

A-F Grading Is Adopted

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Plan Eliminating -2 Approved by Senate

By MIKE MILLER

An alphabetical grading scale ranging from A to F will go into effect next semester as a result of action taken by the University Senate yesterday.

Under this system the -2 grade will be eliminated in favor of one failing grade of F which will be given for a percentage of zero through 59.

The grade point system will be retained under the new grading scale. Students receiving an A in a course will be awarded four grade points, those receiving a B, three grade points and so forth. A student receiving an F will not receive any grade points nor will any be subtracted as is now done.

All-University averages apparently will be computed by multiplying the number of course credits by the number of grade points achieved and dividing the sum by the total number of credits scheduled.

For example: a student carrying 18 credits who receives three A's and three B's would have an average of 3.5.

The Senate also considered a grading system proposed by Rudolph Lutter, sixth semester sociology major, which had been prepared at the request of All-University Cabinet.

This plan would have eliminated the present grading system in favor of five to zero scale under which students would have received exact equivalents to the percentage grades achieved in a course. For example: A mark of 95 would have been recorded as a 4.5 grade.

The Senate, however, defeated an amendment which would have

The New System

Grade	Percentage Equivalent	Grade Point Equivalent
A	90-100	4
B	80-89	3
C	70-79	2
D	60-69	1
F (failure)	0-59	0

brought a decimal grading system such as proposed by Lutter before the group for discussion.

In the discussion preceding the vote on this amendment which concerned both plans, Dr. Kent Forster, chairman of the Senate Committee on Review of the Grading System, which presented the system which was adopted, said his committee had considered the Lutter report but had felt a letter system would lessen confusion during the transition period from the old to new system. A letter system, he said, would also bring the University's grading system closer to those used in comparable institutions.

Dr. Forster had previously stated (Continued on page two)

Honorary Degrees

Announcement will not be made until the day of graduation on whether the University will confer honorary degrees at this year's commencement, Adrian O. Morse, University Provost, announced at yesterday's University Senate meeting.

The Board of Trustees acted on the matter at its last meeting, Morse said, but decided to withhold the announcement of its decision until graduation day, June 11.

The University has never awarded an honorary degree.

HUB Will Employ University Students For Food Service

Approximately 60 permanent waiters and waitresses are needed to work in the Hetzel Union Building, Harriet Schupp, food service manager of the HUB, announced yesterday.

Students will be paid in tickets by the number of hours they work, Miss Schupp said. Tickets, equal to 75 cents an hour, can be used for the purchase of food at the snack bar or dining room.

Students are needed to work at the grill, dining room, and as caterers for special banquets. Students may work as many hours a week as their schedule and interest allows, Miss Schupp said.

Students interested in working at the grill may call William Paris or Gordon Osborne. Those interested in working in the dining room, Mary Lee James; and special catering, Althea Gillespie. Students may call extension 488.

Faculty Luncheon Club

Dr. Paul H. Schweitzer, professor of engineering research, will speak on "Diesels for Non-Diesel Friends" at the Faculty Luncheon Club at noon Monday in the Hotel State College.

4 Recommendations Passed by Cabinet

With little discussion, All-University Cabinet last night granted \$30 for Tribunal compensations, approved the Graduate Student Association's request, passed the academic honesty report, and the amendments to the All-University Elections Code. The National Student Association progress report was not brought up at the meeting.

Independents Will Fill 2 Positions

Because the three political parties cannot find independent men to run for office, only two of the seven positions normally held by men will be open to independent men in the spring election.

Other positions—except those held by women—will be filled by fraternity men.

The two positions open to independent men are junior class president and All-University vice president.

This decision was made by the Elections Committee, meeting with the three party clique chairmen, last night.

"This campus is drained of qualified candidates," Robert Spidaro, Lion party clique chairman, commented.

"Not one single independent has approached me" (to run for office), John McMeekin, Campus party chairman, said.

Rae DelleDonne, State party clique chairman, said she had "searched through" the student directory and called all eligible students and none said he would run.

The Elections Committee reluctantly agreed to allow a fraternity man to run for senior class president, although earlier in the evening it had decided that the post should be filled by an independent.

It took this action because the chairmen said they could not find any qualified independents to run.

Final nominations will be made by the three parties at their clique meetings Sunday night. Any student who has attended one or more clique meetings may attend the meetings.

Student Receives Driving Award

Thurber Zeh, sixth semester sanitary engineering major, has been selected as Driver of the Month in State College.

Members of the Borough police force chose Zeh as the driver observed during February as following both written and common rules of the highway. The department is cooperating with the Centre Daily Times in selecting the Driver of the Month to honor drivers for safe operation of their motor vehicles.

Anthony Schreiber, eighth semester agronomy major, and David Mellor, sixth semester poultry husbandry major, received honorable mention citations.

Forestry Ball To Feature Mike Pedicin

Pine trees, Kodiak bears, and white and green streamers will lend an outdoor air to White Hall for the Forestry Ball from 9 until 1 tonight.

Among numerous Red Pine trees decorating the hall will be the bears seen in the past several days in Old Main, according to Donald Campbell, co-chairman of the dance committee.

Mike Pedicin and his orchestra, RCA-Victor recording artists, will provide the music for the semi-formal affair.

Guest of honor will be Maurice K. Goddard, State secretary of forests and waters, and former head of the forestry department, Campbell said.

Tickets at \$2.50 per couple may be purchased at the forestry office, the Student Union desk in Old Main, the West Dorm bulletin board, and at the door.

Trustees Approve Three Retirements

Retirements of three faculty members approved by the Board of Trustees, have been announced by President Milton S. Eisenhower.

They include: Dr. Walter S. Beach, professor of plant pathology research and member of the faculty since 1918, will retire on July 1 with emeritus rank.

Leland S. Rhodes, professor of civil engineering, who was named to the faculty in 1919, will retire on June 30 with emeritus rank.

Dr. Arthur K. Anderson, professor of physiological chemistry and member of the faculty since 1923, will retire with emeritus rank on July 1.

Showers Expected; Winds to Continue

Showers are forecast for this afternoon by the University weather station. The March winds are also expected to continue.

The low this morning is forecast for 40 degrees. This afternoon the thermometer is expected to reach 50 degrees.

Chapel Ceremony May Be June 11

The cornerstone for the All-Faith Chapel may be laid following commencement ceremonies on June 11, the Rev. Luther H. Harshbarger, University chaplain, has announced.

Excavation on the project will begin soon. At present, drilling to determine the substructure of the chapel site is underway.

The chapel was dedicated to the late Helen Eakin Eisenhower, wife of President Milton S. Eisenhower, on Feb. 22.

Otto Hetzel, Tribunal secretary who presented the Tribunal requests, asked for the compensations for three members of Tribunal who are not getting compensation this year. His request for raises in compensations for next year was not passed.

Cabinet passed the Graduate Student Association proposal that funds from traffic violations be divided between the graduate and undergraduate student governments. At present, all funds allocated for student government are channeled into undergraduate government.

Money Division

Cabinet asked George Rapp, graduate student who presented the report, and Mark Weiner, traffic court chairman, to discuss with George Donovan, director of Associated Student Activities, proposed ways to divide money. They will decide if a ratio of graduates to undergraduates will be used to determine the division of money, or if the number of fines by graduates will be tabulated and turned over to their government.

The Academic Honesty Committee's report was passed by a unanimous vote. The report had been revised by the committee from a report made by students at encampment. The six changes were read. The report will be sent to the University Senate.

Elections Code

Revision of the elections code was passed by Cabinet. Voting will take place in the Hetzel Union Building, eliminating last year's decentralized voting. Other revisions are the \$25 bond which all parties must have on deposit by March 23, and the right of All-University Elections Committee to dock candidates from 10 to 100 votes or fine the party up to \$25 for violating the Elections Code.

Discussion was held on the (Continued on page two)

Dulles Assures Chiang Islands Not to Be Pawns

TAIPEI, Formosa, March 3 (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles assured President Chiang Kai-shek today Quemoy and the Matsus would not be pawns in diplomatic moves for a cease-fire, sources close to Dulles said.

These sources said abandonment of the offshore islands would be considered only if the Nationalists agreed and if such a step could bring a guarantee of peace in Asia.

Nationalist Vow

The Nationalists have vowed to defend Quemoy and the Matsus against the Communists. Chiang himself seemed to throw cold water on any attempt to tie his hands shortly after Dulles left for

Washington. Chiang told the closing session of the Central Committee of the Kuomintang—his Nationalist party—that the government must strengthen itself "to realize our mission of counterattack, and national survival."

Mobile Forces

Dulles reiterated that the mobile U.S. air and sea forces in the Far East would be used as a deterrent to aggression. But he put the accent on peace in a statement at the airport before his departure. "It is the ardent hope of the United States," he said, "that the Chinese Communists will not insist on war as an instrument of their policy."

Dulles' first act on his arrival earlier in the day was to sign the mutual defense treaty under (Continued on page three)

TODAY'S WEATHER:

WINDY WITH SHOWERS



Review—Players Present Euripedes' 'Medea'

By JOE BEAU-SEIGNEUR

Robinson Jeffers may have been able to edit most of the "woe-woe" out of Euripedes' "Medea," but Players somehow managed to hurl a large amount of it around the Schwab stage last night to the discomfort of the audience.

It is not only apparent that "off the deep end" in presenting Medea, but most of the cast fell into quicksand, leaving a few hardy individuals, notably Deborah Peek, to swim to shore.

No Support

Miss Peek does a commendable job in the role of Medea, considering the little help she gets from her cast members. Her entrance onto the stage electrified the audience, which she held with ease throughout the performance. She is a fine actress, and her only difficulty in the role seemed to come in the first act when the audience began wondering if she was playing Medea or Orphelia.

The off-stage work on Medea is one of the biggest of the glaring errors in the production; costumes look like left-overs from a house party weekend, and lighting for the show is notably poor.

Players have figuratively fallen into quicksand, leaving a few hardy individuals, notably Deborah Peek, to swim to shore.

Sound for the show left the audience amused and puzzled; all types of off-key trumpets sounded from exotic, far off parts of Schwab, making one wonder if a demonstration of stereophonic sound was in progress.

Creaking 'Marble'

The set for the production is without a doubt the worst thing in the play. Actors stepping on the "marble" steps walk with caution lest they creak too loudly, and the "stone" doors of the house quiver with each opening.

Only two cast members give Miss Peek adequate assistance. Elizabeth Ives as nurse turns in another excellent performance, and Alice Petersen, as the first (Continued on page two)