

Deans give lecture on Kepros marking system

By RICK BASTON

The purpose of the new marking system is to ensure that each student gets a fair indication of his progress in relation to other universities and to ensure that other universities are able to understand the worth of his work. This was the basis of the explanation of the new marking system at Lady Dunn Hall Dining Hall on Tuesday night.

Dean of Arts, Thomas Condon began the evening by thanking all of those who showed up and then he commented on the marking system. He explained that it was nothing very radical. It was a system that was being adopted in order to fall in line with the kind of marking system used by a great number of North American universities. It was chosen in order to give other universities a notion of the worth of the student's work

at U.N.B. He then turned the meeting over to Associate Dean of Arts, Peter Kepros.

Professor Kepros began by explaining the origins of the new marking system. It all began in 1968 when the Arts Department had a desire to eliminate the number of supplemental examinations being written. The regulations that they recommended to the Senate were found to be inadequate and so the next year they recommended they be withdrawn.

It was then decided to draw up a system which would be common to several faculties. Also the rules would be designed to cover full time students, as well as part time, summer and extension students, etc. A committee was formed from the faculties of Arts, Science, Engineering and Forestry. They proposed the following:

1. simple grading system that

was uniform.

2. compatible with other universities.

3. reflect the complexity and quality of the work done by student.

4. simple

5. be able to indicate performance of student in any faculty.

The reason for the first point was the various ceilings imposed by the different faculties on how high the student could achieve. The second point was essential so that students would be able to get into other universities. The third point would take into account the amount of effort that the student would put into the course.

The fourth point was necessary because of the different scales of marks used in the various departments. A student could have an average here which was in the fifties which is fairly good, yet he mightn't be able to get into another

university, because this kind of average might be considered a conditional pass.

All of this is fine, but just exactly how does the system work. To begin with there are the following letters used: A plus (4.3); A (4); A minus (3.7); B plus (3.3); B (3); B minus (2.7); C plus (2.3); C (2); D(1); F (0). The numbers in brackets are the grade level values.

For an example, let's take a student who takes the following courses: English A, Biology B, Soco. C, Math B, and Chem. C. Each of these courses is a full term course. So first you take the value of each letter, i.e. A equals 4 and multiply it by the number of credit hours, we'll presume 6. This is then done for all courses and then totalled. For simplicity we'll assume six credit hours for each course. The result is a total of 84. This is then divided by the number of credit hours, 30. This gives us 2.8 which is a C plus average.

To determine the average for graduation, the total number of points for each year is added up and then divided by the total credit hours.

For those students who still have the percentages on their university records, the register has plans to work all marks they receive until graduation in both systems and count the higher system for the student.

The main problem, Professor Kepros concluded was having people adjust to the new system without trying to convert it back to the old one.

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By BOB COAKLEY

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