Question: What do you think about a change from the pass/fail system to a satisfactory/unsatisfactory system?

"For me the old system is better because the new system would make it rougher. This is an upper division school."

Gary Smith
Public Policy

"I have never taken a pass/fail, but the satisfactory/unsatisfactory system would make people put more effort into their electives."

Vicki Milana
Accounting

"When interviewers look at students' grades and see pass/fail classes, they might feel it was a cop-out. I think you should take the class for a grade. The new system does seem to push you toward that."

Renu Singh
Accounting

"If you transfer to another school it doesn't look good. What point is the D? It really serves no function."

Curt Sanders
Public Policy

You can't pass and get credit for a course with fewer points. You must put in more time and effort for a satisfactory grade."

Dave Hockman
Building Construction
Technology

"If the course is really difficult, sometimes a D is hard enough for a student to get."

John Lowery
Business

"I feel the break-off should be at a C and up. Some people will take the pass/fail option and not work hard. There is no motivation to make them work."

Brian Stick
Provisional

"I'm not saying I approve or disapprove of either of the systems, but part of the motivation is to get a grade."
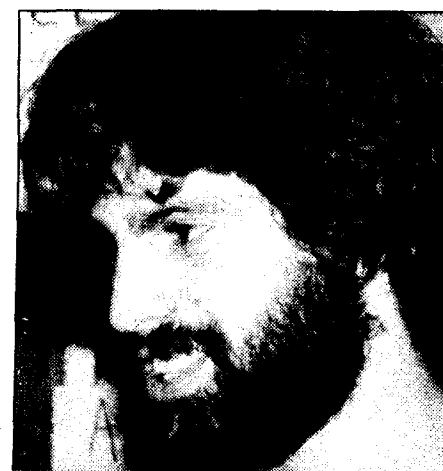
Bonnie Osevala
Business

"If they look to the accreditation of the school, I would think they would want to raise the requirement to a C. If you have to get a C to get the satisfactory grade, you might as well work for a grade."

Mary Bell
Computer Science

"If you think the class will hurt your cum., then taking the satisfactory grade makes sense. I believe, on an individual basis, you might as well take the class for a grade."

Dan Setton
Engineering

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