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This week's Photo of the Week winner is Jeff MacLennan.
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Pass/Fail Proposal Tabled Again

By Marty Williams

Last spring, in the faculty senate, a motion was proposed that has not yet been decided upon. This proposal was the controversial pass/fail system of grading.

Many students do not even know what the pass/fail system is. It is a system whereby a student opts to take a course and to receive a P(pass) or an F(fail) rather than a letter grade. The grade received is not counted in any way towards the student's GPA.

The motion last spring was to make PE 101 Foundations into an optional pass/fail course. Cloyd, head of the PE department, said that the motion came as a surprise to him because he had not been consulted on the matter previously. The motion was tabled until last week's senate meeting.

The PE department then proposed a one-year trial period for PE 101 on the pass/fail system

for the 1982-83 school year. The proposal included an evaluation process consisting of comparative testing between students on the pass/fail system versus students on the regular grading scale, as well as a statistical breakdown of the number of students who chose to take the course pass/fail. The evaluation results would then be turned over to the faculty senate for a decision. This motion was also tabled.

Dean F. Mark Davis said that the senate did not make a decision because a set of guidelines for the pass/fail system needs to be established. Presently, some drama courses and the student teaching course are on the pass/fail system. Because the system has so many options, the guidelines are necessary for it to be consistent.

Davis pointed out that the system has its good points as well as its bad points. It allows

the student who does not feel strong in a particular subject to get some exposure in that area without harming his GPA. It also makes grading easier in those skills courses where there is much difficulty in breaking down the grades to an A-B-C-D-F level. On the other hand, there is the question of whether a student will feel as motivated in a pass/fail course as he would with the other grading system. Graduate schools would have a hard time deciding on admissions for students who have had pass/fail courses because of the lack of specific grades.

Finally, there is the question as to what determines a "P" and what determines an "F". Cloyd said that the PE department is anxious for student input on the matter. Students should make their feelings known because the decision on pass/fail will directly affect them.

Run-off Today

Elections Held

By Corby Rawls

Elections for class officers were held Wednesday, Sept. 30. The turnout at the polls was extremely high compared to last year's elections. This year 316 students cast ballots while only 50 did so this time last year.

The freshman class has a good reason to be especially proud. Out of the 316 votes, 197 were cast by freshmen.

Bobbie Edwards, Student Government Association president, was very pleased with the number of students who voted.

The election results are as follows:

Junior Class:

President—Lori Coleman
Sec./Tres.—Cathy Joyner

Sophomore Class:

President—Susan Leary
Vice President—Sandy Aldridge
Sec./Tres.—Andy Preston
Senators—Lisa Boykin
Dana Alford
Benjamin Smith

Freshman Class:

Sec./Tres.—Carolyn Campbell
Senators—Vanessa Forman
Terri Hendricks
Stephen Bishop

A run-off election will be held Wednesday, Oct. 7, for freshman president between Dave Sharpe, Karen Millilo and Vickie Saunders; and for freshman vice president between Emile Everest, Scott Smyth and Pattie Harris.

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Hank Knight is "popping" to the beat of Michael Jackson at the AAAS Talent Show. Story on page 5. [Photo by Jeff MacLennan.]