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Let Them Know

In the next year there is a possibility that academic measurements may change from the unit to the credit.

In the next year there is a possibility that requirements for graduation may change from program to program.

There is also a possibility that by next year the term would be replaced by the semester.

According to some people these changes will promote more flexibility within the Capitol Campus system. A system originally designed to be unique, apart from the University Park and state wide Penn State Commonwealth Campus structure.

All these proposals are interrelated.

If the requirements for graduation change from program to program then, almost certainly, the unit will turn into credits; for apparently if the unit is broken down to half or quarter units this would cause too many problems; in charging tuition; in computing grade point averages; in keeping records within this state wide institution.

If we go to a semester system rather than a term system the unit would most likely transform to credits, again; record keeping and other such situations would work more smoothly this way.

But rather than delve into all the ramifications for night and Saturday students if we go to a semester system, or ask what will happen if the credit is incorporated, let's look at why and how and due to who's decree these suggestions have come about. These ramifications, if the changes take place, are hypothetical and open to varying interpretations anyway.

Someone wants to make money is what it all comes down to. For the Capitol Campus to grow these changes, in the opinions of those directly affiliated with the proposals, must be put into effect. For the Capitol Campus to grow means more students. More students means more tuition. Are we in need of money for the new building? Where does tuition go? Who stands to profit? If this monetary reasoning is not behind the proposals to grow, what is?

Aside from these questions we must look at how and who will make the decision. Finally it's the provost who'll decide. Does that make you wonder?

Students do have a say. Students are represented by the student government. Therefore, the student government senators are going to somehow talk to their constituents to get a general impression of students' feelings on this subject. Have you been asked what you think?

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A day at the races a couple years back

By Tim Adams

The Kentucky Derby has come and gone once again this year. Since our Kentucky Correspondent was not available to cover the story this year, perhaps this story will suffice. It is a day at Churchill Downs a couple of years back.

On derby day Mint Juleps are the traditional pacifiers for the big losers. As one track fan put it, "Not drinking a julep on derby day is as un-American as Leonid Brezhnev."

On this particular derby day, an unauthorized, but highly industrious Julep vendor arrived at the grounds. Upon attaining admittance he deployed his four helpers to strategic locations armed with 20,000 mint juleps apiece.

The crowd that day was estimated at 25,000 fans, (or four mint juleps, depending on how you look at it.) At any rate, within 2 1/2 hours the vendors had sold all 100,000 drinks.

The vendor, overcome with delight at not only selling all of his wares, but doing so in a very short time, began to boast

about his luck. After all his expenses he had still netted a \$23,000 profit.

Little did he know that not only was he happy about his windfall, but in a very short while the Kentucky Racing Commission was also going to share his joy and his profits.

By the time they had run the 8th race the "run for the roses," our hero had to borrow two dollars in order to place a bet.

In typical gambling spirit though, he mused, "If only I had mixed 100,000 more of those damn things!"

Please return our Keg

To all the students who made our keggar on Tuesday a success we want to thank you. Now for the person(s) who felt that they needed to take the party back to their quarters we would deeply appreciate if you would please return the empty keg so that we are not forced to pay a keg cost. Hopefully you enjoyed our beer, but please return the keg to either the WNDR station or just drop it off at the loading dock behind the Student Center. (You know where that is; it's where you originally took it from.) No questions will be asked.

And again to all you faithful

keggar lovers thanks a lot. We were able to bring in enough money to pay off our debt to the S.G.A. and are again a solvent organization. Thanks to all the people who worked; we are grateful. Special thanks to Kent Odenwelder, Mr. Gautreau and Mr. Williams who were responsible for the kegs being at their best, cold! Special thanks also to MHBOG for splitting the refreshment costs with us. Expect another keggar around October; by then the staff should be recuperated.

Thanks,
Joe Gerchak
WNDR Business Manager

Why do alumni get the best seats?

By Cliff Eshbach

I'm confused about a group of people who, just by the fact that they attended this university, seem to feel that they control the fate of the school.

I'm talking about the alumni of this "grand" university. Those folks of days gone by. Those folks who have already done time. You know, those folks that we seniors will soon become.

I guess you could consider some of us half of an alumni, since many of us have Associate degrees. But remember you're not a real alumnus until you have that B.A., or B.S. (Actually, all of us have B.S.)

The confusing part comes in when you consider what Penn State alumni do. Granted they have some kind of investment

in the university. And they want to see the university prosper. But it is clear that the only place I have seen the alumni operate is the banquet circuit, and the football scene. Think about it. They seem

to arise and live between September and December. And then they hide away inside their banquet hall, talking about how lousy their 50-yard-line seat was this year.

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New People in Office

By David Nikoloff

Since we have been elected to SGA, we feel we owe those of you who voted for us, even if you are only ten percent of the campus population, some opportunity to give SGA your opinions on problems that confronts us at Capitol. Come into our offices whenever you like and speak your mind. The rest of you, the ninety percent of the student body that stays away from student groups and activities, can come too.

If you have no opinions or lack enough motivation to get off your backsides and come in, you may be part of the apathy problem. Think about it and if you have some time check out our posted office hours or just leave a note in our mailboxes telling us what you think we can do to improve Capitol Campus. You can find the SGA in our offices in W-110 or at our weekly meetings Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. in Room 216.

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A letter from a man in prison

Dear Editor;

I am writing you for some one to exchange knowledge with on your campus. The person can be a teacher as well as a student; both have knowledge and may have experiences they may want to exchange with me. I am a inmate at Attica Correctional Facility, in Attica New York.

I am attending college while in prison; my majors is history

and sociology. At this point in time I am working toward my B.A. degree in both fields.

This ideas or philosophy's we will exchange dose not have to be on any praticalor subject. I am blackman that has been in jail since the age of 16, I am now 21 years of age and a Capricorn. So I am writing you hoping that you may be of some aid to me in my seach for some one who is willing to write me.

This exchange of ideas will help me to prepare myself for release in the coming 2 years from now, so please if you can place this letter in your campus news paper, your help will be most welcome.

yours truly
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