

University

Drop-add lines soon to become distant memory

By JASON KELLY
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Those infamously long drop-add lines will be a thing of the past next fall, when the University will install a touchtone phone-in system similar to the one now used at N.C. State.

"Students will be able to call in at any time from any touchtone phone around the world and instantly find out if they can get the courses they want," University Registrar David Lanier said. "But we are doing more than just redoing registration," he said. "The University is switching to a data base for storing student records and integrating the entire registration system. This new system will hopefully eliminate cashier lines and financial aid lines. There will be no more (drop-add at) Woollen Gym."

Under the phone-in system, students would key in their identification number to bring up their records in the University computer. Then the student would key in the identification codes of the classes he wanted to drop or add.

A voice response system employed by the computer would prompt the student along the entire process. The computer would pick out a phrase from its script to tell the student what to key in next or the status of the course. "When you

need the script 'this course is closed,' the computer would play it out for you," Lanier said.

"A big part of the system is the script, which we are writing right now," he said. "The computer has to be able to respond to whatever the student keys in."

Many students who are dissatisfied with the present system said they would welcome changes in the registration system. "The phone-in system sounds almost too good to be true," said Drew Kimball, a sophomore mathematics major from San Diego, Calif. "Anything that would get rid of these beastly lines sounds great to me."

Timur Tukul, a senior biology major, was more cynical about the present system. "I loathe and detest the drop-add system," he said. "Some underclassman has got the class I need to graduate. I'm a senior and I still have to wait until 2 o'clock for the freshmen to get out of there. All they care about at this school is the money."

Some students complained that those who hadn't preregistered at all were allowed into drop-add early. Senior Mike Manlapas said, "I would have been better off if I hadn't preregistered at all. I wouldn't have to wait, and I could have gotten the classes I need. I got none of the classes I needed through preregistration."

Smith Center adds student seats

By SIMONE PAM
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About 291 lower-level seats will be added to the Smith Center in time for the beginning of the basketball season in November, according to Smith Center Director Jeff Elliott.

"The added seats should increase the enthusiasm level in the Smith Center and bring more students closer to the floor," Elliott said.

The additional seats will come from various sources within the Smith Center, he said.

The number of seats allotted for football recruits has been reduced, and the remaining seats have been moved out of the student section, he said.

In addition, the armrests in some retractable seats have been removed

to add 55 new seats in the student section.

"Originally, when the Dean Dome was constructed, there was supposed to be 2,000 lower-level student seats," said Sean Wilkinson, Carolina Athletic Association (CAA) ticket chairman. The additional seats will now bring the number of lower-level student seats to more than 2,000.

According to Elliott, the renovations will bring the student seating capacity in the lower level to about 2,050. Students will gain more than 300 seats because of the reduced number of recruiting tickets. However, the 291 seats will not all be added to the student sections, Elliott said. "The seats not in the student section will be for the football recruits."

Renovations are costing the University between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

The new seats are being added to sections 110 through 117, as well as a portion of 109.

"We have been able to accomplish a great deal in a short period of time," Elliott said. The process began last fall under former CAA President Carol Geer and was followed through by CAA President Lisa Frye.

CAA officials and other students are happy to hear of the increased seating.

"The addition of the seats should improve the atmosphere of the Dean Dome," Wilkinson said. "Students will all be together; it will add to the

noise. Students will also be more like one body."

Patrick Emerson, a sophomore from England, said the more students on the floor, the better the enthusiasm would be. "It is good that the athletic administration is listening and responding to what the students have to say."

Bob D'Arruda, a senior from Fayetteville, said CAA members should be commended for their work. "(The new seats) will create more of a family atmosphere."

Frye said student feedback has been positive. "Students are excited about it because everyone wants seats on the floor. I certainly hope the added seats will improve and enhance the atmosphere in the Dean Dome."

New BOT choices provoke questions

By SARAH CAGLE
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Gov. James Martin's appointments to the UNC Board of Trustees in July left only one female on the board, and some students and administrators are concerned that women are underrepresented.

Martin can appoint two members to the 13-member board each gubernatorial term, and he chose to reappoint Raleigh businessman John Pope and appoint Arch Allen, chairman of the Wake County Republican Party.

Martin did not reappoint Barbara Perry, although she said he promised her the reappointment in February. Perry, an attorney from Kinston, has served on the board since 1985.

BOT chairman Robert Eubanks said the decision not to reappoint Perry was a disappointment. "The process is too political. To me it was some kind of oversight."

Perry said Martin told her at a party in February that she would be reappointed. "He asked, 'Do you want it (the reappointment)?' I said, 'Very much,' and he said, 'You've got it,'" Perry said Tuesday.

David Prather, deputy communications director for the governor, said Martin's decision did not necessarily mean Perry had not done a good job. "Serving on the Board of Trustees is a very prestigious position. There is quite a bit of competition for the available spots, and he (Martin) can't appoint

everyone."

Perry was contacted first by the governor's office of appointments, and then received a letter and personal visit from Martin. "I really think that the governor was disappointed in himself," Perry said. "He was sorry he hadn't contacted me earlier so I could get the reappointment in some other fashion."

Eubanks said if he had realized Martin was not going to reappoint Perry, an effort would have been made to have the Board of Governors reappoint her. "But at the 11th hour, there was nothing we could do."

The BOG makes four appointments every term. This year, the BOG reappointed Richard Jenrette and William Darity and added newcomers John Medlin and David Ward.

Although all BOT member's terms began July 1, they will not be officially sworn in until their meeting tonight.

When Martin announced he also was considering Allen for the position, Student Congress made a last-ditch effort to support Perry. At a July 11 meeting, the congress passed a resolution urging Martin to reappoint Perry and questioning the Pope's performance as a board member.

Congress member Jurgen Buchenau (Dist. 8), sponsor of the resolution, said Pope should not have been reappointed because of his



John Pope



Barbara Perry

controversial stance on women's issues.

Elizabeth Dowd, the only remaining female on the board, said Martin's decision not to reappoint Perry and the miscommunication with her were unfortunate.

"I think it was an error on his (Martin's) part," Dowd said. "With 60 percent women on campus, I think it's unbelievable that we only have one woman on the board."

Eubanks and Dowd both said that although they felt strongly about women needing more representation on the board, the lack of women

would not seriously undermine the board's effectiveness.

"I would like to think that we have broad-minded people on the board," Eubanks said.

Dowd said, "I think we have a really good board, and I think all of us really are concerned with minorities, including women."

The next appointments to the board will be made in 1991. Perry said she would like to be given the opportunity to serve again. She is being honored at the board's dinner tonight.

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