

Capitol switches to metric

by Gayle Greenwald

As you may already be aware, beginning next term Capitol Campus will follow the trend set by several other branch campuses and begin its conversion to metric time. Since Capitol has always been in keeping with the times, it is only natural that we begin the switch as soon as practical. The following is a condensed explanation of the new system, and is by no means comprehensive. If you have further questions, consult your advisor.

The basic units of time are based on our current standard, the day. Other units will be changed as follows:

Old unit	New unit
second	milliday
minute	centiday
hour	deciday
week	decaday
month	hectoday
year	kiloday

In keeping with the metric system, there will now be 10 decadays per day, 10 centidays per deciday, 10 millidays per centiday and so on. For convenience sake, the hectodays of March and August

will be eliminated, as it was found that nothing occurs during these hectodays anyway. Birthdays and other events can be found by a simple conversion formula that will be included in the revised Policies and Rules for Students.

Class will now run 85 centidays and the new schedule will be as such:

- 1st period 3:05 to 3:30
- 2nd. period 4:35 to 4:50
- 3rd. period 4:55 to 5:10

Time between classes will be five centidays or 50 millidays. Classes will be held for six consecutive days, allowing 2/5 of a decaday for the decaday-end. The term 'Thank goodness it's Friday' will be replaced with 'Thank goodness it's the sixth day of the decaday.' Likewise, the expression 'a month of Sundays' is obsolete, and will now be 'a hectoday of Decadays.'

Courses will be 2 1/2 decadays apiece and a total of 4 decadays will be required to complete your 2 kilodays at Capitol. Grades will be distributed every 1/4 kiloday and you will be allowed 1.5 hectodays to drop a course, but only 40 decadays to

add. Students will be excused for 300 centidays to adjust to the new schedule.

The C.C. Reader will be published twice hectodaily. For safety reasons, you may wish to remember that the speed limit in the Heights will now be 18 kpd or 18 kilometers per deciday.

To further simplify things, instructors will also convert to the new system. Sick leave will be based on 45 centidays per deciday worked and annual leave will be accumulated at the rate of one deciday per hectoday, except for leapkiloday, when it will be computed as 600 millidays for every kiloday of tenure. The head of every department will be required to spend 4.5 decadays per hectoday to keep track of their subordinates, except for the Engineering department because they are already familiar with the business of metric conversion.

It is estimated that this new system will greatly improve the efficiency of the campus by the end of the third kiloday, when everyone has either graduated, retired, or resigned.



Dear Aunt Dorothy

Dear Aunt Dorothy:

My father is a machinist who was laid off by the B-1 bomber cancellation. Military cutbacks cost him his job!

—Out in the Cold in California

Dear Out in the Cold in California:

Your father's employer, Rockwell International, was guaranteed total compensation for all expenses and losses from the B-1 cancellation. The workers got the ax. It was another case of socialism for the rich and "free market" for the workers. More jobs are created by converting to non-military projects. But planning is necessary. Support a bill for conversion planning presently in Congress (the Defense Economic Adjustment Act). Contact me or your congressional representative for more information.

Dear Aunt Dorothy:

The Reader's Digest says it's high time to dig deeper fallout shelters because the Russians are way ahead of us in civil defense and are getting ready for a first-strike. And President Carter wants plans to evacuate our cities. What about it?

—Eighth Grade Reader

Dear Eighth Grade:

Dig a deep hole and bury all your Digests. They use their own writers for scare articles to keep up the arms race. Our own National Security Council says that 140 million Americans will die in a nuclear war. Both countries would be destroyed. The Russians do have a civil defense program but it is sheer stupidity and won't work. Maybe they have been reading the Reader's Digest. Russians have nicknamed their program "grob," which means "coffin." There is no defense against nuclear weapons. Write President Carter and tell him so.

Confidential to Worried in Wisconsin:

I'd be worried too about the chances of getting raped in the "Women's Army"! Don't depend on the campus recruiter to tell you everything. Rape is one of the fastest growing crimes in the military. In the words of one enlistee: "These guys think the servicewomen are here to service them." And you thought all the macho men were in the fraternities!

Send your heartfelt questions on politics, the military and nuclear issues to: Aunt Dorothy, c/o Fellowship of Reconciliation, Box 271, Nyack, N.Y. 10960.

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