SGA Sends Grading System Change to Joint Council

by Dennis Vandal

A change in the grading system for the undergraduates of Suffolk has been endorsed by the Student Government Association in an 11 to 5 vote. At the meeting held November 28 in the President’s Conference Room, the Committee for the Improvement of the Grading System presented a report which revealed a plan that would allow the counting of half-points in the honor point average. One aspect of the plan would allow for only the counting of letter grades. This means only letter grades with a “plus” receive half of one point in the honor point average. Consequently, all “minus” signs would have no effect on the grade. Under the present system, “plus” and “minus” signs are added to the letter grades, but either has any effect on the honor point average. As a result, the student who earns more than one “plus” letter grade but not enough to have his grade raised entirely does not receive any credit for the “extra” work.

The new plan would correct this alleged negative aspect to the present grading system.

Also in the report was a list of the colleges in the area that have already implemented this plan. These include Boston College, Boston State College, Endicott College, John Junior College, Holy Cross, Stonehill College, and Wentworth Institute.

Lalime also added that when a SGA president was asked for his opinion of the new plan, he answered, “It’s great and I’m sure it will be very, very beneficial to all students. I can see that the plan will actually be working in favor of the student.”

Instead of “C-plus” work or work with any letter behind a “plus” being ignored, the student would receive partial credit for the work he or she has done. “It’s only fair,” Larsen added. “I don’t see Holy Cross being forced to put up with problems of prestige. I think it will just give the student a fairer grading system with more positive implications.”

Richard Lalime, president of the Junior class, reacted unfavorably to the new proposal when asked by a Journal reporter for his opinion. He commented, “The new system has its good points but a system that makes it easier for a student to get a higher cumulative average does not affect the quality of the education.”

Lalime also added that when a Suffolk graduate goes on to graduate school, the plan does not affect the quality of the education.

SGA SLASHES BUDGET FOR JUNIOR-SENIOR WEEK

by Bob McKillop

In a surprise move the Student Government Association cut $1500 from funds allocated for Junior-Senior week to make more money available for use by school clubs.

The move was suggested by Junior class president Rich Lalime, who presented a motion at an SGA meeting. He said he had heard complaints from students who objected to the amount of $1500 put aside for Junior-Senior week activities.

It seemed that the $1500 SGA had closed for use for club budgets was not enough and many of the clubs objected to the cuts SGA has to make in their requested budgets.

Lalime spoke with a Senior class representative Rich Trantaglia, who assured him that Junior-Senior week could be run successfully on $500 if a slight fee, ($5), was charged for a trip. With this formation Lalime decided to propose switching the funds. “I wanted the money for the clubs,” said Lalime, “because I can see the active people in the groups and the clubs are the backbone of the school.”

Many of the clubs had legitimate reasons backing their budget requests, but we just did not have the money to go around. Now we will be able to afford to give them more of what they deserve,” continued Lalime.

Lalime cited SGA’s present plans of proposing an increase in the student activities fee and said support of the clubs would be necessary to push the idea and that the clubs would not support the increase if they were not getting their money’s worth out of the present fee.

The one problem that Lalime foresees is that every club might come to SGA for more money. SGA will be able to determine which clubs deserve the money, said Lalime. “Certainly there are clubs that were granted adequate funds.”
14 Named to Who's Who

By Alvin Prinz

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Special report from Washington

THE BIG NEW VOLCANOES

By Jack Anderson

1972 Pulitzer Prize Winner for National Reporting

WASHINGTON—President Nixon is furious with his cabinet over the recent congressional elections. The President, we are told, considers his landslide win over George McGovern his personal vindication of a policy that the poor campaigning of his cabinet and the recent charge of Republican losses in the Senate are evidence of.

Convinced that the Republicans' electoral chance has been lost, Nixon is expected to make a major change as early as today. Whether he will be able to oust the Republicans actually lost both seats.

We have learned that President Nixon recently called together his cabinet and tongue-lashed his top aides for the congressional defeat. At one point, the President is quoted as saying, "You people campaigning...burned-out volunteers!"

Nixon said that because of the congressional defeat he must now replace several top officials with Democrats in order to save face with Congress. The President is determined to start a new program in Congress even if it means adding a few key federal agencies to the cabinet to win their support.

Dr. Stanton Maxey, a distinguished Floridiansurgeon who has been in the White House at least four recent fatal crashes in this period alone. At least two commercial crashes, he believed, were caused by the 100 crash of a Southern Airways 707 carrying the Marshall University football team and a Cessna jet crash in January of this year. Both of these crashes occurred in similar weather conditions. The National Transportation Safety Board investigation could find no specific cause for the crashes.

The doctor's claims that not only is there sufficient data on the subject to warrant a full investigation of the problem but that the technology to correct it is easily available. But the FAA and the airlines, both of whom are political but firm brushoff.

With warnings Dr. Maxey is that it will take several more crashes before the FAA can be convinced to look seriously into this dangerous problem.

Around The U.S.-

LOUISIANA—The Air National Guard is investigating the death of a young man in a C-121 aircraft to Brunswick, Georgia, and his body was discovered last month. The man's body was found by a company of guardsmen who were involved in a crash.

The guard is currently trying to determine the identity of the man and how he died.

The base is located in Brunswick, Georgia, and is home to the 168th Airlift Wing. The wing is responsible for transporting personnel and equipment to and from the air force bases in the United States.

The investigation is being conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), which is responsible for investigating aviation accidents.

The NTSB is investigating the cause of the crash and will determine whether the pilot was to blame or whether there were any mechanical issues with the aircraft.

The report is expected to be released within the next few weeks.

In other news, the Tandy Corporation reported a $12 million annual revenue. The company, which has its headquarters in Atlanta, said that its sales increased by 20% in the past year.

The Tandy Corporation is known for its electronics and computer products, including video game consoles and personal computers. The company has also been involved in the music industry, with its own record label.

The company's CEO, John Tandy, said that the company's success was due to its focus on innovation and customer service.

Tandy Corporation's revenue has been growing steadily in recent years, and the company has been expanding its operations into new markets.

The company's latest product, the Tandy 1000, has been well-received by customers and has helped to drive sales growth.

The Tandy Corporation is committed to continued innovation and development, and the company has announced plans for several new products in the near future.

Hitch-Hiking Poll

by Joe Gaugham

The death of Ellen Rich, a 19-year-old student, was discovered on December 3, 1972, in a New Jersey tenement. Another student who knew Rich said she was last seen on Beach Street shortly before her disappearance. Police believe that whoever picked up Ellen Rich was the one responsible for her death.

A poll taken at Sfinks last revealed that the students had a dramatic effect on students. According to the students, the people questioned had hitchhiked more times than never hitched.

Two freshmen, Marion Credles and Ed Fugazotto, both of whom had been hitchhiking before, believe that the murder made them think about the dangers involved in hitchhiking.

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They also stated that most of their friends have stopped hitchhiking.

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by Chris John Christoforo

In 1962, one of the oldest revolutionary groups in history, the Irish Republican Army, was close to extinction. Yet, ten years later, despite an ideological slip, the IRA was as it is today: stronger than ever. (Contrary to popular service coverage, there is a reason — why!)

Certainly, the progression of events in Northern Ireland strengthened the IRA’s hand. In 1969, most Irish people looked skeptically on the dwindling army. Its traditional goal of unification of the North and South through force seemed irrelevant in a seemingly progressive era. Moreover, its aging members were looked upon mostly as crackpots or diehards, quid out of step with the times. There was a general feeling throughout Ireland that there had to be something better.

Perhaps, this general feeling gave rise to some cautious new members who wanted to rebuild and reorganize the IRA from within. They made progress and by the mid-sixties some young activists in the upper IRA command argued that social action rather than unification should be the IRA’s priority. The aggressive action group quickly rested control of the IRA from the old guard during years of bitter infighting. Basically, their program urged day to day involvement in internal Northern Irish affairs and a step into politics. As you may already know, 1969 and 1970 were years of civil rights demonstrations throughout Ulster. A group of students called People’s Democracy from Queens University, Belfast, marched throughout Northern Ireland demanding equal rights. Moreover, they brought with them non-violent tactics and eloquent arguments which made inequities of the Stournmount-lauded government painfully visible.

In short, to the IRA, was close to extinction. Months past, IRA training and recruiting went on with thousands of eager young men as the political situation grew worse. Additionally, many of the discredited old guards heatedly called back into the ranks saying, “We Told You.” The call for arms went out throughout the world and Irish gun runners, some inactive since 1966, began making contacts again. In this same period (between August and December 1969) the ideological rift between the two leftists Social Action Command and the Old Guard widened.

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Ireland

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Naturally, it’s America-made as is the standard IRA weapon, the Thompson sub-machine gun. Both incidently, put out over 300 rounds a minute.

The IRA is a foreign service and quite visible are captured British-made 40-millimeter guns along with numerous European Eastern machine guns. The primary weapon or source of ammunition is hard to get even for non-American weapons.

Strikingly, the Provisional IRA’s heavy weapons also use U.S. made tank guns and bazooka-type rocket launchers. Here too, ammunition for these weapons is hard to get.

Use of weapons is an extension of the success of Provisional IRA policy of destroying Northern Ireland’s economy and frightening away foreign investment in hopes it will hurt the English taxpayers who support their army.

It goes so far that actual confrontation between the two wings can take place. Usually, however, the English are the demonstrators as a single week’s reports show that 123 official citizens were beaten and two were killed by IRA forces. That week the Official IRA was running a series of protests to the Galway Coast and claimed that they were supporting a “Catholic war” typical and uncalled for.

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