

Students have mixed reactions

P.E. class sign-ups made faster

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The physical education department is trying to save students some time by speeding up the registration process for P.E.

Emil Mamaliga, associate professor of health and P.E. and chairman of the P.E. committee, said that finding ways to save time is important at this time of the semester. "We realize that students are held up by other classes because they have to wait in lines for signing up for activities and receiving uniforms and lockers."

In an effort to speed these processes, certain changes have been made in registration procedures.

Instead of waiting a week before signing up for an activity, as was the case before, students were put into classes the first week of the semester.

"Details pertaining to activities are available earlier," Mamaliga said, "and students had time to change their minds if they found their chosen activity totally not acceptable. We tried to make it more flexible for the students."

Also, rather than issuing clothes,

locks and baskets to all students on the same day, which caused waiting lines in the past, students met in the gym stands three different days to take care of handling class cards, locks and baskets and clothes separately.

Mamaliga said he has seen this problem coming for two or three years. "The registrar's office would send me input on the expected enrollment and I could see the growth in the number of P.E. students coming," he said.

"The responsibility was from our end," he said, "and we had to plan, forecast and anticipate the needs."

"We started this new policy in the spring because we would have fewer students enrolled in P.E. due to transfers or those who have finished their P.E. requirements," he explained. "With fewer people in the spring, we could see how it was going to work with more in the fall."

Mamaliga said that so far this method has proved to be better. "After reviewing the results and studying the data," he said, "it's possible that a few minor adjustments will be necessary. However, we think this approach is an improvement over the one we had."

Proof of whether or not the new method is working will be apparent by the end of this week, Mamaliga said.

Freshman pre-dentistry major Ruth Calabria of Dallas likes this method better. "This way isn't as big a hassle," she said.

David Lish, a freshman P.E. major from Midlothian, agreed. "It's more convenient this semester because you go one day to get a locker and the next day you get your clothes. Nobody likes standing in lines."

Lish also said that he liked this way of signing up for activities better because students are able to sign up a week earlier and then get started in classes sooner.

However, despite the fact that there are no long lines to stand in and registration for activities is during the first week, some students prefer last semester's methods.

A sophomore from Brenham majoring in food science and technology, Gail Zieschang, said, "I think it's ridiculous to keep going back and forth to the gym three times to do one thing. Last semester I went one time and got everything done."

"Being a freshman," said Cherri

Winston, an accounting major from Alvin, "I really don't know what to take in P.E. and last semester I had a week to ask around. I liked having the week to think about it."

1978 alcohol sales up

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WASHINGTON — If you drink less than 22.4 gallons of beer this year, you're not doing your part.

New government statistics show that Americans plan to spend more than \$24 billion this year on beer, wine, hard liquor and soft drinks. This is enough to provide every man, woman and child 22.4 gallons of beer, 1.85 gallons of wine, 2 gallons of liquor and 34 gallons of soft drinks.

And while the wine consumption is low in comparison with the other drinks, the figures show wine to be the fastest growing of any of the drinks. Sales have nearly doubled in the past decade, reaching 400 million gallons in 1977, the latest year figures were available.

New library circulation policy to raise fines for overdue books

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Fines for overdue books are going up at Sterling C. Evans Library. The fine increase is part of a new circulation policy that was approved by the Library Council in December. The policy went into effect this week.

The fine for a book one day overdue is going up from 25 cents to 50 cents, the maximum fine, for books ten or more days overdue, is doubling from \$5 to \$10.

Emma Perry, head of the Circulation Division of the library, said the new policy was going up to "keep books circulating, and bring them back so everyone can get a chance to use them."

She said the library last year had 60 requests a month that couldn't be filled because students didn't bring the books back.

Perry added the increased fines are still lower than libraries at other universities.

Other schools, Perry said, charge as much as \$20 for overdue books. The A&M library only charges

fines for overdue books that have been requested by other people.

Even though the fines are going up, Perry said she doesn't expect library revenues to increase.

"Because the fines are higher," she said, "more people will return their books."

The new circulation policy is seven pages long, while the old one was only a page and a half. "We are trying to make it as clear as we possibly can," Perry said.

Former Students of Texas A&M may obtain a library card free by the new policy. The fee for local resident library cards is going up from \$1 for three years to \$3 for one year.

One fee has gone down, however. The processing fee for extremely

overdue and lost books used to be \$5 per book. The fee now varies depending on how many books are lost, but the average is a little more than \$2 per book.

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