

# Lutter Reports Progress On Grading Revisions

By ANN LEH

Rudolph Lutter's one-man committee to bring about revisions in the University's grading system has made more than satisfactory progress to date.

Six college councils, with which Lutter has discussed certain inadequacies in the present methods of evaluating student work, have gone on record of being in favor of a change.

"I am very pleased with the progress so far and with the student interest in a new grading program," Lutter said last night.

He said that he had already contacted the presidents of the remaining college councils and will speak to those councils as soon as their schedules permit. This will probably be sometime early in February, he said.

Lutter was appointed by All-University Cabinet Dec. 15 to



Rudolph Lutter  
Committee-of-One

serve as a committee-of-one to look into the grading situation and to see what has been accomplished on the matter up to the present.

Lutter, a fifth semester arts and letters major, first presented his complaints on the grading system and revision suggestions to Liberal Arts Student Council. He is a member of LA Council.

Since that time he has appeared before the Engineering, Chemistry and Physics, and Home Economics College Councils, and last night spoke to the Agriculture and Mineral Industries councils.

Lutter was appointed to his post after he asked Cabinet to take action on the grading system.

One of the major faults with the present grading system, as outlined by Lutter, is that one student might have a higher numerical average than another but still

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## MI Council OKs Grade Change

The Mineral Industries Student Council last night passed a resolution in favor of a change in the grading system which would reflect more accurately the student's final grade.

The motion was raised by Rudolph Lutter of the Liberal Arts Student Council, who is polling opinion throughout the college councils.

Lutter said the present grading system is unfair especially to students entering graduate school or transferring to another university, because our system is so unlike those used at other schools.

The council discussed the possibility of holding more coffee hours and also covered the possibility of holding an essay contest for Mineral Industries undergraduate students in the future. Council president Charles Larson also announced the chairmen of committees for the centennial open house. They are Roy Brunjes, publicity; Edwin Tocker, exhibits; and Donald Fleck, guides.

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## Education Society To Paint Signs

Educators will turn artists when the Industrial Education Society meets to paint signs tonight. The signs will decorate the fence of the Pine Grove Mills Little League park.

The club will meet at 7 p.m. in the American Legion Home, 300 S. Pugh street.

Each year the organization participates in one community service project.

## Wettstone Talks At Convocation

Movies showing the activities of Swedish Physical educational summer camps and last year's gym meet with the Swedes at Recreation Hall, and a talk by Eugene Wettstone, associate professor of physical education and gymnastic coach, highlighted a Convocation of the College of Physical Education held yesterday.

"We are trying to elevate and promote the College of Physical Education even higher than it is today," Wettstone said. He spoke briefly of the gym exhibition with the Swedish gymnasts to be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at Recreation Hall.

## AIM Approves--

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turn Ball from \$450 to \$500; convention expenses, from \$300 to \$375, and miscellaneous budget from \$150 to \$175.

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Lieske said the \$225 for compensations which had not been included in the original budget was necessary because a provision calling for compensations had recently been approved by the board, Town Council, and the dormitory councils.

## Proof Return Asked

Students and faculty members who have not returned proofs for the 1955 LaVie, should do so some time this week, according to David Carvey, LaVie editor. Proofs should be returned to the Penn State Photo Shop, Carvey said.

## Ag Council --

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interest has been mainly in the administration, and that evident student interest has not been as great as possible. He said this was because no one bothered to find out how much interest the student body had.

Lutter has eliminated his first plan of a completely numerical system because a student could possibly get as low a mark as 10. He also said he felt that the decimal should not be used below the 1, on a 4 point grade system.

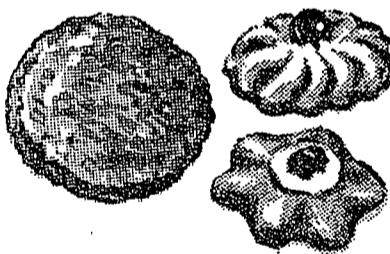
Lutter said, "If you flunk a course you flunk the course." Using a decimal below a 1 would measure the degree of the failure which is not necessary, since you do not get credit for knowledge learned in the course, Lutter said. Perez said the 3 to -1 system does not penalize, and that the difference between that and the 4 point system is only psychological.

One of the problems the council raised was how the new system would be adapted with the present averages of students. Lutter said that the plan includes starting the class of 1959 with the new system. The present grade averages would be changed to the 4 point system.

Another problem raised was the averaging of two and four unit courses. There have been two plans proposed to solve this which involve the difference in marking on quality and quantity.

The council answered Lutter's question, "Would you like a system that would report more accurately your grade?" But their vote does not mean approval, since a second vote on the proposal must be taken.

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## Prexy Gets Film On Coal Industry

President Milton S. Eisenhower yesterday received a print of the anthracite industry's new moving picture, "Black Diamonds," from Ervin M. Spangler, of York, president of the Pennsylvania Retail Coal Merchants Association.

Production of the picture was made possible largely through the cooperation of the College of Mineral Industries, Spangler said. President Eisenhower turned the film over to Dr. Elbert F. Osborn, dean of the College of Mineral Industries, and Dr. John A. Hipple, assistant dean, for use in the college.

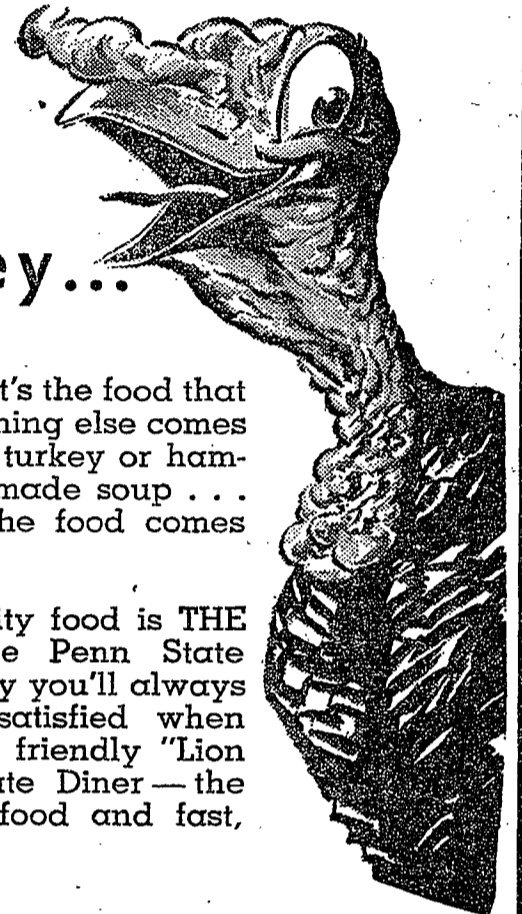
## GOP Constitution Change Proposed

An amendment to the Penn State Young Republican Club constitution which would permit staff and faculty members to belong to the club was proposed Tuesday night.

Members will vote on this amendment at their next meeting. June Koziar, secretary, appointed Nancy Horst and Barbara Will to the secretarial committee. Mrs. Nancy Fryberger, Centre County Republican Club vice chairman, was the speaker for the meeting.

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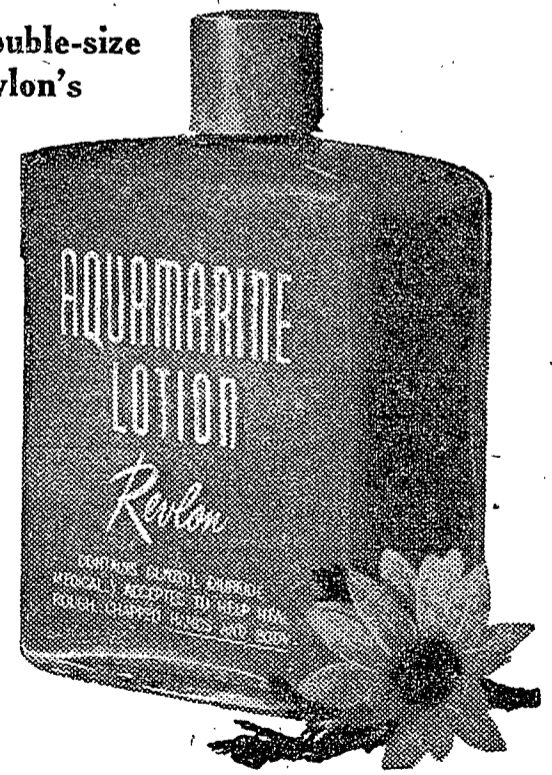
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