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easy to put off, working on it at times," said Piazza.

The forthcoming of his son was a tremendous motivation for Piazza. Although the book was not complete when his son was born, a great deal of the work was done prior to his son's arrival because Piazza anticipated the demands of parenthood.

He anticipates the book's publication, and he looks forward to the critiques from other political scientists.

Piazza also commented on

his editor's review of the work thus far: "I definitely saw that beauty is in the eyes of the beholder."

Piazza is considering working on another publication either in the form of a book or a series of articles. He said the project is inspired by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

In this project, he will examine whether terrorism increases with increased economic inequality.

Piazza will begin the preliminary research for this project this summer.

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all of the program's features will take at least two years because the system requires a tremendous amount of programming.

"You have to look at everything you are doing," said Todd, "and tell the system [what to do.]"

Telling the system what to do will include re-entering the information of every student's record into the new system--both a tedious task and a long process.

Before the Datatel system, the Registrar's Office "would give you a closed class slip, and you would run around campus to try to beg your way into a class," said Todd.

During preregistration, Todd said that department heads would be given an opportunity

to look at the waiting lists and "make more fair judgments on who can enroll."

Todd thinks the waiting list for preregistration will be fairer to students overall.

"[Before Datatel] the squeaky wheel got the oil," said Todd. "The student who got to the professor first would get the class."

A student wanting to enroll in a closed class will be given three options during preregistration: She can 1) choose another section, 2) choose another class or 3) ask to be put on the waiting list, according to Todd.

Meanwhile, in preparation for the future use of Datatel, 26 department heads and staff were trained on the new program this week.

The Registrar's plan is to eventually have student's register from their adviser's computer. When the College

bought the Datatel system, they also bought a compatible program called WebAdvisor, a program that will assist adviser's with registration.

Also, Todd hopes the new systems will eventually cut down on the amount of hard-copy forms students are required to fill out when requesting information such as grade report copies or changes of address.

Once the Datatel system is fully employed, professors will be able to report grades by computer.

Todd is looking forward to the features of the program, but stressed that it's full use is still in the future.

"[Preregistration is] not going to look any different from the other side of the counter--until we get to a closed class," said Todd.

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