Proposal for plus/minus grading in front of senate

BY MARY CORBIN
Staff Writer

A resolution calling for the addition of plus and minus symbols to letter grades is under consideration by the Academic Senate's instruction committee according to physics professor Ron Brown, a member of the committee.

With the current grading system, there is a significant jump between two letter grades. The plus/minus would allow for a more honest and accurate account of a student's work in class, said Brown.

"The addition of plus/minus grading will alter students' GPA up or down by 1, for each plus or minus received. The grade point averages of those students who find themselves consistently just above or just below a grade decision line would more precisely reflect the performance levels of those students," he said.

The final decision will probably be made by the end of next quarter, he added.

Grades serve as a shorthand evaluation of students regarding achievement of course objectives and performance in courses.

Some discrimination within each letter grade level would allow students to be better informed of their performance level and progress.

Borderline grade decisions between B and C, for example, might still be made. But the option to assign B minus and C plus grades to students near that borderline would exist. "Students should be rewarded for what they earn," said Brown.

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Harris conviction upended

The man who admitted killing Cal Poly's head librarian in a campus parking lot two years ago has lost his latest attempt to have his murder conviction overturned.

Howell Petrey Harris pleaded guilty in January, 1979, to the fatal shooting of head librarian Norman Alexander after an argument in the library parking lot. He was convicted and sentenced to serve 25 years for murder, with one two-year term and a one-year term stemming from firearm charges.

The 5th District Court of Appeals earle Harris's petition, according to a article in the March 2 San Luis Obispo Telegram-Tribune, because the three-judge court felt it had no jurisdiction in the case. Harris claimed he should be charged with second degree murder because he was not advised of the limitations such a plea would place on future arguments for appeal.

The judges did agree with Harris's attorney on his two convictions for use of a firearm during a felony be stricken from his record. The newspaper reported that the judges agreed Harris should not be charged with two firearm offenses.

The Harris case involves the conviction of the one-year term and offense, however, will have no effect on Harris's prison time because the one year term had already been stayed.

Controversial research policy might become policy

The research committee's report, dated February 4, is a revised version of a draft document the committee distributed to faculty and administrators in the fall of 1980. The final report incorporates reactions of the academic community to the original draft document.

Del Dingus, chairman of the research committee, said if the report is passed by the senate, it would serve as a "guiding philosophy" for the university.

If adopted, Dingus said, the document should stimulate policy changes that would make it easier for faculty who want to engage in research to do so.

The research committee has asked that the report, if passed, be forwarded to President Warren Baker. Dingus said

Dingus, a soil science professor, noted there will be "individuals vocally against us"—notably some faculty in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources—who question expanding research opportunities at Cal Poly. Some faculty fear the research report will require all faculty to engage in research, which he said, is not the case.

According to the committee's report, the benefits of research include a more effective instructional program, enhancement of students' research opportunities, and the creation of new teaching aids.

But, according to George Suchand, "Redirection of the university away from an emphasis on teaching to a greater emphasis on research is not in the best interest of the university community.

Suchand indicated he had "profound differences" with the committee. He said he disagreed with aspects in the original draft document including a provision that advocated larger classrooms.

Suchand said his major regret was that there was so little student involvement on the committee. Also, the senate's personnel policies committee should "have been more involved in the formulation of the research statement," he said, "because research could become more important in the terminology and promotion procedures.

In addition, if faculty are required to spend more time doing more research, a price may be paid through a decrease in faculty-student communication, Suchand said.
B-52 takeoff time may shorten

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Reagan administration likely will seek runway improvements on the mid-Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia to allow the nation's mainstay bomber, the B-52, within shorter striking range of the Persian Gulf, Pentagon sources say.

The sources, who asked not to be named, said a request likely will be submitted to Congress on Wednesday to provide $39 million for the runway-widening project. The purpose, they said, will be to shorten by many hours the time it takes to fly B-52s over the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf area and return to base.

B-52 bombers have flown 27 surveillance missions over that region from the mid-Pacific island of Guam since former President Carter ordered such flights in January 1980 as part of his effort to show the Russians a U.S. resolve.

Air Force officials say round-trip flights out of Guam to the Arabian Sea normally take about 30 hours. Diego Garcia, about 2,300 miles from the mouth of the Persian Gulf, is much closer to the objective area than Guam.

Diego Garcia, a British-owned island, has been gradually developed over the past seven or eight years into a key base for U.S. naval forces operating in the Indian Ocean. The Carter administration's farewell budget recommended about $700 million this year and next for military construction on Diego Garcia to support rapid deployment forces.

Notably, the B-52 proposal would follow within days the state visit, including talks at the Pentagon, of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. But no details were available concerning her possible role in the decision.

Among other things, the United States has stationed seven cargo ships loaded with equipment to allow the Marine brigade of about 12,000 men near Diego Garcia. In the past, Indian and other third-world nations in that region have strongly objected to American use of Diego Garcia as a military base.

Pentagon officials said they do not expect permanent basing of B-52s on Diego Garcia, but the widening of the runways will give the Air Force the ability to operate the bombers from that island on a temporary basis whenever needed. Guam is a permanent base for B-52s.

Newsline

El Salvador 'cleans up' leftists

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Soldiers and anti-junta guerrillas were locked in gun battles in the northeast Tuesday in what the military claimed was a "cleanup" of leftist strongholds.

In Washington, the Reagan administration waged a closed-door campaign for congressional support for tripling military aid to the convulsed Central American nation.

"The Salvadoran army has succeeded in its objective of bringing peace to the nation with only the help of the people," proclaimed Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia. He said the left had been "smothered" and "every day the situation tends to improve."

"Military commanders gave no cavalry figures, but said there was fighting in Zacatecoluca and San Esteban Cerrato, some 35 miles north of here, and farther north at Arratia. National police said 16 people were found dead in the capital."

Garcia refused comment on junta President Jose Napoleon Duarte's announcement Monday that he would meet with the Socialist International, an international group espousing non-violent revolution that has offered to be an intermediary in attempts at a political settlement.

"These are political matters in which the military will not intervene," Garcia said.

Duarte, a Christian Democrat who depends on support of the armed forces, did not indicate where or where such negotiations might take place.

Duarte maintains the U.S.-backed military-civilian government's most pressing need is for economic aid, not arms.

"We are not denying the need of military aid, but what we are doing is giving top priority to the economic needs that will permit us to resolve our problems in a framework of peace and social justice," he said Tuesday.

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Experts disagree on fruit fly

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A top state agriculture official said Tuesday that the presents efforts have proven a "15 percent chance" of wiping out the fruit fly in the San Jose area.

But a Department of Food and Agriculture official warned that the state's fight against the eradication seemed to have been a "shocked if it blows up" when warm weather hit it.

"They do not even know what they are fighting against," Terrance Allen said outside a Sacramento Agriculture and Water Committee hearing.

Allen was originally subpoenaed to testify at a hearing on efforts to eliminate the fly, which destroys fruit and vegetables by laying its eggs under the skin.

But committee Chairman Robert Ayars, D-Davis, withdrew the subpoena at the start of the hearing and later announced he would not call Allen as a witness, saying Allen would "not enhance, the testimony this morning."

Department officials said they were concerned that Allen's criticism of eradication efforts have been "sent to Texas as reasons for trying to bar California produce." Most committee members seemed concerned that Allen was allowed to testify there would be a "negative publicity that could hurt the state's business."

U.S. rejects El Salvador role

WASHINGTON (AP) - A leader of the leftist Socialists movement sought to convince U.S. officials Tuesday to participate in a pro-U.S. alliance in a "legal" sense to fight in El Salvador. But a State Department spokesman brushed aside the proposal even before it was advanced.

The spokesman, William Dyeus, said he was not of such a role for the United States.

"As to whether we would take the government of El Salvador wishes to pursue negotiations at this time, that's another channel, it's a matter for the government of El Salvador to decide," Dyeus said. "I don't see how much more of us to us."

Dyeus said the United States is not a party to dispute in El Salvador and added: "El Salvador is the client of the United States. El Salvador is a sovereign independent country. We will not tell them what to do."

However, Secretary General Bertil Carlsson of the Socialist International, representing non-communist socialist parties around the world, said participation in the United States is essential if mediation of the conflict is to succeed.
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Club’s don’t cry over

BY ROSEANN WENZ

A spirited crowd of about 150 participants and

spectators braved the rain and cold on Saturday
to attend the fifth annual Los Lecheros Milk Carton

Boat Race at Laguna Lake.

The idea of the race is to build the fastest boat

using milk cartons, mostly half-gallon containers.

Trophyes are awarded in four divisions: canoe, sail

boat, people-powered, and mechanically-powered.

Awards are also given to the most imaginative boat

and the one using the most milk cartons.

Confusion reigned this year as many entrants were

unaware that their boat was called until the last

moment. Finally some of the people-powered crafts

fought it out, with the Rose Float Committee emerg­
ing as first-place winners, and the Society for Women

Engineers coming in second.

In the second heat the Farm Management boat

easily beat out the other contestants in the canoe

division. The large chicken boat of the Poultry

Club took second. The Rose Float Club won the second

of people-powered division, and a close second was

taken by the Agricultural Business Management entry.

Collegiate Future Farmers of America livened up

the race when their boat slowly but surely began to

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later towed in the unfortunate craft.

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Feminist ties her goals to those of women's center

BY KATHLEEN RILEY

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The coordinator of the Cal Poly Women's Center used this definition in describing her goals to those of the center. Born in San Diego, but raised in the San Francisco Bay area, Kim Laurila grew up in an educated environment.

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The center, located in the trailer nestled between the wings of the Science Building, sponsors workshops, cultural events, films and empathy counseling.

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Early morning fire is the perfect remedy for chilly hands and feet.

BY RALPH THOMAS

Packed into cars as near strangers they left Cal Poly early Friday morning bound for Sequoia National Park to experience something new - cross-country skiing and snow camping. Their minds were bubbling with visions of what was in store.

In the weeks prior to the trip the Recreation 103 instructor Dr. Lyn Jamiesson and her assistant Doug Moon, gave the students, from various majors, visual appetizers for the trip.

Leaving San Luis Obispo, some were curious and others were a little skeptical. The prevailing concern of most was whether they were prepared for the cold.

The most critical problem of the entire weekend came when one of the vehicles decided it had no interest in the mountains and broke down just east of Paso Robles. After a few impromptu alterations the group was "on their own again" just two hours behind schedule.

Spirts were boosted as everyone had all the necessary rental equipment and the snow guaranteed it to come. Some had never even been to Sequoia, let alone skied before and the enthusiasm grew with every mile. The only thing that dimmed the students' joy was the high altitude and the fact that the trip was behind schedule.

Around 1 p.m., John Louth will lead a group of the class spent Saturday night back at the Giant Forest Village cabins after an afternoon snow trip to an icy stretch of the central coast's Morro Rock.

The two groups were reunited Sunday morning to prepare for the trip home. The snow campers enjoyed much needed showers. Once packed back into the cars, far from strangers, the class made its way back to the Village cabins after an expedition of the central coast's Morro Rock.
Parking ticket fines subsidize other transportation

BY TOM CONLON

You have just paid the cashier $12 for the half dozen parking tickets that have been accumulating in your glovebox all quarter long, and you are left with barely enough money to buy the gas to get you where you want to go over the weekend and nothing to spend once you get there. At this point you start to wonder that with all the money "they" must collect, why don't the parking situation get any better so you don't have to park illegally all the time?

Although $47,000 was collected by Cal Poly cashiers last year for parking and traffic violations, the money cannot be used for the funding of construction on additional parking facilities, Director of Business Affairs Jim Landreth said.

According to Landreth, a California educational code requires "the revenue brought in from fines and forfeitures only be used for the support of alternative transportation systems."

As Cal Poly, the administrator said, the money is budgeted for three priorities. The number one priority is the subsidizing of bus tokens for students. Close to $17,000 a year is spent to provide students with a 10 cent discount on the normal bus fee of 35 cents, Landreth said.

The second priority is the funding of the university's bike program, which includes the purchasing of bike racks, the licensing of bikes, and the creation and widening of bike lanes. Landreth said sufficient funds have been unavailable for the construction of some kind of cover over the campus bus stops—the third priority.

He said the university administration— with the approval of the California State Universities and Colleges Chancellor's Office—ultimately makes the final decision on what the money is to be used for, but they are open to recommendations from the Traffic Commission composed of Poly faculty, staff, and two student representatives appointed by the ASI president.

Landreth added that even if the money could be used to provide additional parking spaces it is unlikely much could be done to alleviate the parking problem.

Landreth explained a major obstacle in the construction of new parking facilities is lack of space. He said a big lot is planned for the area across the street from the faculty office building, but that would mean Plant Operations would have to be moved out on Highland Drive. To make up for the lack of space the building of a second level to

By using the aid of the computer the cashiers had to process the ticket manually, and a large backlog soon formed.

Due to the delay in the processing of the forms the "parking restrictions had no teeth in them," Diaz added. She said the cashier received the computer need by late in the year and the system is currently only a couple of weeks behind. People who do not pay their fines now are playing the "Russian roulette," she said. A violation is not paid within 14 days a notice is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle, and $10 is tacked on to the original fine. At this point payment on the ticket can only be made at the municipal court, if the offender ignores the notice he will find he will be unable to register his vehicle, Diaz said.

Shah's brutal regime shown

BY TOM CONLON

Staff Writer

The repressive and sometimes brutal regime of the late Shah, Mohammed Reza Pahlavi's attempts to make Iran a major modern industrial nation were documented in a film shown on campus Thursday night.

Sponsored by the Islamic Student Association, "The Temptation of Power" dealt in detail with the effects of the Shah's "progressive" White Revolution of the '70's on Iran's rural poor and urban craftsmen.

According to the film—produced in 1978 while the shah was still in power—as a result of the shah's so-called "reforms one out of every five peasant families was deported to the "shanty towns" of the big cities of western Iran, where they sweated out a meager existence as day laborers for the large factory owners.

Some land was made available to the poor, but it was largely arid and had to be purchased on installment plans, the film said.

Two interviews were shown with farmers who were forced to sell their land—one man said he sold 37 acres for $350 and a house for $200—so large land holdings could be formed to make use of mechanized farming techniques. The purchase of the land and the farm machinery was mostly made from foreign capital, the film said.

The two men said they were still able to work on the land: they made 40 cents a day and their families lived on a diet consisting of rice.

"The peasants have no place in Iran's agriculture future," the film said.

The affects of heavy foreign investment in Iran's industry was also discussed in the film. According to the film, the large multinational corporation's "satellite industries" were mostly staffed— especially management positions—with foreign workers, which created housing shortages and high unemployment among the country's

The film stressed that the more industrialized Iran became the more impoverished its people became. It concluded that the programs of the White Revolution were implemented "not only despite the people, but against their best interest.

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Swimmers win SCAA league title

"I don't think there is any doubt that we will win the conference meet this season," said a confident women's swim coach Kathy Bartel at the beginning of the season. Despite a challenging dual meet season, the women's swim team went south last weekend ready to swim and walk away with their third straight Southern California Athletic Association conference championship.

The Cal Poly Mustangs relied on a balanced team scoring to avenge dual meet losses to Santa Barbara and Northridge. The Mustangs used a strong first day to outdistance second place Santa Barbara by 97 points and Northridge by 252 points.

The Mustangs racked up 642 points to claim the SCAA title. Santa Barbara was second with 545 points followed by UC Irvine 400, Cal State Northridge 396, University of San Diego 239, and Cal State Los Angeles 225.

Last year's conference meet was a highlight as Cal Poly outscored Santa Barbara and Northridge.

The Mustangs had another batch of qualifying standards met as 11 have now qualified for the ASA. Qualifiers include Pam Miao (50 back, 50 free, 100 medley relay), Sally Baldwin (400 IM, 100 breast, 200 breast), Loretta Baldacci (100 breast, 200 breast) and Susan Taylor (the one- and three-meter diving).

"We had a high expectation this year and I think the team performed accordingly," said Bartel.

Softball seeks first win

The Cal Poly softball team will seek its first win of the year this weekend after losing two to Fresno State. Poly's Loren Yoshinara has this Fresno runner dead to rights as she prepares to field a pick-off throw from catcher Lori Fiore.

Sports

Bowlers chalk up second in tourney

The Cal Poly men's bowling team got its final tune-up in before the sectional tournament as it finished second in the final round of the Northern California Intercollegiate Masters League. A strong team performance led Cal Poly to its second place honor as all five bowlers averaged above 185 games.

Ron Majeske and Andy Mitchell led the charge as they both rolled over the 200 pins a game mark. Chris Ferron and Mike Wood followed in the 190's along with Roger McKee and Mark Stivers.

Cal Poly wound up an impressive tournament season by finishing second in the NCIML year-long tournament and by winning three of the six tournaments it entered. Cal Poly was only the California team to win three tournaments on the collegiate tournament tour.

Cal Poly's Wood picked up an individual honor by rolling the NCIML high game last weekend at 289. San Jose's Marty Schram rolled the high series at 730.

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By MIKE CARROLL

One of the less publicized effects of the Ronald Reagan presidency appears to be a revitalized role for the CIA in American foreign affairs. For the first time during the post-Watergate morality, the "spooks" are finding themselves in an intelligence renaissance and a rebirth of interest in covert operations.

A climate friendly to the CIA has been created in Washington. Reagan is an advocate of both a strong military and an effective intelligence establishment. For the first time in history, an ex-CIA director is vice-president. The Republican takeover of the Senate has resulted in strong support of staunch conservative Barry Goldwater as chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee. Most importantly, Reagan's CIA director, William Casey, reportedly favors expanding American covert operations abroad by a "substantial degree."

Tight Congressional constraints over the CIA that were initiated in the mid-70s will be relaxed. In recent years the CIA had been required to report to eight Congressional committees and two Congressional committees - and only when covert operations are being prepared.

David Wise, a long-time CIA critic and author of such works as "The Visible Government and The American Police State," and "Los Angeles Times" journalist, has characterized the "anti-terrorist" campaign against the Viet Cong. In reality, he said, it is a CIA effort. But it should not be the policy of the United States to make it even dirtier. Covert operations simple do more harm than good.

Editor

BY CREOLA MILLER

What happened to the old saying about the customer always being right? It must have been a fad that went out with "Sonny and Cher." It is easy to exchange an item or spend enough money in a store that will make the customer feel obligated to buy your purchase. These are instances when the customer is always right. However, if they try to exchange your money back on a purchase you were overcharged for, you might be tired of running around the store checking serial numbers on your purchase.

I was thoroughly irritated because of the attitude change of the salesgirl when she inquired about the money back on my bill. I was also irritated about the time I had to wait for them to try to prove me wrong. Department stores, grocery stores, restaurants, and companies should realize they are not flawless. Their customers are not. The salesgirl, who said she wanted to exchange the jacket because it was "defective," snorted with derision and said, "You know what the problem is? It's your sale." She added, "You know why you're being overcharged? Because you are always too busy to read the tags. The tag that was charged to your purchase has a serial number. So again I was accused of lying, I had not purchased any house."

To make a long story short, I was finally granted my wish that they take the jacket back on a purchase you were overcharged for. However, the attitude change of the salesgirl and manager grew tired when the customer knew that they would have to prove they were not flawless. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. Their customers are not. 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