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What It Will Mean: questions and Answers

Semester vs. Term

By Professor X

Student: What's this I hear about Capitol Campus changing to a semester system?

Professor: If approved by the Board of Trustees, the change would take place in 1984. However, we are studying the implications for our academic programs, faculty work loads, and different groups of students.

Student: How would a semester system affect us?

Professor: Semesters will probably last 15 weeks; the Fall Semester will be from early September to mid-December, the Winter-Spring Semester will be from mid-January to mid-May. The Summer Semester will be seven and one-half weeks in length. Most full-time day students will carry 18 academic credits a semester which will mean 15 class contact hours a week, the same as at present. How-

ever, this will be the equivalent of four and one-half 4-credit courses, spread out over a longer period, rather than three preparations per term as at present.

Student: Assuming there are 2- and 3-credit courses, this would mean six 3-credit courses a semester, four 4-credit and one 2-credit course, or some other combination, to make the equivalent of a present three 4-credit course load. This seems like a lot of different courses to take at the same time. How many times a week would the courses meet?

Professor: In order to maximize the choice of courses for students, we will probably adopt a 50-minute class hour with nine class periods from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A 4-credit course would meet four times a week, a 3-credit course three times, and a 2-credit course twice. Thus, a 'typical' schedule might be:

	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3
Mon		Course 1	Course 2	Course 3		Course 4		
Tues		Course 1	Course 2	Course 3		Course 4	Course 5	
Wed								
Thurs		Course 1	Course 2	Course 3		Course 4	Course 5	
Fri		Course 1	Course 2	Course 3		Course 4		

(5 courses -- four for 4 credits, one for 2 credits)

Student: How about an evening student coming two nights a week who has been taking eight credits each term under the present system?

Professor: To take an equivalent 24 credits in two semesters, the student would have to take three 4-credit

courses each semester. If they met on two nights, the three class periods would probably each be about 100 minutes -- say 5:20 to 7:00, 7:10 to 8:50, and 9:00 to 10:40.

Student: So, from a student's point of view, it would essentially mean tak-

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PBL Comes Alive At Capitol

By Susan M. Snell

'This organization offers more opportunities for development of business leadership than many other student organizations,' said Doug Charney, president of Phi Beta Lambda at Capitol Campus. PBL is a national organization for students interested in preparing for careers in business.

Providing opportunities for development of confidence, leadership, and occupational goals is the most important aspect of the organization. It is the largest student organization in the United States. There are approximately 200,000 members in 8000 chartered chapters across the nation.

Charney predicted that this year would be the best year PBL has ever seen at Capitol Campus. There are now 40 members on campus in comparison to eight members last year. Members come from many different backgrounds and schools, which adds an admirable variety to the organization, according to Charney.

PBL gives students the chance to learn, first-hand, about the business community as they prepare to become a part of it by developing vocational

competencies. They learn to lead and participate in group discussions, preside at meetings and conferences, work effectively within committees, and engage in practical problem-solving and decision-making.

Chapter advisors and advisory committees across the state and nation -- composed of school officials, prominent business persons and other community representatives -- help members become more aware of the intricacies of the American free enterprise system. The Capitol Campus organization recently toured the Commonwealth National Bank in Harrisburg. PBL also plans to host a speaker from one of the large corporations in the area to inform students about 'Corporate Executive Success.'

Projects involving PBL members include professional, civic, service, career development and social awareness activities. State advisors help to coordinate the numerous chapter activities. They, in turn, report to the national association headquarters in Washington D.C. Headed by Executive Director Edward D. Miller, a staff of ten works to help chapters and advisors in all fifty states.

'It is the chance this school has for academic competition on state and national levels,' said Dave Boyd, vice president of the local chapter. Since competition is recognized as a major part of the free enterprise system, PBL sponsors a National Leadership Conference which begins with conferences at the local and state levels. Areas of competition include accounting, marketing, management, public speaking, and more.

'Members have a chance to win awards, and this looks impressive on their resumes,' added Boyd.

The local chapter will be traveling to Cherry Hill, New Jersey this weekend to attend the Eastern Region Leadership Conference. They will be participating in a variety of workshops and business meetings.

Next month, the chapter will be hosting a seminar on Industrial Market Research. This will be open to all interested students at the campus.

The local officers are Doug Charney, president; Dave Boyd, vice president; Denise Wells, treasurer; Sue Snell, secretary; Bob Brown, historian; Mike Krahel, reporter; and Eileen Benfer, parliamentarian.



READER photo by Harry H. Moyer

SOCIAL CHANGE IN AFRICA -- Last Friday, Professor E.B.E. Ndem, Deputy Vice Chancellor/Director of the Centre for Development Studies, University of Jos, Nigeria spoke on "Technological Innovation and the Preservation of Traditional Values in Africa: An Analysis of Social Change Impact." This was jointly sponsored by the Divisions of Business Administration, Science, Engineering, and Technology, and Humanities, and the International Affairs Association.

COMMENTS:

The faculty committee on bookstore activities would like suggestions from students, faculty, and staff on improving the Capitol Campus bookstore. Although textbook prices will probably remain high because of rising costs for printing, paper, and postage, some desirable changes may be possible if enough members of the campus community express interest and submit their ideas for change. Write your suggestions in the space provided, clip, and drop in the C.C. Reader box in Room W-129. Ideas on items you would like to see available for sale in the bookstore? Changes in physical layout of the store? Other?