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CHANGES

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skills that they can adapt to different work environments, Kissler said.

The class loads presently carried by most University students impede their ability to develop such skills, he said. In a quarter system, students taking five classes a term are not given adequate time to study their subjects in depth.

"It is through in-depth study that students develop those general intellectual skills they will need in the workplace," he said.

In addition to heavy course loads, many students have jobs, which places additional time restraints on their studies. Students end up fragmenting their study time too much. They either give all their classes scant attention, or they give a few classes a lot of attention at the expense of their other courses.

"Either way," Kissler said, "students end up unable to devote adequate time to their studies, which means they're getting a superficial education in their subjects."

Over the course of last summer, Kissler met with an ad hoc committee to discuss these issues. The committee primarily discussed ways the University could reduce the average number of classes students take each term from an average of four or five to an average of three or four.

With this in mind, the committee discussed a proposal to change the average class from a three-credit-hour course to a four-credit-hour course. Students would then take three to four course a term for a total of 12 to 16 credits.

"The problem with the current system is we're running a semester format in a quarter system," said Frank Anderson, committee chairman and head of the math department.

Anderson said the number of

courses students at semester schools complete in one semester. University students finish in 10 weeks, so University students take an average of five classes more a year than most students in the country.

The key to the committee's proposal is adopting what Anderson calls "quarter semester credits." The University would still operate under a quarter system, but a year's coursework would involve 10 to 12 classes, the equivalent to a semester school's load.

If this system were adopted, Anderson said, the quality and depth of education would likely improve.

"Poor-quality work is a reflection of a poor educational experience," he said. "Students have too much difficulty finding time to do quality work."

As part of the proposal to change from three- to four-credit courses, the committee also proposed changes in the way cluster and stand-alone requirements would be fulfilled.

Instead of being required to take groups of three courses, students would fulfill their general education requirements by taking eight credits in approved classes, which could mean taking only two classes.

Jack Bennett, a counselor in the Office of Academic Advising who sat in on many of the committee's discussions, says the proposed changes could undermine the intent of the cluster system.

For example, to complete a history cluster now, a student might take a year of History of Western Civilization, which encompasses ancient history through the modern era. If the proposed changes are adopted, however, a student will only have to take two of the three courses.

"It seems that students would lose some breadth in their general education," Bennett said.

The only way departments

could guarantee that curriculum wouldn't be lost, Bennett said, would be by redesigning their courses to make the present year-long curriculum fit into two terms.

However, such a change would be antithetical to the intent of the proposal, he said, because three terms of classes crammed into two would amount to an even more superficial education.

"I believe clusters and stand-alones have greatly improved the University's general education program. Students are exposed to a wide variety of academic disciplines, which increases the breadth of their education," Bennett said.

Bennett said this exposure also narrows the communication gaps often found between people from different academic disciplines.

"The cluster and stand-alone system has helped demystify the peculiarities of each discipline's language for those who would not have come into contact with those disciplines without the general-education requirements we have today," he said.

Bennett said the proposal also suggests eliminating the rule dictating that students cannot take a cluster in their major, which would mean that students would lose exposure to areas of study outside of their discipline.

"We'll be hearing a lot more about these proposed changes in the months to come," Bennett said. "There's a lot of issues involved in these proposals, ranging from preparing students for the future to the nature of our undergraduate curriculum at the University."

"These aren't unrelated issues. Hopefully full discussion of these issues will unravel some of the complexity and bring some clarity to what are some very important questions facing the campus community."

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MEETINGS

KVAK general meeting scheduled for tonight has been canceled.

Christian Science Organization will meet tonight from 6:30 to 7:30 in EMU Century Room E.

Jewish Student Union meeting will be today at 3:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room F. Information about the Israel Exchange

Program will be presented as well. Call 346-4366 for more information.

SPEAKERS

"The Current Crisis in Croatia" is the topic of a speech to be given by Zlatko Peponik, professor of geology at Zagreb University, today from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 123 Pacific.

MISCELLANEOUS

Circle 'K' Halloween carnival and trick-or-treating event will take place tonight at 5-45. Meet at the crosswalk.

A Japanese/English language table will be set up in Room 122 Pacific today at 5:15. Call 484-0396 for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES

Career Planning and Placement office orientation session will take place today from noon to 1 p.m. in 238 Hendricks.

Resume Writing Workshop will take place today from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Room 100 Hendricks. Sign up in advance in Room 244 Hendricks.

U.S. Marines will have a table set up in the EMU today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Student Projects Board interviews will take place today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room C. Call 346-3792 for more information.

RELIGION

Bible Study will take place tonight at 7:30 at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald St. Call 346-4468 for more information.

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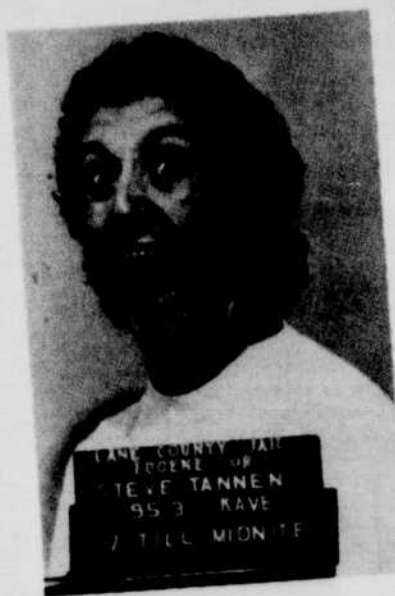
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