

Registration faster, says Guy

By Neil Myers

Despite complaints by some students about closed courses and waiting in line, registration for fall courses under the new computerized Administrative Information System (A.I.S.) has gone smoothly.

So said Dorothy J. Guy, Records and Institutional Research Officer at Capitol Campus.

"To my knowledge, there have been no delays," Guy said. She described registration as "uneventful".

Guy said the new system has speeded the registration process as well as drop/add procedures.

The system allowed the Records Office here to pre-register incoming juniors for the first time, Guy said.

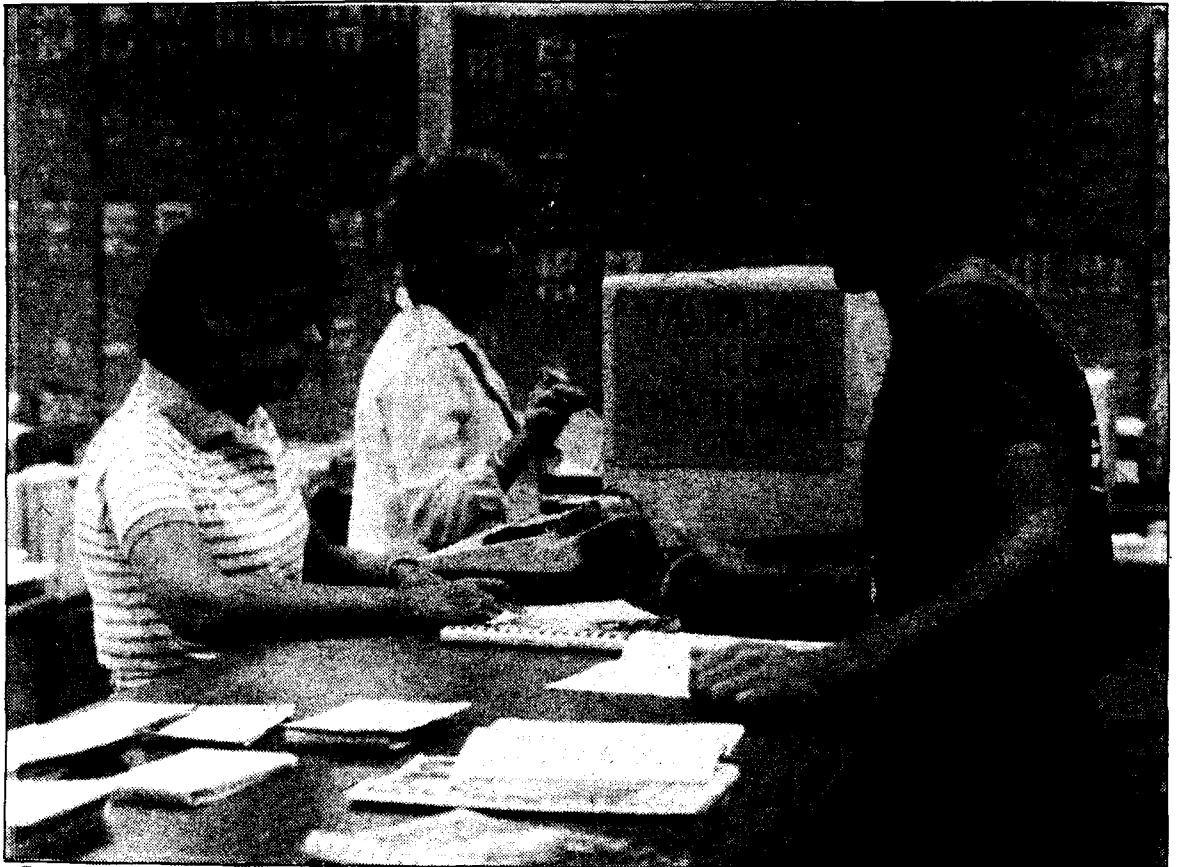
A.I.S. allows instant notification of course closings, time conflicts between courses, and revisions to class rosters.

"Down time", or shutdowns in the system, have been minimal, Guy said.

The Records Office maintained a duplicate manual system in case A.I.S. failed, but it was not used, according to Guy. She said the longest unscheduled shutdown lasted about 50 minutes.

"It went well. If I were to tell my staff we were going back to cards I'd have to run out of the office," Guy added.

Nevertheless, refinements are in the works for spring registration. Some will involve A.I.S. itself, but others will include the Records Office as a whole, Guy said. She declined to give details of the changes.



Records Office employees Judy Coble (left) and MaryAlice Finn process drop/add forms with the new A.I.S.

Campus improvements slated

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New Buildings

Meanwhile, the new bookstore is awaiting materials for its front entrance before an interior decorator hired by University Park can begin work, according to Joseph Kemp, Manager of Maintenance and Utilities Operations. Kemp said the installation of cabinets and shelves should take two to three weeks, with the actual move requiring 48 to 72 hours.

Michael Breslin, Director of Campus Relations, said the tentative opening date for the store is September 28.

The other new building, the Science and Technology Center, is already in use.

Elevator

The new Olmsted Building elevator, which is being installed to meet Department of Labor and Industry standards, will replace a freight elevator that has served handicapped students under a temporary permit since 1972.

"I had hoped we'd be moving by now (on the installation)," Kemp said, noting that the contract stipulates a November 30 completion date.

He estimated that the installation would take "less than a month".

"We're going to have to play it by ear," Kemp said. "There is a possibility the elevator can be in operation with an (employee) operator."

Kemp said all of the parts for the new unit have not yet arrived.

Student Affairs director James D. South said "every attempt" will be made to keep elevator access in the building until the project is completed. "We don't know how long it's going to be out of service or even when it's going to be out of service," he said.

Other Projects

Further along is the painting of the cinderblock laboratory buildings at the eastern end of the campus. Only the backs of these buildings remain their former fluorescent colors, and Kemp said the painting will be completed this fall.

Also, 22 picnic tables were constructed by the maintenance staff this summer at the request of Dr. Leventhal. Dr. South in Student Affairs said the project had been discussed for some time.

Remodeling is also under way in the Multi-Purpose Building to improve the new Student Center. Student Affairs Director South said preliminary interior decorating work will begin next week with the study area, game room, and lighting improvements to follow throughout the semester. He said the project was originally budgeted at \$50,000.

Still another project being planned is the construction of a walkway along the Fruehauf side of Q. Street between the Olmsted Building and Meade Heights.

Also in the works is the construction of a new walkway from the new bookstore to the upper tier parking lot and the elimination of the existing wooden

steps in front of the Olmsted Building. Kemp said he hopes to complete the project "before winter sets in."

And finally, with an indefinite schedule, is a plan to pave over the existing railroad crossings on campus with an eventual effort to negotiate with Fruehauf truck center for the complete removal of the University-owned tracks, Kemp said.

S.G.A. allots budgets

By Neil Myers

Over \$17 thousand was scheduled to be allotted this week to campus clubs and organizations by the Student Government Association (S.G.A.) as the budgeting process that began last spring draws to a close.

Sharon Corcoran, S.G.A. Treasurer, said that most clubs seemed satisfied with their preliminary allotments decided at budget hearings held in August by the S.G.A. Finance Committee.

"Some people left sad; most seemed pleased," Corcoran said, although no

organization received its full requested subsidy.

About half of the campus' 35 student organizations elected to defend their proposals at a hearing, Corcoran added.

The largest request came from the Student Union Board of Governors (S.U.B.O.G.), which asked for \$11,000. The Chess Club filed the lowest request at \$236, according to Corcoran.

The Finance Committee encourages all clubs to fund as much of their costs as possible themselves.

She said many clubs are planning to hold car washes, donut sales and other fund raising events this year.

Additional funds from supplemental funds, parking violations, and interest on accounts may raise total S.G.A. reserves as high as \$28,000 for both semesters, Corcoran said. That would be roughly equal to last year's fund, she noted.

The Finance Committee, which makes recommendations to the full S.G.A., includes Dave Fitzgerald, John Grodis, Ed Bardella, Cindy Kurtz, Jim Kress and Corcoran.