckily, that third class is still open; you get your papers signed and head to finalized registration. Now stand in line for a half-hour.

While standing there, a secretary comes out and posts some more closings - and there goes your third class. After going back to your advisor and then some waiting, the net result is a schedule that reads: periods 1, 3 and 6, and you kiss that goldmine job good-bye.

Then take a good look at the courses - Advance Calculus (hell, you can hardly add without help), Basketweaving I and Accounting for Public - Office Holders. Naturally, all are electives (and you've got to take a half-dozen required courses yet) you never really wanted any of them, and all are worthless. Tough luck.

That's the way it is - tough luck, and you're stuck. That's what they call registration; that's how you pick classes in this great American educational institution, and, as usual, YOU finish last (thru no fault of your own, unless you change your name).

Well, one may ask, what do YOU propose to do about it? Glad you asked. I may not have all the answers, but at least I've got some ideas, which, in all likelihood, will remain JUST ideas (remember the parking rates?).

Firstly, registration should be open; none of this alphabetical - appointment crap. Begin registration about the fifth week of the term (and get the master - schedules out a week early - with the days and times right, please), and work it on a first - come, first - serve basis. There need be no rush on behalf of the students; that is, they don't necessarily have to register right then, but they would have to realize that the longer they wait, the less chance they have to get the schedule they want.

Secondly, see to it that there are enough sections of required courses to REALLY meet the needs of the students (which is what somebody once said schools are here for.) If the Business Division chairman knows that several hundred Business students must take Financial Management, then offer more than just one section at a time.

Lastly, many problems which may arise can be met with a little common sense - like not closing Registration down at lunch-time; work shifts then, if need be. If a student's financial obligations are not met, then put that student's registration on hold until he / she takes care of them; with a specified waiting period before he/she gets zapped with " no monie, no classee." All these suggestions are inspired by the method of registration used at my former institution.

So, I hope that I've made myself perfectly clear (to borrow a cliché), and that you can see what an unfair, and messy, procedure current registration really is, and that it's time for something new. I would be among the first to admit that no system is bitch - free, so to speak, and from comments made by many students, our current procedure is one of the worst, so , administration should take steps to at least minimize the bitch - potential of the system in use by coming up with a better one.

My system is just a suggestion, and to those who think it would just be confusion, may I point out that it would be organized confusion, and it certainly couldn't make matters much worse than they are now.

There are all sorts of variations possible, and I appeal to Registration to start exploring them and find a method acceptable to them which would give us, the students, more of a control over our own destinies - the classes we have to go to.



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Letters

RICHARD M. NIXON
HALL OF FAME
COMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Editor;

We have the distinguished honor of being on a committee for raising five million dollars for placing a statue of Richard M. Nixon in the Hall of fame in Washington D.C.

This committee was in a quandry where to place the statue. It was thought not wise to place it beside the statue of George Washington, who never told a lie, nor beside Franklin Roosevelt who never told the truth, since Richard M. Nixon could never tell the difference.

We decided to place it beside the state of Christopher Columbus, the greatest new dealer of them all. He left not knowing where he was going, and upon arriving did not know where he was. He returned not knowing where he had been and did it all on borrowed money.

Over 5,000 years ago, Moses said to the children of Israel. "Pick up your shovels, mount your asses and camels and I will lead you to the promised land."

Now Nixon is stealing your shovels, kicking your asses, raising the price of camels and mortgaging the promised land. If you are one of the fortunate ones who has money left after paying taxes, we will expect a generous donation as a contribution to this worth while project.

Sincerely Your,

I. Ben Hadd

P.S. It is said that president Nixon is considering the changing of the Republican Party emblem from an elephant to a Condom, because it stands for inflation, protects a bunch of pricks, halts production, and gives a false sense of security while one is being screwed.

Things to Do

by John B. Langdon

With increasing frequency, bursts of warm weather are signalling the approach of Spring and the growing desire to "get out." Shedding the cloak of winter's sluggish lethargy can be a satisfying and pleasant experience at Capitol.

For instance, plane-watching at the airport, which is only two miles away from campus is an enjoyable experience reminiscent of childhood. The heaviest air traffic is during the afternoon and early evening (until six p.m.) and you might even get a beautiful sunset to go with the watching. The location from which one may watch the take-offs and landings without fear of trespass, is less than a mile from MacDonald's. Make a left turn, following the airport signs, at the light by the hamburger joint. Immediately after passing through what appears to be an old check-point, turn right onto a macadem drive that dead-ends within 250 yards of the runway.

Some other activities to do with or without company: Take a bike ride. Walk around and visit people - get to know your neighbors for the first time in two terms.

Frisbee and whiffle ball games. Also tennis and basketball (courts for both are located over at the Student Center.)

Walks in the woods. Think snow. If all else fails, the ALL-POINTS entrance to the Turnpike is. . .

Club News

PHOTO CLUB

The Photo Club plans to undergo some drastic changes next term. It seems that too many people do not know what they are doing in the darkroom and are destroying what little equipment we have.

John Fisher will be President and Bill Camp will act as Vice-President. Both of them are quite discontented with student conduct regarding the use of the darkroom.

Fisher plans to conduct workshops and be a supervisor over all the work done in the lab. Too many times in the past, chemicals were wasted due to either stupidity or complete incompetence on part of the individuals working in the lab.

The former president, Charlie Holeczy, gave the students more credit for intelligence than she should have. She tried to instruct the group using the Nikon School of Photography as a base, only to find that students could not even process their own film.

Fisher will have an organizational meeting in the beginning of the spring term. All interested students can attend, and all that is required to join is a little interest and a desire to do a little work. Any questions - contact Charlie or John at 944-3078.

D.T.K.

ELECTIONS

Vic Pawluk

Delta Tau Kappa, the international social science honor society, held a recent meeting on Feb. 19, 1974 in the TV lounge. After the short business meeting, guest speakers Dr. John Nichols and Dr. Len Brewster presented an interesting debate on the topic of "Free Will and Determinism." The debate ended in a standoff which showed once again that the determinism of free will (and vice cersa) filled the TV Lounge to capacity.

D.T.K. voted to donate \$100.00 to the R.T. Brown Scholarship Fund, and the possibility of establishing a D.T.K. Scholarship was also discussed.

The next D.T.K. meeting will be held on March 5, 1974 at 6:30 p.m. in the TV Lounge. This meeting is very important since new D.T.K. officers will be elected at THIS meeting. So D.T.K. juniors and all members take note, and be sure to attend this vital meeting.

FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

MARCH 14, THURSDAY.	5th period	8 - 11 a.m.
	1st. period	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	3rd period	2 - 5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday evening classes at regular class hours.		
MARCH 15, FRIDAY	6th period	8 - 11 a.m.
	4th period	11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
	2nd peiod	2 - 5 p.m.
Monday & Wednesday evening classes at regular class hours.		
MARCH 16, SATURDAY	7th period	8 - 11 a.m.

Great Decisions 1974 20th Anniversary

Great decisions is an annual study-discussion program of eight key foreign policy issues, and this is there 20th anniversary year and this is their 20th anniversary year of the program. It is designed to encourage Americans of different ages, interests and political persuasions to become involved in the democratic process; to help influence this country's foreign policy.

The schedule is such if you are interested in learning about critical foreign policy issues facing this country and in conveying your views to the nation's decisions makers.

The following is a topics and

suggested discussion schedule:

- The Energy Crisis - What Impact? What Solutions? - MARCH 10
- Israel and the Middle East Conflict: will peace ever Prevail? - MARCH 17
- The People's Republic of China - Toward a New Society? - MARCH 24
- People! People! How many can the Earth Support? - MARCH 31.

This is being sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association of Harrisburg, and Capitol Campus. Is you have any questions, you can write to P.O. Box 1221 in Harrisburg or contact Professor James McAree at 533-3796.

