

editorial

Registration woe

Registration for the fall semester is over, but the headaches remain.

The ordeal was nothing short of a nightmare. "Sorry, that class is closed." "Sorry, you'll have to go back to end of the line." "Sorry, this class doesn't exist." These are not lies or exaggerations.

There is something wrong with a system that flows like cold molasses. Classes which were printed in the schedule were cancelled without notification, causing many to return to their advisor's office, only to find they had left for the day.

Administrators and faculty need to sit down for an honest to goodness meeting on the subject of helping students through school. They should put forth as much effort in this matter as we have put forth in trying to graduate "on time."

We do not get cooperation from some people in the registration line or from advisors (who are never in their offices when you need their signatures). But there are a few members of the faculty who are willing to take the time to help students. We need more people who are not selfish with their time and talents.

Why not make pre-registration as convenient as registration for new students? Stations are set up with each course represented and a professor from that department is present to help the student sign up or advise them of other options if a particular class is filled. At least have the department heads present to make decisions involving full classes or alternate course selections.

Registration could be a painless and easy process if those people in charge (and those in charge of those in charge) of registration were aware of the many problems which arise at this time.

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STUPIDITY MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

letters

Dear Editor:

It is not normally my practise to intervene or even proffer advice on "student affairs," but recent events concerning Kaleidoscope have left me incensed and infuriated.

To be frank, I have never had a particularly high opinion of this variant of a student newspaper. Nevertheless, I believe this letter is more necessary than usual as recent coverage and publicity (or lack thereof) given to student events, and other items of interest, has become nothing more than abysmal.

In addition to this, it has recently come to my attention that the PSA's "Slave Auction" for the "Save the Children" fund was not going to be covered in advance by a Kaleido-

scope minion (I would dare not use the word journalist), and that the PSA would be charged a fee to gain publicity for this noteworthy cause.

As if this isn't enough, by way of adding insult to injury, the editing on the "Announcement" that did appear was unadulterated butchery.

I do realize that Kaleidoscope has to work with limited resources, but when one weighs some of the trivia that appears in comparison to important articles that do not make it into print, as well as the generally poor standards of editing and journalism that do appear weekly, one almost wishes to dissociate oneself from UNC-Asheville, upon which Kaleidoscope is a gross reflection.

I have often made

suggestions of interesting material that could be covered, as have many of my students, and, therefore, can state that apathy among the students is not always a prime cause.

Certainly, it is obvious that Kaleidoscope is the cause of many students having no idea what SGA does or what is happening on campus.

Frankly, short of an alternative competing publication, I can think of few constructive criticisms to help improve Kaleidoscope, with the exception of truly radical reform.

I am willing to do anything within my personal powers to help improve the situation. I remain,

Yours Sincerely
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