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MISSOULA--

Foresters who attend the University of Montana School of Forestry or one of the 26 other forestry schools accredited by the Society of American Foresters are facing the question of an important curriculum adjustment.

According to Dr. Arnold W. Bolle, UM forestry dean, the Society has suggested the four-year curriculum leading to a bachelor's degree in forestry be revised to five-years by 1970.

The Society believes the current four-year curriculum is unrealistic because forestry students commonly take more than four-years of course study.

The present curriculum requires basic and professional forestry courses besides the University core requirements. It is essential that a forestry student have a solid knowledge in the social sciences, because when he becomes an administrative forester he must make decisions which directly affect the public.

Dean Bolle said the five-year curriculum is one of the major agenda items which will come before the American and Canadian Councils of Forestry School Executives' meeting next week at Chalk River, Ontario, near Ottawa.

Dean Bolle is chairman of the council. He added that forestry faculties have no desire to slow a student's academic progress toward his degree, but the faculties are also faced with the responsibility of producing adequately trained foresters.

Following the council meeting, Dean Bolle will attend the Society of American Foresters' annual sessions in Ottawa, Oct. 15-17.