



Business school alters GPA rules

In an attempt to curb grade inflation, the College of Business has implemented a GPA guideline that reduces the number of A's and B's received by students

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When it comes to making the grade, the University's Charles H. Lundquist College is all about business.

The school — concerned with evidence of grade inflation and aware of problems in variance and fairness of grading — implemented a new guideline this fall to ensure that grades stay within certain ranges.

The implementation of such a policy is a first in the 108-year history of the College of Business and could, according to business school personnel, affect students and teachers alike.

"I think it's very unlikely that it would affect anybody systematically," Associate Dean Ray King said. "But it will affect everybody."

The standards, which outline average grade point ranges by class type, require teachers to ensure overall class GPAs fall within set models. For example, GPAs for undergraduate pre-business classes should fall between 2.3 and 2.8, while GPAs for undergraduate core classes in the major program should fall between 2.6 and 3.1.

Foreseeably, such requirements could force teachers to curve overachieving classes, thereby reducing the number of A's and B's given out.

"It's not reasonable that everyone achieves excellence," King said. "Instructors need to make course work sufficiently rigorous so it is possible to tell the difference between excellence and mediocrity."

And to help ensure such evaluation takes place, the business school could potentially take action if teachers fail to follow the new standards.

"If the college has a policy and the instructor doesn't adhere, that is something they would be evaluated on," King said.

Carla Meeske, a marketing teacher in the business school's minor program, told her BA 317 class that she would stand up for her students' performance if it was exceptional, but conceded

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Business school GPA ranges by class type

Undergraduate pre-business:	2.3-2.8
Undergraduate minor classes:	2.7-3.2
Undergraduate major core classes:	2.6-3.1
Undergraduate major electives:	2.7-3.2
Undergraduate honors classes:	3.0-3.5
MBA core classes:	3.1-3.4
Other MBA classes:	3.2-3.5

Source: Associate Dean Ray King

LEARNING A CULTURE *by its threads*

Kultura Pilipinas brings a taste of Filipino culture to campus tonight with a visit from a former Philippine congresswoman

Jennifer Bear
Campus/City Culture Reporter

Kultura Pilipinas, one of many student groups at the University, is hosting a dinner reception and book promotion today for Anna Dominique Coseteng, a former Philippine congresswoman and two-term senator.

Coseteng has been on tour since August 2001 promoting the publication of "Sinaunang Habi," a more than 300-page full-color book that explores the weaving tradition of indigenous women in the Philippines. The book, written by Marian Pastor-Roces, is based on 15 years of research.

"I thought I owed it to the Philippine people to publish (the book) and bring it to the attention of the world," Coseteng said.

KP Co-Director Arlene Juan said the organization decided to host a dinner reception and book promotion to help fulfill KP's mission of increasing awareness of Philippine culture at the University. She added that the event is especially important because students do not often get the opportunity to meet public officials from different nations.

Juan said KP encountered prob-
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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Anna Dominique Coseteng is visiting the University to promote "Sinaunang Habi," a book about the weaving tradition of indigenous women in the Philippines.

Faculty senate debates funding

Members applaud previous fund-raising efforts; professors encourage future fund-raising for all departments on campus

Brook Reinhard
News Editor

The University Senate will look closely at ways to fund the University and keep tuition costs in check, University officials and faculty members said Wednesday afternoon.

The senate, a group of professors representing departments on campus, met for the first time this academic year to discuss higher education funding and other issues at their monthly two-hour meeting.

"Of all the major public sectors in Oregon, higher education has sustained the hardest hits to its budget," senate President Greg McLauchlan said.

McLauchlan applauded University efforts to raise money without state support, noting that the University now relies more on private gifts than on public tax dollars. But he also expressed possible problems with the funding solutions.

"I would be less than honest if I didn't express qualms with the trend here

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WEATHER

Today: High 60, Low 38, morning drizzle then sun
Friday: High 63, Low 33, cloudy with afternoon sun

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday
Campus safety measures have changed since the spring attacks
Monday
Have homeless people moved from downtown to campus?

Washington sniper to police: 'I am God'

Francis X. Clines
New York Times

ROCKVILLE, Md. — The hunt for the suburban sniper grew more macabre on Wednesday with the disclosure that the gunman seemed to have left a Tarot death card openly challenging the police at the scene of his latest shooting Monday when a 13-year-old student was critically wounded.

This rare piece of crime-scene evidence was identified and confirmed by authoritative sources as a Tarot "La Mort" Card, numbered XIII in the deck, depicting an eerie skeletal figure with the card bearing the added message: "Dear Police-

man, I am God."

The finding of the card, which was first reported by a local television station Tuesday night, caused a day-long sensation as the roving sniper remained at large and police officials warned the unauthorized disclosure could endanger the manhunt.

"It is inappropriate to comment about this card," Police Chief Charles A. Moose said, his fury about the disclosure virtually confirming what a crucial piece of evidence the police now have in what had been a week-long investigation with few tangible clues.

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George Bridges (KRT)

A police officer investigates one of the first shootings on Oct. 3.