

Registration changes in '99

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There will still be pre-registration with the new program. "Rather than filing a paper with the registrar's office, students will have appointment times to go through IRISLINK," Benton said.

He also said that they are working toward a total pre-registration that would eliminate coming back to the university early to finish registering for classes. The advising and pre-registration for majors and minors would have a time period of about one month. Registration of optional courses for freshmen and undeclared majors would take about two weeks.

The software is still being tested and changed so it can be configured to the registration process utilized by the university. Benton said that other features of the new software would be for instructors and advisers. Professors will be able to get class rosters through the program.

Advising can also be done with advisers and advisees communicating about class scheduling and availability through the computer.

Although the earliest the software could be ready would be April 1998, Benton doesn't foresee its being implemented until fall 1998 for use for the spring 1999 semester.

Current juniors who will be seniors in spring 1999 are not part of the Plan for the Class of 2000 and therefore do not all have their own IBM ThinkPad computers. "I don't think that will be a big problem. Students just need access to Netscape and there are plenty of computer labs available on campus," Benton said.

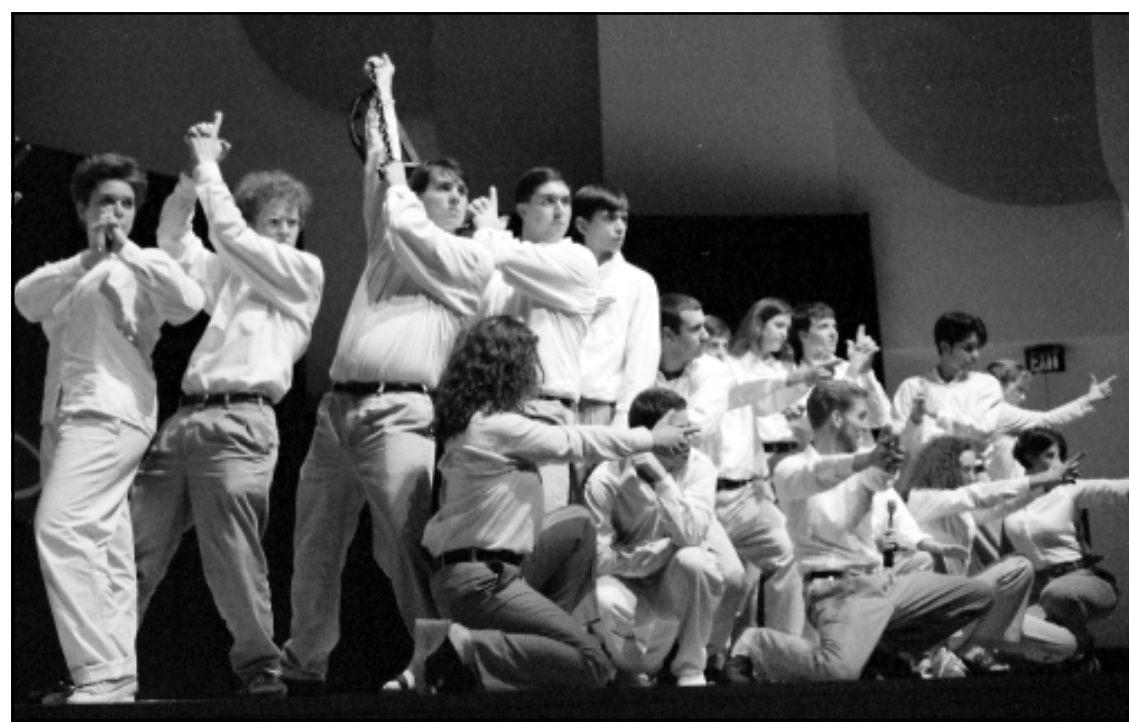
Currently, registration is held in the Green Room in Reynolda Hall at the beginning of each semester. Students pick up demo sheets from the registrar or their advisor that list pre-registered courses. The demo sheet also gives the student's financial status as paid or unpaid and the

time of their registration.

At the given time, the student goes to the Green Room where there are terminals set up and operated by members of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity. At the terminal, the student lists the course numbers of the classes they want. Students are able to drop or swap pre-registered classes, and be wait-listed for classes.

Alpha Phi Omega, the service fraternity on campus, works at the present registration, manning the terminals. Working at registration is one of their largest fund-raisers during the year. When the current system is replaced, the fraternity will no longer be able to do that work. "It's something we will have to deal with when it gets here," said junior Mike Beabout, a member of APO.

While no major change will occur immediately in registration, the registrar's office will be using new software in the upcoming registration.



Kim Robinson/Old Gold and Black

T.K.'s Angels

The Lilting Banshees do a farce of Charlie's Angels as part of the introduction of their members. The comedy group performed two midnight shows Nov. 21 and 22. For a review on the performance, see Page B5.

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anthropology. Anthropology majors will be required to take all three.

Browne said she feels the addition of the courses will provide a more diversified education for anthropology majors. "They will have a good exposure to the breadth of anthropology," Browne said.

Additional upper-level courses will also be added and some less-popular ones will be deleted.

Last year, the addition of First Year Seminars caused problems for the department because the six seminars being offered distracted the small faculty from upper-level courses. This year the number was scaled back to two, making it easier for faculty to teach both First Year Seminars and upper-level courses. Browne said that the department would continue to offer one First Year Seminar each semester. "For a short time, I think the department was over-committed to First Year Seminars," Browne said. She said she feels that First Year Seminars are important to retain because they allow the fac-

ulty to experience a change in the educational environment occasionally. "I think a freshman seminar is a fun thing for the faculty to do," Browne said.

Another issue addressed in the original self-evaluation of the department was the possible gender problems within the department in both student-to-faculty and faculty-to-faculty interaction.

Browne said that there has been a lot of discussion on this issue. "I think that the department has confronted the issues raised," Browne said. "Nothing was of such great consequence that action had to be taken."

Primarily, the department has been trying to educate the faculty about better ways to communicate between genders, Browne said. It hopes to bring in speakers to address this issue as part of the on-going process to alleviate the problem. Another gender-related issue was the low retention of female graduate students compared to male. However, the a survey that the department conducted found that their reasons for withdrawing was not based on gender, according to Browne. "(The students who with-

drew) didn't point to gender problems as the reason," she said.

Browne said that on the faculty level, problems existed because all tenure faculty and faculty on tenure track were male and non-tenure faculty were female. Browne said that this is partly because no tenure-track positions have been open for the past 20 years. One female was converted to tenure to help confront the problem.

The department expects a turnover at the end of the next school year and may use that opportunity to hire a female. "It presents an opportunity to hire a chair from outside if the department chooses to hire from outside," Browne said.

"They made a commitment that they would like to hire a woman. I don't think it will be a hard task to find a qualified woman. Many of the people graduating with PhDs in anthropology are women," Browne said. The graduate program is still on indefinite suspension, though one student is currently enrolled in the program and five to six others are working on their theses.

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of systems development on campus.

"We discussed the file in question and decided that we did not feel the information in question was sensitive or could be used against students in any way," said Anne Yandell, the assistant director of Information Systems.

Normally, the only student information available to the public consists of e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, year of graduation, current address and PO box numbers.

"Students have the option to make their information private should they choose to do so," said Rita Mewing, the assistant manager of the Infor-

mation Services help desk.

A student who obtained the information could attend a movie in the Benson University Center or order from Pizza Hut using another student's identification number in conjunction with other information normally available over the Internet.

Also, freshman who have neglected to change their network logon passwords may still have their identification numbers as passwords. Thus, anyone using that student's laptop could have logged onto or sent e-mail from their Lotus Notes account. And card numbers as were included in the file are used to record student and faculty identities as they enter campus facilities.

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