

McDermott Asks For Calendar Modifications

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In September, 1973, Penn State University will conduct academic instruction with a revised calendar.

The fall term will begin immediately after Labor Day and will end at Thanksgiving. The winter term will start following that holiday, run for approximately three weeks, and break for the Christmas holidays. The term will resume after New Year's Day and will conclude after seven weeks. The spring term will begin in late February and will wind up late in May.

That calendar has been officially designated for the period of one year by President John Oswald.

In October, the Capitol Campus faculty overwhelmingly voted to go along with the then proposed calendar, stipulating that Capitol Campus have the option of developing its own calendar after the one year period.

Accordingly, on October 9, 1972, Capitol's Student Government Association went along with the faculty, with some basic modifications. Dan Hartsock and SGA members developed what was considered a more cohesive academic calendar. The SGA calendar called for three units (12 credits) of instruction in a fall term beginning in late August, allowing for Orientation activities, and ending at Thanksgiving. In the three week period between Thanksgiving and Christmas, one unit would be taken. The seven weeks comprising the remainder of the winter term in the SGA calendar, would find two units of instructions. The Spring term would provide time for three more units.

Basically, the only difference between the University Park calendar and the Capitol SGA calendar is the winter term modification.

Campus Provost Robert E. McDermott has appealed to University Park to allow Capitol to conduct the academic calendar, following the SGA guideline, according to Mr. George Dressler, Administrative Officer.

If approved by the authorities at University Park, Capitol's

winter term would see one course taken in the three week "mini term" and two courses in the remaining seven weeks. Divisions (or individual programs) would have the option, however, to utilize the "mini term" concept or follow University Park guidelines for a three unit winter term. Dressler speculated that the Division of Engineering and Math-Science would likely follow the main campus calendar.

Dressler explained that McDermott asked for the "mini term" clause as Capitol would lose between 150 and 200 community college and P.S.U. Commonwealth Campus transfers for the winter term if it completely adopted the University Park calendar.

Dr. Thomas Knight, Chairman of the Faculty Council stated the Council discussed the calendar modifications at a recent meeting. The issue was raised by SGA President Mike Dini. The Council, in a consensus vote, reportedly chose not to interfere with McDermott's action. Dressler elaborated further on the modification request, pointing to a possible problem in tuition billing. He explained it is conceivable that students may choose not to register for the "mini term" and work instead, giving them a six week Christmas vacation-work period. However, if that happens, "they still may take only two courses in the seven week portion of the winter term. In order to keep pace with the rest of the students, they may want to take a fourth course during the spring term. There is a strong possibility they would have to pay for that fourth course," Dressler said. Currently, a full-time undergraduates pay tuition of \$280 whether they are taking two, three or four units a term.

An additional tuition problem may center on the billing if students decide to take the "mini term" package. Dressler advocates a system, similar to the present situation, where all three courses taken during the staggered winter term would be covered by a single charge of \$280.

He believes a favorable decision will come in a few weeks.

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Ensnared in self-imposed imprisonment,
I've locked my mind within a concrete tomb.
The stares of strangers serve as punishment
If I should leave the confines of my womb.
Some visitors appear on lonely nights,
On rare occasions breaking through the haze.
I see them not as former friendly light,
But shadows left behind by spotlight days.
I must remind myself that time has gone--
They don't seem changed, but I am not the same.
I know I'd rather spend these days alone;
I cannot play a current/time-worn game.
For loneliness will never spawn the urge
To see the past and present dramas merge.

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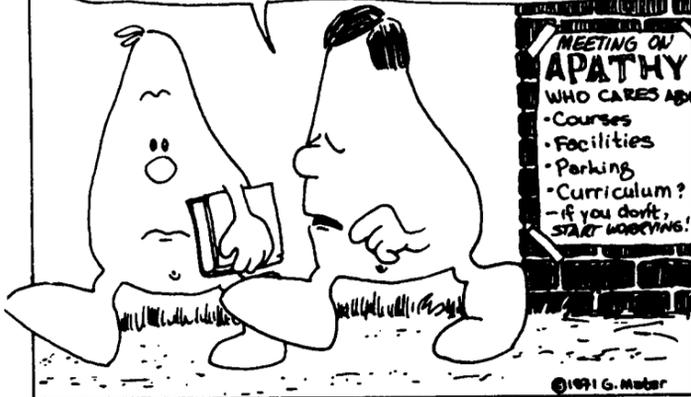
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Behrend Campus Granted Name Change

University Park, Pa., Trustees of The Pennsylvania State University, in recognition of the expanded mission of the Behrend Campus in Erie, have approved changing its official designation to "The Behrend College of The Pennsylvania State University."

In taking the action at a recent meeting, the Board of Trustees also authorized establishment of the position of dean of the faculty to serve as the chief academic officer at the Behrend College.

Behrend was expanded in 1970 to a four-year campus within the Penn State system with the addition of two upper-division undergraduate programs.

"The change of campus name," Dr. John W. Oswald, Penn State president, explained, "recognizes the change in the mission of the Behrend Campus as earlier authorized by the Board of Trustees."

"The new designation will distinguish Behrend from the University's Commonwealth Campus system in terms of mission and administration and will set the stage for increased upper division program autonomy within the concept of a single University system."

The University's Academic Policy Plan, adopted last June by the Board of Trustees, designated Behrend as a Commonwealth College because of its four-year status.

The plan cited Behrend's moderate size as offering the potential of providing genuinely distinctive four-year programs, while at the same time continuing to provide for the first two years of instruction for students who will move to University Park or the Capitol Campus in Middletown.

The Trustees reviewed the report of an eight-man Behrend Academic Planning Task Force which was appointed last March to prepare "an imaginative but realistic" academic plan for the development of Behrend as a four-year branch of Penn State.

According to the report, the director of Behrend will report directly to the Provost of the

University, but also will continue to work closely with the Dean of Academic Instruction for Commonwealth Campuses.

The faculty will continue to have a dual membership role, being members of the Behrend College and also faculty members of their respective academic departments and colleges at University Park.

Enrollment in the Fall Term, 1972, totaled 2,442 students, including 1,211 undergraduates and 183 students enrolled in two-year Associate Degree programs. A total of 1,048 adults were enrolled in Continuing Education evening and special courses and the Master of Engineering degree program.
