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Grading System Will Change A Minus Now Means More

By Jason Wunsch
Hilltop Staff Writer

On June 1, 1994, the Mars Hill College grading system will change. Students will become accountable for letter grades which contain pluses and minuses.

However, the system will still be up to the instructor as to whether a plus or a minus is given in the class.

The grading system also will not be retroactive. Past grade points will remain the same.

New Grade Point Scale

- A = 4.0
- A- = 3.7
- B+ = 3.3
- B = 3.0
- B- = 2.7
- C+ = 2.3
- C = 2.0
- C- = 1.7
- D = 1.0
- F = 0.0

One of the reasons behind this change in grading policy is that some professors felt it was more in line with what professional schools, such as law schools and medical schools, are doing now.

Another change coming June 1 is that students who have transferred in credits will have three different grade point averages listed on their transcript. One of them will be from credits transferred in, another will be from Mars Hill College credits and the last one will be the two GPAs combined.

Here are what Mars Hill College students had to say about the new grading policy:

"I don't like the idea. I don't see why we have to change from what we have now." Bucky Holder

"I think it will be helpful because if you work hard for a B+, you should get more credit than someone who makes a B-. It just makes it fair." Wimberly Hubert

"I think it would look good for MHC to have higher standards, but at the same time, why make it hard on the students to reach those standards? Borderline students will no longer make it at this school. If the policy had been that way in one of my classes, I would have lost an academic scholarship." Scott Melton

COMING TO THE LOFT



Southern Wind Presents Evening of Country Music

Southern Wind, named NACA's "Country Entertainers of the Year" for 1992 and 1993, will be in the Loft Student Nite Club Thursday, April 14 at 9 p.m.

Southern Wind has been called one of the hardest working teams that you will find in the music industry. Working an incredible 275+ dates a year for over five years has made this team very tight in all phases of the operation.

The band has opened for many major performers, such as Garth Brooks, Skip Ewing, Steve Wariner, Brooks & Dunn, Ricky Skaggs, Marty Stuart, Shenandoah, Clint Black, Restless Heart, Dan Seals, Vince Gill, Kenny G., Suzy Bogguss and many more.

"The best group ever to perform at my club. Their high energy and strong vocals are overwhelming, a powerhouse with country as well as rock audiences," said Greg Luann of Cowboy's in Albuquerque, N.M.

Facelift For Fox Steps

By Candice Bryant
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Upon returning from Spring Break, residents of Fox Residence Hall found a nice surprise. The front steps of the dorm were finally replaced.

Since the steps had begun to collapse a month ago, residents had to endure walking a narrow part of the steps with plywood covering them. The steps became annoying and residents began to wonder if the steps would ever be fixed.

Construction was due to begin after Spring Break began. However, workers began reconstruction of the steps the Friday before the break. One resident didn't like the distraction. "I thought it was very bad timing," she said. "They began working on them just as everybody had to use the front

steps [to move out for the break]. It was ridiculous."

Since no one could use the front steps to take their stuff to their cars, they had to use one of the emergency exits. It was a problem no one liked.

Now, the steps are almost finished. "At least they aren't a mess anymore," said Laura Thomas. On the other hand, some residents are upset because the steps are not as attractive as before.

Director of the Physical Plant, Joe Cerminaro, said the construction should be completed by April 4. He said the plan was to wait to paint until most cars were moved for the Easter break. However, by press time on April 6, the steps were still not completed, lacking a light and center rail.