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Input sought on registration options

WANT TO CHANGE REGISTRATION?

➤ **Option 1:** Keep the process for assigning earliest registration times the same.

➤ **Option 2:** Register in small increments of 200 students by random selection within year classifications with the knowledge that the time slots will be inverted in the spring.

➤ **Option 3:** Register in small increments by total credit hours. Those with the most credit hours in a year classification will register first and those with the least amount of credit hours will register last.

Give feedback, vote on options at www.ibiblio.org/sg/poll.

BY **ROBBY MARSHALL**
STAFF WRITER

Student registration, like a busy dentist's office or like that one driver trying to turn left onto a highway, has become unnecessarily slow and annoying, a trend that has prompted organizers to re-evaluate the system.

University officials and student leaders are exploring ways to make the chronically problematic registration process more efficient and user friendly.

University Registrar Alice Poehls, along with the academic affairs committee of stu-

dent government, is seeking students' opinions on how to relieve the early morning traffic jams on the information superhighway.

"The current system is not good. It's fair," said Warren Cathcart, chairman of the academic affairs committee. He said he and Poehls are hoping to have a new system up and running by the spring.

Registration officials have set up a Web site — <http://www.ibiblio.org/sg/poll/> — to allow students to vote whether to change the current registration process.

"We don't want to do this unless students

tell us they want to," Cathcart said.

Cathcart met for two hours with Poehls and developed three possible changes.

The first is a conditional add/drop option, which would allow students to waitlist an excess of courses and drop classes accordingly once a full schedule is attained.

The second option would provide more time slots by subdividing the registering students, spacing out registration times.

And the third is a "book bag" approach, SEE **CHANGES**, PAGE 5



Alice Poehls is examining ways to better registration.

One man's trek for a brighter tomorrow

Immigrant recounts citizenship struggle

Editor's note: The subject of this story was interviewed in Spanish and will be referred to as Hernandez to honor requests of confidentiality. Similar stories will be printed in the DTH's Spanish-language section, which will start next semester. Surnames and anonymous sources only will be used in special cases with the editor's consent.

BY **GREGORIO URBINA**
STAFF WRITER

Fourteen years old. Most high school graduates are 17 or 18 when they leave home for work or college.

ONLINE
The version of this article as translated into Spanish

This Salvadorian immigrant was 14 years old when he was driven out of his home country by the ongo-

ing civil war.

No residence halls and academic advisers awaited him, only the hope of getting across the Mexican border.

He headed north, hoping to succeed through determination and perseverance.

His experiences would put a modern twist on the American dream, featuring updated technology and an age-old blend of shady characters, tight scrapes and hopes for a better tomorrow.

"The war between guerrillas and the army, and the poor economic situation forced me into exile," Hernandez said.

"I made the choice to leave. If I had stayed, I would probably be dead."

With the vision of a better life in a country that "offers opportunity, and where you can live better," he took the first of many buses on his way to Texas and left his family, his home and his country behind.

On the Guatemala-Mexico border he had his first run-in with immigration officers. However, the local law enforcement

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THREE DECADES, FEW ANSWERS

BY **KELLY OCHS** SENIOR WRITER

Nov. 21, 1970 — A fight breaks out between members of a white Durham motorcycle club and several young black men from Chapel Hill outside the Student Union.

When the fight ends, a black man lies bleeding in the Pit from two stab wounds received during the brawl.

He is taken to N.C. Memorial Hospital in the back of a police patrol car because an ambulance took 14 minutes to arrive.



James Lewis Cates Jr. (far left) as seen with his teammates on the 1958 Chapel Hill Midgets. Cates was murdered in the Pit 35 years ago today.

Less than an hour after being taken to the hospital, he is pronounced dead.

Today, a community has no more answers than it did 35 years ago.

Tensions in Chapel Hill

At the close of a tense decade and less than five years after the integration of public schools, the nation still was struggling with racial divisions.

And Chapel Hill was no exception, said former Chapel Hill Mayor Howard Lee, who was elected in 1969 and served as the first black mayor of a primarily white town since Reconstruction.

"Chapel Hill was like many communities struggling with some racial divides and some leftover tensions from some previous times," he said. "There were people who were obviously very concerned that this had occurred in Chapel Hill, and of course we were all shocked that it had occurred on the University campus."

Evans Witt, a sophomore at UNC at the time of the murder and The Daily Tar Heel reporter who covered the story, said that although black and white students at UNC remained separate for the most part, it was a

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Murder case unsolved, inactive 35 years later

Nov. 21, 1970 The day of the murder

- **12 a.m. - 7 a.m.**
The Afro-American Affairs Committee and the Carolina Union sponsor an all-night dance in the Union snack bar.
- **About 2 a.m.**
A fight breaks out between members of a white motorcycle club from Durham, called the Storm Troopers, and a group of black youths.
- **Five minutes later**
The fight ends, and James Lewis Cates Jr. lies on the ground outside the Union, bleeding from two wounds received during the fight.
- **About 3 a.m.**
Cates is pronounced dead from hemorrhaging of a stab wound to the right femoral artery.
- **Later that day**
A warrant is issued for the arrest of Rufus Paul Nelson, Ronnie Dale Broadwell and William Douglas Johnson. They are taken to the Orange County Jail and each charged with first-degree murder.

In the months following the murder

- **Nov. 25**
Cates is buried in the Chapel Hill Memorial Cemetery.
- **Dec. 1**
Probable cause hearing for the three men is held at the district court in Hillsborough. After four and a half hours of testimony from witnesses, police officers and medical examiners, the men are submitted to the grand jury on first-degree murder charges.
- **Dec. 10**
"In order to avoid a breach of the peace in Orange County," the three men are ordered to be moved from the Orange County Jail to the N. C. Department of Correction.
- **March 25, 1971**
The three men are acquitted of second-degree murder charges. Prosecution lowered the charge to second-degree at the trial.

SOURCE: ORANGE COUNTY COURT DOCUMENTS, DTH ARCHIVES

DTH/ROBBY SWEATT AND FELDING CAGE



Judges Patrick Higginbotham, John Roberts and Thomas Ambro judge a Wake Forest University mock trial Friday.

Chief Justice presides over speech case

John Roberts participates in university's mock trial finals

BY **KRISTIN PRATT**
STAFF WRITER

WINSTON-SALEM — While the trial was moot, Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts emphasized that the lesson learned from Friday's mock trial competition at Wake Forest University was not.

Roberts was one of three judges who heard a case argued by second-year law students Lesley Bark and Justin Barnes.

The case centered around the free speech claim of a middle school student wearing a T-shirt bearing a controversial statement. It also involved the jurisdictional issue of whether the mock court of appeals could hear the case under the "unique circumstance" clause.

After deliberating on the case, Roberts and the other judges commented on the importance of lawyers in the judicial system.

"What we witnessed here today, that happens around the country every day, is something very extraordinary," Roberts said to about 1,500 people in Wait Chapel.

"It is the rule of law in practice, which we can take for granted too often."

Roberts said the U.S. judicial system settles disputes in a civil matter through argument, unlike past systems or other places in the world. But he emphasized that justice is not carried out solely by deciding judges.

"The point of today's competition, though, is that the lawyers play an important role," Roberts said. "I've been a judge for a little more than two years

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Sophomore Duncan Germain flips from a tree at Polk Place earlier this month. The Elon native practices Le Parkour — the art of movement.

Student makes world an obstacle course

Practices popular French art form

BY **DESIREE SHOE**
STAFF WRITER

"OK, on the count of five," he says tersely.

Seconds later, sophomore Duncan Germain sprints forward and launches himself from the ledge above the top steps of Manning Hall.

He soars over a pair of tall bushes and rolls to a stop in the mulch. A couple with a baby stroller stops to stare as he brushes himself off.

It's all part of the daily routine for the Elon native. Germain often can be seen around campus,

performing flips and leaps from trees and buildings.

"I don't know what the hell he's doing, but it's fun to watch," says Duke University freshman Jared Mueller, after watching Germain demonstrate a Kong Vault, which is an advanced Monkey Vault.

Though it may seem a strangely random activity, his movements have roots in a French phenomenon sweeping Europe.

It's called Le Parkour — the art of movement. Started by David Belle and Sébastien Foucan in France, Parkour is a sport that focuses on speed and fluidity to overcome obstacles, often in an

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So you want to start out in Le Parkour?

➤ The Precision Jump

A beginning Parkour move. Place feet shoulder-width apart, toes at the edge of your take-off point, then vault yourself forward, landing on the balls of your feet with your legs slightly in front of your body. Swing your arms during the jump to build up momentum.

➤ Standing Cat Leap

Ensure that you have a solid take-off for this move to avoid colliding with the obstacle, usually a wall. Crouch down, then spring forward and up, keeping your arms raised. Tuck your legs so you can get your

shoes ready to make contact with the wall. Your arms and legs should be in front of your body. Lower your arms and grab the top of the wall, letting your arms take most of the strain of the jump.

➤ The Monkey Vault

Jog up to your obstacle, usually a wall or a ledge, then plant your hands shoulder-width apart on the obstacle. During the jump, tuck your legs against your chest to avoid clipping your feet. After you have cleared the obstacle, untuck your legs to land safely.

For more information, visit www.3run.co.uk

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CALLING ALL STUDENTS Housing providers look to sign up student renters

A FEW LEFT BEHIND No Child Left Behind standards to change for 10 states

QUIETER AT THE FARM Mason Farm residents react to Baity Hill students' exit

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'YOU WANT TO HELP US'
The UNC Circle K group hosts Medusa, a professional hypnotist, at a Saturday show with proceeds going toward a Randleman summer camp.

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CHAPEL HILL DOT COM
Former council candidates band together to launch orangepedia.org, a site designed to host information much like Wikipedia.com.



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OFF AND RUNNING
The women's basketball team smashes Davidson, 86-48, to win their season opener. Junior Ivory Latta scored a game-high 20 points.

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