

Registration changes after more than 2 decades

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YSU is updating its registration process for the first time since the late 1960s by going to on-line registration.

Under the current registration system, students must register in Jones Hall on an assigned day. The new system will allow students to register on computers throughout the campus.

"The current registration system is a hardship for students who live and work off campus," said Dr. Harold Yiannaki, director of enrollment services. "With the new system we won't be confined to one building or set hours for registration."

Yiannaki said the computerization of the registration process will be implemented in five phases. Plans are to have the new process installed by 1992-93.

The first phase begins in spring quarter. Deans will enter permits for closed classes and conference courses directly into the computer, and the Registrar's Office will issue schedules on an easier-to-read grid.

"When students go to their deans for permits, there will no longer be a piece of paper," said Bill Countryman, associate registrar. "The dean will create permission on the computer for the student to enter the class and then the student will come to the Registrar's Office to register for his or her other classes."

The modified schedules will list buildings and room numbers for each course, in addition to the information such as course codes and names.

The second phase will eliminate the trip to Jones Hall, YSU's administration building, to pick up course listings.

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YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

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TOTAL HOURS 11

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
0800 to 0850 BEG 09/20 END 12/08	CHEM 515 BEECHER 5025		CHEM 515 BEECHER 5025		CHEM 515 BEECHER 5025	
0800 to 0950		ENGL 550 WILLIAMSON 402		ENGL 550 WILLIAMSON 402		
1000 to 1050		CHEM 515L BEECHER 6035				

Sample grid of new student schedules
Provided by Registrar's Office

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Course booklets will either be mailed to students or will be made available to students in other campus buildings.

Students will meet with their advisors, who will recommend a set of classes and issue the registration forms. The students will then proceed to the Registrar's Office to register for classes.

The third phase is similar to the second, but after students

pick up their registration forms and tentative classes, they can go to other computer facilities besides Jones Hall.

Computers in Kilcawley Center and Meshel Hall will allow students to enter their own classes into the system, and print out a schedule without having to go to Jones Hall.

Ultimately, students will be able to enter the days, times and classes they wish to attend, and the computer will determine possible schedules that fit those parameters.

In the final phase, estimates of

students' fees and financial aid will be listed on the schedules, giving students an approximation of what their total bill will be.

YSU has reviewed registration systems at several universities while developing its own streamlined system, said Ron Williams, director of systems development at the Computer Center.

Williams said that they have tried to look at the mistakes other universities made and the problems they ran into so that YSU could try to avoid them

when implementing its system.

The biggest change will be the way that students go about the registration process. Will the new system be better or worse?

Larry Kanserski, a junior secondary education history major, said he had attended a technical school where the classes were decided for him before he came to YSU.

"The current registration system at YSU is typical of a government process," said Kanserski. "With a new system it will be nice going to other computers to register, as long as

they are user friendly and don't break down."

Sean Moskalik, a freshman English major, said that the current system is "too slow and biased."

Countryman said that the computerization of the new system will update the service and the technology of registration, and allow students to become more directly involved with the process.

"We don't want to take away the human aspect from registration, but we also want to have more flexibility," said Countryman.