The Setting For a Gothic Horror Movie? No, Just USC At 4:30 In The Morning

Mitchell: Registration One Of Best

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Pre-advisement, coupled with the three SGA “gripe” tables, and students who knew what they were doing, made this last registration very smooth and effective. Dr. Nicholas P. Mitchell, registrar, said, “This was the smoothest registration we’ve ever had...without a doubt the best in a long time.”

According to Dr. Mitchell, the major problems with registration were the loss of entrance passes, by students as well as the U.S. Mail, and the fact that 30 percent of the student body were not pre-registered.

Mitchell said, “pre-advisement is an integral part of registration, but it still has some bugs to be worked out.”

Pre-advisement allows for addition or deletion of sections and courses for planning how many people to expect in each section. It also speeds up registration for each student.

A by-product of pre-advisement is the “printout summary of pre-advisement.” Copies of the summary are given to the deans, department heads and book stores. This allows for proper course planning by department heads and gives the book stores an idea of the books they will need on hand.

Eileen Berlin, secretary for student welfare, has seen registration from both sides. Besides having to register herself, she worked at the SGA complaint tables during registration and went back Monday and worked late registration.

Berlin said she would like to see totally computerized pre-registration and registration. She added, “Under the current plan, this registration was as good as it could be...when you are operating under an archaic system you can only go to a certain point.”

The idea of setting up SGA complaint tables was a big help to a lot of students. SGA President, Rita McKinney, said the 95-96 percent of the students who came to the tables with problems, had them solved.

The most common problems were not being able to find a section open at a convenient time or finding out all sections were closed for a course you really needed. These types of problems were easily solved by the “veterans” manning the complaint tables.

Overall, registration was a success—much more than anyone expected, but in the semesters to come, computerization is going to be the answer.

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