

EDITORIAL

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Problems on the register

The college has collectively dropped the ball for getting students to register this spring, as fulltime enrollment is tracking 50 percent lower than it did at the same time last year. The administration's first area of focus should be making the online registration process easier for students.

Many students are being affected by certain departments that have a large volume of teachers who are still being shown as "To be Announced" on myACCESS, the online registration system. One student wrote a letter to the Courier to this effect stating that he felt the teachers still waiting to be determined was the real reason why students didn't register early.

The administration should be taking more steps to make the registration system as navigable as possible. When a student registers online and sees "To be Announced" under a section, it brings confusion. A nearby e-mail and phone number should be available for more information. It's understandable that adjustments are being worked out for the new registration system, but that shouldn't keep students from getting an explanation. E-mails at the very least should be sent to tell students where they can find information on instructors.

When it comes to registering for classes, students talk. When they get a recommendation for an instructor they should take, they often act on those recommendations. Yet, in certain situations

it is very difficult for students to find particular instructors that they are looking for. When doing a search in myACCESS under the spring semester of this year, no hits will arise for instructors if they are in courses that are shown as "To be Announced." Notifications are needed after the search is complete to warn students that instructor information is being changed daily and deans of certain departments should be called or e-mailed for instructor names.

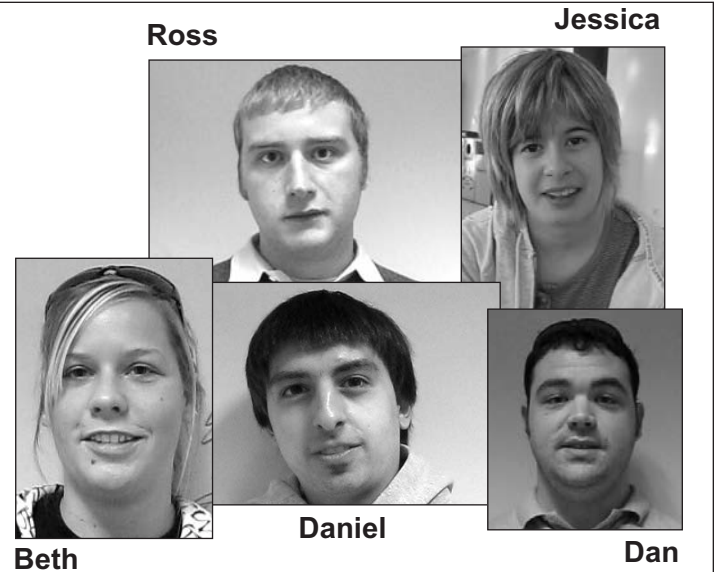
The switch-over to the new registration system has called for the creation of a central scheduling office with seven staff members inputting course information into the system. It is important to be careful inputting the data and the institution is doing a good job in that regard.

However, there seems to be a communication breakdown somewhere.

According to Glenda Gallisath, associate vice president of academic affairs, it takes under 24 hours for the central scheduling office to load instructor information into the system after receiving that information from the academic divisions. Yet according to Jerry Krusinski, associate dean in math, he submitted that information over a week ago and it still has not been updated on myACCESS.

There will be delays associated with a system switch-over, but the college needs to lessen the impact of those delays by providing more visible contact information for students who have registration questions.

Staff Editorial



Beth

Daniel

Dan

How could the college make the registration process easier to manage for students?

Ross Thomson, 21 *english, Winfield*

"I think that for the school to make registration easy for students, more counselors and advisers would be necessary."

Jessica Seidensticker, 21 *general studies, Carol Stream*

"I think that just logging in and registering for classes makes it harder for students to register for class... There are times when I'm registering and the computer freezes."

Beth Barkowski, 20 *public relations, Naperville*

"To make the registration process easier I would say make more counselors available to talk to students."

Daniel Romano, 20 *english, Oakbrook*

"Registration would be easier if they used things that people know. For example, make it like facebook or myspace, something easy like that, so that people could do it really quickly."

Dan Fissinger, 22 *english, Naperville*

"The process to register would be made easier if the counselors at COD were more interested in finding the right path for the students."

In Your Words

Is Christianity a moral or immoral religion?

PointCounterPoint

Christianity is undoubtedly a moral religion.

The Christian Bible includes instructions to follow such as "love your neighbor as yourself," and "speak the truth in love," among many other examples of good advice for good conduct. The difference between right and wrong is clearly stated in the New Testament. It preaches to abstain from hatred, murder or holding anyone in contempt, and these morals are a foundation of how people live in today's society.

The message of Christianity, found in the New Testament of the Holy Bible, includes clear and specific information regarding rules of good conduct as well as the distinction between right and wrong. Reading of the New Testament reveals hundreds of

verses that motivate an individual to learn and adopt wise and wholesome conduct toward God and others.

Christianity also teaches about giving and receiving. "Give, and it will be given to you. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back," Luke 6:38. There are many forms of giving within the Christian church and giving is for the benefit of yourself and others. For example:

food pantries, clothing drives, and church events are all ways giving helps others, but giving to the church and to its people helps yourself.

In a world where the distinction between right and wrong is often unappreciated, Christians are encouraged to refer to the Bible, rather than be tainted by the immorality prevalent in many of today's cultures.

Christianity is an immoral religion. Members' blatant attempts to further their own gains is all too obvious, and its hypocrisy is off-putting, to say the least.

In the NIV translation of the Bible, Mathew 18:6 says, "but if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea." If that were true, the entire Catholic Church should have had a millstone hung around its neck years ago.

In 1597, the great reformer Martin Luther first complained about the purchase of a pardon for sins by payment to the Church. When this practice continued, he included it in the list of 95

grievances against the Catholic Church that he nailed to the door of the Cathedral at Wittenberg. In another classic example, when King Henry VIII wasn't allowed to annul his marriage with Catherine of Aragon, he broke away from the Catholic Church, naming himself the head of the Anglican Church, or the Church of England. He chose to take the church into his own hands, for his own gain.

Not only is Christianity immoral, it is also hypocritical. People of this faith are intolerant of homosexuality, yet their priests are too often making the news for molesting their altar boys. Just last June, a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles fled to Mexico to avoid criminal prosecution over molestation allegations.

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OPINION

Cigarettes: Up in Smoke?

Student poses three questions, all answers lead to campus smoking ban

So you want to talk about Tobacco? Well, I DON'T. But, if you insist...I will by asking three questions:

1) What is tobacco?

Answer: It contains a poison called Nicotine which, when taken in pure form, WILL KILL YOU instantly.

2) Why do people put a poison into their body?

Answer: Let's Examine Actions:

People get angry, upset, when thrust into situations and circumstances in which they feel helpless and powerless. This anger, when not channeled properly (i.e. positively), turns inward and becomes self-destructive.

Like the use of Tobacco, which is not beneficial to either the victim in pain from their anger, nor society as a whole. For the fact is: we all need each other. The ones we think we need the least in truth we need the most.

So, turning a blind-eye to the use of tobacco blesses no one and curses everyone.

3) Why is tobacco legal while other drugs are not (like cocaine and heroine)?

Answer: Pure indifference. By those in government elected "to protect its citizens." This should be intolerable. People like you should pressure your elected officials to criminalize tobacco. Citing the health threat: it causes both the smoker and the innocent in the smoker's area. There can be no justification with the knowledge that this substance contains poison for the product to remain legal.

As for the College of DuPage, any arguments that smokers (here on campus) should have 'rights' ought to be overruled and negated by the SERIOUS HEALTH RISKS INVOLVED, both to the smoker and those who are non-smokers who get near the smoker.

Let us both be responsible and mature in this matter considering the greater good of all. Ban smoking completely on campus grounds. Other colleges and universities have done so.

JR,
Student



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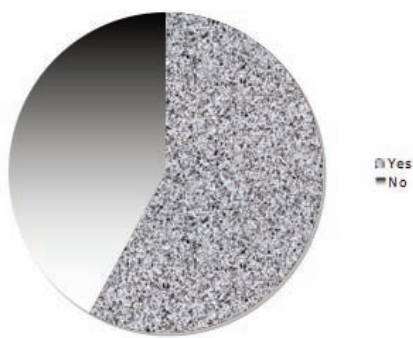
At The Polls:

Last week's answers; this week's question

Last week's poll:

Does the college go far enough in enforcing its smoking policy?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No



Fifty-five people responded to the poll.

- 32 people responded yes
- 23 people responded no

This week's poll

What do you think is the best way for the college to make the registration process easier for students?

- 1) Give more information on classes and instructors teaching those classes
- 2) Have more counselors available
- 3) Make a more maneuverable Web site
- 4) Other (e-mail editor@cod.edu with ideas)

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