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# Editorials

## Pass fail system

Southeastern Community College could go on the Pass Fail system if it wanted.

What is Pass Fail? Basically it is a grading system whereby the student receives credit for a course by completing a passing percentage of the course's requirement.

That sounds easy enough, or so I thought until talking to math innovator Charles Grigsby.

The concept is a very good one but getting other instructors to accept the new system is the real challenge. If SCC were to use this system, how would U.N.C.-W. be able to compute a transfer student's grade point average? There are no grade points with Pass Fail.

Yet, with this point lies the real point of concern—not only to our institution but to the student as well. If I can complete two successful years at a Junior College, why can't a four-year school just accept me on that?

Yes, why can't they? Stuck on their old ways and hung-up about progress is why schools won't change to this new system.

The State of Florida has recently enacted laws whereby the two-year school of that state are responsible for student's education, not grades. Upon completing two years, the student is deemed capable of college work and is admitted at any four-year school with no questions asked.

At present Southeastern has a similar arrangement with Pembroke State University. Pembroke has decided that Southeastern's programs are such that upon a student's graduation they will admit a SCC student without any question.

Our agreement with Pembroke and Florida's system clearly shows that the Junior College has a lot to offer. It also points to the challenging role today's two-year institutions are playing in remodeling higher education.

But the job is not done. SCC's more established community of educators have not seen fit to put the Pass Fail system to work. Considering the Junior College's role in changing higher education and the benefits which the Pass Fail system offers the student, I feel it is time that we, the students of SCC seek to affect the adoption of this system.

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## Bookstore

There has been a great deal of discussion among the students about the need for a selection of paper-back books in the bookstore. At the present time the nearest store that offers a fairly diverse selection of paper-back volumes is probably in Lumberton or Wilmington.

It is the view of the Rams Horn that the students are missing a great deal of the experience that should be found in college by not having access to current publications. It seems that all of this experimentation by the administration in self study and independent learning is on a shaky foundation if the students have to drive at least thirty miles to find a new book they might like to read.

We realize, of course, that the college is still new and it takes time and money to establish and develop such facilities as a well diversified book store. Nevertheless we request that the administration advise the students, through the medium of the Rams Horn, of the possibility of securing a paper back selection, and if it is possible how soon they might be available.

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### Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Students at Southeastern Community College find themselves victims of a lasting monarchy. Our royal master in deciding on the limitations of parking facilities decided to tax his loyal subjects at \$5.00 per ticket without the benefit of appeal or means of appeal.

SCC's Constitution has provisions for student court system to handle such problems

as student traffic violations. Such ever-present problems are persisting. But as of this moment the SGA has not developed an active system of appeal. It should also be noted at this point that the persons issuing these tickets are not duly constituted law enforcement officers, and assuming that SCC is state property these tickets are being unlawfully issued.

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## Theft on campus

It's a shame that there are thieves among us. Everyday something on campus is stolen. Be it from breaking into a car and stealing tapes to snatching pencils and pens.

For every item stolen a fellow student loses. Loss of money, loss of time. A book disappears and along with it (maybe) valuable notes to help study for exams. Time is lost in trying to locate a "missing" book and then that book ends up costing double because it has to be replaced.

Why are there thieves at every turn? Are they not satisfied with what they've got? Are they out for a joy ride to see what they can get away with? Or are they just sick? What makes them turn on their fellow human beings?

Are you a thief? Do you look around you and wonder if the guy next to you is a thief?

Look-out they strike any place and anytime. It might be you they steal from next.

One last thought—if you see a crime committed and do not report it, you are guilty too. You are doing an injustice to your fellow student just as sure as you were doing the stealing from him yourself.

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## A look at racism

Where are the burning buildings and the molotov cocktails? Where is the national guard? Where are the sounds of the spectacle of a racial riot?

They are on the front pages of magazines and college newspapers all over the country. The taunts of racial discrimination are flourishing in schools in Mississippi and New York. In North Carolina the problem of segregated schools is still pending. In Raleigh last year students from both Shaw University and North Carolina State University voiced their protest through violence. Duke University witnessed first hand the full pagentry and color of the violence seen in the Columbia riot.

But life at Southeastern Community College goes on. Students walk on campus unaware of racial discrimination and unharassed by its violence.

Why does this harmony exist on our campus. Even the Black studies petition, controversial on many college campuses, was received almost with totality at SCC when circulated around campus.

What mysterious euphoria provokes this tranquil atmosphere at SCC?

Lately Southeastern students have come under attacks in letters to the editor for their immature behavior concerning the barbed-wire incident. If the racial problem at Southeastern is an example of this childish immaturity then possibly the larger universities in the nation could use some of this personality.

Still the question of the existence of this peaceful atmosphere at Southeastern goes unanswered. The only conclusions must be drawn from the student outlook on the racial situation.

Why don't you ask yourself how you feel about racism. If you're not prejudiced you're probably a member of the silent majority.

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