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Simple steps ease online registration frustrations

While it may never be perfectly intuitive for every student's wants and needs, COD's online registration system has a few frustrations that can be fixed with some adjustment and forethought.

The growing home availability of personal computers, rising cost of gasoline, lack of convenient mass transportation and general gridlock at peak driving times in DuPage County has increased online registration usage.

Students who are trying to save themselves from long registration lines on campus with online registration don't need to see frequent error messages and session time outs as a necessary inconvenience in lieu of spending money on gas.

Officials expect online registration to be streamlined when the new Datatel Colleague system to be implemented in 2009. The system will have an integrated online registration application opposed to the homegrown application used now.

In the meantime, here are some quick fixes.

1) Type in a fresh URL address each time you log on. Don't access the online registration from a previously bookmarked or saved link.

No actual Web site exists under these URLs so you get an error message. The error message "WebEncore No Ses-

sion ID" is generated when a student tries to access the Student Online Services Web site from a link they saved earlier or from a previous session. Information Technology recommends that students always access Student Online Services through the college's home page and register online from there.

2) Look up class information, dates and times before logging onto Student Online Services. A top student complaint is that online registration sessions time out while students still are looking for classes. This results in the loss of any unsaved progress.

According to IT, registration sessions time out after 20 minutes to protect the students' personal information. While logging on, students provide both their Social Security number and Personal Identification Number (PIN), two pieces of information that students do not want to lose.

The timer is set so that students do not leave a screen up providing sensitive information that can be accessed by others.

While online registration may never be as simple as registering in person, students can make the process easier.

Simple steps make all the difference when saving extra gas money registering online.

Staff Editorial



Rebecca



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Anusha



Nick



Andrea

"What would you do if you found money on campus?"

Othello Rosal, 19 *criminal justice, Woodridge*
"I would take it. I would pocket it."

Nick Gurley, 23 *electrical tech., Woodridge*
"Turn it into Public Safety. I would hope someone would do the same if it were my money."

Anusha Rouf, 19 *undecided, Elmhurst*
"I would not be bothered and just leave it."

Rebecca Davis, 19 *undecided, Lombard*
"I would take it to Public Safety. I would feel bad because it is not mine."

Andrea Myers, 20 *psychology, Clarendon Hills*
"Depending on the amount; if it is small I would keep it. If it is a large amount I would just walk away."

In Your Words

Has the media been fair in the coverage of Drew Peterson?

PointCounterPoint

Do you have anything you can present to me that might prove your innocence?" Matt Lauer asked Drew Peterson. "No," Peterson responded.

Media instinct tells us Peterson is guilty.

A 53-year-old cop on his fourth wife of 23 years does raise some brows.

Then we learn what has happened to the other three wives.

Two divorces, one accidental death and one went missing. Sounds a little like the old rhymes of Kings Henry the Eighth; divorced, "be-headed, died, divorced, be-headed, survived".

Drew Peterson is no man to mess with but no need to worry... he is afraid of media.

"I'm not afraid of law enforcement. I'm afraid of the media," Peterson said.

Anyone at risk of being found guilty of murder should be afraid of the lawful

consequences.

Maybe because he is a Police Sergeant he feels the law will be on his side, perhaps media is bringing him closer to a life he didn't think he would live; a life in jail.

Besides, any man who blames divorce on the menstrual cycle might enjoy having a male companion by his side (in jail).

As concerned people, media must feel the void of emotion that law enforcement lacks.

"I'm such a media sensation right now," Peterson said. "If I go out and search, the search will be hampered. Why would I look for somebody I don't believe is missing. She's just gone. She's where she wants to be."

Whenever Peterson says anything, media will dissect his words for answers.

Drew Peterson should be afraid of the media.

Media might just put in him jail.

Yes

No

The media hasn't been fair in their coverage on Drew Peterson.

Reporters and news stations have mainly ignored problematic information for the prosecution against Peterson.

One key area overlooked was bias in the autopsy of Peterson's third wife Kathy Savio.

Forensics analyst Michael Baden concluded that Savio died after a struggle and was put in the bathtub. Peterson's attorney, Joel Brodsky, questions the end result in the Philadelphia Daily News.

"Dr. Baden had indicated over a week before he had performed the autopsy that he believed Kathleen's death was not an accident," Brodsky said.

On NBC5, Lauren Jiggetts reported that a source stated that Stacy Peterson told a clergyman that her husband killed Savio. The source re-

ported this to Sun-Times columnist Michael Sneed.

"What we have is an unnamed, unauthorized source breaking this supposedly devastating news to a gossip columnist," Brodsky said.

The media is implying that Peterson is guilty because of his actions.

According to CNN's Nancy Grace, his silence proved he was a guilty murderer.

In his interview on the Today Show, Peterson pointed out this bias.

"I think my silence has painted me guilty," Peterson said. "Based on the media coverage, I'm as guilty as they come."

This overtly negative coverage has done more damage than good.

American justice is about how every person is innocent until they are proven guilty by a jury.

Maybe the media needs to relearn this American justice system standard.

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OPINION

Editorial Cartoon
by Patrick J. Salem

How Dr. Chand plans to spend his Winter Break.



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Letters to the Editor

We number over 31,000. We pay the tuition that allows this school to continue to provide the education we come to seek. We provide employment for the countless faculty, staff and administrators that allow COD to function.

The student body at College of DuPage is by far the most numerous and important stakeholder at this institution. Each and every decision made by the College's governing body affects us and our collective voice must be heard.

The Student Leadership Council is charged with the task of representing the interests of our sizeable and diverse student population to the Board of Trustees and College administration. As President of the Student Leadership Council, I am asked to speak as a representative of the student body, not as an individual student. In order to perform my duties effectively, I must have the involvement of the greater student body at College of DuPage. The newly formed

Collegiate Council is a forum for representatives from the 60 plus student groups on campus to share their thoughts and to provide opportunities for collaboration. Our first two meetings were quite successful and helped set the wheels in motion for a multi-group project that we hope will come to fruition in the spring semester.

The Student Leadership Council wants to hear your thoughts, opinions and concerns. In order for us to represent you effectively, we must know what you are thinking.

Our meetings are held each Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the SLC Office (SRC 1550). Please visit our website at www.cod.edu/slc. Feel free to drop by the office, give us a call at 630-942-2095 or email me at slcpres@cod.edu. We are asking for your help to help us make the unified student voice one that is strong and loud. Together, we can let the College know that we are a force to be reckoned with. Thank you.

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President, Student Leadership Council

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