Academic Standing Reviewed

At a recent meeting of the Program, Policy and Budget Committee of the college, student representatives expressed concern about reports from several students that their grades had actually improved recently, but at the same time their academic standing in their classes had declined. Believe it or not, this is not at all unusual. In fact, it is fairly common for a student to drop from the middle quarter to the lower middle quarter and occasionally a student may drop by as much as two quarters. This is illustrated in the case of Mr. X, a present junior.

As a freshman, Mr. X had a grade-point-average of 2.40 placing him 116th from the top in his class of 232 students. This placed him in the upper middle quarter by a scant amount since the freshman class average was 2.29.

As a sophomore, Mr. X had a grade-point-average of 2.42 placing him 170½ from the top of his class of 225 students. This placed him in the lower middle quarter by a hairline. The sophomore average was 2.73.

Mr. X's sudden lowering of class position is explained by the fact that while his grade-point-average was increasing 0.02, that of his class increased by 0.34. This is indeed an extreme case but it is not unusual what can happen.

The following table will help the student judge his rate of improvement in the grade-point-average status in relation to the average student in his class:

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While we are on the subject, I think it would be wise to present at this time the official policy on academic standing which went into effect on July 1, 1958.

**ACADEMIC STANDING**

The academic standing of a student in every subject is reported at the end of each semester by a letter grade:

- **A** - Excellent
- **B** - Good
- **C** - Fair
- **D** - Poor
- **F** - Failure
- **WP** - Withdrew, Passing
- **WF** - Withdrew, Failing

The "F" grade carries no credit, the "Inc" mark must be removed before the data will be accepted by the college or that grade automatically becomes an "F."

Cumulative evaluation of the student's academic standing is indicated in his grade-point-average. Following are the minimum requirements for determining grade-point-average follow:

- A 4
- B 3
- C 2
- D 1
- F 0

Students must maintain cumulative grade-point-averages as follows:

- For sophomore standing, the student must have completed at least 26 credit hours with a 1.6 average;
- For junior standing, 58 credit hours with a 1.8 average;
- For senior standing, 90 hours with a 2.0 average;
- For graduation, 124-128 hours with a 2.0 average.

The grade-point-average is determined by dividing the total grade points earned by the total number of semester hours, whether passed or failed.

Transfer students will not be accepted who do not have a cumulative grade-point-average of at least 2.0.

Transfer credit will not be allowed for letter grades below "C."

Students graduating with point averages of 3.45 or better for all undergraduate courses completed at the college are recognized as honor students with the following designations:

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Prompted by a recent article in the New York Times, and by comments from various other informed and uninformed sources, I would like to add my small voice to the speculation arising on the subject. In my mind is, does it or does it not exist in the life of Fred Suburbia? Commentary by various persons has ranged, in my investigations, from a yes it is greater than ever, friends, to, man, there is no such thing left in our world. Apparently any subject that could raise such concern and such vehement and varied reactions, must hold a more or less dubious place in our society.

I will concede that we do have comedy among us, although I am not certain that this is a valuable companion for twentieth century man. Comedy and humor are often used as synonyms, and realistically, they could not differ more than they do. The so-called comedian's ability to get "yanks" from a captive audience smirks of sadistic tooth-pulling, rather than a genuine ability of man to look at himself and his actions and laugh at his own antics. Humor is more of an awareness and an understanding of ourselves than anything else. Another sidelight to this situation which is a constant source of irritation to me and this questioning psyche of mine is good old Fred's belief that he is an easy to love, aware-type guy because he indulges in what America fondly terms a fun. He devotes his energy, his spare hours, and his mind to fun without knowing what it really is. It has become a commodity that you can buy and sell. We not only have fun parties and fun shows, but fun clothes and fun cars, and what could be less fun than four miles of chrome-finned power symbols (I will refrain from mentioning the other) I have yet to discover. But just try to confront the somber and funereal attitude toward life that is inherent in America. The major problem of today's American is his own Jost abilities of self-evaluation, and he will be vastly in-sulted. There is no humor in this situation, or if there is, we hide it under righteous indignation, and look around to see if we can find another dose of fun to keep ourselves detached from reality. If you are wondering if I am advocating a somber and funereal approach to life my answer is definitely in the negative. I am merely pleading a case for humanity to save itself from itself. Try reading Jules Feiffer sometime, Fred, and if you have positive reactions you just may be on the right track. I don't do any more harm than the life and times of today has already done to you. What are the mirrors of man?
Hi-Scorers in Times Test

Two New York Times Tests have been given to the social science majors at the college.

Four of these people have received acclaim for achieving the highest scores in the last test.

The President of the college may dismiss a student whose record is unsatisfactory. The level of achievement in the major teaching field is to be determined by the college.

Alton D. O'Brien
Dean of the College

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Reels are Rolling

For all those interested in forming a film club there will be a meeting this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the College Center. This organization, directed by Mr. Arnold Rice, Assistant Professor of Social Science, is being set up to bring to our campus motion pictures, silent as well as sound, foreign as well as American, that have earned the titles "classic.

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To The Woods...!

The outdoor club of Newark State has planned a trip to the woods again! On January 16th, the members of the club will trek up to Stokes State Forest for a weekend of hiking and ice-skating.

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Citizenship

Education

The New Jersey Council for Social Studies is sponsoring a program entitled "Citizenship in Our Schools" to be held in the Little Theatre on Tuesday, January 20, at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Hall Bennett, Director of the Citizenship Project at Teachers College, Columbia University will be the guest speaker. All are welcome to attend.

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Academic Standing

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Average of 3.45-3.64
Cum laude

Average of 3.65-3.84
Magna cum laude

Average of 3.85-4.0
Summa cum laude

The State Board of Education Regulation 159 states that:

The President of the college may dismiss a student whose conduct is detrimental to the College or whose scholarship record is unsatisfactory. The level of achievement in the major teaching field is to be determined by the college.

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Why, Who, Where and How?

By JUNE ZUCKERMAN

Editor Note:

Miss Zuckerman's English teacher suggested she publish this observation in the Reflector. The Editorial Board agrees that future teachers should realize there is more than a "rosy side" to the profession.

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Our Future Students

Recently, Newark State has hosted students from many high schools in New Jersey. These students, members of The Future Teachers of America, range from the Sophomore to the Senior level.

The purpose of the visits is to show students our modern campus facilities (many high school students still think of us as the Old Newark with no facilities); and to acquaint them with the activities in suburban communities the ease in commuting because of the Garden State Parkway.

Under the auspices of Mr. Johnson, Chairman of Admissions, the Guidance Committee handles the tours. The students are given a tour throughout the buildings. The tour ends in the Meetings Room of the College Center where there is a question and answer period. Questions most frequently asked concern concern facilities, college curriculum and athletics activities offered.

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The Guidance Counselors of the high schools have been urging their top students to apply here.

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MEET THE PROFS

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As Chairman of Admissions, Mr. Johnson will take over all the admissions and testing work of the college and also coordinate the recruitment activities.

Mr. David K. Ward, Assistant Professor of Science, has a B.S. from Upsala; a M. Ed. from the University of Maine, and additional graduate work at Harvard University.

Last year he was employed at Harvard as a teaching fellow, in the program for upgrading high school science teachers, sponsored by the National Science Foundation. His other experience includes junior high school teaching in Livingston, New Jersey; working at the Cantwell School for Boys and at the State Teachers College at Farmington, Maine.
**Newark Nips Paterson 70-68**

Newark State College basketball team triumphed by closing the game with nine straight markers to edge Paterson State 70-68, in a New Jersey State Conference battle on December 11, 1958.

Coach Joe Errington was proud of the fourth triumph of his Newark combine and second in loop competition. The unbeaten status of the squad left them free of any jeopardy with three minutes of play left and Paterson sporting a 68-61 lead. Fred Henry of Paterson led from the start as they had little trouble with Union’s zone defense.

Newark came thru with its tight man-to-man defense and a fast break jarred the Silk City quintet.

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*Jockey’s Bench*  
**Behind the Scene**

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*Co-ed volleyball at 2:30 P.M.  
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If there are girls that are still interested in playing basketball, see Miss Persinger for further information. Its loads of fun!

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**B.B. Intramurals Reach Climax**

Well, sports fans, the intramural basketball program reached a climax with the sophomores taking all honors. The program was late in starting it tosses, while Paterson scored on only 10 of 25 fouls. Campbell led Newark with 19 points while Bill Bellott added 17, 12 in the final half.

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**Dance Hi-lites Season**

One of the highlights of the holiday season was the I.F.S. dance, "Holiday in Swing." A capacity crowd filled the main room of the Irvington House. Approximately two hundred couples danced to the toast of the Jimmy Yakich Orchestra. Entertainment for the evening was provided by Ken Natale, senior, and a vocal group, the Combo sponsored by Lenny Bornstein. A dance exhibition was given by Evelyn Scacca and Ellsworth Eisenhower.

Representing the faculty were Mr. & Mrs. R. Fink, Mr. & Mrs. J. Rendall, Mr. & Mrs. A. Rice, Dr. & Mrs. H. Samenfeld, Mr. & Mrs. E. Richardson and Mr. & Mrs. Salt.

I.F.S. President, Joe Simons, would like to thank Mr. E. Howe, Joan Meyer, Flo Bertoldo, Ann Aquadro, Charles Schells, Kathy Ford, Betty Arbein, and Anna Gonzalez for all the help they gave.

He also announced that the proceeds from the dance should be used for an additional scholarship instead of the usual two, and that there are hopes of having a dance in March to increase the scholarship fund.