Registration: faster but not fast

By Mark Munkacsy

Changes in registration procedures aimed at alleviating the perennial problem of long waits were only partially successful yesterday, as many students stood in line up to half an hour yesterday to register.

Registration Day was expanded to a two-day event this term in an attempt to eliminate long lines which stretched from duPont Gymnasium to Besley Hall. The new procedures separate Physical Education registration from the duPont congestion on Registration Day, moving physical registration to today, 9am to 5pm, in duPont.

According to Assistant Registrar Winston Flynn, the future of the split registration procedure experimentally used this term will be uncertain until an evaluation of this term’s results is complete. Flynn, however, was optimistic: “If it works, it’ll be the best thing,” he said.

Whether or not it did work is debatable, according to students in duPont yesterday. Although the traditional morning crunch was significantly reduced and many freshmen did not have to wait at all, some students reported rather long waits. Looking at lines stretching half the length of duPont, Flynn said, “We don’t have the satisfactory solution.”

The Registrar’s Office hopes to have a solution to last term’s ID-sticker problem, however. Many students were inconvenienced by the new type of adhesive-backed validating stickers, which had a tendency not to stick to the plastic ID cards. But Registrar Warren Wells claims the situation should be much improved now: “The glue is better this term.”

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