

Grading System To Change?

by Cathie Cline

Last week the Faculty Senate met to discuss the five proposals for the changing of our present grading system.

The five alternatives to changing the grading system are:

1. No change

2. A,B,C,D,F,W, (W at the election of either the student or the instructor).

3. A,B,C,D,W, (up to the end of the 15th week in the semester).

4. A,B,C,D,W, (no F's).

5. A,B,C, (D at the option of the student), W, (No F's).

The Governing Council received the results of a faculty poll on proposals last

Wednesday. Results in next issue.

STUDENTS REACTIONS

Frank Enriquez — "I don't like it. It's not fair to the students who had to beat their brains out to make good grades so that they could go into the state colleges and universities."

R. Terry — "I don't think it is a very good idea to change the grading system. Why? Because I'm used to the grading system the way it is now and the new proposal will just confuse me and the other students at Cañada. It might be a good idea eventually but not now."

Steve Grundmeier — "I feel the proposal is a good idea because a withdrawal in a class will look better on your record than say would a D or F. If your grades gets that low a withdrawal will not hurt you any more or less."

Jim Clarke, Alpha Gamma Sigma (Honor Society) — "I'm in favor of dropping the F grade. I don't think we need to have failure grades on our records."

"It hurts the 17 and 18-year-olds if they receive a fail in a class because if they ever return to college when they're older, they will have to make up that fail grade that

they received ten years ago.

"I also feel that the instructors should look into the way that they hand out their grades."

Connie Gibney, AGS — "I'm against changing the grading system because I feel it's too much of a gamble."

"We give the students the privilege to succeed in their classes but at the same time we are taking away their right to fail."

"Our world is not only made up of success but also failures. If we take away the privilege to fail the student will not know to cope with or handle the failures that he

will face in the business world."

FACULTY REACTIONS

Byron Skinner, History Teacher — "I'm in favor of the elimination of the F but feel that we should have the retention of the D grade and the withdrawals. This way it would give the students a choice between receiving a D or a withdrawal at the end of the semester."

Robert Walker, Food Teacher — "I'm not in favor of the proposal. If you fail a course someplace in life you will have to suffer or pay for that failing grade."

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Cañada to Host Film Series Starting Feb. 25

A series of outstanding films will be presented by the Cañada College Community Education Program starting Feb. 25. The one unit class, which will meet in the Main Theatre on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to 10 p.m., will include five films, guest lectures and audience discussion. William Kenny, a Cañada English instructor, will be series coordinator.

'Night at the Opera,' featuring the Marx Brothers, will be shown the first week. Mark W. Hein and Norman Siringier will lecture.

On March 4 'A Thousand Clowns' will be shown with Kent Crockett lecturing. Erwin Jost will speak on 'The Ox-Bow Incident' on Mar. 11.

The fourth film, 'Shane,' will be discussed by Charles R. Plunkett and Craig Hoffman on March 18. 'Jules and Jim' will be the final film of the series, shown on April 1. Gerald Messner will lecture.

Forms for registration can be obtained at the Community Education office at a price of \$5.00. Single admission is \$1.25.



"A Night at the Opera", featuring the Marx Bros. will kick off Canada's Film Series Wednesday night, Feb. 25. The Community Education sponsored

program will feature five classic motion pictures to be followed by a lecture and discussion on the films.

No Fall Ecology Class

by Cory Farley

Despite persistent rumors, it appears that Cañada will not have an Ecology class next fall. The class has been offered at CSM, and may be given at Cañada during the summer, but there isn't enough staff time to allow it to be taught on a regular basis. Donald Raney, Physical Science Department Chairman,

said, though, that there's a possibility that more ecology-related material may be covered in the physical and life science classes. For those who are interested, the new Environmental Technology program will offer career opportunities in fields related to ecology.

Raney, in discussing the Environmental Tech program, said that he feels it is especially important that such a class be taught at this time. "Environmental control is more than law," he insists, "and all the laws Sacramento can pass won't solve the problem unless we have the knowledge to decide how to fight pollution. I'm not saying we don't need the laws, but we need more information."

Raney cited what he called "scare tactics" as evidence of the need for more understanding of the facts of pollution, pointing

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Budget Revision for ASCC

by Tom Bell

A substantial revision in funding was made last October in formerly student-supported, credit bearing, curricular activities. In a San Mateo Junior College District Board report, Chancellor-Superintendent Clifford B. Erickson stated that credit bearing curriculum activities such as athletics, recognized student publications, forensics, (debating team), music events, art exhibits, and dramatic productions, formerly funded by the Associated Students, would now be funded by the Junior College District.

The rationale for this radical change is that the credit bearing activities funded by the students

are in competition with the non-credit activities and should student council interests shift to new areas, these academic programs could suffer financially.

Student funds now come from three sources; sale of student body cards, net profits from the bookstore, and revenue from non-cafeteria-related vending machines. The elimination of credit bearing activities from the Associated Student Budget cuts the number of items by two thirds, leaving student funds to be spent on student and social activities, student financial aids, and recognition awards.

At first glance it would appear

that the Associated Students have a great deal of money to spend because two thirds of its financial commitments have been taken over by the district. This is not the case, however, because the money just isn't there. With the relaxation of salesmanship for Student Body Cards the percentage of sales dropped from 92 percent of the enrollment last semester to 34.8 percent this semester. Bookstore profits, which are about 1.8 percent (low because bookstore is new) and vending machine profits, go into what is called the canteen fund which may only be spent on food (dinners, luncheon, etc.). One redeeming

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Scholarship Applications

Scholarship applications are available for new and continuing Cañada students and students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

Students interested in scholarship awards for 1970-71 are asked to speak to Mrs. Monson in Bldg. 5, Rm. 206A.

From the Editors

Exercise Your Vote on Grades

In the last issue of THE NEWSPAPER, we stated that no student opinion had been solicited on the proposed grading changes. This is not entirely true. A subcommittee of the Committee on Instruction, a branch of the Faculty Senate, had three students and three faculty members discussing the issue of grades. The three students also solicited opinions of students attending the meetings. The subcommittee submitted proposals to the governing council of the Faculty Senate, for their final decision. And, after the Senate votes on the proposals, it goes to the administration and

then to the Board of Trustees.

Only in the sense that the whole student body has not been asked to vote on the issue, have students been left out. And this move remains open to the discretion of the student government. We would hope both that student council opens this up to the entire student body, which John Howe, ASCC President, proposed for Thursday's council meeting. We would hope students will realize the importance of their vote on this matter, and will respond to either a survey or vote; whichever manner is decided on to get student opinion. —C.B.

Confrontation in Chicago

The trial of the Chicago Eight pitted two uncompromising forms of extremism against each other. Judge Julius Hoffman's antagonizing attitude versing the defiance of the "system" as espoused by the defendants produced a bizarre confrontation.

"People keep saying it's too bad that we don't behave so there can be a clear decision on the legal issues," explained Abbie Hoffman. "But this trial is not about legal niceties. It's a battle between a dying culture and an emerging one." Hoffman's statement reflects what is in the minds of many Americans. It concerns the polarization that is taking place in our society. The defendants have enraged and offended many Americans

so that they despise dissent more and more vehemently. But the trial has led many others, especially those to whom The Eight have now become heroes, to believe that the judicial system is a tool for repressing dissent.

If the Chicago Eight were scapegoats for the liberal youth movement, then we can breathe a little easier at their acquittal. But the question still persists, are we going to be taken to task every time we "talk back." Some of the antics of The Eight cannot be dismissed as mere talking back, however, the defendants were acting to a degree of dissent controlled by their consciences.

—J.M.

Photo Competition For Ecology Week

Photographs on the theme of ecology are now being solicited by the University of California, Davis, for photo contest and exhibition during Ecology Week, April 19-25. Entries in black and white will be accepted from students enrolled in Northern California educational institutions of all levels. Several cash prizes will be awarded.

Contest rules are as follows: number of entries is limited to two per photographer; entries

must not be under six inches square; the upper right hand corner of the back of each entry must state in ink the photographer's name, birth date, address, name of institution attending and level of study, major, and year and location photo was taken.

Deadline for submission is March 20. Photos may be mailed to Dr. Stephen C. Jett, Geography Department, Univ. of Calif., Davis 95616. Prints will be returned only if a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided by the photographer.

Judging will be on the basis of aesthetic value, technical competence, and relevance to ecology themes. Preliminary selection will be made by Dr. Jett, although judges for the contest will be well-known professional photographers.

Holy Moly Continues

Peter Beagle, a novelist, has been tentatively scheduled to be Holy Moly's next speaker March 5.

Beagle, whose works include "The Last Uniform" and "California Feeling," lives in Santa Cruz, and is intensely aware of the California situation according to Cañada English instructor Kent Crockett. Beagle is originally from New York.

Although the series is offered as a class (English 29) taught by Pam Smith, all are invited to attend the lectures.

Lawrence Ferlinghetti is tentatively scheduled for later this spring.

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Cañada Gets Press Policy

Cañada College has a Student Publications Board, composed of President Goss, John Howe (Student Body President), Colleen Burke (Editor of THE NEWSPAPER), Bob Glessing (journalism advisor), and Bob Stiff (Head of the English Department). The purpose of this board will be to develop appropriate policies for all student publications.

The new board must abide by a few rules itself and the most important of these is that the "college policies will recognize the primary responsibility with regard to the content of a publication lies with the editor." The rules of the district keep the Student Publications Board from limiting freedom of the press and from interfering with the policy decisions of the editor except in cases of libel, obscenity, or untruthful reporting.

The power to decide on questions of editorial policy when the editor of a publication and the faculty advisor cannot

agree is the board's most important job. Power to enforce all district policies concerning student publications lies with the President of the College.

The Student Publications Board could be the important middleman between the district (which pays for student publications) and a student publication. This job was the responsibility of the student council when it paid for student publications.

LETTER

No Ties With The Free U.

Dear Editor:

Re: Your article on the Experimental College. We do not register for the Free U. It is illegal for us to do so. We buy memberships from the Free U and sell them to our own community members. Also, we give catalogues away free.

Tom Williams

Two New Courses In English Division

The English Division and Committee on Instruction have just approved two new English courses to be added (hopefully)

to the curriculum by next semester.

The first is English 44, entitled Mexican Literature in Translation, a course designed to introduce Mexican-American and other students to the literature of Mexico. It is basically a study of the first chronicles of Mexico; the colonial period; writers of the independence; the Romantic period; and contemporary literature. Students will receive three units of credit for this course. Also, the Division is seeking a Mexican-American instructor to teach this course, along with some others in the Mexican-American Studies area.

The other course which the Division and Instruction Committee formally approved is the Writing Laboratory (English 68), which emphasizes work in the development of composition skills primarily through individual and tutorial instruction. Various audio-visual and programmed materials will be used to improve and stimulate the students' writing, with particular emphasis placed upon organization, quality and support of ideas, effectiveness of language, and mechanics of sentence structure. Students who successfully complete the course will receive one unit of credit but no letter grade.

Approval of the English 44 and English 68 classes is final, but in addition, another course has been submitted for approval. This one, English 66, is entitled Science Fiction and Fiction of Fantasy, a three-unit course dealing with the study of European and American science fiction and fantasy of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Card Sales Fund Loans

The Dean's Loan Fund is not funded by the District, as was reported last week, but by student body card sales, according to Bob Fryckman, Dean of Men.



BLACK IS . . .

Black is
knowing Elvis Presley
made millions doing what your
cousin did better and for
free thirty years ago.

Black is
being the astronaut
assigned to the dark side
of the moon.

Black is
being mayor in
the city and banned
in the suburbs.

Black is
when you're in court
to be judged by a jury of
your peers and all your
peers look like they'd
been bleached.

Black is
not having to
get in the mood to
sing the blues.

Black is
when you meet the devil
to sell him your soul he gets
embarrassed and says, "I can't
give you quite as much
as I offered you over
the phone."

Black is
fighting on both
sides of the Civil War
and losing anyway.

By Rusty Keilch

The Black Student Union has presented an entire week of activities for Black History Week of Feb. 16 through 22. The central focus of the week's activities, ranging from African drum and dance concerts to a speech by Bob Hoover of Nairobi College on minority education and a discussion of the Black Panther Party, has been on gaining a sense of blackness. The week's aim has been to increase the awareness of students, black, brown and white about black history and the black liberation movement.

Ralph Abernathy was one of the main figures in the call for observance of this week which was originated by Martin Luther King, Jr. several years ago. Abernathy and other civil rights leaders have been shocked by the violent repression that has come down on black political organizations, particularly the Black Panther Party which advocates armed self-defense for black people. The week of activity around black history and black identity seems based on the understanding that people of all colors must unite to combat this attack and that blacks must work to strengthen their sense of unity.

This week's program at Canada was not as large and elaborate as the BSU would like to have seen it, one BSU member said, but a lack of funds severely limited their plans. The featured event of the week is the dance with Marvin and the Uptights from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday Feb. 21.

Black is
when somebody brings
you home to lunch during
Brotherhood Week—
after dark.

Black is
being given special
vocational training for the jobs
that will have disappeared
before you learn how
to do them.

Black is
being accused of
causing trouble but always
winding up as the
casualties.

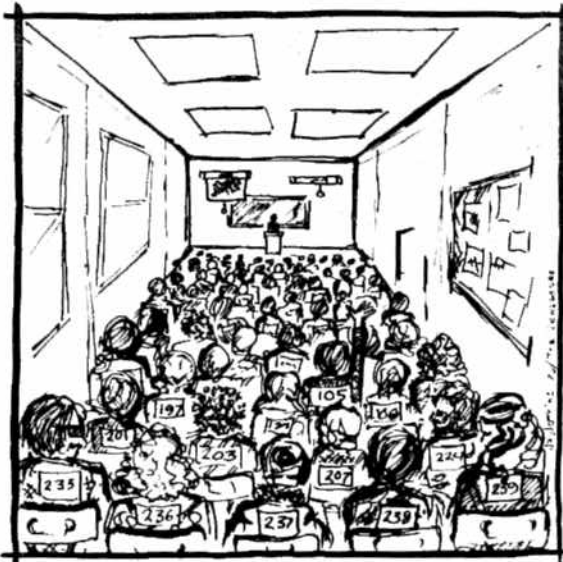
Black is
when you're dying of thirst
on the desert and in your mirage
the water fountain says
"White Only."

Black is
when you root for
the Indians to beat
John Wayne.

BEAUTIFUL



"Great to be outdoors, isn't it?"



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Environment Tech Class ...

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out that despite the tremendous increase in the number of cars on the road since 1965, automobile-caused pollution has declined considerably and should continue to decline as more and more older cars are junked.

Ross Westover, who will teach the new course, tends to agree with Raney that there is reason for optimism in the area of pollution control. He cautions against complacency — "If we continue to increase our population and pollution proportionately, by the 1980's we may be in real trouble" — but he produced graphs and figures showing that pollution is being controlled and is not irreversible. Westover claims that the most necessary area for improvement is that of

education. Not education in the high school or college sense, but education of the general public, a reorientation of values that would result finally in everyone becoming aware of the ecological consequences of his actions. Among the things he would like to see is increased use of car pools. "I live in Newark, and I drive to work," he says. "If I could, I'd share a ride — but there's a problem of

communication. You have to find someone who works near you and lives near you..." Westover reminds us that cars produce around 80 percent of the pollution in the Bay Area, and that if everyone who drives to work or school alone would bring one or two others with them, it would not only alleviate the traffic and parking problems but would cut the total air pollution by at least 30 percent.

Campus Committee Discusses Projects

A temporary committee on Facilities and Campus Environment has been formed at Cañada under the chairmanship of Charles R. Plunkett.

"The purpose of our committee is to act as an advisory board to President Goss on campus development," said Plunkett.

"Our main concern is with defining what the projects are, establishing priorities among the projects, and exactly what is to be done on the projects," added Plunkett.

"The faculty is deeply concerned about the acoustics in the buildings because it makes our job of teaching much harder and harder for the student to concentrate," said Plunkett.

This will be one of the issues under discussion at the meetings along with proposals for new buildings, landscaping surrounding the school, the interior decoration of the classrooms, and other related campus needs.

"The Facilities and Campus Environment Committee is only

temporary in that as soon as the projects are started and in the works there will no longer be a need for us", concluded Plunkett.

IRC Hosts Exotic Meals

Thirty nations were represented in the first International Relations Club dinner last week. Cañada's foreign students, their families and friends, coupled with distinguished guests, President Goss and R.C. Mayor Bob Bury were present. A 20-course meal, with exotic names like Zagushi Warzawa, was served. Christian G. van Houtrve, president of the IRC, stated that he welcomed the chance to study the ideas and share the dreams of Americans. He stated that foreign students appreciate the help offered to them, small and large, which helps to bring about greater understanding of the complex world which belongs to all of us.

Rain Takes Three Straight from Colts

by Cory Farley

As soon as the rain stops — sometime in July, if the past week is any indication — Lyman Ashley will coach the first springtime athletic event in Cañada's history.

Ashley, a Sequoia and CSM graduate who obtained his B.A. from Cal Poly and his Masters at SF State, is the coach of the first-ever Colt baseball team. The team's inaugural game with Foothill, scheduled for Feb. 12,

was rained out. The makeup game, set for the 16th, was another splasher, and the second scheduled game, which was to be played against Ohlone on the 17th, was cancelled as I sat in the coaches' office.

Assuming that the rain does stop, league competition will start on March 12. A complete report on the team and Coach Ashley's hopes for the season will appear in the next issue of the NEWSPAPER.

Cagers Go Down Tough

Cañada's victory-starved basketballers went to bed on an empty stomach again Saturday night after dropping another close game, this time 72-67 at College of Marin.

Coach Jerry Drever described the contest as "typical of our last four or five games." The Colts led 67-66 with less than one minute to go and were trying to stall but Marin stole the ball and scored on a lay-up to go ahead. Cañada brought the ball up court and Rich Young drew a foul. It was a bonus situation, but Young missed the shot and Marin grabbed the rebound.

Cañada deliberately fouled and the Marin player sunk both shots to make it 70-67. Cañada took the ball out of bounds, but was called for travelling. Marin scored their final bucket as the buzzer sounded.

Dave Hill led the Colt scorers with 22 points. Young had 18, John Bland 10, Bob Mitchell 8, Bob Brown 6, and Don Worthington 2.

It was the Colt's second loss to Marin this season. They lost 57-49 when the two teams met in Redwood City.

Cañada is now 2-9 in conference play.

Tomorrow night, the Colts travel to Skyline College. Game time is eight o'clock.

Too Little Money For A New Nurse

by Jackie Toorenaar

Were it not for the fact that Miss Evelyn Crowley, health education instructor at Cañada, is in addition to being a teacher, a registered nurse, virtually no medical advice or attention would have been available at the Cañada for the past three semesters. It was really a valuable service, to say nothing of the convenience — having a health center where a trained person could help with medical problems. Fourteen community colleges in California don't even have such a service. We've been lucky.

Miss Crowley is on sabbatical leave this semester. And she is not, as far as the administration can see at this point, going to be replaced as school nurse. The administration feels it would be a waste of money to hire someone full time to sit in that health office and suffer the frustration, as Miss Crowley has, of being a "potential" adviser on health problems.

Dean of Students William Walsh lamented the report pathetically low number of students who took advantage of the health counseling services at Cañada during the past three semesters. He admitted that the law governs pretty strictly exactly what sort of medical attention a school nurse can administer. As it stands now, she

is not even allowed to dispense aspirin, at an obvious risk of almost unlimited liability. But he added that she can still give sound medical advice to any student who visits her, whatever his problem, and that she is more than ready to help him in any way she can.

A little useless, perhaps, to be mulling all this over now. There's very little chance we'll have a nurse this semester. Now the entity known as The Health Center is centered in one Mrs. Antoinette Riley, who must divide her time between manning our switchboard and trying her best to either solve or refer any health problems we may be wandering around with and decide to complain to her about.

You can find Mrs. Riley in one of the two obvious locations — the Health Center office or the switchboard.

If you decide to sweat out your problem by yourself, remember this: What you find here is probably some of the best free advice you'll ever get.

Free Rock Concert
Featuring
Watermelon
& Comfort
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Grading Change?

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"I see no reason why a student in college couldn't pass a class with a satisfactory passing grade."

Bill Walsh, Dean of Students — "I don't see anything wrong with the proposal.

"We have to propose a change whereby the student who profits by the grading system would be able to continue his education. Meanwhile we would be weeding out the students who are just getting thru by the skin of their teeth.

"In this case the deficiencies would not be held against the student twice and on his record there would

only be a grade of D or a withdrawal."

Pat Pallister, Dean of Women — "The time has come for a change in our grading system. It is unfair to the students who are just entering Cañada to have our catalog say our grading system is one way and then the instructors grade in a entirely different manner. We have to change the present grading system to something else."

Joe Marchi, Counselor — "I'm in favor of changing the grading system. Why? Because I don't think the failure does any good for the student.

"But I am in favor of the disqualification and dismissal policy whereby the student who gets 12 grade points below a C is dismissed from school."

Don Harris, Spanish Teacher — "There has to be some kind of a change. What kind though is very difficult to decide. We should have elimination of the punitive F grade.

"It seems to me that the instructors would be grading much harder if the F grade were dropped and the withdrawal incorporated into our grading system."

Funds Cut...

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factor is that the new district policy is retroactive back to July 1, 1969 so the money already spent on credit activities for fall semester will be refunded by the district.

When questioned about the new ways he can spend student money, Student Body President, John Howe replied that he will spend more money on campus clubs, the Student Development Program loan fund, and "cultural activities." These "cultural activities" cannot include such things as art exhibits, music events, or drama productions because they are now funded by the district.

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