

Student-Faculty Council

De-emphasis on grades proposed at meeting

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Elimination of grades for the freshman year, a consequent expansion of the pass-no pass grading option and elimination of grades of D, F and no pass from a student's transcript were all discussed in Wednesday's Student-Faculty Council meeting.

These three issues comprise the basis of a proposal for a de-emphasis on grades presented to the council by ASUO Vice President Dan Allison, a member of the council.

No direct action was taken for instigating the changes proposed by Allison.

Instead, the council asked Allison to check with University Registrar Clifford Constance on the use of the pass-no-pass option this year and last.

The council also requested Allison to send "Proposal 3," the call for not recording failing grades on the student's transcript, to the Academic Requirements Committee to see if any new light could be shed on the proposal.

Under Allison's plan a D would not be a passing grade.

The implementation of "Proposal 3" would be something of a revolutionary movement in higher education, since, according to the ASUO vice president,

no college or university in the country does not now record failing marks.

Allison's arguments for the abolition of freshman grades mentioned the California Institute of Technology uses this system. According to the dean of freshman there, it reduces anxiety and raises performance and involvement.

Council members were more receptive to the third proposal than either of the first two.

Not recording failing work is "more in line with reinforcement psychology" than just an expansion of the pass-no pass option, said Richard Schmuck, professor of educational psychology.

The only council member present who expressed discontent with the proposal was Chairman Horace Robinson, director of the University Theater. An indication of failure, he said, is as meaningful to the student and others as a record of success.

Robinson was also opposed to Allison's other two proposals dealing with expansion of the pass-no pass option, particularly for freshman.

Robinson, as well as economics professor Marshall Wattles and business professor Lawrence Ross, felt the success of the present 36-hour pass-no pass

option should be evaluated before embarking on a bigger program.

The council decided the pass-no pass system should be researched but nothing more definite than asking information of the registrar was decided upon.

In other business, Robinson requested and gained the council's consent to send some Student-Faculty Council proposals to revise the ROTC curriculum to the Curriculum Committee for evaluation.

Relief in sight— Fadeley suggests stop to pay toilets

State Sen. Edward Fadeley, D-Eugene, introduced a bill in the State Legislature Friday to provide relief—a proposal to outlaw pay toilets.

According to the Eugene Register-Guard, Fadeley's bill, SB 416, would prohibit charges for use of public toilets or washrooms at terminals, depots or public waiting rooms used by air, rail or bus passengers traveling to, from or in Oregon by public carrier on conveyance.

The bill was co-sponsored by one of Fadeley's fellow Lane County legislators, Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Springfield.

"This bill will provide daily relief to many people. Maybe it's not tax relief, but it certainly is important," said Fadeley, according to the Register-Guard report.

Eymann said of the bill, "I was sorry they didn't put the emergency clause on it."

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Science III up for review

A review of plans for Science III, scheduled to begin construction this summer, will be presented to the Building and Grounds committee at 1 p.m. Friday. The regular Thursday meeting was postponed until Friday.

Architects for the new Administrative Services building will also present their pre-pre-

liminaries. Pre-preliminary presentations by the architects for the Behavioral Sciences and School of Education complex are also on the agenda.

A subcommittee appointed at the last meeting will begin an investigation of parking regulations next term. Three committee members, Leland Lorange of the Physical Plant, student David Clarke, and Donald Thompson of the Graduate School will review all parking rules except for fee schedules.



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Thursday, March 13
6:00—Music of the Forties
6:30—Commentary '69 with Jim Rathbun
6:40—Sound of the University
7:30—Magazine of the Air
7:45—KWAX News
7:55—KWAX Sports with Dave Maxwell
8:00—KWAX Controversy
9:00—Night at the Opera: Verdi: La Traviata with host Bob Smits
11:00—KWAX Night Sounds

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