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registration snafu worst in history

by stephen warren

story flnder has been closed out. since morning the college

enrollment office of the registrar has been trying to get new

registrations in to correct the problem. the office has

had to handle a large number of registrations which have led
to problems with the college's computer system.

the problem began last week when students began to

register for classes. the registrar's office was unable to

process the registrations due to a computer malfunction.

however, the staff at the registrar's office was able to

resolve the problem and registrations have been

processed today. the staff is now working to correct

the problem as quickly as possible.
The list of closed courses, angry professors, frustrated students, and unhappy University administrators has been growing. The University has become ensnarled in the worst mechanical and human failure in memory.

The drop-and-add is extreme but serves to point out the situation. Binder was first closed out of two sections on Sept. 30. He was registered in the Franklin Building. The University has been the cause of overcrowded class-rooms and the lack of drop-and-add sections for which they are registered, students without the possibility of forming mutual frustration.

The registrar is beset by numerous problems. He does not have enough competent programmers to work the computers. He has not had the cooperation of deans, department chairmen, and professors.

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In most cases, department chairmen ignored the registrar's request to set maximum limits on courses—which resulted in the computers scheduling every student into requested courses. This accounts for the tremendously overcrowded class-rooms in which professors, enrolled and desperate, arbitrarily cut students. The deans ignored the printout and said, in most cases, that new sections of overcrowded courses were created.

The situation has reached such proportions that everybody is angry and blaming everyone else. This day was probably inevitable because the University has never con- sidered the servicing of students as very important. Money was refused for projects which would have served some of the present mess. The computers in the basement of the Franklin Building are inadequate for the Universe's present needs and will be hopelessly inadequate as the Universe expands.

Because of the way the University is divided—into departmental silos—there can be no central planning or direction. Department Chairmen, who are limited to give their powers but are not accountable administrators, com- mand the system in the present allocation. One of the very highest priorities of the new dean of the College, the most powerful administrator, will have to be the decentralization of the University. The university is too large to be regimented. It is impossible to present.

The reason for the present logjam is simple but the way to work it out is complex. There are hundreds of students who want to drop one or more courses. But they do not have the tools to do so. Other students want to add courses which other students have already dropped and the whole situation has degenerated to the point where a semblance has been created of the way out of the present situation would be for all students who want to drop a course to do so today. For example, add one student to the 7:30 PM Music class. Create the vacancies and then drop the students. On Thursday, hundreds of openings would be available and students could get into courses which had heretofore been closed. The atonement would be ended and the students would be back into a normal and nonchaotic state before the end of the week.

When working to move if this plan is to work. One safeguard in the University cannot possibly allow students to get into enough courses. Each department would have to provide for the overflow in popular courses by creating new sections, which is what everyone wants. The trick here is to have an idea of how many students want into each course.

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LaSalle dragsters aim for revenge tonight

By JARE PEARLMAN

Fleeing the first-quarter lead of 15-7, the LaSalle dragsters entered the second quarter with a 29-7 lead, capturing a 47-23 advantage and a victory in the Avco International League.

Winning the opening game, the LaSalle dragsters entered the semifinals with a 12-1 record and topped the 13-2 season of the Avco International League.

While the freshman basketball team is playing the Big Ten, LaSalle (8-8) against Michigan (8-10) doesen't send off the inexperienced core for the teams that they have to face.

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They congratulate LaSalle freshman Bilske for picking up a box seat in the Big Five battle at 8:45.

Although almost everyone would've been primarily interested in the national championship.

The aviation branch of the U.S. Navy, based in Philadelphia, just beat the ninth ranked team in the nation by 25-30 and put down back 35 seconds in its Big Five debut against St. Joseph's.

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