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ABSTRACT

In 1990, the President's Council at Miami-Dade Community College (M-DCC) endorsed changing registration procedures to eventually eliminate late registrants. A study was conducted to determine the number of students who register late, their characteristics and reasons for registering late, and whether late registrants could be expected to change their behavior if the policy permitting late registration were changed. Separate data files were constructed for students who registered during the last week before classes and those who registered on the first day of classes or later. Results were compared to a file of data on all students registered and enrolled at midterm. In addition, a survey was conducted of students standing in line to register or take a basic skills test in 3 days following the first day of classes. Major study findings included the following: (1) of the 50,461 students included in the October 1st enrollment, 19.9% registered in the week prior to the first day of classes, and an additional 12.4% registered after classes began; (2) in general, students who registered late were not pursuing a degree and were more likely to be former students than currently enrolled students; (3) late registrants tended to be part-timers, Black non-Hispanics, older than recent high school graduates, and males; (4) 58% of the late registrants were aware that they were registering after the first day of classes; (5) 26% indicated that they were registering late because they had only decided to attend M-DCC in the last few days, 16% said they had "just put things off until the very end," 17% said they had just arrived in town, and 10% reported financial reasons; and (6) 74.1% of the respondents indicated that they would register before the deadline if faced with a late registration fee, while 79.7% said they would register earlier if faced with a cut-off of registration after the first day of class. The survey instrument is included. (JMC)

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Late registration is an issue with a history of both educational and financial concerns. In the past, students have been allowed to register up to and beyond the beginning of classes. The rationale was to make the registration process as convenient as possible for the student and to provide a "consumer orientation". Faculty, however, have disliked the late registration policy since it causes disruption of their classes. Now, as Miami-Dade faces a budget crisis of too many students for too few dollars, the opportunity to address the long standing issue of late registration has arisen. Recently, the President's Council endorsed the goal of designing changes in registration procedures to eventually eliminate late registrants. The first planned change is to charge a late registration fee of \$25.00 beginning with the next term.

Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this study was to answer the following questions:

1. How many students register late?
2. Who is registering late?
3. Why are they registering late?
4. Will late registrants change their behavior if policy is changed?

Methodology

For the purposes of this study, "late registration" was divided into two time periods. The Committee on Admission and Registration Procedures (CARP) initially recommended that students enrolling the last week before classes began would be assessed a late registration fee. The second definition of "late registra-

tion" (and the one ultimately employed at the College) used the first day of classes as the starting point for assessing late fees.

Two approaches were used to gather data. One was to build files that contained information on all students who registered just before or just after the first day of classes for the Fall Term. The first file contained information on all students who registered between August 20, 1990, and August 27, 1990 (the last day before classes began). The second file contained information on all students who registered between August 28th (the first day of class) and September 7th. Starting dates of the courses each student enrolled for were noted to ensure that students who were designated as late registrants were really enrolling for courses that had already begun. The third file served as a comparison file and consisted of all students who were included in an October 1st Fall enrollment research file. Only students who registered and paid were included.

The file-building process provided data to answer questions about how many and who. It could not, however, provide information on motivations--on why students registered late and what they thought they would do if faced with a late fee. To answer these types of questions, we developed a short questionnaire (see Appendix A) and administered it to students standing in line to register or taking the test of basic skills in the three days following the first day of classes. Students were surveyed only on North, South, and Wolfson Campuses. Most surveys were administered in the mornings and late afternoons. Some additional surveys were left in the Testing offices to give to new students who came in for basic skills testing. Based on the number of surveys completed, North Campus and new students were over-represented. It was felt, however, that the information obtained could still be useful.

Results

How Many Students Register Late?

A surprising number of students registered around the first day of classes. Of the 50,461 students included in the October 1st enrollment, 20% (or 10,044) registered in the week prior to the first day of classes. An additional 12% registered after classes began. Almost 1 in 3 students, therefore, were registering close to the first day of classes.

By campus, North had both the greatest absolute number of late registrants for the week before classes and immediately following the first day of classes. Almost 40% (or 5,699) of their student body registered during that time period. Homestead had the largest percentage of last-minute registrants (45%). As the newest campus, however, there may be a number of possible explanations for this result, not all of which rest with the students. South had the smallest percentage--24% for the period under study. See Table 1 for more details.

Who is Registering Late?

Generally, students who enrolled late were not pursuing a degree (see Table 2). They were former students who just decided to return and were not currently enrolled (see Table 3).

In addition, the late registrants generated fewer credits since they were more likely to be part-time students (see Table 4). By ethnicity, they were most likely to be Black non-Hispanic and least likely to be Hispanic (see Table 5). There was little difference noted between late registrants and all Fall enrollees based on their immigration status (see Table 6). Late registrants, however, were more likely to be older than the just-out-of-high-school students (see Table 7) and slightly more likely to be male (see Table 8).

Why Are They Registering Late?

According to survey results, students who were registering after the first day of classes were likely to know that their classes had already started. Over half (58%) standing in line to register or be tested knew they were late for the first day of classes. Most of the remainder did not know the date for the first day of classes. See Table 9 for results by campus.

Based on the reasons they gave for registering, many late registrants appeared to be slow to act. The most frequent reason (given by 26%) was that they only decided in the last few days to attend M-DCC. An additional 16% said that they had "just put things off until the very end." The third most frequent reason given was that they had just arrived in town (cited by 17%). Only about 10% picked financial reasons (i.e., unsure they would have enough money or waiting for financial aid) as possible reasons for their lateness.

Will Late Registrants Change Their Behavior if Policy is Changed?

Two questions on the survey dealt with potential policy changes. One asked students what they would do if faced with a \$25.00 late fee. The other asked students what they would do if they could not register at all after the first day of classes.

When faced with a late registration fee, almost 75% of the students said that they would register before the deadline. (Recall, however, that self-report answers often do not correspond with actual behavior). The remainder were about equally divided between paying the fee and not registering at all. There were some differences by campus with South campus students being least likely to say that they would register before the deadline and most likely to say they would not register at all. See Table 11 for full results.

Even more (80%) said that they would register earlier if faced with a cut-off in registration after the first day of class. North campus students were most likely to agree with this statement (84%) and South campus students were least likely (72%). See Table 12 for full details.

Summary

Last-minute registration is a fact of life for almost one-third of M-DCC students. In the week before the first day of classes, 20% of all Fall students registered. In the ten days following the first day, an additional 12% registered.

These are students who tend to be older, former M-DCC students who are not seeking a degree and who are enrolling on a part-time basis. Though there were many reasons given for not registering until after classes began, the most frequent reasons given involved postponing the decision to attend or to simply register. Most survey respondents (75%-80%) indicated that if faced with a \$25 late fee or cut-off in enrollment, they would register earlier.

While it is impossible to tell how people will actually behave when faced with reality, these results seem to indicate that educational demands could be satisfied without sacrificing many additional students. If they are aware that they need to, most students say they would register earlier. The faculty would be pleased. So would the administration.

Table 1

Percentage of Late Registrants to Total Enrollment by Campus

| Campus | Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | Total Count for October 1st. |
|----------------|---|---------|---|---------|---------------------------------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | |
| North | 3,501 | 24.1 | 2,198 | 15.2 | 14,499 |
| South | 3,479 | 16.4 | 1,762 | 8.3 | 21,261 |
| Wolfson | 2,238 | 21.5 | 1,744 | 16.8 | 10,399 |
| Medical Center | 489 | 15.3 | 411 | 12.8 | 3,204 |
| Homestead | 337 | 30.7 | 163 | 14.8 | 1,098 |
| College-Wide | 10,044 | 19.9 | 6,278 | 12.4 | 50,461 |

Table 2
Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Degree Type

| Campus | Degree Type | | | | | | | | Total | |
|---|-------------------|---------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Associate in Arts | | Associate in Science | | Planned Certificate | | Other | | | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 2,199 | 62.8 | 863 | 24.7 | 0 | - | 439 | 12.5 | 3,501 | 34.9 |
| South | 2,556 | 73.5 | 402 | 11.5 | 0 | - | 521 | 15.0 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 1,366 | 61.1 | 560 | 25.0 | 0 | - | 312 | 13.9 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 46 | 9.4 | 355 | 72.6 | 1 | 0.2 | 87 | 17.8 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 229 | 68.0 | 27 | 8.0 | 0 | - | 81 | 24.0 | 337 | 3.3 |
| College-Wide | 6,396 | 63.7 | 2,207 | 22.0 | 1 | - | 1,440 | 14.3 | 10,044 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 1,224 | 55.7 | 551 | 25.1 | 0 | - | 421 | 19.2 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 1,150 | 65.3 | 153 | 8.7 | 0 | - | 459 | 26.0 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 899 | 51.6 | 387 | 22.2 | 0 | - | 457 | 26.2 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 30 | 7.3 | 284 | 69.1 | 8 | 1.9 | 89 | 21.7 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 89 | 54.6 | 16 | 9.8 | 0 | - | 58 | 35.6 | 163 | 2.6 |
| College-Wide | 3,392 | 54.0 | 1,391 | 22.2 | 8 | 0.1 | 1,484 | 23.7 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 9,495 | 65.5 | 3,362 | 23.2 | 3 | - | 1,635 | 11.3 | 14,499 | 28.7 |
| South | 16,658 | 78.3 | 1,988 | 9.4 | 1 | - | 2,614 | 12.3 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 6,302 | 60.6 | 2,701 | 26.0 | 0 | - | 1,395 | 13.4 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 236 | 7.4 | 2,494 | 77.8 | 25 | 0.8 | 449 | 14.0 | 3,204 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 721 | 65.7 | 114 | 10.4 | 0 | - | 263 | 23.9 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| College-Wide | 33,412 | 66.2 | 10,659 | 21.1 | 29 | 0.1 | 6,356 | 12.6 | 50,461 | 100.0 |

Note: 5 AGS students have been deleted from the analysis.

Table 3
Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Enrollment Status

| Campus | Enrollment Status | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------|----------|---------|------------|---------|-----------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | New Students | | Transfer | | Continuing | | Former M-DCC Student† | | Total | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 698 | 19.9 | 223 | 6.4 | 2,152 | 61.5 | 428 | 12.2 | 3,501 | 34.9 |
| South | 60 | 17.5 | 240 | 6.9 | 2,140 | 61.5 | 490 | 14.1 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 427 | 19.1 | 157 | 7.0 | 1,465 | 65.5 | 189 | 8.4 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 71 | 14.5 | 54 | 11.1 | 295 | 60.3 | 69 | 14.1 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 56 | 16.6 | 38 | 11.3 | 192 | 57.0 | 51 | 15.1 | 337 | 3.3 |
| College-Wide | 1,861 | 18.5 | 712 | 7.1 | 6,244 | 62.2 | 1,227 | 12.2 | 10,044 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | | | | | |
| ∞ North | 434 | 19.7 | 166 | 7.6 | 1,240 | 56.4 | 358 | 16.3 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 245 | 13.9 | 146 | 8.3 | 1,058 | 60.0 | 313 | 17.8 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 315 | 18.1 | 162 | 9.3 | 1,027 | 58.9 | 240 | 12.7 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 47 | 11.4 | 45 | 11.0 | 250 | 60.8 | 69 | 16.8 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 36 | 22.1 | 24 | 14.7 | 74 | 45.4 | 29 | 17.8 | 163 | 2.6 |
| College-Wide | 1,077 | 17.1 | 543 | 8.7 | 3,649 | 58.1 | 1,009 | 16.1 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 2,796 | 19.3 | 662 | 4.6 | 9,708 | 66.9 | 1,333 | 9.2 | 14,499 | 28.7 |
| South | 3,922 | 18.5 | 957 | 4.5 | 14,418 | 67.8 | 1,964 | 9.2 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 1,697 | 16.3 | 543 | 5.0 | 7,385 | 71.0 | 774 | 7.5 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 389 | 12.1 | 230 | 7.2 | 2,237 | 69.8 | 348 | 10.9 | 3,204 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 242 | 22.0 | 119 | 10.8 | 500 | 53.6 | 149 | 13.6 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| College-Wide | 9,046 | 17.9 | 2,511 | 5.0 | 34,000 | 68.0 | 4,568 | 9.1 | 50,461 | 100.0 |

Table 4

Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Full-Time/Part-Time Status

| Campus | Full-Time/Part-Time | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Full-Time | | Part-Time | | Total | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | |
| North | 1,084 | 31.0 | 2,417 | 69.0 | 3,501 | 34.9 |
| South | 861 | 24.7 | 2,618 | 75.3 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 657 | 29.4 | 1,581 | 70.6 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 127 | 26.0 | 362 | 74.0 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 37 | 11.0 | 300 | 89.0 | 337 | 3.3 |
| College-Wide | 2,766 | 27.5 | 7,278 | 72.5 | 10,044 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | |
| North | 532 | 24.2 | 1,666 | 75.8 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 293 | 16.6 | 1,469 | 83.4 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 403 | 23.1 | 1,341 | 76.9 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 81 | 19.7 | 330 | 80.3 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 13 | 8.0 | 150 | 92.0 | 163 | 2.6 |
| College-Wide | 1,322 | 21.1 | 4,956 | 78.9 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | |
| North | 5,604 | 38.7 | 8,895 | 61.3 | 14,499 | 28.7 |
| South | 7,856 | 37.0 | 13,405 | 63.0 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 3,850 | 37.0 | 6,549 | 63.0 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 991 | 30.9 | 2,213 | 69.1 | 3,204 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 181 | 16.5 | 917 | 83.5 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| College-Wide | 18,482 | 36.6 | 31,979 | 63.4 | 50,461 | 100.0 |

Table 5
Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Ethnic Group

| Campus | Ethnic Group | | | | | | | | Total | |
|---|--------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | White Non-Hispanic | | Black Non-Hispanic | | Hispanic | | Other | | | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 633 | 18.1 | 1,267 | 36.2 | 1,516 | 43.3 | 85 | 2.4 | 3,501 | 34.9 |
| South | 1,083 | 31.1 | 336 | 9.7 | 1,975 | 56.8 | 85 | 2.4 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 363 | 16.2 | 272 | 12.2 | 1,575 | 70.4 | 28 | 1.2 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 110 | 22.5 | 183 | 37.4 | 180 | 36.8 | 16 | 3.3 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 200 | 59.3 | 58 | 17.2 | 72 | 21.4 | 7 | 2.1 | 337 | 3.3 |
| College-Wide | 2,389 | 23.8 | 2,116 | 21.1 | 5,318 | 52.9 | 221 | 2.2 | 10,044 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 352 | 16.0 | 918 | 41.8 | 870 | 39.6 | 58 | 2.6 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 546 | 31.0 | 182 | 10.3 | 981 | 55.7 | 53 | 3.0 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 296 | 17.0 | 258 | 14.8 | 1,167 | 66.9 | 23 | 1.3 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 110 | 26.8 | 148 | 36.0 | 138 | 33.6 | 15 | 3.6 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 92 | 56.5 | 37 | 22.7 | 32 | 19.6 | 2 | 1.2 | 163 | 2.6 |
| College-Wide | 1,396 | 22.2 | 1,543 | 24.6 | 3,188 | 50.8 | 151 | 2.4 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 2,637 | 18.6 | 5,030 | 34.7 | 6,378 | 44.0 | 394 | 2.7 | 14,499 | 28.7 |
| South | 6,319 | 29.7 | 1,487 | 7.0 | 12,903 | 60.7 | 552 | 2.6 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 1,501 | 14.4 | 1,211 | 11.7 | 7,584 | 72.9 | 103 | 1.0 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 815 | 25.4 | 1,137 | 35.5 | 1,165 | 36.4 | 87 | 2.7 | 3,204 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 666 | 60.7 | 169 | 15.4 | 244 | 22.2 | 19 | 1.7 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| College-Wide | 11,999 | 23.8 | 9,034 | 17.9 | 28,274 | 56.0 | 1,155 | 2.3 | 50,461 | 100.0 |

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Table 6
Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Immigration Status

| Campus | Immigration Status | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|---|--------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | U.S. Citizens | | Residents | | Visa | | Asylum | | Other | | | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 2,046 | 58.4 | 998 | 28.5 | 154 | 4.4 | 139 | 4.0 | 164 | 4.7 | 3,501 | 34.9 |
| South | 2,379 | 68.4 | 698 | 20.1 | 197 | 5.7 | 71 | 2.0 | 134 | 3.8 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 1,148 | 51.3 | 667 | 29.8 | 49 | 2.2 | 204 | 9.1 | 170 | 7.6 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 295 | 60.3 | 149 | 30.5 | 19 | 3.9 | 9 | 1.8 | 17 | 3.5 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 304 | 90.2 | 27 | 8.0 | 1 | 0.3 | 0 | - | 5 | 1.5 | 337 | 3.3 |
| College-Wide | 6,172 | 61.4 | 2,539 | 25.3 | 420 | 4.2 | 423 | 4.2 | 490 | 4.9 | 10,044 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 1,206 | 54.9 | 639 | 29.1 | 109 | 4.9 | 106 | 4.8 | 138 | 6.3 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 1,203 | 68.3 | 359 | 20.4 | 105 | 6.0 | 31 | 1.7 | 64 | 3.6 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 919 | 52.7 | 532 | 30.5 | 22 | 1.3 | 133 | 7.6 | 138 | 7.9 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 253 | 61.6 | 115 | 28.0 | 19 | 4.6 | 10 | 2.4 | 14 | 3.4 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 149 | 91.4 | 13 | 8.0 | 1 | 0.6 | 0 | - | 0 | - | 163 | 2.6 |
| College-Wide | 3,730 | 59.4 | 1,658 | 26.4 | 256 | 4.1 | 280 | 4.5 | 354 | 5.6 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 8,760 | 60.4 | 4,048 | 27.9 | 617 | 4.3 | 463 | 3.2 | 611 | 4.2 | 14,499 | 28.7 |
| South | 14,754 | 69.4 | 4,102 | 19.3 | 1,174 | 5.5 | 515 | 2.4 | 716 | 3.4 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 4,882 | 46.9 | 3,419 | 32.9 | 303 | 2.9 | 927 | 8.9 | 868 | 8.4 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 2,000 | 62.4 | 922 | 28.8 | 101 | 3.1 | 64 | 2.0 | 117 | 3.7 | 3,204 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 1,012 | 92.2 | 73 | 6.6 | 3 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.1 | 9 | 0.8 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| College-Wide | 31,408 | 62.2 | 12,564 | 24.9 | 2,198 | 4.4 | 1,970 | 3.9 | 2,321 | 4.6 | 50,461 | 100.0 |

Table 7
Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Age Group

| Campus | Age Group | | | | | | | | | | | | Total | |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 14-20 | | 21-25 | | 26-30 | | 31-35 | | 36-40 | | Over 40 | | | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 952 | 27.2 | 1,159 | 33.1 | 611 | 17.5 | 340 | 9.7 | 205 | 5.8 | 233 | 6.7 | 3,500 | 34.8 |
| South | 1,070 | 30.8 | 1,340 | 38.5 | 503 | 14.4 | 239 | 6.9 | 157 | 4.5 | 170 | 4.9 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 492 | 22.0 | 716 | 32.0 | 436 | 19.5 | 224 | 10.0 | 152 | 6.8 | 218 | 9.7 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 73 | 14.9 | 127 | 26.0 | 118 | 24.2 | 73 | 14.9 | 48 | 9.8 | 50 | 10.2 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 74 | 21.9 | 100 | 29.7 | 66 | 19.6 | 37 | 11.0 | 30 | 8.9 | 30 | 8.9 | 337 | 3.4 |
| College-Wide | 2,661 | 26.5 | 3,442 | 34.3 | 1,734 | 17.2 | 913 | 9.1 | 592 | 5.9 | 701 | 7.0 | 10,043 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 424 | 19.3 | 690 | 31.4 | 436 | 19.8 | 274 | 12.5 | 169 | 7.7 | 205 | 9.3 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 406 | 23.0 | 670 | 38.0 | 283 | 16.1 | 157 | 8.9 | 79 | 4.5 | 167 | 9.5 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 259 | 14.9 | 528 | 30.3 | 370 | 21.2 | 217 | 12.4 | 164 | 9.4 | 206 | 11.8 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 40 | 9.7 | 120 | 29.2 | 88 | 21.4 | 59 | 14.4 | 43 | 10.5 | 61 | 14.8 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 31 | 19.0 | 50 | 30.6 | 37 | 22.7 | 21 | 12.9 | 12 | 7.4 | 12 | 7.4 | 163 | 2.6 |
| Total | 1,160 | 18.5 | 2,058 | 32.8 | 1,214 | 19.3 | 728 | 11.6 | 467 | 7.4 | 651 | 10.4 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| North | 4,999 | 34.5 | 4,265 | 29.4 | 2,185 | 15.1 | 1,249 | 8.6 | 777 | 5.3 | 1,022 | 7.1 | 14,497 | 28.7 |
| South | 9,002 | 42.4 | 6,639 | 31.2 | 2,476 | 11.7 | 1,280 | 6.0 | 794 | 3.7 | 1,070 | 5.0 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 2,487 | 23.9 | 2,917 | 28.1 | 1,938 | 18.6 | 1,154 | 11.1 | 793 | 7.6 | 1,110 | 10.7 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 536 | 16.8 | 811 | 25.3 | 667 | 20.8 | 452 | 14.1 | 343 | 10.7 | 394 | 12.3 | 3,203 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 285 | 26.0 | 312 | 28.4 | 186 | 16.9 | 121 | 11.0 | 86 | 7.9 | 108 | 9.8 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| Total | 17,309 | 34.3 | 14,944 | 29.6 | 7,452 | 14.8 | 4,256 | 8.4 | 2,793 | 5.5 | 3,704 | 7.4 | 50,458 | 100.0 |

Table 8
Comparison of Late Registrants
By Campus and Gender

| Campus | Gender | | | | | |
|--|--------|---------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| | Male | | Female | | Total | |
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| Registered in Week Before Classes Began | | | | | | |
| North | 1,554 | 44.4 | 1,947 | 55.6 | 3,501 | 34.8 |
| South | 1,646 | 47.3 | 1,833 | 52.7 | 3,479 | 34.6 |
| Wolfson | 944 | 42.2 | 1,294 | 57.8 | 2,238 | 22.3 |
| Medical Center | 130 | 26.6 | 359 | 73.4 | 489 | 4.9 |
| Homestead | 137 | 40.7 | 200 | 59.3 | 337 | 3.4 |
| College-Wide | 4,411 | 43.9 | 5,633 | 56.1 | 10,044 | 100.0 |
| Registered First 10 Days of Classes | | | | | | |
| North | 1,052 | 47.9 | 1,146 | 52.1 | 2,198 | 35.0 |
| South | 832 | 47.2 | 930 | 52.8 | 1,762 | 28.1 |
| Wolfson | 702 | 40.3 | 1,042 | 59.7 | 1,744 | 27.8 |
| Medical Center | 128 | 31.1 | 283 | 68.9 | 411 | 6.5 |
| Homestead | 68 | 41.7 | 95 | 58.3 | 163 | 2.6 |
| College-Wide | 2,782 | 44.3 | 3,496 | 55.7 | 6,278 | 100.0 |
| All Fall Enrollees as of October 1 | | | | | | |
| North | 6,224 | 42.9 | 8,275 | 57.1 | 14,499 | 28.7 |
| South | 9,316 | 43.8 | 11,945 | 56.2 | 21,261 | 42.1 |
| Wolfson | 4,058 | 39.0 | 6,341 | 61.0 | 10,399 | 20.6 |
| Medical Center | 845 | 26.4 | 2,359 | 73.6 | 3,204 | 6.4 |
| Homestead | 408 | 37.2 | 690 | 62.8 | 1,098 | 2.2 |
| College-Wide | 20,851 | 41.3 | 29,610 | 58.7 | 50,461 | 100.0 |

Table 9

Percentage of First-Time Late Registrants Who Said
Their Classes Had Already Started

| Campus | Had Started | | Had Not Started | | Didn't Know | |
|--------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| North | 143 | 56.8 | 16 | 6.4 | 93 | 36.9 |
| South | 37 | 62.7 | 8 | 13.6 | 14 | 23.7 |
| Wolfson | 67 | 58.3 | 13 | 11.3 | 35 | 30.4 |
| College-Wide | 247 | 58.0 | 37 | 8.7 | 142 | 33.3 |

Note: Based on 426 responses plus 8 missing.

Table 10

Reasons Students Gave For Registering
After the Start of Fall Term

| Reasons | Number Selecting | Percent* Selecting |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|
| I only decided in the last few days to attend M-DCC | 113 | 26.2 |
| I just arrived in town | 75 | 17.4 |
| I just put things off until the very end | 68 | 15.8 |
| Other** | 61 | 14.2 |
| I wasn't aware classes had already started | 47 | 10.9 |
| I wasn't sure until now that I would have enough money | 46 | 10.7 |
| I've been waiting for my financial aid | 44 | 10.2 |
| I was planning to go away to school but couldn't | 33 | 7.7 |
| I've been waiting on my test scores or high school diploma | 33 | 7.7 |
| The lines are shorter now | 15 | 3.5 |
| I didn't need to register any earlier since the schedule of terms and courses I want are still available | 10 | 2.3 |

*Based on a pool of 431 respondents.

**Included a variety of responses.

Table 11

Reactions to a \$25.00 Late Registration Fee
From Late Registrants

| Campus | Would Register Before Deadline | | Would Register Late and Pay \$25.00 | | Not Register At All | |
|--------------|--------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| North | 197 | 77.9 | 32 | 12.7 | 24 | 9.5 |
| South | 37 | 62.7 | 9 | 15.3 | 13 | 22.0 |
| Wolfson | 83 | 71.6 | 11 | 9.5 | 22 | 19.0 |
| College-Wide | 317 | 74.1 | 52 | 12.2 | 59 | 13.8 |

Table 12

Reactions to Cut-Off in Registration
After 1st Day of Class
From Late Registrants

| Campus | Would Register Before 1st Day | | Would Not Register At All | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| North | 211 | 83.7 | 41 | 16.3 |
| South | 43 | 71.7 | 17 | 28.3 |
| Wolfson | 87 | 75.0 | 29 | 25.0 |
| College-Wide | 341 | 79.7 | 87 | 20.3 |

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Date: _____
Time: _____

Campus: _____

What is your student number? _____

Are you: (pick one)

- _____ adding and dropping classes that you've already registered for
_____ re-registering after your class schedule was voided
_____ registering for Fall term classes for the first time

Have the classes you want to take already started?

- _____ yes When did they begin? _____
_____ no When will they begin? _____
_____ I don't know if classes have begun

Why are you registering now? (check all that apply)

- _____ I wasn't aware classes had already started
_____ I've been waiting for my financial aid
_____ I only decided in the last few days to attend M-DCC
_____ I just arrived in town
_____ I was planning to go away to school but couldn't
_____ I've been waiting on my test scores or high school diploma
_____ I wasn't sure until now that I would have enough money to go to school
_____ I didn't need to register any earlier since the schedule of times and courses I want are still be available
_____ the lines are shorter now
_____ I just put things off until the very end
_____ Other (please explain _____)

If you were charged \$25.00 for registering late, would you.

- _____ register before the deadline
_____ register after the deadline and pay the \$25.00
_____ not register at all that semester

If you were stopped from registering after the first day of class, would you:

- _____ register before the first day
_____ not register at all that semester

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