

Editorial Comment

IF I WERE CHANCELLOR...

By Roger Harris

We've all said at one time or another in our lives "If it were me, I'd..." or "If I were in charge I'd..." Well, hundreds of conversations with fellow students have given me the insight to dare the unthinkable, for if I were chancellor...

If I were chancellor the first thing I'd do is re-hire Dr. Harold Wade, former Vice-Chancellor for Academics. For those of you that didn't know him, understand now that he was not only a man of uncommon moral integrity, but also a true visionary who cared about students; he was a role model. After that, I'd centralize the coordination of class schedules to ensure the logical offering of pre-requi-

uisites and co-requisites as well as eliminate the scheduling of required courses at the same time on the same day. Many of the scheduling problems students now face would be eliminated by this review (ask the students!). I would direct that we offer Tuesday/Thursday afternoon classes, while offering laboratory classes during that time to enhance scheduling options.

I'd offer a weekend college (non-traditional students would love this!) so that you could still work a forty-hour week and comfortably earn a degree. I'd also offer a more comprehensive, affordable daycare program as well as include living facilities for single parents into the current

dormitory renovation plans.

I would reallocate a portion of student fees to pay for the up-keep and upgrading of FSU's computer labs. It makes no sense that we are trying to access the information highway in what amounts to a Desoto (286 computers). Worse, Title Three (federal funds, gang) cut funding for upgrades to our computer labs from its budget. In effect, they closed the station before we had a chance to gas up and access the information highway.

I would restructure the administration to eliminate the cumbersome, layered, and bureaucratic flow of information (Total Quality Management at its best!). I have yet to understand what purpose

paying an associate vice chancellor serves when you already pay the vice chancellor for doing his job. We have too many associate vice chancellors. All they seem to do is expend a very nice state salary. You'd think this was the White House or something!

Speaking of pay, I'd make sure that all competent (by publicly known and measurable standards) professors got paid at least on a level with administrators. Can you believe that some administrators with masters degrees get paid more than teaching professors with doctorates (let's eliminate market rate pay scales).

For students I'd have monthly community forums

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