

# Professors, IBM Meet Challenge of A-F Grades

Through the wonders of professors and IBM, University students receive grades of A, B, C, D, and F. Under this widely-used grading system, A is equal to percentage marks of 90 to 100; B, 80 to 89; C, 70 to 79; D, 60 to 69, and F, 59 or below.

## Riding Group To Sponsor Horse Shows

The Riding Club was created eight years ago to promote interest and enthusiasm in riding, to organize horse shows and other related events and to provide social activities for its members. The membership consists of an active group of students and a non-voting social group of high school students and graduates. There are no special requirements for active membership by University students. Beginners are given riding instruction. When they can pass a proficiency test they may join the intermediate or advanced groups. These sections go on weekly trail rides. In addition to riding, the groups hear talks by professional riders. The club's major project is its annual horse show. This competition draws individuals and teams from throughout the state to compete in a variety of classes ranging from jumping and steeplechasing to ring competition. A Modified Olympic Horse Show is also held annually. A 2-day event, it is modeled after the riding events in the Olympic games. The University riding team is chosen from the Riding Club. The president of the club is Joanne Adair, senior in home economics from Bethlehem.

## Perkins Gets New Title; Now Associate Dean

Dr. Harold W. Perkins, assistant dean of men, has been named associate dean of men. Dr. Perkins, who was named to the dean of men's staff in 1949, is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College.

So far the grading system seems simple, but then each of these letter grades are worth other numerical points. A equals 4 points; B, 3; C, 2; D, 1, and F, none. And now things really get complicated—which explains why the University trusts IBM machines more than professors—when one starts figuring out the semester average.

**Works Like This**  
Say you take five courses each worth three credits. This adds to 15 credits for the semester. Your grades are four B's and one C.

B's, you will remember, are worth 3 points, and C's, 2 points. Now you take 3 (for the B) times 3 (for the course credit) and get 9 "honor points" for each of your B's. You had four of them, so this gives you a total of 36 "honor points" for the four subjects in which you received B's.

Now for that C, which is worth 2 points. Two (for grade points) times 3 (for the course credit) gives you 6 honor points.

Six and 36 added gives you 42 "honor points." With this, you divide by 15 (total number of credits) and get 2.8, which is your semester average.

Step by step, your average was computed by:

Multiplying the numerical value of the grade of each course by the number of credits to a course, adding all these, and then dividing by the total number of credits carried that semester.

### Need 2.0 to Graduate

A University-wide requirement states that students must have at least a 2.0 All-University average to graduate. Different colleges have different graduation requirements in addition to this.

For an example, the College of Liberal Arts requires at least a C average on all subjects in the student's major field in order to receive credit for these subjects toward graduation.

Students must also obtain minimum averages each semester to stay in school and to keep off academic probation.

## APhiO Seeks Lost Students

All lost students are to report to the information booth on the Mall today, where they will be claimed by members of Alpha Phi Omega.

APhiO, national men's service fraternity, is conducting tours of the campus for freshmen and transfer students to acquaint them with building locations and points of interest.

Tours originate from the APhiO booth on the Mall and are available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today, which is the last day they will be offered.

The free tours will be given to individuals or groups by the eight or 10 members of APhiO stationed at the information booth.

## Two Frosh Grants Established in Ag

Two \$150 scholarships for entering freshmen have been established in the College of Agriculture.

The scholarships have been made available by the Pennsylvania Association of Soil Conservation District Directors and are available to students preparing for careers in soil or water conservation.

Known as the Soil and Water Conservation scholarships, the program was established to encourage agricultural students of ability to become interested in soil and water conservation careers.

Character, leadership, and need, as well as interest in soil conservation, will be considered in selecting the students for the awards.

## TIM to Hold Meeting For Transfer Students

Town Independent Men will hold a meeting for transfer students from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in 217 and 218 HUB to explain their form of student government, what it does for them and how new students may participate in student government. Difficulties encountered in living downtown will also be discussed.

# Student Court Acts On Traffic Violations

Traffic Court is a court of appeals composed of eight students, appointed by All-University Cabinet, which hears and decides cases involving student traffic violations.

Students who feel they have been given an unjustified fine may appeal to the Traffic Court.

Once before the court, the student may plead "guilty," "not guilty," or "guilty under extenuating circumstances." Most appeals fall in the last category.

"Extenuating circumstances" means that the student feels there was a reason for the violation and that the fine should not have been imposed.

**May Impose Fine**  
After a student presents his case, the court decides whether or not the fine shall be imposed.

Failure to register a motor vehicle, unless it is to be operated in State College for less than a three week period, will result in a \$2 fine.

Persons receiving tickets must report to the Campus Patrol office in Old Main within one day of the violation or they will be fined an additional \$1 and will lose their right to appeal.

Failure to pay a fine will result in action by the dean of men's office, which could result in suspension of campus driving privileges.

### First Fine Costs \$1

The fine for the first violation is \$1. The second violation incurs a \$3 fine. The third violation will result in a \$5 fine with probation by the Traffic Court. A fourth violation will result in a \$10 fine and a 60-day suspension of campus driving privileges.

Any student incurring a fifth violation will have his car sent home for a period of 16 weeks.

The Traffic Court meets weekly in the Board Room of Old Main. Fifty per cent of all fines collected are placed in a fund for the construction of student parking areas.

## Assistant Prof to Attend Language Group Meeting

Nora E. Wittman, assistant professor of German, will attend meetings of the American Association of Teachers of German and the Modern Language Association this week in Madison, Wis.

## Frosh Council Part of WSGA

Being a freshman is sometimes a confusing experience, and uninitiated frosh may feel that the University is one hopeless tangle of rules, regulations and problems.

The Freshman Council of the Women's Student Government Association is the frosh's key to understanding and solving some of the problems exclusively freshman in origin. It is comparable to association's Senate in its capacity as an advisory group for freshmen.

The council is composed of floor presidents and vice presidents from all freshmen dormitories and is headed by a sophomore senator. Elections are held in the dormitories about two weeks after classes begin.

The council, which meets twice a month, gives freshmen a chance to participate in campus activities and sponsors service projects during the year.

## Asiatic Flu Shots Available Monday

Because of a crowded Orientation Week schedule, the University Health Service has delayed the start of Asiatic flu inoculations until Monday.

Dr. Herbert R. Glenn, director, said yesterday that shots will be given on a first-come basis. He stressed only a limited supply is available.

Parental permission for minors will not be needed, Dr. Glenn said.

The shots will cost \$1.

The University was first called the Farmers' High School because its founders thought "college" connoted a place where boys contracted idle habits.



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