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New Core Curriculum

By Dawn E. Camp
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Every fall semester brings an overwhelming flood of new students, new faculty, and new regulations. The fall of '91 will be no different. But, next year, students, faculty, and staff will notice a major change in the core curriculum. The proposed changes will have no effect on those currently enrolled at GWC, but those admitted beginning in the fall of '91 will find new core requirements waiting.

According to Dr. Frank Bonner, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, the current core curriculum needs reform for a number of reasons. Bonner said, "The current core lacks a stated philosophical foundation." He feels that a college needs to periodically reexamine its programs to be certain that they are still valid. It has been a long time since that has been attempted at GWC.

Bonner said that the faculty felt that the current three tracks of core requirements were inconsistent with the definition of a core--a body of learning that all graduates should share. Faculty sentiment favored a condensation of the three tracks into one which would satisfy all majors.

Current Proposed Changes in Core

- **Only one track for all majors
- **Required course in the Freshmen Experience similar to the current Master Student Program
- **Requirement of Health 221
- **Required course called "Global Changes"
- **Six hours of foreign language required for all
- **Course in oral and visual communications required

****These changes are tentative and are subject to final faculty approval.**

The current core reform effort has been a long, tedious process involving the entire faculty. A tentative core has been presented to the faculty. This draft will undergo at least one more period of review and revision before being voted on by the faculty.

Bonner said that the current core review is the first of three stages of curriculum reform. The next stage will examine the major. The final stage will look at the use of electives.

Discipline Concerns Scott

By Kathy Henson
Staff Writer

Discipline on GW's campus has Dean Jerome Scott concerned.

Most of all, he's concerned about vandalism and unnecessary pulling of fire alarms, but he is also disturbed by people wearing hats in the wrong places and leaving trays on the cafeteria tables.

"College can be an enjoyable experience...but it can be that way without vandalism, pulling fire alarms, and some other things," Scott says.

"There needs to be a greater sense of...community," he continues. He stresses the need for a community watch type system on campus. "People who know who did something and don't tell are just as responsible as those who did it...I find a very great reluctance for folks to get involved, but they always want to complain about this or that not happening."

However, suspects have been apprehended in the vandalism incidents. So far this semester, Scott has heard about 100 discipline cases involving approximately 65 people. Most of the offenders were males and freshmen.

Scott also worries about students who drink off campus and then drive back. "I hope, if this is what they're doing, they have enough good sense to have designated drivers."

Scott says he had hoped to advocate an increase in visitation time, but "It makes it pretty difficult for me to feel justified in advocating...expanded visitation when I can't even count on students to be responsible enough to take their trays to the window."

"I believe everybody's entitled to a mistake...if we didn't have a system in place where we could be afforded forgiveness, we'd all be doomed...but what happens after the mistake is made? Do you use that experience as a means to refocus on what your priorities should be? or do you just say, 'Well, I got off. I'm going to try it again?'"

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DCC Near Completion

By Kevin Walter
Staff Writer

The Charles I. Dover Campus Center has been undergoing renovations since early this past summer. According to Tracy Jes-sup, assistant to the president, the renovations are so near completion that the temporarily relocated offices should be back in the DCC by the beginning of next semester. Work on non-office features such as the TV room may also be completed early in the spring semester.

The remodeling efforts will provide more office space and allow for more efficient use

of space for student activities. Offices which will be moving back into the newly renovated building include Student Affairs, Campus Ministries, Career Placement, Counseling, SGA, and Student Services. Students can also look forward to the return of the Campus Shop and the post office.

The renovations were made possible through a million-dollar Dover Foundation contribution. The school is still trying to raise over a million dollars to completely pay for the DCC's make-over. Funding for the renovations has come totally from private contributions.

Final Examination Schedule

TIME	Dec. 10 Monday	Dec. 11 Tuesday	Dec. 12 Wednesday	Dec. 13 Thursday	Dec. 14 Friday	Dec. 15 Saturday
8:00 -11:00 a.m.	MWF 9-9:50	MWF 12-12:50	TTh 10:25-11:40	MWF 10-10:50	MWF 1-1:50	MWF 11-11:50
1:00-4:00 p.m.	MWF 2-2:50	TTh 2:40-3:55	TTh 11:50-1:05	MWF 8-8:50	TTh 8-9:15	TTh 1:15-2:30