Online registration to consider pre-reqs

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Online registration for this upcoming semester will be slightly different, according to Joanne Ceres, the assistant registrar.

On the whole things will run relatively the same, said Ceres. There are, however, a few changes.

“There are a couple of minor things that we are changing that we want people to be aware of by the time registration begins in March,” said Ceres.

Anyone who was new this fall will be eligible for online registration. Freshmen and first semester transfer students, who were not able to use the system, according to Ceres.

“The only people who will not be able to use the online course selection are those who are new this semester, who are new in spring 2004,” she said.

Another difference is that the online system will now do a pre-requisite check when students register.

“Although they were listed in the book the system wasn’t checking for them before,” said Ceres. “Students need to pay the pre-requirements because if they do not have them then the system will not allow them to register. This is a kind of behind the scene change but it may stop students from getting the classes they want.”

A difference that students may not be aware of, according to Ceres, is that the system has been reworked in order to better handle the amount of stress on the system.

“There are now actually two registration times rather than one,” she said. “Some students will become eligible at 4:30 p.m. while others become eligible at 5 p.m. We actually did this last semester, but this is one thing that will relieve the load on the system.”

The roster will be available the week after spring break, according to Ceres, and the schedule for course selection should be available online in a few days.

“We’re looking for a good turnout for online selection,” she said. “The numbers are increasing each semester.”

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“This is the rich man’s golf club,” said Kamal. “The rest of us have absolutely no chance in improving our swing or the quality of our game.”

Trade, another possible solution to the damage caused by globalization, has been hindered by protectionism, he said.

“Conventional wisdom believes that the United Nations is an organization. That is just not true,” said Kamal. “The United Nations is a table, and the people around that table are you and me.”

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Ancient tradition dictates that a Rabbinic court cannot sit in judgment during the weeks before and after Passover.

“My concern was the question of what happens when you take something that is a moment of time in history that has a context of understanding and making it into something that is meant to evoke emotions,” said Grossman. “For example, the role of Pontius Pilate [the Roman governor of Jerusalem in Jesus’ time] was sympathetic and emotional. He struggled with the idea of having to convict Jesus to death. In reality, the Romans called Pilate back from Jerusalem to Rome twice because they thought he was too bloody. At one point he crucified 1,000 people in one month.”

Grossman also said that a scene in the film that depicted Jesus being brought before a Rabbinic court was complete fantasy because Jesus was supposed to have been arrested on the first night of Passover.

## ‘I felt like the bookends of the story were missing. It’s true that he died for our sins, but I think the spiritual side was left out of the story.’

—Reverend Nancy Schluter

As for the accusations of anti-Semitism that have been leveled against the film, Grossman said that the film doesn’t present the full picture.

“There were many different styles of Jewish life that opposed and advocated Jesus,” said Grossman. “But there was no solidified group. No one who sees this movie is going to hate Jews, but someone who is essentially bigoted about minorities and others’ beliefs will see this as a justification to go further.”