New SIS Improves Access to Records

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ister for classes, update their emergency information card, view their Registrar’s Office statement, and see financial aid awards, Wiley said.

To register for classes, students will need ID numbers and access codes, which will be given out at the Registrar’s Office.

The Athena changes might also let students update their motor vehicle information and evaluate courses using SIS on Athena, Wiley said.

Registration, billing changed

Several changes in SIS affect the registration process, Culliton said. The four registration forms previously used have been integrated into a single form.

Registration status reports have also been redesigned to better display course information and include a projected degree audit showing current progress toward degree requirements, Culliton said.

Some students have complained to the Registrar’s Office that the date on their status report — 1995 FA — is incorrect, Wiley said. However, in the language of the report, the date correctly refers to the fall term of the 1994-95 academic year, he said.

Doctoral students working only on a thesis will have automatic preregistration through the new system, Culliton said. More details about the registration changes will be provided in the Registration Information and Class Schedules booklet to be distributed in early December.

Transcripts will now be prepared electronically, a move that represents a major improvement in quality and speed (“Registrar Updates Transcript System for Improved Efficiency,” Oct. 25). Among other features, the new transcripts will show whether a student took an Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program project for pay, credit, or as a volunteer, Culliton said.

The Bursar’s Office bill was redesigned to be readable and understandable following a survey of 1,500 students and parents. The bill now lists the transactions for registered students.

The Student Financial Aid Office will also be affected by the SIS changes, Culliton said. Students will be able to receive results of changes in their aid awards as soon as the decision is made. The financial aid award notice has been revised to clearly describe grant, loan, and work-study awards.

Student have received new, randomly-assigned MIT ID numbers in order to address privacy issues, Wiley said. The Registrar’s Office has received many complaints from students who say their ID number is wrong, Wiley said. The numbers have only been changed, Wiley said, and students can still use their old ID numbers when completing forms.

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The new SIS also provides departments with online class lists with search capability, Culliton said. In addition, a new final exam scheduling system allows better tailoring of the exam schedule and better management of conflict exams.

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