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Computer speeds drop/add, but process still is tedious

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By 8:27 a.m. Tuesday, 282 students had passed through the doors of the Nebraska Union's Centennial Room to process a first day drop/add.

Although drop/add lines will be long at times, this semester's drop/add appears to be running smoothly.

"There weren't as many problems as usual," Dorothy Griess, a registration office staff member, said.

The university's computer drop/add system has been used now for about 18 months. Bob Reid, associate director of registrations and records, said the new system has many benefits. The computer provides greater accuracy of records, students can verify their courses with a copy of their new schedule and, most importantly, *it saves time*.

"It seems to go pretty quick once you get in there," Doug Timmerman, a senior business major, said. "But it still is a hassle."

"I don't like it at all. It takes too long with the computers —it's easier to screw up," Noreen Kubik, a senior elementary education major, said. "I like it better the other way."

While waiting in line can be tedious, the process moves quickly, serving 1,800 time card appointments per day.

"The whole system is geared to first come, first serve," Tony Schkad, assistant director of registration and records, said. "That's the name of the game."

Students who pre-register the previous semester usually get the classes they want, Schkad said.

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