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## The Four Basic Functions of a College Faculty

Ever wonder what college professors are supposed to do?

Ever wonder if professors have the same duties at a research university such as the University of Chicago or Boston University?

At a comprehensive university such as Virginia Commonwealth University or the University of Nevada, Las Vegas?

At a liberal arts college such as Pomona College (CA) or Miles College (AL)?

At a community college such as San Bernadino Valley College (CA) or Virginia Western Community College (VA)?

We will highlight the four basic functions of the faculty. Some of the terms are more technical than others, but from this column, each reader will be armed with additional knowledge that can be used in your roles

as parents, leaders, student/scholars and/or friends of those seeking information.

The primary source for this column comes from the book, "American Professors: A National Resource Imperiled" by Professors Howard Bowen (who recently passed away) and Jack Schuster, both of Claremont Graduate School (CA).

Both of these gentlemen have made their marks in higher education throughout the nation.

**RESEARCH:** Faculties contribute to the quality and productivity of society not only through their influence on student/scholars, but also directly through "research."

The term "research" is used as shorthand for all the activities of faculties that advance knowledge and the ar-

ts. Activities such as religious inquiry, social criticism, humanistic scholarship, etc. may be classified as "research" if they involve the discovery of new knowledge or the creation of original art.

The work of humanistic scholarship, for example, includes the discovery and rediscovery of past human experience, the preservation of texts and artifacts, and transmission of this knowledge from generation to generation.

Faculty members, on the whole, have been free to choose their research programs in terms of scientific interest.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:** Society looks to the academic community not only for information and advice, but also in many cases for actual execution and administration of programs.

Some public services are performed by faculty in connection with their teaching and research, such as the operation of farms, dairies, hotels, restaurants, and other enterprises related to instruction and research.

**INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS:** Faculties, individually and collectively, usually occupy a prominent role in the policies, decisions, and ongoing activities at colleges and universities.

For example, curriculum matters are dealt with through the Curriculum committee and faculty matters are handled by the Academic Senate. One additional governance body also functions on many campuses and that is the union.

**INSTRUCTION:** Instruction or teaching is the overwhelming choice of most

## Bell Times To Change For Schools Beginning This Fall

Effective with the beginning of the 1990-91 school year, there will be new starting and dismissal times for all elementary and secondary schools in the Clark County School District. In general, the new bell times do not represent a drastic departure from previous starting and dismissal times. Sixth grade centers, which will begin the school day an hour-and-fifteen minutes earlier than before, are the notable exception.

District officials say the earlier sixth grade center starting and dismissal times were prompted by requests from parents concerned about the long bus ride home for the students at the end of the day. Under the previous schedule, sixth grade center classes were in session from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. But beginning this fall, sixth grade centers will conduct classes from 8:15 a.m. to 2:26 p.m.

The new times for all schools are: senior high and junior high schools with grades seven, eight and nine, 7:20 a.m. to 1:31

faculty. Many if not most professors agree that teaching effectiveness, not publications, should be the primary criterion for promotion of faculty.

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## Students Help Fulfill Last Wish of Student In Atlanta

Students at Ed Von Tobel Junior High School are proud to have collected more than 700 cards to assist Craig Schergol, a student in Atlanta, Georgia.

Six-year-old Schergol has an inoperable brain tumor. His wish is to receive the most get well cards so his name can be entered into the Guinness Book of World Records.

Target Department Stores paid for the postage to mail the cards to Atlanta.



p.m.; sixth grade centers and junior high schools with grades six, seven and eight, 8:15 a.m. to 2:26 p.m.; and elementary schools, 9 a.m. to 3:11 p.m.

The Area Technical Trade Center (ATTC) and Southern Nevada Vocational-Technical Center will begin at 7 a.m.

In order to ease severe overcrowding, double session schedules for Brinley and Cannon Junior High Schools will begin at 6:45 p.m. for the 1990-91 school year only. The opening of new junior high schools in the 1991-92 school year will provide relief to high enrollments at both these junior highs and permit them to return to standard single session junior high bell times.

The change in bell times are the result of two independent factors. A transportation committee recommended changing the bus schedules to streamline the school district's busing

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parents working and yet their children are still being cosigned to living beneath the poverty level. While the report did not point fingers at anyone in particular, we feel that we have a responsibility to demand that federal, state and municipal governments do substantially more to meet this challenge.

Judith Jones, who is the director of the National Center for Children in Poverty, stated that this nation's policy of reacting to crisis rather than preventing crisis is part of the problem. Now that there is considerable national debate on what to do with the so-called "peace dividend" which is actually money that is to be re-budgeted away from unnecessary military spending, we believe that the first priority should be our children. To our dismay, Secretary of Defense Sick Chaney is opposed to the "peace dividend" being spent on domestic social programs. Chaney is advocating the traditional Reagan-Bush line that the first priority should be to reducing the national deficit.

The national deficit is important, but our children, particularly those under the age of six, are more important. The greatest challenge for this nation or for any nation is to "Save the Children!"

system to make it more efficient. And, unrelated to the transportation committee, the teachers' union negotiated the adding of an additional eleven minutes to the teachers' work day starting this fall. Funding for the additional teaching time was not fully assured until just recently when statewide financial triggers were implemented.

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