Deans question grade changes

by JOYCE LYNN WILCOXON

A final grade in a class seems so permanent, yet in many cases this finally isn't the case as it takes some students to convince an instructor to alter the grade on their record. One student's transcript revealed that he graduated with a 3.0 grade average. One "F" grade he received was changed to a "C" through some kind of bargaining. This same grade average remained.

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The deans disagree, saying grade changes and procedures for several reasons. Hayden was quick to explain. Altering assigned grades involves not only additional paperwork, but can also affect academic reconsideration to some students while others don't get this benefit.

Hayden pointed out that there have been cases where students had an "F" grade in a class and convinced the instructor to reverse the established grade to a higher one, allowing the student to graduate and get credit in a class he originally failed.

In bringing this case before the Academic Senate, Hayden said that some deans reported sending grade change forms back to the instructors because the reasons for altering the assigned grade were not valid or acceptable. Most instructors' reasons for changing grades were listed as a clerical error in the grade book or transcription of numbers, an error in the calculation of the grades, completion of additional work by the student, or the instructor's review of grade point distribution for the class.

The deans believe that the change of grade form should be studied and possibly revised. Presently, there is no provision included in the form which specifies a reason for a grade change. The instructor only has to sign the form approving of the change, and there is no copy available for the department that the class was taken in. When investigating the situation it was discovered that several instructors are pressured and threatened to change grades.

Pressures upon faculty range from "unfairness in grading," "intercollegiate athletics to personal problems and charges of sex bias and racial discrimination" as cited by the Instruction Committee.

Reports of the committee.

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Head resident makes a point

Editor:
I read with great interest the article (Feb. 11) on the residences hall questionnaire. The article asked that there be only one male head resident on campus. I would like to point out that two of the three head residents of the men's South Mountain halls are male myself and Fred Edmondson of Sequoia Hall, and of the two North Mountain Halls where there are no head residents, all the resident managers are male. —Web Dean

Attacks hide weak logic behind technical jargon

Editor:
Warren Chabot's excellent exposure of a dangerous and ill-conceived nuclear power plant proposal in the March 25th issue of Mustang Daily seems to come under some attacks that have attempted to hide their weak logic behind technical jargon. Little understood outside the engineering department, a semantic play becoming increasingly common in the over-specialized world of today's higher education.

To get to the heart of an issue it's often wise to consult a basic text and in referring to their familiar green paperback at Cal Poly, Miller's College Physics, we found the following statement on page 588 that admirably expresses the issue: "One of the deadweights of the nuclear power plant is: the heavy shielding required to protect personnel from radiation, the scarcity of fuel and the ultimate destruction of desirable products of fissiational material, and the difficulty of disposing of highly active radioactive products. It is estimated that if all the power needed to be supplied by fission reactors, the nuclear waste would have an activity equal to the activity of 2,000,000 atomic bombs each second."

We advise those who would like to check this interesting student knowledge do so quickly. Now that it's been pointed out an administration already devoted to the instrument of this big utility trust that this excellent text included such heretical facts, Miller's College Physics may soon become quite hard to find at Cal Poly.

Glen Holtscha

Arab hijackers

Editor:
Arab commandos who hijacked a Lufthansa Airlines 767 from India to South Yemen released the eldest son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and 171 other passengers Tuesday but held the 14 crew members hostage.

Solution could solve the lame duck 'cash-fed' treadmill

EDITORIAL

Threats to the concept of living under the budget of a "lame duck" ASI administration have been kicking around in Student Affairs Council for some time. That's better, but the funds under consideration would be open to anyone, with SAC approval. Officers could find the funds allocated away from them through the supervision of the SAC.

Preferably, funds should be budgeted for exclusive use of the ASI officers. Finance Committee member John Brown made such a proposal recently, where a Student Officers Reserve Fund would be established. It is now before SAC in the form of a bill.

The amount of money placed in the fund could be a percentage of contingency. Joe Martinez, a SAC rep from Ag Council reported his council supported that idea, which would work as a "built-in automatic control" and the SAC fund could depend upon Finance Committee recommendation, based upon the state of each particular budget.

Both ideas are sound, although the percentage could vary, but it is safe to follow the recommendation of Finance Committee under the alternate proposal.

The new fund could serve as a vest fund in determining the success of new programs. The initial outlay would fund each program as a test, and if successful, it could be budgeted for the following year. As Brown noted, if it failed it would die with the outgoing officer.

The opportunity is here for a decisive and progressive move by Student Affairs Council. Mustang Daily supports creation of the Student Officers Reserve Fund.

Paul Simon, editor
The man who recently released information about secret government meetings was sent to prison on the trail of a new secret from San Luis Obispo on Feb. 10. Jack Anderson, newspaper columnist and former protege of Drew Pearson, was briefed by campus "intelligence" on the details of his latest expose and decided to get to the root of the problem.

The affair began in the summer when Anderson was contracted to give a speech by a group of individuals representing Speakers Forum. In September the contract was reconsidered because the appearance would be during Black Heritage Week.

Instead, Speakers Forum decided on Warren Widener, the black mayor of Berkeley, and Anderson's contract was officially canceled through his secretary.

Undaunted, he called his secretary and former protege of Drew Pearson, William M. Ollis, to tell him he was considering a new direction. A cool reception was expected, but instead of a "mistake," Anderson decided to accept the mission, and left on the next plane to Los Angeles confident he would uncover the secret of this affair.

Debate limited

Washington (UPI)—The Senate voted today to limit further debate on a fair employment practices bill, ending a southern-led slowdown that began at the start of the session last month.

The vote was 73 to 11-5 more than the two-thirds majority required.
A women's exhibit in the mixed media of arts entitled Evolution of Eve will be presented. The exhibit will be open between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. in Room 221. Over 20 women from the campus and community have been asked to exhibit their works in photography, painting, weaving, pottery and all other art forms.

The exhibit was initiated through the combined efforts of Melissa Green, Barbara Laird and Louise Sandburg as projects for the experimental education class. Current issues for Women, of which they are members.

In this woman's class, said Miss Green, "we are trying to bring about woman expressing herself like she did in the past, yet tell now has never been outspoken to that effect. So what better and more beneficial to express her views than through the art?"

This is just the beginning of the continued Miss Green, "of many more events similar to this one, hopefully none through the rest of the year. One such event of great interest would be a women's heritage weekend.

Nor is this the first time ever for the feminine sex exhibit. Each week the class, conducted by Dean of Woman, Lorraine E. Howard, sponsors various women speakers from the surrounding area and carries on panel discussions covering different topics such as women and their law, stereotyping of women and the women's role in the workplace.

Grades for the class are conducted on a contract basis in which a student file at the beginning of the quarter for the grade he or she wishes to receive at the end of the quarter.

Grading reviewed

The committee is also examining the various grading procedures in hopes of establishing a "guide to good grading policies" and ultimately curtail the amount of grade changes. The committee has written to other colleges and universities seeking information on grading policies and changes for comparison.

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NOTHING IS SOMETHING

PHOTOS BY R. CUTHBERTSON

When Dr. Samuel Langhorne in the Art Department gives his students (Brian, Tony, Fred, and Steve) the assignment of designing something that will hypnotically change into another form, they are given a wealth of possibilities. The task is to design an object that will change into something else. In this case, the assignment is most unusual. Langhorne, the instructor, makes it clear that the students have a wealth of possibilities. The task is to design an object that will hypnotically change into something else. These objects can be designed in a variety of forms, including shapes, colors, and other forms of design. No idea is too unusual. In fact, it is essential to come up with an object that will hypnotically change into something else.

The "Witmer-VanDerWerff Electric Stage" is driven. Non-concentric, inconsistent, reciprocating Hydro-transfer Do Nothing Machine" was created by Mike Witmer and Pete VanDerWerff, both Industrial engineering majors. The machine very efficiently passes water from one can to another and has possibilities as a Martin mixer and little else.

"Nebulous II" by Richard Warren consists of hypnotic pinwheels, a colorful propeller, and various levers and gears that are similarly functionless.
Speaker Committee wants idea for next year

Two weeks ago Dr. Norman Burchard, winner of the 1951 Nobel Peace Prize, spoke in Chumash Hall. March 17 Dr. L.S.B. Leakey will speak in the Men's Gymnasium. "Adam's Ancestor—Evidence of Man's Evolution in Africa." Hard reserved tickets will be announced shortly.

Who among you have these speakers appear at this college?

The answer is College Convocations and Speakers Coordinating Committee, which is now developing a list of speakers to be considered for next year's program, according to David Greenberg, a student member of the committee.

Greenberg, who serves as Asl Pres. Pete Evans' appointee, said the committee is seeking recommendations from the student body. Written ideas should be sent in care of Greenberg to the ASI office.

Convocations committee is formed of various administrative office—faculty representative, the ASI Press, and the chairman of the ASI Speakers Forum Committee.

It is authorized by the College Administrative Manual to coordinate "the total college conversation and speakers program to assure appropriate balance, time-scheduling, arrangements, and publicity."

The committee recommends at least one speaker quarterly to Pres. Robert R. Kennedy, according to Greenberg.

War issue...

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from Defense spending of $1.1 billion ($4 billion) of the total in 1968 and Human Needs ($4.1 billion) in 1969, according to ASI. Defense will gain $77.5 billion (34 per cent) and Human Needs $3.1 billion (48 per cent)

Remember actions speak louder than words. Actions make enemies sometimes it's not as cheap as talk.

Day time activities are varied: racquetball, sand art, dodgeball, and a pole vault meet where the men speak for the largest fish, darts, surfing, and a sports show.

Outings plans to rent gear

Backpacks will be rented to students or faculty members by the Outings Committee for $1 per weekend, according to Bruce Rovniky, store manager. The Outing Committee store room is located in the back of the EOF Building between Santa Lucia and Whitney residence halls. The store room is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and 4:30 to 8 p.m. on Fridays.

Money collected from back-pack rentals will be used to maintain the equipment.

Graduate aid available

Students enrolled in or planning to enter a California graduate or professional school may apply for competition in the State Graduate Fellowship Program.

Since the present program terminates on June 30, students who would normally renew their State Fellowships must re-apply if they wish to compete for the new State Graduate Fellowships.

Unlike the old program, the new State Graduate Fellowship competition is open to students pursuing a variety of professional degrees. Students will no longer be required to declare their intention to teach in higher education in California. Although no grades or transcripts will be required for the competition, graduate or professional school degrees are being asked to make a ranking on the basis of grades, research activities, and the personal and professional traits of each applicant.

Applications are available in the Placement and Financial Aid Office, Admin. Bldg. Each applicant should submit his application to the dean of the school to which he will be attending at least three weeks in advance of the April 1 postmark date.

Other forms of financial aid are also available at the Placement and Financial Aid Office. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1 and the deadline for National Defense Loans, Work Study, and Federal Educational Opportunity Grants is June 1.

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Model U.N. class: Raps on issues, views create better citizens

by BANDY WHITCOMB

Raps on issues, views create better citizens

Once a week in the Ag building, representatives of about 35 schools meet to express their views on current issues and vote on various resolutions. These are not foreign students, but the group which makes up the college's Model United Nations.

Far Western Model United Nations, not associated with the National MUN, is an affiliation of the seven Western-most states. Any college within this area can become a member and must send representatives to a general conference near the end of the school year.

"About 100 schools participate each year," said Dr. Joseph Weatherby, social science instructor and advisor to the group. Every school is assigned a different country to represent. "The countries are allotted according to the schools' past performances at the conference," said Weatherby.

"Cal Poly has done exceptionally well. Last year we acted as Poland delegate, representative of the Communist satellite, and the year before that we were the U.S.A. This year we were given France." According to Jeff Brebel, chairman of the MUN here, France is one of the best countries to represent. "France is one of the big five, she is on the security council, and involved in most of the committees." Students invited.

Another indication of the outstanding ability of these students is the fact that they have been invited to participate in the National MUN in New York for two years in a row. "Only the top five schools from the general conference are asked to attend, but so far Cal Poly hasn't been able to send their representatives because of finances," Weatherby explained.

Weatherby believes that the reason the students from this college do so well is because the members work at it in a serious fashion for one year. "Most of the other school participation, the MUN as a part of another class and prepare for the main conference for about the last two months.

Here, all interested students register for the class Fall quarter and those interested enough to continue register for it again Winter and Spring Quarters. Unit credit is given at the student's request. The class meets one night a week all year. "They learn more working consistently throughout the year than they could by working extremely hard for the last two months," Brebel explained that during the first quarter United Nations rules and procedures are reviewed and explained. Mock meetings are begun soon after that. "Each student is assigned a country," said Brebel.

Weatherby believes that the reason the students from this college do so well is because the members work at it in a serious fashion for one year. "Most of the other schools participate in the basis of the real United Nations, each student is forced to participate in the proceedings. The class members get a lot of practice speaking to a group," said Weatherby. "They have more confidence in themselves and are not afraid to participate. They tend to exercise more influence at the general conference because the others stay quiet."

Students invited.

The members of the class will attend a regional MUN in Los Angeles, March 11. This practice session will help the students prepare for the main conferences to be held in Seattle, Washington in April. Brebel said. "The members are researching whole issues," Brebel said. "We are finding out how all the countries feel about them and we are forced to understand a country's viewpoint whether it agrees with personal opinion or not."

"You learn to be dispassionate about political issues," he said. "You can take Governor Reagan's policies, for example, and look at what he is trying to do instead of how you feel about his actions personally. It can make better citizens out of us."
TEN-YEAR DYNASTY

Another wrestling title

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An open table tennis tournament will be held tonight for any interested students in the foyer of the Men's Gym at 7 p.m. Intramural director Dick Heaton says the event is open to men and women.

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