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Curriculum Changes Proposed To Faculty By Dean's Special Task Force Committee

The most far-reaching calendar changes yet proposed were heard today by the assembled faculty as the Dean's Special Task Force Committee presented a plan for a trimester system in the college of arts and science of the University. The task force, chaired by Dr. David B. Camp of the chemistry department, had been formed over a year ago with the broad goal of academic reformulation. After an initial report last spring, the task force decided to concentrate on calendar reform. The results were presented to the Faculty Curriculum Committee Friday afternoon (including students representing the Order of Gownsmen and the Delegate Assembly) which forwarded the proposal to the full faculty. The proposal was only given a hearing today, the final disposition of which must await the January meeting of the faculty. If the proposal is adopted, implementation will be possible as early as next fall.

Among the more interesting features of the plan is the reduction of Saturday classes to four per ten-week term; the ending of the first term and its exams before Christmas vacation; and the reduction of the average student load from ten courses to nine. The plan contemplates a

fall term of 11 weeks and winter and spring terms of 10 weeks each. At present the typical lecture course meets 3 times a week for a total of 40 meetings a semester. Under the proposal, such a course would normally meet 4 times a week on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesdays, both morning and afternoon would be reserved for labs, seminars, and tutorials, yielding 41 meetings in the first term and 38 meetings in the second and third terms. Classes would meet two additional times, being spread out over four Saturdays. Other details were given regarding average teaching loads, the conversion of hours into "units" (2 hours) and the subsequent reduction of the minimum graduation requirement.

The task force summarized what they thought to be the plan's advantages in a number of arguments and then tried to anticipate possible disadvantages and their conclusions on them. Among the advantages were:

(1) The slightly longer fall term (11 weeks as opposed to 10) would facilitate freshman orientation to the new surroundings.

(2) The increased number of free Saturdays (and under their new Nomenclature, they are "free" and not "study.")

(3) The introduction of a

new flexibility into the academic system, allowing certain special groups of students to arrange better schedules. A pre-medical student could, for example, take all his basic courses in the sciences in his first two years. The maximum time to fill the language requirement would be reduced to two years. Since sports are already organized into a "three-term" calendar, students who are involved in any varsity sport could arrange a lighter schedule for that sport.

Among the disadvantages anticipated were:

(1) As the normal class load would be reduced to nine courses, so would the number of electives a student would be able to take. The task force regarded this as undesirable and is considering revisions in the curriculum on the distribution of required courses on which it hopes to make a report later in the year.

(2) That the pace of instruction might be stepped up too much. To this the task force offered the testimony of students and professors who have been involved in the summer school. They felt that the advantages of taking fewer courses seemed to outweigh any disadvantages that the increased pace of instruction might contain.

Committees working on calendar reform have had a somewhat starred history in the recent Sewanee past. The faculty almost did away with Saturday classes entirely in the spring of 1969 but compromised on the present "study day" plan. The most recent impetus for calendar change came after Dean Puckette's arrival in the fall of 1969. The last year was marked by a period of confusion as a plethora of committees dealing with reform vied for the authority to make proposals, including the curriculum committees of the Order of Gownsmen and the Delegate Assembly. The Curriculum Committee of the Delegate Assembly resolved recently to uncover student opinion on the desirability of calendar reform and what form it should take. Its O' G. counterpart has been working on a standardized questionnaire for course evaluation at the end of the semester. The special task force will be studying the distribution of requirements in the weeks ahead; its present membership includes faculty members David B. Camp, William J. Garland, Kenneth R. W. Jones, and Sherwood E. Ebey, and students Chris Hannum, Ed Buschmiller, Charles Douglas, and Miss Susan Merrill.



The Sewanee Volunteer Fire Department fights a smoldering fire at the Sewanee Silica Co. last Monday. (Photo by Fishburne)

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The following poem is a translation of a Russian poem by a young poet. It is dedicated "to young Sewanee men and ladies."

The translator is Professor Eugene M. Kayden. Mr. Kayden, retired professor of Economics, is a holder of a Sewanee honorary degree, and is a well-known translator of Pasternak, Lermontov, and Pushkin. He now resides in Sewanee.

Hello, Christmas Tree!

*Make room again
Make room again
Make room for the Christmas tree!
Come sweet with sap
In a robe of green
And cocked white cap
To our holiday scene
From the snow outside and the cold
Merry Christmas to you as of old!*

*Come with a greeting word
From every beast and bird
The fox and the solemn owl
Brave rook and water-fowl
The wolf and bear
And the scary hare.*

*Bring in your arms of green
New books and toys in green
The scent of a snowy ravine
And the balm of forest deeps
Sweets for everyone
And loads of fun!*

*We'll trim the tree and sing
We'll preen the needles gay
And dancing in a ring
We will all together play
Frolic merrily
Around the tree.*

*Make room again
Make room again
Make room for the Christmas Tree!
Come sweet with sap
In a robe of green
And cocked white cap
To our holiday scene
From the snow outside and the cold
Merry Christmas to you as of old!*

*May this day - after nearly two thousand years - be the dawn of
Peace, Freedom and Justice for all nations and races in the world.*

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Campbell Cites Reasons for Dining Room Changes

NEWS INTERPRETATION AND COMMENT

by Donald Fishburne

The Provost of the University recently proposed a plan to remodel Gailor dining hall and to convert the Sewanee Inn to a dorm and dinning hall. The PURPLE talked with Dr. Campbell about this plan last week. What follows are some excerpts of that taped discussion.

Campbell's plan includes a proposal to 'completely remodel Gailor' in keeping with the Sewanee tradition—that type of Sewanee building, he said. Gailor will be divided into two smaller dining rooms and the Inn's dining rooms will be enlarged to accommodate students. Waiters will be brought to the Mountain early next year for a training session.

Campbell said, "There has been a complaint that the food is not what students want. I don't know what we can do about this. With no faculty eating over there, we don't know what really goes on.

PURPLE: Why haven't you eaten there? You said you were last year. Dr. Campbell told me when Sage came in last year he would eat at Gailor about once a week. He has not eaten there yet.)

CAMPBELL: 'I wanted to eat there but the reason I haven't been eating there is simply because it's been so crowded... I am looking forward to eating over there next year and so are most of a lot of other professors.'

PURPLE: What did the Regents authorize you to do?

CAMPBELL: 'The Regents authorized us to make these changes.'

PURPLE: Did you outline your plan to them?

CAMPBELL: 'I outlined my plan and explained that this was part of the master plan of the two colleges.'

PURPLE: Was this Dr. McCready's idea or yours?

CAMPBELL: 'I hate to tell you that it was my idea.'

PURPLE: Is the food service going to be family style—Have you decided, or has Mr. Buey (Manager of Sage) decided?

CAMPBELL: 'I think in terms of family style...if it's done properly.'

PURPLE: Do the students want the family style they may get next year?

CAMPBELL: 'I don't know whether they want it or not but I think they ought to try to give it a chance.'

PURPLE: Are you or Mr. Buey going to try to find out whether they want it?

CAMPBELL: NO DIRECT ANSWER

PURPLE: Do you have any plans to speak—not to the Delegate Assembly again—but rather to a bigger body?

CAMPBELL: 'I'd like to speak to the Order of Gownsmen or to a forum or anything they have but I'll tell you we don't have any plans to communicate with students. You find a place—I'll talk to any of them.'

It seems that the Provost has no plans to find out what the students really want. Instead he plans to see if they like his plan to change Gailor and convert the Inn After the conversion has taken place and the money spent.

Dr. Campbell asked this reporter not to print his plan in the PURPLE the week the Regents meet on campus. That story would have appeared in issue of one day before he went before the Regents with his plan.

He gave no direct answer to the question 'Are you or Mr. Buey going to try to find out whether the students want it?' (See above). Mr. Buey has told the PURPLE he had recently made up a poll which would have asked the students what type of food service they wanted in the future. He was told by Dr. Campbell not to issue that poll.

Dr. Campbell sees his plan as an opportunity to save the University money, further the learning process by dividing the student dining rooms up and having faculty eat with students, and to further the two college plan.

All of these may be beneficial to the student body and the University as a whole if they work. But the Provost must have some doubts as to whether or not they will succeed. For he seems to shy away from giving the students an easy opportunity to criticize the plan.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

I would like to thank the athletic department, especially Coaches Meeks and Gorman for their recent change of policy concerning the cross country team. It was indeed a positive step to improve the quality and the image of athletics at Sewanee. Several of the University's best runners, barred by previous standards of appearance, were allowed to run this year. The comradeship in the team was much higher than ever before. The team represented the University very well. The guys really enjoyed running.

I hope this represents just the beginning of accepting students on the varsity squads solely by their credentials as athletes. Sandy Johnson

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Delts Lead In I.M. Volleyball

By STEVE HATTENDORF

With the IM Volleyball season only two weeks old there already seems to be several obvious leaders in each of the leagues under the new system this year as adopted by the IM Council. In the Purple League the Delts seem to be the class as they rallied to beat the LCA's in their

first game of the year. They still remain the only undefeated team in their leagues.

The favored faculty under the Guidance of "Skinny" Alvarez are tied for the lead with the Phi's who also sport a 5-0 record. The standings as of last Sunday night are:

White	Purple
Faculty 5-0	DTD 'A' 5-0
PDT 5-0	BTP 3-1
DTD 'B'	LCA 'A' 3-1
ATO 3-2	CP 2-2
FGD 3-2	SAE 2-2
SN 'B' 2-3	KA 2-2
DKE 1-3	IND 'A' 1-3
/ND 'B' 1-3	SN 'A' 0-2
KS 0-4	Theologs 0-4
LCA 'B' 0-5	

Tiger Grapplers Experience Defeat

In the opening match of the year the Tiger Grapplers felt defeat before the strength of Moorehead State University by the score of 20-13. The match went down to the final match when Sewanee's 191 lb. Jim Booker pinned his opponent. The Tigers needed a pin in the final Heavyweight match to win but they lost the match, and the meet.

Continuing as bright spots for the Tigers were Yogi Anderson, who won 13-0, Phil Elder, who

was tied, Booker, and Kevin Lenahan.

The wrestlers will go to the Chattanooga Invitational Meet this Friday and Saturday for an open meet where they will face the toughest competition of the year, as the best from around the country will participate. This meet should give them more experience before touch competition as they try to defend the C.A.C. Crown that they won one year ago.

Sewanee Swimmers Fall as Law Wilson Take First

Vanderbilt University came to Sewanee last Saturday for Sewanee's third meet of the young year. They left with an impressive 67-45 margin of victory of the shallow-depted Tigers. However, several outstanding performances were registered for the Sewanee Tankers. David Brandon, a freshman, led both the 1-Meter and 3-Meter Diving competitions to register 10 points for Sewanee. The only other first places by the Tigers was made by Law Wilson in the 200 yd. Backstroke event. The team now has a 1-2 record.

but they will not swim again until after the vacation when they meet DeKalb College in another away meet. The following are the Sewanee second place finishes:

Morgan Knox	— 500 yd. Freestyle
1000 yd. Freestyle	
Jamie Griggs	— 50 yd. Freestyle
100 yd. Freestyle	
Mike Harrison	— 200 yd. Butterfly
Law Wilson	— 200 yd. Individual
Medley	
Bob Love	— 200 yd. Breast stroke

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Sewanee Roundballers Down Covenant To Win First Game

The Sewanee Roundballers, in their first year under new Head Coach Rudy Davalos, won their first game of the year over Covenant College in a contest played last week. The team this year has played several games as of this date against some of the top teams in this area of the country. Such teams as Mississippi State, Alabama, Rollins and Birmingham Southern. The quality of these teams has always been the deciding factor in the Tiger losses, which are now totaling six. However, there are many bright spots on the team considering that they have been playing much better teams. One is that after the games they have played against such tough

teams, hopefully, the C.A.C. Tournament will look much easier. Another bright spot is the play of several freshmen, who have played much of the time this year. Mark Knight, one of these freshmen, has taken over at one of the guard posts and is doing a fine job.

The Tigers this year sport several changes, one being the use of the Auburn Shuffle. New Uniforms also brighten the picture, and everyone seems to have a different attitude with the coaching change. Several games have been played at home this year, but already it is the hope of the Purple that more people take advantage of the opportunity to support the team and Coach Davalos.

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Prelude To Roland Kirk And Thursday's Concert

By BRUCE RODERMOR '67

"They told me that they all want I was to get them sooner", Tom Gibson said in a scared, hushed voice as we all stood around the set table at the Holiday Inn waiting for Rahsaan Roland Kirk and his band to emerge from the men's room. Tom Gibson, Jazz Society president, was looking more sheepish than usual and his pupils were like little black dots that were ready to shoot out from behind his glasses. His face was pale and like most of us, he was plastered from the cocktail party we came from. As Rahsaan and his friends emerged from the bathroom, Tom took the seat farthest away from him. We all sat down and Rahsaan feeling about him noticed an empty chair next to him.

"Hey Tom, where are you, come over here and sit next to me." Tom reluctantly got up to sit next to Rahsaan.

"Now you're not going to disappoint us for tonight after the concert, eh?" Rahsaan said in a quiet but emphatic voice, "You understand what we want, about the girls..."

"Oh no Rahsaan, I won't..." Tom said as his face became paler.

As the dining room filled up with banana icecream that Rahsaan kept burning in a little censer attached to his cane where he had his records and momentos hanging, a baffled waitress tried to keep her cool and make sense out of the orders.

"Tell me what he wants" she said in a quivering voice to the thick-bearded percussionist who was sitting next to Rahsaan.

"Now you just talk to me" Rahsaan snapped in an angered tone, "I don't need any interpreters, just tell me what you have."

Whipped into swift submission, the fat waitress from Montecleg quickly started reading the menu to the blind musician from New York.

As everyone was ordering the most expensive meat dishes (the Jazz Society was picking up the tab, Alan MacLacklan, a society

member, frowned over the menu.

"Hum...not very many vegetables..."

"And what will you have?" the waitress asked with her pad snugly in her hand.

"Well...I'll take a pineapple juice and a fruit salad..." The food arrived slowly but surely and while everyone was knifing their meat to shreds, Alan was eating his intricately designed, baroque like salad with apples, prunes, bananas, peaches all arranged in a star on a leaf of lettuce with a lump of cottage cheese in the middle.

"You don't eat meat?" asked the enthusiastic pianist who ordered a steak and a half a chicken.

"No, haven't eaten it for one and a half years" Alan said munching on a banana, "I love this stuff..."

"Aren't you hungry man...for a nice fat juicy steak with plenty of gravy..."

"No Alan said in a confession of faith, "I don't have any desire for meat anymore."

"Who are you is the drummer" I asked.

"Oh, he's asleep in his coffin" answered the pianist. "He's like Count Dracula, he sleeps during the day and wakes up at night and you know, he's from Memphis and he always carries around with him a little bit of Memphis dirt, always..."

All throughout the meal in the constant flow of conversation, Rahsaan spoke little except to occasionally interject something or to laugh in a full and hearty way. From his end of the table, he made all types of sounds, clinking his glass with a spoon, testing his reeds, his harmonica and pipes that were hanging from his cane and necklace. One had a feeling of a build up, an incantation, a sort of concentration of energies for the concert.

When we had somehow made it back to the Sewanee Inn for the band to change, it was getting pretty late and Tom was getting more and more nervous. "What time is it?" he asked for the second time in five minutes.



"Ten past eight..."

"Look, place your thumb against your left nostril like this," Alan said to Tom, "and exhale..."

"What for..." Tom asked, peering down to Alan.

"It's hyperventilation," Alan said in a modest boyish smile, "it's yoga man, I'll really relax you, it works for me..."

While the bass player was shining his shoes in the bathroom, Eric Benjamin, Tom, and Alan started hyperventilating.

"Don't go so fast now...you should inhale slowly at the count of eight, then hold for eight and exhale for eight, now...one, two, three, four..."

"You're trying to suffocate me..." Tom gasped, giving up the wisdom of the East and opting for his Western ulcers.

They were all almost ready and we went out to wait in the car, when the bass player decided to go and wake up Dracula. He knocked several

times at his door that was locked and no one answered.

"What do you think happened to him?"

"Do you think he's pissed off at us for leaving him behind?"

"Do you think he was hungry and went to get something at the Sewanee Inn?"

"The Inn is closed tonight." While the thought of him walking down the highway towards Montecleg for a bite to eat crossed our minds Tom started walking around like the stiff middle aged gentleman he portrayed in the Zoo Story.

"He might be setting up he knows where Guerry is," came a suggestion.

The band shuffled into Malcolm Moran's car that Tom was driving and the rest of us piled into Alan's car that was also transporting the bass fiddle.

We arrived at backstage Guerry by 8:35. Dracula was waiting, sitting in a chair backwards.

"Hey, where have you guys been?"

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by Pat Pope

Vietnamese diplomat Tran Van Dinh paid a nostalgic visit to Sewanee last Monday night as he spoke at the December meeting of the Student Forum. He-it should be pointed out-is from the South, also.

The Sewanee Student Forum presented the South Vietnamese professor, author, and journalist as an informed authority on the present turmoil in Southeast Asia. Guerry Hall echoed the dignitary's insightful remarks on U.S. intervention in Vietnam and roundly with applause as the exquerilla fighter bluntly stated, "Most of VietNam believes the United States should go back."

Van Dinh grained U.S. intentions, but he belittled the

idea that 'the fate of mankind' lies in the defeat or victory of the United States in Vietnam. Van Dinh stated, "Military victory in VietNam will bring about the destruction of America."

The Vietnamese diplomat urged the adoption of a new American policy in VietNam which would encompass two main points: 1) immediate prisoner-of-war negotiations and 2) complete troop withdrawal from VietNam. Van Dinh stated, "VietNam has been there for thousands of years, and here you are a country only three hundred years old telling them how to save themselves. I think you waste your time."

Van Dinh pointed to the

complete lack of strategy evidenced by American troops in VietNam and remarked, "No other country in the world can fight a war the American way-with its incredible waste of manpower, supplies, and munitions. Their war has no direction."

"Only a blindman could neglect America's problems-they are much more severe than any in VietNam," Van Dinh remarked in conclusion.

"Something is terribly wrong in America; something is terribly hopeful," Tran Dinh noted. "The trouble is nobody knows just what the thing is."

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Tran Van Dinh Attacks U.S. Foreign Policy at Forum

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