

Students registering late face long lines

Registrar staffer: '(students) can't read'

by Donna Bates
Staff Reporter

A registrar's office support worker blamed students' inability to read for the long lines during late registration last week.

Students stood in long lines in Maude Frazier Hall to clear up various problems at the cashier's and registrar's offices.

The worker was referring to the signs posted outside Frazier Hall used to direct students to additional registration stations set up in the Moyer Student Union next to the identification booth.

When asked why students didn't use services in the MSU, the worker said "because they can't read."

The worker refused to give her name and at one point said, "I probably shouldn't tell you this. Oh well."

Associate Registrar Susan Bozarth said last year many students stood in long lines to obtain copies of their schedules.

This year the registrar's office wanted students to bypass standing in line and pick-up their student schedules at the MSU.

According to Bozarth, many students did not take advantage of this service.

She said the majority of students in late registration lines were trying to get into courses that were full.

Bozarth said enhancements to Touch are in place to help with this, but will not be complete

until spring.

Lines were long last week at the cashier's office as well.

"It's ridiculous," said Cory Myler, a film studies major, "only two cashiers working when there are eight cashier windows available and the line is this long."

Myler offered some advice for students, "pack a lunch, bring a date and make a day of it."

Scott Jones, a hotel administration student, visited the cashier's office for the second time recently to pay a late fee.

Although Jones said the lines were better than before he still was not satisfied. "When the line is this long and there are eight cashier boxes, there should be eight cashiers working."

Officer Berry Ard of University Police acted as crowd control during the late registration period. He described an incident from last semester. "Last year one student broke the glass (a cashier's window), and another assaulted a cashier."

Ard blamed student tardiness and stress as the causes of long lines. "A lot of the problem is students wait until the last minute to register," said Ard. He said the lines would be shorter if more students used the drop box.

Despite student comments to the contrary Bozarth felt the first week of school had gone well. "This year has been the smoothest late registration that I have seen and I've been here 13 years," Bozarth said.

Bozarth recalled when registration took place in the Ballroom of the MSU and involved registration packets and individual paper cards from each department.

"That was all eliminated with Touch," said Bozarth. "Touch has made all our lives wonderful."

Proposed tuition hike to be decided

Petition against increase to be circulated

by Thomas Moore

The size of a proposed tuition increase will be decided next Thursday when a special committee on tuition and fees meets in Reno. CSUN President Joel Kostman will attend the meeting to argue against the increase. He will continue to oppose the increase at the next Board of Regent's meeting in Elko Oct. 8.

The special committee, made up of student leaders and administration officials from across the university system, will meet to decide by how much, if at all, student tuition and fees should be raised.

Kostman compared the process to a union meeting in which the membership decides what offer it will give to management—the management being the Board of Re-

gents.

"There is still a possibility that I'll walk away dissatisfied," said Kostman. He said CSUN will soon circulate a petition around campus asking students to support his opposition to an increase.

Kostman said regardless of the results of the meeting he still plans to present the petition to the Regents. "I don't intend to loose," Kostman said of his fight against the increase. "The petition will be lobbying students to support me in my fight for the moratorium."

The moratorium is Kostman's proposal, made at the last committee meeting, to freeze tuition at its present level for two years. "We won the first round when we moved it (the decision) to October," said Kostman.

Kostman said the petition should be on campus by Friday at the latest. CSUN plans to use Student Senator volunteers at seven locations around campus.

School receives \$1.4 million supercomputer donation

Supercomputing power greatly expanded

by Tonya Lomeo

UNLV has been given a \$1.4 million Convex C220 parallel/vector supercomputer to add to its supercomputer facilities. The computer was donated by the Convex Computer Corp. of Richardson, Texas.

Building preparations have stalled its being operable for friendly users until Nov. 1, ac-

ording to Bahram Nassersharif, the director of the National Supercomputing Center for Energy and the Environment.

Convex C220 will be used to "significantly enhance" the already existing CRAY supercomputer and SUN 690 server located in the Thomas Beam Engineering Complex, according to David McNelis, the associate vice president for research. McNelis stated that along with the supercomputer comes "state-of-the-art software, including Applications and Visual Software."

Nassersharif explained, "these software packages will be

specifically helpful for scientific modeling, astro physics, atomic physics, computational chemistry, architecture, statistical analysis and mechanical, electrical and civil engineering."

Nassersharif also stated the supercomputer is significantly faster than conventional computers, "about 200 times faster than a PC (personal computer) 386 which is standard around campus."

Convex C220, along with the existing supercomputer, will be accessible to all students and faculty of the University and Community College System of Nevada for classroom education and research.

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independence of *The Rebel Yell*, Kostman said.

Kostman then went into the subject of budgetary waste both in the university and in Student Government.

"From pencils to paper, to contracts, to comedy acts, if we all pulled together, tuition hikes would not be commonplace at UNLV," he said.

Speaking on the subject of the accountability of Student Government to its constituents, Kostman said, "The executive board put mandatory monthly grade check and enrollment verification into place." Kostman later stated, after the address that, "since it started, three people have been let go," for failing to meet the CSUN Constitutional standards.

Kostman reported on the Greek housing.

"Just two weeks ago, President Robert Maxson proposed a bid for the 17 1/2 acres just past the northernmost part of campus (for Greek housing). I applaud President Maxson in his endeavors toward keeping a promise made to the students over a decade ago."

Kostman said he proposed a "one-year moratorium on raising tuition fees", and that President Maxson was pleased with it and "liked it so much as to propose a two-year moratorium" on tuition fees. Outside of his

speech, Kostman stated the Regents have ducked the proposal and will take it up at their October meeting.

Kostman closed on a philosophical note about human "motivation and aggression" in Student Government.

"There is motivation for power, for greed and for love, motivation and aggression for serving students. If you're here to serve students—I mean really serve students—then let's not just talk about it, then let's do it."



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