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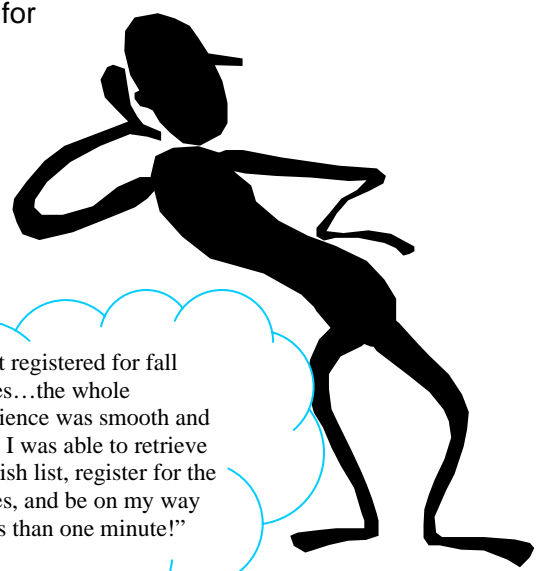
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Heard on MaineStreet

It's no secret that registration for fall 2008 classes in the University of Maine System has been/is being done in MaineStreet, not WebDSIS. This is a big change for everyone involved—students, advisors, faculty, and staff.

How's it going? Here's some of the buzz:



"I love MaineStreet [PeopleSoft] for registration. It is sososososososo much easier to use than ISIS. No more codes to use (sqre, sqcj, snak, and the list goes on and on) ... all you have to do is hit the button. ...give me MaineStreet!"

Evelyn Hickey, Administrative Assistant, Enrollment Services, UCB

"I just registered for fall classes...the whole experience was smooth and easy. I was able to retrieve my wish list, register for the classes, and be on my way in less than one minute!"

Nathan Cunningham,
Electrical Engineering
undergraduate, UMaine

"The registration process was a piece of cake. The software and tutorials were very helpful and easily understandable. I am amazed at the latitude and options this new program provides the student."

Bob Murray,
Associate Professor of
Management, UMPI

"I love this new system. It's easy to use and it allows me to do things that I could not do before. Since I have 49 advisees, each small improvement has a major impact."

Kevin Carr, UMaine graduate student
and Director, Office of Strategic
Procurement, UMS

I definitely have been pleased with MaineStreet overall, but also have had some frustrating experiences with it...some of the things we were trained to do were not actually available to advisors during the real pre-registration process. Except for [that] frustration...my experience with MaineStreet has been good so far. I've found the whole thing easy to use. It makes advising easier!

"Change is always daunting, but the more I get into MaineStreet, the more I love what it can do. At first, I was overwhelmed with all the "options," but over time I am clicking just as fast as if I were in the old system. In the end, I have found my students to be more impressed with it once I explain some of the options. Wish list rules!"

Rodney Mondor,
Associate Director for Advising Services, USM

Sue Erich
Professor of Plant, Soil and
Environmental Sciences, UMaine

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Campus Solutions: what, when, who

Go to MaineStreet for:	When?	Affects:
✓ Begin building fall 2008 class schedule	September 2007 and beyond	Student Records IDP Team; all academic departments (depending on campus)
✓ Application fees and payments	October 1, 2007 and beyond	Admissions Offices; Business Offices; Shared Processing Center
✓ Fall 2008 enrollment deposit processing	October 1, 2007 and beyond	Admissions Offices; Business Offices
✓ Convert ISIS schedule of classes for fall 2008 to new system	September/October 2007	Student Records IDP Team; Student Records Offices
✓ Begin transfer credit evaluation for fall 2008 new admits	January 2008 and beyond	Admissions Offices; Transfer Officers; Student Records Offices; Financial Aid Offices; academic departments (depending on campus); incoming transfer students
✓ Academic Advisement (available)	March 2008 and beyond	All academic departments, depending on campus; Academic Advisement IDP Team; Student Records Offices; students
✓ Fall 2008 registration, including student self-service	March/April 2008 and beyond	All academic departments; all students; Student Records Offices
Conversion of spring 2008 grades from ISIS to PeopleSoft	May/June 2008	Student Records IDP Team
Calculate tuition and fees for fall 2008; disburse Fall 2008 financial aid; print and mail bills	July 2008 and beyond	Student Financials IDP Team; Financial Aid Offices; Business Offices
Spring 2009 registration, including student self-service	November 2008 and beyond	All academic departments; all students; Student Records Offices
Fall 2008 final grades	December 2008 and beyond	All academic departments; Student Records Offices
Disburse Student Financial Aid	February 2009	Financial Aid Offices; Business Offices

The above chart does not include every process in every office that will be shifted to our new system, but is meant to provide an overview of the major events. Many implementation details are campus-based. Highlighted rows have the potential to involve all academic departments, depending on campus.

✓ means milestone has been successfully met. With regard to **Fall 2008 registration**: much credit goes to the Student Records IDP team and Peter Reid, Subject Matter Expert, for their months of hard work, and to the many people at the campuses who worked so hard to ensure that appropriate information and training was provided to students, faculty, and staff. This milestone was a huge one, and its success required a correspondingly huge System-wide effort. **A huge thank-you to all whose participation has assured the successful accomplishment of this important goal!**



Wish list, registration, and the load

It's mid-April of 2008. Thousands of students throughout the University of Maine System have now used the new wish list feature in MaineStreet in preparation for enrolling in fall 2008 classes. Registration has successfully begun on all campuses and for distance education students.

All of the work done on balancing the load in the months leading up to registration has paid off. No major access issues have come up.

One very important reason for the smooth implementation: the campuses spread out their registration time blocks, allowing specific numbers of students to register at any given time. This careful planning helped to ensure that the load on MaineStreet was evenly balanced and handled without difficulty.

Still to come: Student Financials

As promised many months ago, various pieces of Campus Solutions are being implemented as they naturally occur in the academic business cycle.

In the case of Student Financials, this means that student tuition and fee charges for fall 2008 will be processed in MaineStreet for the first time. And also for the first time, students will be able to **view and pay** their bills online.

The target date for this is July, with more specifics available soon. Progress!

Reminder: Save paper and protect personal data

Eliminate the paper copy of your pay statement. It's easy. Just click on **Employee Self-Service** in MaineStreet. Go to **Payroll and Compensation**, and then **Direct Deposit**. Click on **Pay Statement Print Option** and choose **Do not send...**



Even if you don't receive a paper copy, you can always view your statement online and make a copy if needed.

For more instructions, visit the [Quick Guide for Direct Deposit](#).

TO DO: Financials upgrade

The Campus Solutions end-users don't get to have all the fun. An upgrade to Financials 9.0 (from version 8.4) is in the works. According to Bill Elsemore, Financials Systems Implementation Integrator, the upgrade should occur in early 2009.

Differences will be visible primarily in the areas of accounts payable and purchasing, with screens re-worked for more efficiency and fewer mouse clicks.

Most changes on the GL side will be improvements behind the screens, with fewer changes noticeable to users.

More info about this upgrade will appear in future issues of **News from MaineStreet**.



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Use of Social Security Numbers as student identifiers: a bad idea whose time is gone

Back in the pre-MaineStreet days in the University of Maine System, Social Security Numbers were used as student (and staff) identification numbers. One of the many benefits of the new MaineStreet system is the use of a unique person identifier that is **not** the Social Security Number.

Provisions in both the federal Privacy Act of 1974 and its amendments, and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, also enacted in 1974, and familiarly known as FERPA or the Buckley Amendment, protect an individual's personally identifiable information. The Social Security Number falls under these provisions and written consent for the release of this information is required.

The University of Maine System is among many higher education institutions that are moving or have already moved away from use of Social Security Numbers as identifiers. This is especially urgent nowadays, when identity theft is a real threat, made easier for crooks by the open and frequently careless and unprotected use of SSNs.

Social Security Numbers may legally be obtained from employees, including student employees; from job applicants; and from student

applicants for financial aid administration purposes. Once an individual is hired or admitted as a student, the SSN will continue to be treated as confidential information and never used for identification purposes, except where required by law (e.g. payroll, financial aid administration, and tax credit reporting).

This means that some staff members who have been accustomed to having access to students' SSNs may lose that view as we move further down MaineStreet and away from treating SSNs as ID numbers.☹

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