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Dual grades aid decimal switch

by Beth Willon

Faculty members at HSU will be requested to submit a letter grade and a decimal grade for students during the 1977 winter and spring quarters.

Because of the negative opinions voiced by students toward the decimal grading system at the Dec. 9 Academic Senate meeting, it was resolved that a double grading system be in-

stituted in order to make a smooth transition into the decimal system next fall.

"Essentially the student pressure came from student government members and Academic

Senate student representatives," Richard Thompson, chairman of the academic senate, said.

Letter grade official

Although two grades will be received by students, only the letter grade will be recorded on the official transcripts.

"Students will now be able to see how the decimal grading system works but it will not affect them," Thompson said. "Even though the decimal grading system was publicized during fall quarter, many students are unaware of its existence."

According to Thompson, the decimal grades will be used by the Office of Admissions and Records to make an experimental analysis of the decimal grading system.

"The Office of Admissions and Records will be able to record the

decimal grades and use the results to form a valid conversion table," Richard Ridenhour, dean of academic planning said.

Dual grading

Thompson said the plan is to use the dual grading system for the remainder of the school year and implement decimal grading fall quarter of 1977.

"Hopefully this plan will not change and we will be able to make a smooth transition into the decimal grading system in the fall because of the data provided by faculty members," Thompson said.

Richard Stepp, assistant professor of physics, proposed the new grading system to the Academic Senate last November. The former Academic Senate approved the resolution, as did the former Student Legislative Council.



GETTING AN EARFUL—Kristin Umland, right, seems unenthusiastic about her examination by Nancy Henschell, family nurse practitioner, of the Northcountry Clinic for Women and Children. The clinic first opened Jan. 3 and is one of several local clinics that offers "birth options" as well as "all levels of general medicinal" care to its patients. See related story on this page.

Low cost health clinic serves women, children

by Kassie Houser

With last week's opening of the Northcountry Clinic for Women and Children came the transition of a dream into a reality.

The dream was years old for some of the women fundamental in the development of the clinic at 592 14th St., Arcata.

The clinic is now very much alive and offers care to women and children on "all levels of general medicine," according to Carol Ervin, the clinic's administrator.

During an interview last week, Ervin explained Northcountry Clinic's services.

Women and children

"Our emphasis is on women and children, but we're really here to serve everyone," she said, "including families."

Ervin stressed that the clinic is one of the only medical facilities in Arcata to extend obstetrical care to women on MediCal.

Helping low-income families is one goal of the clinic.

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Local opinions sought

Drinking age disputed

by Brian Akre

The issue of what the minimum drinking age should be is a controversial one, especially in a college town.

Several residents in the Eureka-Arcata area were recently asked if they think the present 21-year-old minimum drinking age in California should be lowered to 18. Their views were mixed.

Morry Herman has been a bartender for 21 years. He has worked at Jambalaya in Arcata since it opened in 1973.

"The age is absolutely arbitrary," Herman said.

"There's no reason why it should be 21 instead of 22, or 21 instead of 18.

State specification

"But if you are going to have state control over who's to drink legally, then I think there should be an age," he said.

Herman said he doesn't feel the age should be 18 or 21.

"Now, I'm not sure that the age should be 21—I would go for 40 myself. I can't see lowering the age. I would like to go the other way, say 24, if we're talking about three years," he said.

Herman was asked why he believes the 18-to-20-year-old age group shouldn't be allowed to drink legally.

"I think that the younger people are, the more difficult it is for them to deal with drinking," he said.

Rowdy behavior

"It's just in my observation that the younger people are, the more uninhibited they are, and alcohol tends to lead to that kind of behavior which gets out of control more easily."

Lowering the drinking age, Herman said, might be a good idea if it helped teach young people how to drink. He used Colorado as an example.

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Editorial

Flu shot flop

A few weeks ago, the national swine flu immunization program was temporarily halted. It was feared that the appearance of a rare disease, which in some cases led to paralysis and death, might be linked to the swine flu shot. Many victims of this disease were also participants in the swine flu immunization program.

Public health officials began to search for information which might link these two maladies together. The result was a hodge-podge of yes's, no's and maybe's.

As a result of this new investigation, the program was stopped completely. Due to the conflicting reports and the possibility of the paralysis relationship with the swine flu shot, health officials felt it would be in the public's safety to stop the program.

Now that this multi-million dollar project has ended, the question arises, "Was it really necessary to have a swine flu immunization program?"

Of course, the public was warned of the impending danger of swine flu. If we weren't all immunized, swine flu could run rampant, as it did in the earlier part of the century. Swine flu is a killer, and we had to protect ourselves.

The media extensively covered the planning stages of the national program, but little was offered as scientific evidence for the predicted epidemic. The public knew it was about to be assaulted by a deadly disease, but no one knew why.

Early in its short-lived career, the immunization program met with some criticism. Some of the elderly who had received the shot were dying, and no one could explain why. Quickly it was proven that there was no relationship between the swine flu shot and the deaths of the elderly participants. Their deaths were passed off as coincidence.

Gerald Ford certainly played an important role in the instigation of the program. Once convinced of the program's safety, he gave his support and seal of approval. Could this program have been Ford's last effort at humanitarianism in order to win votes?

And now this . . . a disease which might be linked with the swine flu shot. By far, this is the most serious charge against the program.

Unfortunately, too many questions were left unanswered and some people died an untimely death.

Programs like the swine flu immunization program are sure to appear in the future. Man will always be looking for ways to protect himself against disease. Hopefully, this swine flu program will be a reminder to look with more caution before beginning what might possibly be a flop.

Classifieds

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Staff perspective

Open season on lame ducks

by Aaron Krohn

President of the United States, Jimmy Carter. Sound okay? It helps if you voted for the guy, but his officially being The President at least opens him up for official criticism, if that's your need.

For someone like Carter, not the incumbent, the wait between election day and inauguration day is 79 days, over eleven weeks. If President Ford had been elected (not RE-elected), he would have had no waiting period at all. The term "lame duck" would not be heard.

"Lame duckism" is an illness felt round the globe. No matter what nation's leader is on the way out, that leader's doings during the transition are like stale bread: they are not necessary for the incumbent leaders sustenance. I say, do away with "lame duckism"! And let us begin right here in the United States.

Those who have read newspapers since election day will have noticed by now a scarcity of news about the actions (or non-actions) of President Ford, and endless banner headlines on the front page about ANYthing Jimmy Carter does (or doesn't do). A simple conclusion, if one were not aware of who IS President, is that our President is named Jimmy, not Gerry.

Since Carter was elected, leaders of nations, states, cities, and businesses have spoken to Carter through the media of what they want and expect from him. They have thrown threats and-or pleas his way, and have, in short, spoken as if Carter were President now.

Carter's talk of a possible tax cut, and his ideas on other possible cures for our debilitated

economic situation make the days headlines and are what really concerns the world community, not Ford's budget, which is more lame duck that it's author is. Ford may as well have spent the time looking for his next job, or applying for welfare.

Through their national media, several nations, including the Soviet Union, have said they wish to wait for Carter's inauguration to deal with him rather than with Ford (or Kissinger), whose powers, are dying.

It is sad that a President (no matter how awful or great) should have to be a lame duck for so long. Like the idea of euthanasia (mercy killing), it would be considerate of everyone involved if our sufferer from "lame duckism" could be released proudly yet absolutely from his misery.

Is it safe to put a newly elected President in the White House sooner than we do now? Is it possible? I say yes.

It's happened before, and the fact that extreme tragic emergencies brought it on, should not play upon the qualitative results. All of the men who took over after the death or expulsion from office of the incumbent did not debase the office or the nation.

The list includes John Tyler, Andrew Johnson, Chester Arthur, Harry Truman, Lyndon Johnson, Teddy Roosevelt, Millard Fillmore, and our hero, Jerry, who replaced our soon-to-be-pardoned-anyway villain, Richard Nixon. The latter is a special case.

Carter's transitional staff had a whole plan drawn up before he was even nominated. They knew exactly what Carter should be

doing from November 2 to January 20. Yet much of the work could be condensed into a shorter period. In effect, if he'd been forced to, Carter could have taken office November 3.

Carter and his staff had in mind who they wanted to fill various government positions. For offices they did not have someone ready for, Ford's man (or woman) could have stayed in office, working for Carter, until Carter's own person was selected. I'm sure the process of selection, in this instance, would quicken.

The world's leaders can not wait to meet the guy! A one or two day procession of leaders, as Lyndon Johnson had after John Kennedy's murder, would not be necessary.

The "Carter line", now being sent out through various sources unofficially, could be relayed formally by appointed diplomats and ambassadors.

Thus, in conclusion, I offer an alternative to the present system, a system which has produced a weird illness called "lame duckism". I suggest shortening the transition period from the present eleven plus weeks to a more workable, and much neater, 4-6 weeks. I suggest making the day of Presidential Inauguration either December 1st or December 15th, according to the individual President-elects predilection. This could be made law by constitutional amendment.

Much voice has been given toward making the whole election process simpler, more efficient, and more aligned to the world we inhabit today, where events are communicated worldwide in seconds. This particular change could be the first of a series.

Letters to editor

Herberium 'non'-use queried

Editor:

Located on the fifth floor of the old Science Building is Humboldt's vascular plant herberium.

To the majority of students at HSU this resource is totally unavailable. In order to qualify for use of this facility one has to be a graduate student or have a "valid project" that is determined by the head curator, James P. Smith.

This herberium, like the university, is funded by the state and

should be open to all students. This could be done by posting a sign-up list for evenings, weekends and any other time it is not in full use. I have used this herberium on weeknights and weekends when there were only one or two other people present.

The potential of this unique learning tool is not being fully realized. One cannot help but wonder why a few people are allowed to control this herberium for their own selfish interests.

Paul Peterson
senior, botany



The Lumberjack wants its "Letters to the Editor" column to become a forum for wide-ranging ideas. The deadline for letters is Friday at noon before the next issue. Authors must be identified by major and year if they are students, title and field if faculty and community residents should be identified by town. Letters must be free of libel and within reasonable limits of taste. All letters are subject to condensation.

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Letters to the editor

'Safe' climbing advocated Dance festival claimed 'overwhelming' success

Editor:

In the Dec. 9 issue of the Lumberjack, it appeared to me that Gary Mills of Pacific Para Sport in Eureka, has launched a one-man campaign to hurt half of the student body of HSU, and to destroy the beauty of Patrick's Point State Park. I will be the first to admit that I am no "joe rock climber," but I know what I am doing. I have taken instructions, invested in the proper equipment, and have always had respect for the vegetation on the rocks I climb. In other words, I climb rocks as a sport, my main objection to Mills advice.

Coach censures 'jock' stereotype

Editor:

I for one am thoroughly disgusted with the stereotype of the serious athlete perpetrated by this paper.

My name is not "Jock," nor do I own one. The role of athlete and coach is that of a craftsman-artist concerned with individual expression and human possibility. My medium happens to be movement as another's may be music, paint or words.

Certainly excellence in sport is as demanding and as deserving of positive recognition and understanding as excellence in any field.

Intercollegiate athletics have every bit the seriousness, creativity, fulfillment and joy which can be found in university-sponsored drama or dance or art programs—or that exist in less-structured activities such as hang gliding or surfing.

Instead of attaching a label to athletes and athletics, why don't you attend a few sports events (women's and men's) and watch, not the scoreboard, but what is happening to PEOPLE. (When was the last time you heard of a play or concert being judged solely by a score?)

Talk to students and coaches involved in athletics. Their discipline, effort, intelligence and depth of commitment will surprise you.

Joli Sandoz
assistant professor,
women's intercollegiate
track and field coach

Rock climbing is a sport, not a Saturday afternoon hobby. Certain essential training is needed, you don't get a nylon rope and climb the face of Ceremonial Rock anymore than you would get a scuba tank and go diving in the ocean without proper lessons first.

Ceremonial Rock is indeed a beautiful spot, but if untrained climbers attempt the climb, hammering bolts and pins, tearing the vegetation off, not only will the ecology of the rock be hurt, but the park service will certainly close the rock to all climbers. This is all the damage that will happen of course, supposing that no accidents occurred because someone had taken a rope and their desire to "see the other side of the

mountain," and had gone climbing for the day.

If you want to hurt yourself, or more importantly the environment, then follow Gary Mills' advice. However, if you want to become a climber then do it properly by respecting the environment and being aware of the dangers involved with any similar outdoor sport. Don't do it in an ignorant, haphazard fashion. Do it right, get the proper training first, then get the right equipment. Finally, find yourself a secluded rock, and you will understand what rock climbers are out there for: beauty, a safe time, and a chance to get away from it all for a day.

Dale Buscher
Senior, Bio-Science

Editor:

The unidentified dancer photographed by Hal Lindsay in your last Lumberjack issue is Sharon Fryer.

One hundred twenty-five performers appeared in the Dance Festival December 3, and the East Gym was so full of spectators that the audience ringed the dancers on three sides.

Such an overwhelming response. The high caliber per-

formances by HSU student dancers and enthusiastic HSU community supporters lead me to believe we should not wait another three years to do another Dance Festival.

HSU students prepared their own dances, directed and produced the show. My thanks to them for such a rewarding event, and thanks to those who attended.

Kay Chaffey
Professor of
Physical Education

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Campus Roundabouts

Sports shorts

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Allyn Rickett; author of "Prisoners of Liberation, 4 years in a Chinese Prison"; Multipurpose Room; 12 noon; free

Karate workouts; Multipurpose Room; 5-7 p.m. Water safety instructor class; Arcata pool; 7-10 p.m.

Toby Lurie; acoustic poet; Multipurpose Room; 8 p.m.; free

Thursday, Jan. 13

Workshop; Bureau of land management summer jobs; NHE 106; 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Cinema YES; "The Point" with Harry Nilsson; Founder's Auditorium; 8 p.m.; \$1

Saturday, Jan. 15

Bluegrass concert; Byron Berline, Sundance; Rathskeller; 7:30 p.m., and 10 p.m.; \$4

Cinema YES; "Shall We Dance"; starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers; Founder's Auditorium; 8 p.m.; \$1

Chamber music; Music recital hall; 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, Jan 16

Bluegrass concert; Byron Berline, Sundance; Rathskeller; 7:30 and 10 p.m.; \$4

Student recital; Music recital hall; 8:15 p.m.

Monday, Jan 17

Ski films; sponsored by the Eco-Outdoor Club; JGC Blue Rm.; 8 p.m.; free

Tuesday, Jan 18

Poet; Maxine Kumin; CR Forum Theatre; 8 p.m. free

Basketball

The HSU basketball team dropped its league opener to Chico State last Saturday by a score of 57-45.

HSU led until the last five minutes of the game and then got into foul trouble. Chico capitalized by making most of the free throws. Coach Jim Cosentino said the Lumberjacks "played well against the team that's supposed to win the conference."

Cosentino blamed being on the road for the loss and said "if we had played here (at home) we would have won."

The Lumberjacks are now 7-7 in the season. If they can play well on the road this weekend against UC Davis and Sacramento State and again next weekend against Stanislaus State, Cosentino believes the team has a shot at the Far Western Conference championship.

Wrestling

The wrestling team also opened league play last weekend and emerged with a victory over UC Davis. The team also easily defeated Puget Sound University and Stanford by scores of 46-5 and 34-3.

The 44-7 victory over Davis was the biggest win in the 18 years of conference competition between the two schools.

With a 6-0 dual meet record behind them, the team travels to San Jose State University for a tough match against the Spartans. Next on the agenda are the Stanislaus State Warriors and the Cal State Bakersfield Bulls, a nationally ranked team. The Lumberjacks will then return home for a Monday night match against Portland State University, a team that has been in the top twenty of the nation for the past five years.

Women's Basketball

The varsity team dropped its season opener to Reno by a score of 71-57 while the J.V. team picked up a victory 57-47. Lisa Leek and Suzanne Washington led the varsity in scoring with 15 and 12 points apiece. Julie Riddel led the J.V.'s with 18 points.

Both teams face Stanislaus and University of the Pacific this weekend at home in the East Gym. Friday's game begins at 6:30 and Saturday's begins at noon.

Intramurals

Winter quarter sports, a total of 10, are open for registration with deadlines ranging from the middle of January to the beginning of February. Information on these sports is available on the bulletin board in the University Game Room.

Men's team sports are basketball and indoor soccer. Women's team sports are indoor soccer and basketball as well as a fitness program. Coed sports are innertube water polo, indoor softball, frisbee, dancing, karate and volleyball.

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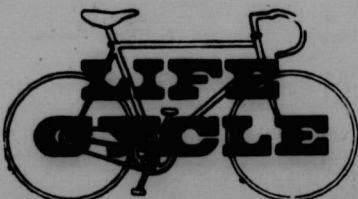
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Swimmin' women takin' awards

by Marcia Vanderlip

The "Humboldt Swimmin' Women" are developing a reputation to be proud of.

In the Northern Calif. Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (NCIAC) held Feb. 11 and 12 at HSU, 11 women will qualify for 25 starting places.

One of these women is Sue Rodearmel.

Betty Partain, swim team coach and women's athletic director calls Rodearmel her "work-horse and the leader of the pack."

Rodearmel's hard work is paying off. She qualifies for the 100 and 200 individual medley and her speciality, the 50 and 100 butterfly, in the upcoming championships.

Records set

Rodearmel set two school records at the meet with Chico State and the last meet with Sacramento was "my best win this year," she said.

Humboldt beat Sacramento 94-50. She took the 50 butterfly, the 200 individual medley and her group won the freestyle relay.

Rodearmel, a senior in zoology, wants to be a veterinarian, but she said her swimming does not detract from her studies.

"Swimming helps me to budget and organize my time. I'm not lazy when I'm swimming," said Rodearmel, who swims two hours a day.

Swimming worthwhile

"There are times I wonder what am I doing here when I'm tired and have bloodshot eyes. But the friendship, self-betterment and exercise make it all worth it."

"This year the team is the closest it has been in the three years I've been here. We support each other and help each other when there are problems. We kid around a lot and get together on weekends," she said.

Rodearmel described her teammates as "a bunch of hard working well rounded women. Most of them haven't swam on a team before, but the team has done very well this year."

Rodearmel said her attitude toward swimming has changed since her early swimming days.

"When I swam for the AAU the pressure was on. It was like a job that I had to go to. Now I make it more fun and less like a job."

"Competition psyches you out. It's not pleasant, and it is tough to fight off nerves and psyche at the meets," she said.

Attitude important

She believes a mental attitude has everything to do with performance.

"Sure I like to win but I want to improve myself to develop personal satisfaction rather than just winning," she said.

Coached nine years

According to Rodearmel the swim team thinks very highly of their coach who has been with the swim team nine years.

"She is a very personable, smart and worldly woman who goes out of her way to help women. We can always go to her

with any problem.

"She does an amazing job getting funds for women's sports and in obtaining rights."

This year women's sports got \$3,000 more than last year, better use of the facilities and equal staff time, Partain said.

"It didn't come easy, she said. "It takes people to holler and scream to make it better for the rest of us."

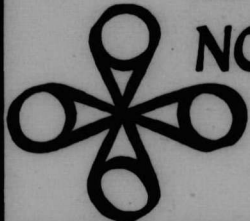


SWIMMIN' WOMEN—Sue Rodearmel, senior zoology major, is one of the leaders of the Humboldt State Women's swim team. Rodearmel qualifies for the 200-yard individual medley as well as the 50 and 100-yard butterfly in the upcoming championships.

ORIGINS OF THE NAMES OF U.S. STATES

California—Bestowed by the Spanish conquistadors (possibly by Cortez). It was the name of an imaginary island, an earthly paradise in "Les Serges de Esplanadian", a Spanish romance written by Montalvo in 1510. Baja California (lower California, in Mexico) was first visited by Spanish in 1533. The present U.S. state was called Alta (upper) California.

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Members of the team were among 237 debaters representing 29 schools. Tom Bestor placed third in the Lincoln-Douglas debate category, earned fourth place honors and a finalist trophy for an expository piece on juggling.

Susan Meuschke placed fourth and earned a finalist trophy in impromptu competition.

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Clinic 'dream' comes true

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In addition, the clinic's services include family planning, minor gynecological services, diagnosis and treatment of minor illnesses and chronic conditions, and well-child care.

Comprehensive service

"Our clinic offers a comprehensive service," Ervin said.

"We have a doctor on 24-hour call and we hospitalize patients when necessary," she said.

The female professional staff consists of two medical doctors, one family nurse practitioner, and two women's health care

specialists.

"In July a pediatrician will join our staff," Ervin said, adding that they hope to have a pediatric nurse practitioner soon.

Because of a private donation, the Northcountry Clinic was able to open more than one year earlier than planned.

"We used every cent to get going," Ervin said.

Non-profit

The clinic is a non-profit organization and hopes to stay in operation with the help of grants and loans.

For now, almost all of the clinic's staff is volunteering its services, Ervin said.

"We hope to eventually get enough money for salaries," she said.

Even though the Northcountry Clinic has only been open a short while, Ervin said they're "really getting booked up."

"Most women are very receptive to our type of treatment," she said.

The clinic vows to treat women, children and their families with respect and compassion, while patient education will be an integral part of medical care.

"Here a woman gets a really thorough exam which may last up to one and one-half hours," Ervin said.

The Northcountry Clinic is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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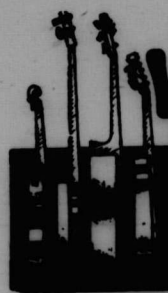
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Drinking survey meets mixed views

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"In Colorado, at 18 you can go in and have beer and wine. You cannot go into a bar that sells hard liquor.

"So what happens is bars whose business is with 18-year-olds spring up and then the hard bars are for people who are over 21," he said.

Marsh Myers has been branch-office manager of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Department (ABCD) office in Eureka since 1966.

The ABCD is in charge of investigating problems that occur in businesses operating with a liquor license. The problems range from fighting to prostitution.

In answering the questions, Myers stressed that he wasn't speaking for the ABCD.

Consistent responsibilities

"My personal opinion, while it may tend to get me in trouble, is that I think when you give an 18-year-old every other adult responsibility, you should be consistent," Myers said.

He went on to say that lowering the age might cause more problems in bars for the first few years, because there is typically "a high percentage of incidents created by younger people in bars."

Myers also explained that a lower minimum drinking age wouldn't significantly change the ABCD's job in this area, since arresting minors for drinking isn't their top priority.

"It's actually a very small percentage of our work. I think popular opinion has us hiding behind every bush, you know, watching every liquor store, every bar," he said.

Focus on fighting

The ABCD, Myers said, tends to focus its attention on problems of rowdiness and fighting "because that's where people get killed."

Arcata Police Chief N. J. Gibson said his feelings for lowering the age are more philosophical, while those against it are more practical and realistic.

"We consider the 18-year-old mature enough to vote, and decision making in an election is more important than the decision of whether to drink or not," Gibson said.

But Gibson said he also believes allowing the 18- to 20-year-olds to drink would probably result in an increase in alcohol-related problems, with which, as a chief of police, he must concern himself.

High-crime age

"We're talking here of an age group where the crime rate is high anyway," he said.

Father Paul Stankeivicz works at the HSU Newman Center, an organization of Catholic students.

"I suppose that if people at 18 are going to vote and have all the other responsibilities of an adult, then they ought to also be able to drink wine and beer," Stankeivicz said.

"I don't think they would abuse it any more than young people over 21, but I think that they'd abuse it just as much as people over 21," he said.

Philosophy concerns

Stankeivicz said he is concerned about the philosophy of some who say everybody drinks anyway, so it should be legal for everybody.

"A lot of people say that 'Well, the majority of the people are doing it, therefore, don't feel bad about it.' And it's sort of like if the majority of the people are killing themselves, well, it must be okay to do that. I don't agree with that at all," he said.

Students' opinions

Student opinion is as mixed as the community opinion.

Dave Cochran, a business administration sophomore, believes the present law serves no useful purpose.

"Everybody at age 18 drinks anyway. That's pretty obvious, especially when you look at the dorm parties," Cochran said.

"They've got every other legal right, except the right to drink, which means that they have to use devious means to do so."

Kathy Jacobs, a nursing freshman and a non-drinker, isn't sure if lowering the minimum age would be a good idea.

"It would be dangerous. It depends on the person really," Jacobs said.

Maze of books and shelves confuses library newcomers

Those of you "A" students who are already researching term projects or trying to get a head start on that 15-page paper might be a bit confused when you go to the library.

The library, over the Christmas break, has undergone a nice but mysterious change. All those sections, collections and desks, have been scrambled so that even the most frequent visitor might get lost.

In order to orient you and help you use the facilities, tours of the library will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day this week. Each tour, beginning every ten minutes, will meet at the information desk. In case you miss the tours, we'll pass on some of the tips found in the library's "brief

guide."

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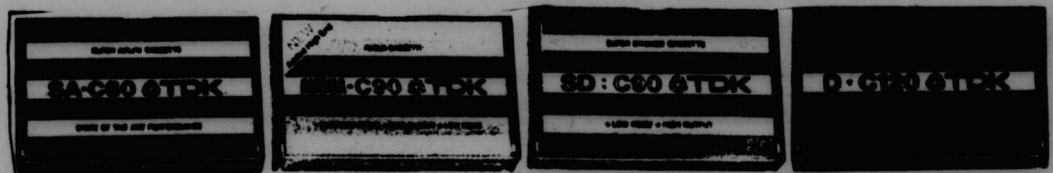
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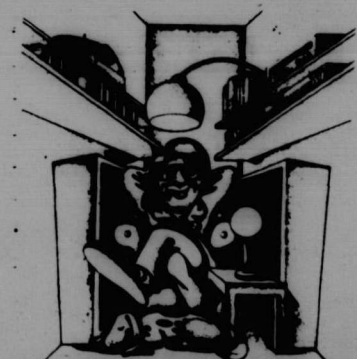


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No cutbacks seen Cluster viewed innovative, personal

It's been called a free ride, a useless waste of time and a program for students who are too lazy or indifferent to tackle that age-old hassle of meeting state requirements for general education.

Last year, certain HSU administrators termed it a "babysitting service" and tried, unsuccessfully, to phase it out. But Cluster, officially called a problem-oriented interdisciplinary program fulfilling general education requirements, still clings tena-

ciously to life, and its director, Jack Turner, believes the program serves a good cause.

According to Turner, "Cluster was born at HSU in the late 60's when students and faculty got together and laid the groundwork for an alternative program to fulfill general education requirements."

Looser program

The program was initially much looser than it is today, which Turner fingered as a major cause for the flack the program

has received from the administration.

"Originally, the program had a lot of good ideas but little format," Turner said. "Students could decide what they wanted to learn. They did their own projects and wrote contracts with faculty members outlining their goals, needs and desires concerning college curriculum."

Cluster emphasized more personal contact between students and instructors which Turner believes led to a more comprehensive educational experience for everyone involved.

"We've had some success and some failure," Turner said. "The program has had to adapt to a number of changes."

Success ratio

There are strong feelings, both pro and con, concerning Cluster and Turner said the program had a success rate of about 60-40.

"It's my personal belief that the administration views Cluster as a luxury program, which, during these times of financial cutback, was seen as a prime candidate for termination," he said.

Turner also pointed to the fluctuation in enrollment as a possible cause for last year's near-cancellation of Cluster,

which has a current enrollment of 90 students.

"I wouldn't have been able to get through college without it," Dennis McCloy, an HSU liberal arts major, said. "I couldn't fit into the regular HSU General Education Program."

Useful role

McCloy said Cluster served a useful role in helping him adjust to college life as well as allowing him to avoid a lot of "useless stuff" incorporated into regular general education.

"It was interesting, fun and much looser than the standard general-ed program," McCloy said. "Subjects were presented in a different and interesting manner."

Turner agreed that Cluster is an innovative program.

'Experimentation place'

"It's a place for experimentation where students do new things and respond to their needs here and now."

Turner believes the Cluster program has been successful for a large number of students and "has allowed some students to stay in college."

Despite recent administration attempts to cut the Cluster program, Turner said "barring financial disaster, Cluster is secure for the future."

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