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## Maybe the Faculty Does Care

*Credit by Examination Is a Good Idea  
— and It Can Still Be Improved*

We asked the question during the battle over the Mosser plan to reward good undergraduate teachers: does the faculty care about students and the kind of education they're getting?

Last Wednesday's faculty decision to allow undergraduates to earn credit by examination shows that faculty members are willing to move ahead, that they are interested in their students.

During the Mosser plan debacle, many faculty members arched their backs when students demanded a voice in the discussion; many said that students should leave academic reform to the faculty. Students responded by decrying the lack of action taken by the faculty in these areas.

Maybe the faculty, with a little prodding by students, has begun to mend its own fences. We hope so. Last Wednesday's action proves that faculty members do want to improve the University.

Allowing students to earn credit by taking a test—a long overdue step—should prove beneficial to both faculty and students.

Faculty members won't have to teach students who already have a thorough knowledge of the course matter. They can now concentrate on the students who are seeking to learn something that's new to them.

Students should benefit because they won't have to waste their time sitting through lectures and taking examinations on subjects which they already understand.

But the faculty should have gone one step further by allowing incoming freshmen, who now are given the opportunity to be exempted from such courses as English composition, first-year math, and first- and second-year foreign languages, to earn University credit instead of just receiving exemptions from these courses.

Incoming freshmen who do exceptionally well on College Board examinations can be excused from one or more of the introductory courses at the University. Others can take a second examination on the campus

and get all or part of their requirements waived.

Many freshmen, instead of taking this exemption without credit, decide to take the course work so that they can receive credit. If they received credit for their superior marks on the College Boards, they could start their college career by taking more interesting and challenging courses, and still receive credit for the courses they by-passed.

The faculty ought to take a close look at this suggestion. It would further improve the decision they made last Wednesday.

At any rate, the decision to offer University credit for undergraduate students through examinations is a step in the right direction. It shows that the faculty is willing to take progressive action, and serves to help deodorize the stench that emanated from room 150 Science on the first Wednesday of every month during the Mosser debacle.

### Smart Girls

Which campus living organization has the smartest members?

That probably will never be fairly answered. But judging from the grade lists each term the women seem to have a distinct edge over the men.

We checked figures for the past five fall terms and the suspicion was confirmed. Taking the five groups with the highest fall grades, we found that men's units placed only four times out of a possible 25 positions. Of the other 21 spots occupied by the girls, 13 involved sororities, five went to the co-ops and three to the women's dorms.

Highland House and Kappa Kappa Gamma were each in the top group three times. Highland made first place twice, the only group to do so.

Delta Gamma, University House, Kappa Alpha Theta, Campbell Club and Pi Beta Phi all made the list twice.



Linda Cheney

## Of Protests, Infirmaries, Abortion Proposals

Editor's Note: Linda Cheney is the exchange editor of the Emerald.

Two protests occurred recently at the University of Utah.

The major one was held by the Bookstore Improvement Through Campus Harassment committee (B.I.T.C.H.) a rally featuring campus speakers and a song viewed controversially concerning the bookstore. Professors and students spoke on the importance of a good bookstore and its relationship to the quality of the university.

Complaints were aired concerning lack of text and non-required books, over-pricing of used texts, the wasting of book shelf space and of the non-student ownership of the bookstore.

The second protest was concerned with the union toll parking booth. Carrying signs suggesting that the new structure strongly resembled an outhouse, the demonstrators called for removal of the new fee system. After picketing the booth, students attended an open meeting of the traffic planning committee. Here they complained that they were paying twice for a parking spot and that alternate lots should be offered.

A satire on the infirmary at the University of Iowa presented an imaginary tour of the building. The following excerpt is from the satire:

"As we walked down the hall we passed an enormous pile of boxes in the corridor.

"That, said the doctor, is 12 cases of aspirin. We just got them in. We're now equipped for any student problem, no matter how simple or complex. Aspirin. Yes, sir, he added, feel free to come in any time."

At the University of California at Santa Barbara, G. Hardin, professor of biology, stated, "Abortion should be no different from tooth extraction."

Hardin, advocating the legalization of abortion, "completely, without any restraints whatsoever," noted, "If we were short of people we might be justified in forbidding abortion, but as it stands we have too many people."

Hardin asserted, "It is quite obvious that a lot of women want them. In the United States there are one million abortions, in spite of difficulties in obtaining them." He also noted that in foreign countries, abortion is a leading method of birth control, according to a United Nations report.

Further, Hardin stated, "Ethics is not something we can leave only to the theologians, my belief in abortion grows from the belief that facts of biology require an alteration in our ethical practices." Noting that women fear the dangers of abortion, he said that pregnancy and live birth were four times riskier.

In addition, Hardin is a proponent of birth control. He believes that the legal restriction on the sale of contraceptives should be removed. They should be openly displayed and advertised in drugstores," he said, "because the present secrecy gives young people a feeling of shame concerning birth preventatives."

Hardin added that unwanted births could be prevented more if there was a new attitude by society.

The doctor also discussed the moral implications of pre-marital sex. "Science does not a priori assert that certain principles will stand forever. The same is true of the field of ethics. We cannot know which of our moral standards are absolute and which will stand the test of time."

An article in the Minnesota Daily attacked the ignorance of college students in regard to foreign affairs.

In 25 interviews for student council positions, candidates were asked who Juan Bosch was.

(Juan Bosch was president of the Dominican Republic until he was overthrown in a military revolt. Last May the United States crushed a revolt to return Bosch to power. He then demanded one billion dollars as indemnity for U.S. intervention in the Dominican Republic.)

Of the 25 interviewees only 4 could connect him with the Dominican Republic, and only one knew what the connection was.

The article went on to say that perhaps the educational process is at fault if such significant events in foreign affairs are not sufficient to prompt even weak efforts to understand them.

The article concluded that it is important to understand what politicians in this country are doing, as the college students are beginning to vote.

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## Letters to the Editor

Candidates' platform statements must be submitted for publication by 4 p.m. today in 301 Allen Hall. They must not exceed 100 words per candidate. They will appear in Tuesday's Emerald.

Letters to the editor endorsing or attacking candidates or discussing the election in any other way must also be submitted by 4 p.m. today for Tuesday's paper. No letters concerning the election may appear in Wednesday's Emerald.

### Bartlett Hypocrit

Emerald Editor:

In an article entitled "How to Make Portland Safe For Hypocrisy" Scott Bartlett has proven himself a hypocrite.

Earlier this year I signed a petition backed by, among others, Mr. Bartlett. I was led to believe the petition backed President Johnson's peace offensive and wasn't against our involvement in Viet Nam. I asked Mr. Bartlett if the backers were

for the U.S. pulling out of Viet Nam before peace has been achieved and he said no. I got no impression of the attitude Mr. Bartlett took in his article in which he questions the morality of our involvement in Viet Nam and is critical of our actions.

The entire article is facial. I don't agree with the banning of topless dancers but I hardly think it is an art which can be compared to classical nude sculpturing, "questionable Biblical passage," D. H. Lawrence, Henry Miller or any other examples the learned Mr. Bartlett listed.

Mr. Bartlett is either extremely naive, which I doubt, or he is making a phony attempt to identify himself with the "New Generation," "Sex Revolution," or whatever movement he chooses to call it. I wonder if Mr. Bartlett has looked into the possibility of adding a curriculum in the art of go-go dancing

for the College of Liberal Arts?

Bob Olds  
Journalism

### YRs Extend Welcome

Emerald Editor:

We would like to welcome newly-elected Young Democrat President Larry Beathe to partisan campus political organizations. Seeing as how the election meeting is the first YD meeting he has bothered to attend, we feel that his statement that he is a "marginal member" is quite accurate. As Young Republicans, we only hope that he calls as many meetings in the future as he has attended in the past.

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