

Nine-point grading

New system termed realistic, meaningful

A new grade system will go into effect at U of A this year.

The new grading system was adopted in principle last year on the recommendation of a committee headed by Dr. Saul Zalik, professor in the department of plant science.

The committee, consisting of a representative from each faculty, was formed by the General Faculty Council to study the system of grading which had been the subject of much criticism.

The new system was under study by the different faculties during the last academic term.

Dr. Zalik told The Gateway the

advantages of the new nine-point system are:

- it removes the unrealistic impression of exactness inherent in the percentage system;
- the use of the verbal grade makes the assigned grade more meaningful and certainly less misleading than is the case for marks assigned under the current system;
- the new system should help standardize the grades awarded in different disciplines, and
- the nine-point system represents a considerable simplification over the present system.

Dr. Zalik said he expects many professors will begin using the new system for grading January exams. Final results will all be graded according to the new system.

The grading system takes this form:

Grade Point	Description
9	Outstanding
8	First Class
7	Very Good
6	Good
5	Pass
4	Low Pass
3	Conditional
2	Supplemental
1	Fail

Official notice

The Personnel Board Conference Selection Committee is calling for applications from students interested in attending the following Conferences:

1. Canadian University Service Overseas (CUSO) Fifth Annual Meeting to be held in Ottawa, October 13-15, 1966. The delegate will be expected to serve as a member of the CUSO Committee upon his/her return and be actively involved in the recruiting and selection of volunteers as well as the administration of the program at the University of Alberta.

2. Association of College Unions (ACU) Conference is to be held in Eugene, Oregon October 20-22, 1966. The purpose of the conference is to discuss social, recreational and cultural programming for students' union buildings. The delegate will be expected to lead one discussion session at the Conference and to continue work in this area upon his/her return.

All interested Students' Union members are encouraged to reply in writing to Marilyn Pilkington, Vice-President, on or before Friday, October 7, 1966.

Any student interested in the following Conferences should apply to the Students' Union pending the decision of Students' Council to send official representation:

1. Canadian-American Seminar to be held at the University of Windsor, November 2, 3, 4, 1966. The theme of the seminar will be "An Independent Canadian Foreign Policy: Fact or Fiction?"

2. Eighth Annual Seminar on International Affairs to be held at Sir George Williams University November 1-5, 1966. The theme of the seminar is "The Military in Contemporary Society."

Further information about these seminars may be obtained from Marilyn Pilkington, Vice-President, Students' Union.



A CREATURE FROM OUTER SPACE—Looks like one but this is really some girl from the Women's Athletic Association showing freshettes what university athletics are all about. The WAA skit was part of Wauneita initiation held Tuesday after the big and little sister party in Jubilee Auditorium.

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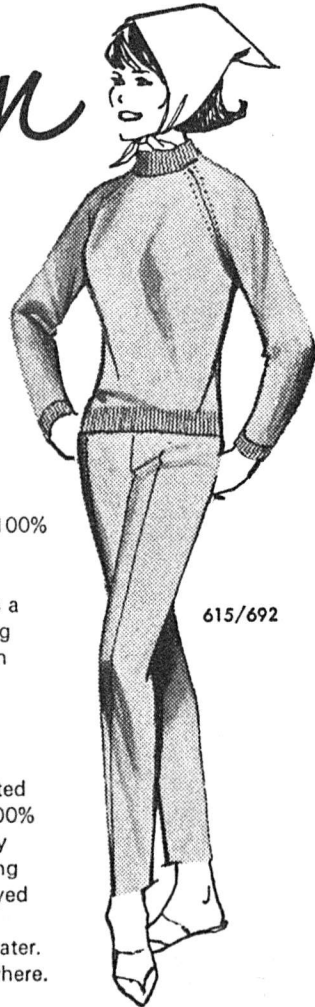
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Convocation Hall—Arts Building
Exemption: only for those who hold Master's or Doctorate Degrees in 1967.

FOREIGN SERVICE EXAM
October 20—7:00 p.m.
Convocation Hall—Arts Building
No Exemptions

To Apply: It is preferred that you send, in advance of the examination, Application Form CSC 100 (available at the Placement Office) to the CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF CANADA, UNIVERSITY RECRUITMENT, OTTAWA 4, ONTARIO. It will be possible also to complete an Application Form at the examination.

Watch for a PANEL DISCUSSION on this subject coming to your campus soon.