

# Computers Aren't Always Right

by Jeanne Hadley

A computer evaluation of grading at Ashland High last quarter lists the easiest grader in the school as Fredrick Palmer with a 4.00 average grade. Choir director Everett Winter is listed second with an average of 3.93. Third is English teacher Estel Sohler who gave an average grade of 3.67. Hardest grader is U.S. History teacher Richard Kromminga with a 2.29.

### Questionable Results

The validity of this report, however, is questionable because it fails to take into account many of the variables involved in grading. For example, Palmer, whose name is not widely known on campus is an orchestra teacher with only one student at the high school.

Winter rates high in ease of grading because the subject he teaches, choir, is difficult to judge on the academic A-F scale.

Mrs. Sohler, a teacher with reputation as a relatively hard grader, is evaluated only on the nine students in her annual class,

All English grades are credited to department head Don Vondracek.

### Everything Not Considered

The computer also gives no consideration to the types of students enrolled in a class. For example, Kromminga has a relatively low grade average because he teaches a required subject which does not hold much interest for many students.

Foreign language grades on the other hand tend to run high because of the fact that students in that area are generally relatively good students and are

taking the class because they have an interest in the area.

Average grades may be influenced by many things other than the teacher's relative difficulty in grading. The subject, difficulty, number of students in the class, and general attitude of students all are factors which must be considered.

The information provided by the computer is actually much better as an evaluation of the genre of the class than it is of the teacher's hardness in grading. Nevertheless it makes an interesting comparative study.



# The Now Sound

by Garry Now

Never A Dull Moment is self explanatory, because that is just what Rod Stewart's new album contains.

The songs are all well written, lyrics as well as the musical score. Stewart has gone out of his way to win his album gold record award. Besides the usual guitars, piano and drums, Stewart has added a small brass section which makes his sound even more full than usual.

The album opens with "True Blue," which contains an overpowering guitar rhythm, as well as good lyrics. Bob Dylans's "Mama You Been On My Mind," is also on the album and it shows things down for a few moments until the fast-moving "Italian Girls" throws even more excitement into the album.

The second side starts off with Jimi Hendrix's hard-driving "Angel" which features some excellent guitar. Rod Stewart's hit, "You Wear It Well," is probably the best song on the album as far as having good lyrics and instrumentals combined.

Never A Dull Moment is a great album for hard rock fans as well as pop music fans.

# Literature Of Imagination

by Dale Nelson

Sheer primary colors—blood red, shadows black as the heart of a stone, the green and yellow of a trackless jungle, blinding blue-silver metal—with these colors Robert E. Howard painted a vivid canvas in his stories of adventure in exotic locales, such as the earth of twelve thousand years ago for his best-selling Conan of Cimmeria stories.

In the worlds of Howard's imagination, whether the scene be Africa of the sixteenth century as seen by the fanatical Puritan Solomon Kane, the wild Britain of Bran Mak Morn as he faces the hordes of conquering Rome, or the Hurborian Age of Conan in

which dragons, wizards, and kings live and die as one never saw them before, anything can happen—except the tedious.

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For those that have no interest in these areas, they may read independently.

Other classes being offered are: Other Places, Other Men with Mr. Vondracek, Mythology with Mrs. Sohler, Spring Drama and Shakespeare with Mr. Merryman.

Teachers involved with the new program are: Mrs. Converse, Mr. Brock, Mrs. McAlister, Mr. Kreisman and Miss Murdock.

SSS Committee has organized an SSS Money Drive to help finance the Rescue 9 Emergency Vehicle for the Ashland Fire Department. Classes will be able to donate money in their Biology, U.S., and Modern Problems Classes. The Class with the most money will be awarded an SSS point. At present the SSS Standings are Seniors 5, Juniors 5, and Sophomores 2.

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