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Uniform grading system not desired by professors

by Doug Norwood
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Elon College's faculty members do not have to adhere to a uniform grading scale policy, and the school's academic dean and a number of its professors say that they do not think Elon's faculty or students suffer for lack of such a policy.

Academic Dean Chris White, who is also a religion professor here, said, "I don't know of a four-year college with a standard grading scale. A better school's faculty have a great deal of input in curriculum and policy, and here they have been unable to come to agreement on a scale."

He said the only schools he knew of with standard grading scales are high schools and technical schools, which are "administrator-dominated environments." A standard grading scale where a certain numerical grade translates into a certain letter grade is not really necessary, White said. "I can't perceive any difference between a seven point and 10-point scale," White said. Of

his experience in teaching his religion courses, White said, "You can jimmy points to come out to a 'B' if you think the work is a 'B.'"

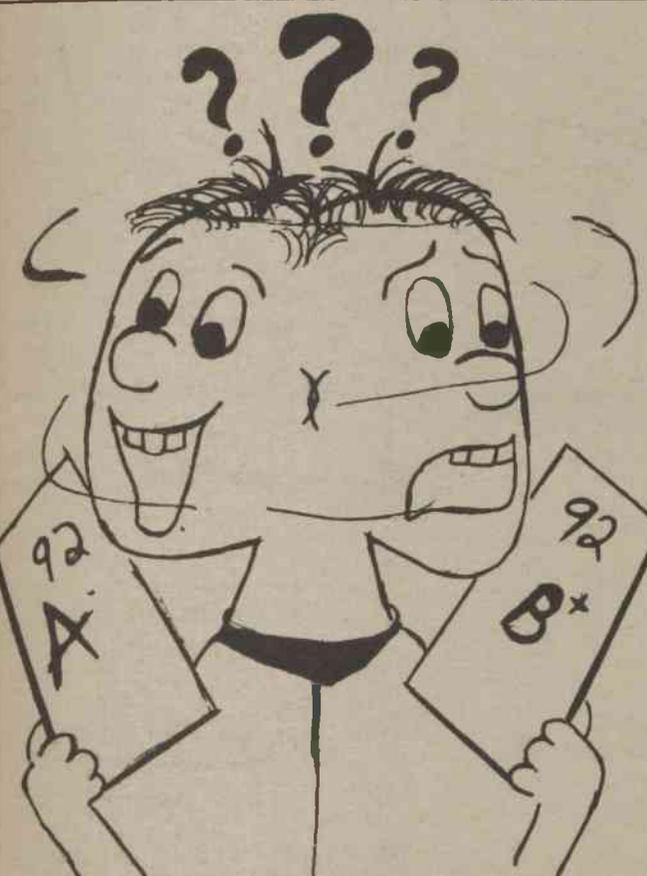
He said that he uses a 10-point scale "because most of my teachers used it, and it is easier to calculate. But I'm sure there are equally valid points for the other scales."

Many faculty members in the English department concurred with White, saying there isn't much difference between the scales.

Dr. Lamar Bland, associate professor of English and chairman of the English department, said, "Either seven or 10-point scale, you can extend the numerical range to match the letter (grade) concept. So an 'A' on the seven-point scale is an 'A' on the 10-point scale."

Other English teachers agreed that there was little difference between the two scales,

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Psychology major approved; courses added to curriculum

by Tom Westenhiser
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A major in psychology at Elon College has been approved along with several new courses in various departments. The actions were taken at the general faculty meeting held last Friday in Mooney Theater.

The major in psychology will require six courses in the psychology and one course in mathematics or sociology. Additional requirements include 18 semester hours from six other psychology courses, education 431, Human Services 431 or Philosophy 242. The major will require 39 semester hours.

New courses in psychology will include Psychology of Adjustment, Adult Development and History and Systems of Psychology.

In addition, the department of fine arts is adding a new course titled History of

American Musical Theater. A proposed course in Physical Education and Recreation, Outward Bound Experience, was voted back to the Curriculum Committee.

The degree requirements for Medical Laboratory Technology have been revised, as a result the required number of hours have decreased from 76 to 66. The required courses that were dropped are Chemistry 112, Biology 111 and Psychology 211. Computer Information Science 101 is the only required course added.

Also a revision in the Radiologic Technology Program was approved, including substituting Biology 265 for Biology 221 and substituting Economics 211 or 212 for Economics 211.

Finally, a revision of major requirements was approved for the Department of Religion, whose major now requires 48 hours, instead of 36.

SGA plans spring agenda, events

by Loukia Louka
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With the spring semester under full swing, the Student Government Association has a full agenda planned for students.

Already in effect is the use of meal tickets in the Varsity Grill. If a student does not eat dinner in the cafeteria, he may have \$1.50 credit towards his meal ticket from 4 to 7 p.m.

BACCHUS, a National Alcohol Abuse program which was begun last year by the Office of Student Affairs, is hoping to have its officers elected on their first meeting of the semester, Feb. 10.

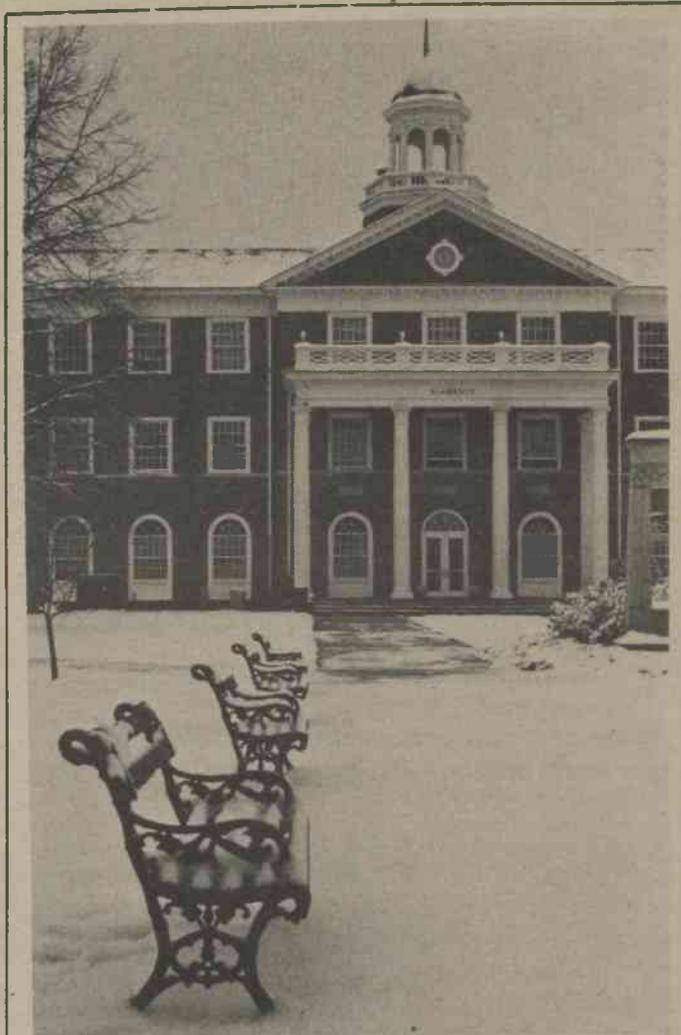
SGA President Ted Reinheimer says that BACCHUS wants to set up a shuttle bus from Elon to Ramada Inn for when the

sororities schedule activities. Reinheimer says that BACCHUS also wants to conduct a needs assessment survey to evaluate student drinking habits.

SGA and BACCHUS will sponsor Alcohol Awareness Week on April 4-6. They will present films and speakers on alcohol, as well as demonstrate how to set up a party and serve non-alcoholic beverages.

The first annual SGA-faculty-student Coffee will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Feb. 17 in the Student Center's Large Lounge. The purpose is to encourage fellow students to talk with the faculty and staff, student committee representatives, senators and officers of the SGA. This will give students

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Elon's winter wonderland

While some people may have thought we had escaped with a relatively mild winter, nature had us fooled. Snow blanketed most of the Piedmont area, including Elon this past weekend, leaving behind a soft, white blanket for the world to hide behind. But cold weather won't be around much longer - March is just around the corner. Photo by Ron Kuppia.

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