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## Transcript Change To Revise Averages

Semester and All-University averages will be changed to the new grading system on freshmen, sophomore, and junior transcripts this summer, and as a result grades will be boosted one point, Robert M. Koser, assistant registrar, said last night.

## Simes Says Lutter Plan Considered

Before the University Senate passed the alphabetical grading system Thursday, careful consideration was given to a grading system changes proposed by Rudolph Lutter, sixth semester sociology major, Frank J. Simes, dean of men and member of senate, said yesterday.

Lutter's plan would have eliminated the present grading system in favor of one requiring more accurate recording of student's grades.

The newly adopted grading scale will range from A to F, A being equivalent to 90 to 100, and F being given a percentage of zero through 59.

Lutter's Plan Discussed  
Simes said the merits of Lutter's proposal were discussed but the senators felt it could not be accepted for several reasons:

1. Instructors would find it almost impossible to grade students with the numerical precision that Lutter's plan would require. Courses in which objective examinations are given exclusively would have little difficulty in pin-pointing student grades, but courses in which essay-type exams are given would be very difficult to mark numerically.

2. Some students feel that the 3-2-1 grade system is too general and that it doesn't give them the grade they deserve. Simes said he thought the grades students receive in courses over a period of eight semesters would balance each other out, where any case of unfairness may seem evident. For instance, he said, students probably get as many 2's when they really deserve only 1's as they get 1's when they feel they deserve 2's.

System is Improvement  
Simes said he believed the newly adopted alphabetical grading system was an improvement over the one now being used in that it will eliminate the two degrees of failure that a student may now be given. Under the system to be put into effect next semester no points will be subtracted from a student's honor points.

After the change is implemented, Simes continued, many changes will have to be made. For example, honorary organizations will have to decide what grade will be necessary for membership, academic probation will have to be regulated to suit the new scale, and the grade required to enter the Division of Intermediate Registration will have to be determined.

## Phi Sigma Delta To Apply to IFC

Phi Sigma Delta will apply for readmission to Interfraternity Council when the council meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 219 Electrical Engineering.

The fraternity was dropped from IFC last week, after it had missed five meetings during the academic year.

The council may also hear a report from the hellweek practices committee, headed by John McMeekin. The report will make recommendations concerning the conduct of hellweek in fraternities.

## Cooler Weather Today

Thunderstorms, which were predicted for last night, will probably drop the temperatures today to around 45. An overcast is also forecast.

The alphabetical grading scale from A to F will go into effect next semester, as result of action taken by University Senate Thursday night, and will eliminate the -2 grade. The failing grade of F will include the -1 and -2.

Under this system only the student who received a -2 grade will have his semester and university average raised.

An example of this would be a student who took four 3 credit courses and one 5 credit course. Under the present system he received a one in each 3 credit course and a -2 in the 5 credit course. His semester average is .11.

Under the new system, he received a C in each 3 credit course and an F in the 5 credit course. His semester average is now .143. This is actually .32 points higher than what he would get under the old system, as a 1.43 would be equal to a D average. The .11 would have been equal to a zip average.

Students who have gotten zip and -1 grades, or no failing grades, will have their semester and all-university average raised one number. If a student's university average is now 1.5 it will be raised to a 2.5. This is because the whole scale of values has been raised one number.

An A in a course will be worth four honor points, a B three, and so forth. An F will not be worth any grade points, but none will be subtracted.

No grades will be changed on the transcript, but just the semester and All-University averages, Koser said. In the lower right hand corner of the transcript a line will be drawn and new averages computed. In the upper right hand corner the date when the new system was started will be marked.

Senate is considering dropping the use of honor points as the graduation requirement, Koser said. If Senate approves the proposed system at its meeting next month, freshmen entering the University next fall will be graduated at the end of their senior year if they have a 2.0 (C) average or better.

Students presently enrolled will continue to be graduated by the honor point system.

## Thesis Production Schedules Tryouts

Tryouts for the thesis production of "Of Men and Mice" will be held at 7:15 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the Little Theater, basement of Old Main.

The play is being directed by Myron Cole, graduate student in dramatics, for his M.A. thesis production, and will be presented at the Little Theater for three nights.

Male Negro students are asked to try out for one of the major roles.

## 2 Parties to Elect, 1 Will Nominate

Lion and Campus parties will wind up nominations and elections, and State party will continue preliminary nominations for the junior and senior class post offices and the All-University positions tomorrow night.

State party will hold its final official clique meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday in 121 Sparks for final nominations and elections of candidates.

Lion party will meet at 7 p.m. in Schwab Auditorium, State party will meet at 7 p.m. in 121 Sparks, and Campus party will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 10 Sparks.

Only students whose matriculation cards are stamped or perforated will be admitted to the meetings, Ellsworth Smith, a member of the All-University Elections Committee, said.

## TV Project May See Expansion

Teaching by television at the University may expand to include other courses besides chemistry 2 and psychology 2 next semester.

Dr. Clarence R. Carpenter, head of the psychology department and director of the project, said yesterday that departments in the College of the Liberal Arts, College of Chemistry and Physics, and College of Education, have been asked to suggest courses which might be taught by television.

Departments which have been asked to submit suggestions include history, music, economics, political science, speech, romance languages, English literature, physics, and chemistry.

So far, three courses definitely have been nominated to be taught by television next semester. They are psychology 2, psychology 17, and chemistry 1.

Students in the College of the Liberal Arts, College of Education, and College of Chemistry and Physics, have also been asked to suggest courses which might be taught by television.

Liberal Arts students may submit written suggestions to the dean's office in 132 Sparks, education students to the psychology department in 112 Burrows, and chemistry and physics students to the dean's office in 210 Whitmore Lab.

The study in teaching by television is being financed by a \$43,845 grant from the Fund for the Advancement of Education of the Ford Foundation. The study is the first of its type to be undertaken on such a large scale. Studies on the use of television for teaching have been conducted at other institutions, but only on a limited scale.

## AEPJ Jam Session

The Jazz Club will sponsor a jam session 2 p.m. Sunday at Alpha Epsilon Pi. Johnny Hill and his quartet will play. The session is open to the public.

## Lava Rolls Toward Sea in Hawaii

PAHOA, Hawaii, March 4 (AP)—Flaming streams of lava, spouting from new fissures in the earth, rolled through the northern edge of abandoned Kapoho village today and on toward the sea a mile away.

Embers of five houses lay like bleached bones against the black sea of flowing lava this morning.

Two hundred yards away the main section of town stood untouched on higher ground in sharp contrast to the devastation around it.

It looked as though most of the empty village of 75 homes, rebuilt after it was razed by earthquakes in 1924, might survive this new terror.

A second river of lava poured out of two newly opened half-mile long fissures in this old volcanic area near the eastern tip of the island of Hawaii.

Flaming fountains erupted from the fissures and combined in a molten stream that roared down the slopes half a mile south of Kapoho, pointing away from the town toward the ocean.

One eye-witness, looking at the erupting eastern tip of Hawaii, said, "It looks like the whole place has gone mad."

New fissures burst open in explosions of the earth early this morning.

"It just blew up," said Curtis K. Kamai, territorial road inspector who watched the outburst

He said that doors will be locked at 7:30 to prevent students from going from one meeting to another to vote. Voting will not begin until after the doors are locked, Smith said.

## Junior Class President

According to action taken by the elections committee Thursday night, fraternity men nominated for the junior class president position will be ineligible as it was decided that independent men should run for that post. Fraternity men will run for the junior class vice presidency and the senior class president and vice president posts.

The Lion party will hold final nominations and elections for all candidates, David Scott, vice-clique chairman, said. He said that students may enter only through the front entrances on Schwab Auditorium in order to be officially registered for the meeting.

Scott stated that students must present matric cards at the registration desks in the lobby and will receive a party membership card and a file card. After filling out the file and membership cards students should have their membership card stamped and receive ballots, Scott said.

## Woman Vice-Clique Chairman

In addition to final election of candidates, final nominations and elections for senior class vice-clique chairmen for women will be held. Suggestions for the party platform will also be accepted.

The State party will hold preliminary nominations for candidates tomorrow night and final nominations and elections Monday night. Students who have not previously attended State party meetings can do so tomorrow night and will be eligible to vote Monday night. They must bring their matric cards.

## Matric Cards Needed

Final nominations and elections for four posts on the Student Representative Council will be held tomorrow night. The positions include representatives from the Colleges of Chemistry and Physics, Mineral Industries, Education, and Physical Education. Four clique offices will also be filled. Final nominations and elections for vice-clique chairman of the senior class, secretary and secretariat of the senior class, and clique secretariat will be held.

The Campus party will hold final nominations and elections for candidates tomorrow night.

## 600 to Test HUB Food Next Week

Food services of the new Hetzel Union Building will be tested by students, faculty, staff members, and other employees of the University next week.

To aid the department of food service to gain experience in the operation of the new facilities, 600 students, faculty, and staff members will have lunch in the Terrace Room (cafeteria), Monday through Friday. The charge will be low.

The Lion's Den (snack bar) will be used by 300 additional students from 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursday and Friday.

Persons selected for the experiment have been issued special admittance passes which must be presented to be admitted to the building and to be served.

Mildred A. Baker, director of food service, explained that the students were chosen from names in the Student Directory and the staff personnel were selected from more than 1000 volunteers to represent a cross-section of the campus.

Miss Baker expressed her appreciation for the cooperation of many persons who agreed to participate in the experiment and said she regretted that all of the volunteers could not be used.

Miss Baker explained that the opinions of those selected will be used in an effort to have the food service operating as efficiently as possible when the HUB is opened for general use on March 15.

## Rt. 322 Traffic Halted by Fire

The Atlantic service station on Route 322 in Boalsburg was imperiled by fire early last night. Because of the fire, traffic on Route 322 had to be re-routed from 7:30 to 8:40 p.m.

Edward Homan, an employee of the station, was on duty when the fire broke out in the basement. G. W. Houtz, owner of the station, said he could not estimate extent of the damage until he got more information.

The Alpha Fire Company of State College extinguished the fire within an hour after it arrived on the scene.

## 'Media' Closes Tonight In Schwab Auditorium

Penn State Players will present Robinson Jeffers' adaptation of Euripides' "Medea" for the last time at 8 tonight in Schwab Auditorium. The drama of jealousy and revenge in ancient Greece has Deborah Peek and John Aniston in the leading roles.

Reserved seat tickets are available for \$1 at the Student Union desk in Old Main.