

Weems Comments on Various Subjects

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the pass-fail program was installed accomplished. Was it a success or a failure? I found they had no way of evaluating this. However, there is a lot to be gained by looking at other alternative methods of grading. Anytime you force a student into a subject, I'm not so sure that this should not be on a pass-fail basis instead of an honors approach. It is more logical to be down there. If you are required to take English Literature should you be graded on some very discriminating scale. If it is going to be part of your general education course should this be on a pass-fail basis? I don't like the term pass-fail, I like credit-no credit.

If you're not going to give anyone credit, I don't know that that is failure. You do it, if you get credit for it—great; if you don't, do it again if you want to. But we must make sure we don't make an emotional commitment to change, rather than a rational commitment. Too often when we make a change, we put ourselves in a commitment that we cannot back off from if it proves to be a wrong decision."

4-1-4 SYSTEM: "I think it's great. Every school in the country has had the opportunity to do it but too often what happens? . . . you make a change and then you do something like the 'mini-semester' that is characteristic of the change. Frankly, we didn't have to do any-

N. C. State Lists Activities

Listed below is a calendar of North Carolina State Activities for the weeks February 11-25.

February 11: Friends of the College, London Symphony, André Previn.

February 12: Movie: "The Grasshopper." New Arts, Inc. presents Roberta Flack at 8:00 p.m.

February 14: 8:00 p.m. in the student center, Adam Yarmolinsky, Harvard Law School will speak on "Foreign Policy in the 70's."

February 16: 8:00 p.m. Lecture on "American Foreign Policy in the '70's" by Roger Hillsman of Columbia University.

February 17: Civilization Film Series in Student Center at 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

February 18: University Players, major production at Thompson Theatre.

February 19: University Players at 8:00 p.m. Movie: "The Baby Maker."

February 21: Exhibit: Creative Printmaking in Pakistan. Student Center Gallery.

thing — we could have had 'mini-semester' between the end of summer school and the fall semester. This has always been available . . . oddly enough no one has ever been interested in it until they started fooling around with the calendar. It became the 'in' thing to do. Colleges often do the 'in' things. . . ."

WOMENS' RIGHTS: "Women have been discriminated against and things are going to get better because they are right. Your problem with movements too often is that they tend to get the radical element to make the breakthrough. . . . I think women have more civil rights problems than blacks or at least as many — as far as job opportunities and salary. And this thing is going to change and is changing.

"The biggest problem with a woman in the business world really doesn't have anything to do with her ability . . . it's almost peer group pressure. Very seldom do you find a woman who admits she has a career. Peer group pressure says you really need to be at home . . . it's just hard for a woman to accept the idea that she's going in the job market to stay. This is psychological . . . it's going to be very difficult to bring a woman into the business, train her, and spend the kind of money and such when she's telling you all the time that she's not going to stay."

NIXON'S RECENT SPEECH: "Nixon ran into a problem. The North Vietnamese were sounding like that if we would just do this, the war would be over on an offer Nixon had made three months ago. They had ignored it completely and used it as propaganda against us. This is what brought it out into the public. It doesn't make me fantastically optimistic that he made the speech;

apparently this has been his plan for some time. The thing we don't want to do apparently is go ahead and pull out without some kind of commitment on our boys being held as POWs and I think this is the main holdup now. The idea is to have some leverage to get the boys back."

VIETNAM: "Frankly speaking, knowing a little about military tactics, we made a mistake ever committing troops for land war. We have complete superiority in the air and on the sea. If you're going to fight a war you fight where you have the advantage if you can. I'm not sure we'll ever give up aerial and naval support. I think we'll give up land support and be reluctant about going back in. I don't think Eisenhower, or Kennedy, or Johnson wanted to fight a war. I don't question their motives; I don't think it was imperialism."

NIXON'S ECONOMIC POLICY: "I was very supportive of doing something. Wage and price control — this is the only way you can get inflation stopped. I frankly wish we had gone into this earlier. There's no way for us to judge its effectiveness. . . . The problems are the inequities; 5.5 per cent pay increases on all levels can increase the salary of one much greater than the other."

ECOLOGY: "Our environment is almost beyond us; I don't know how we're going to turn it around. It's easy to go point our finger at a factory over here with smoke coming out of its chimney, and then go out here and buy aluminum cans of coke and drink them . . . you're just as guilty. We like to point our fingers at the big industry. . . . With almost everything you need to check and see if it is recycled, or are we going

to point our fingers at other people. We're pretty guilty about those sort of things.

"A lot of these things don't always add up sometimes . . . like peace marchers yelling profanities at you. . . . Either you're peaceful or you're not . . . and to promote peace through violence doesn't make sense to me. To promote ecology and point fingers at someone else when you don't practice it doesn't make sense to me. There are very positive programs . . . everything needs to be recycled. This is the answer to ecology and pollution."

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