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GRADES GIVEN BY POTSDAM STATE DEPTS. IN PERCENT - FALL 1976

Department	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.0	NC	CR	NR
Education (1009)	41	19	9	3	0	0	2	13	0
Anthropology (755)	14	17	20	18	12	5	8	0	0
Biology (1538)	11	12	18	14	20	13	7	0	0
Chemistry (1041)	13	16	20	16	12	5	8	2	0
Commun. (458)	26	18	25	8	5	1	8	0	1
Computer Sci. (1081)	10	16	17	17	11	4	16	2	1
Economics (495)	12	13	20	16	13	8	10	0	0
English (1657)	10	14	24	18	12	6	7	1	0
Art (630)	15	15	27	16	8	3	6	1	0
Dance (219)	16	15	14	5	1	0	3	34	7
Drama (206)	30	32	20	0	2	3	5	0	0
Foreign Lang. (947)	20	13	15	8	5	1	6	25	0
Geography (363)	9	22	33	14	7	5	4	0	0
Geology (809)	10	12	29	11	15	7	8	1	1
Health-Ed. (406)	20	36	21	6	1	0	6	2	0
History (878)	11	17	25	16	12	4	7	2	0
Math (1280)	19	15	18	15	13	5	8	1	1
Philosophy (448)	7	13	15	19	15	14	10	0	1
Physics (817)	18	15	22	20	14	1	5	0	0
Political Sci. (453)	9	15	16	9	18	10	12	1	1
Psychology (1990)	23	19	18	13	9	2	6	3	0
Sociology (927)	7	14	18	13	17	9	5	0	0
Lib. Studies (17, 426)	14	16	20	14	12	5	8	3	0
Music (3490)	14	18	20	7	3	0	3	28	0
TOTAL (21,925)	16	16	20	12	10	4	7	7	0

Figures beside individual departments and areas indicate the total number of grades given by that department or area. Figures were obtained through the office of Policy and Planning.

52% Of Potsdam State Grades 3.0 Or Above For Fall Semester

by Bill LaRue

Despite efforts to reduce grade inflation at Potsdam State through such things as the new grading system, the percentage of grades of 3.0 or above given to students increased last semester over the previous two semesters.

Data recently obtained from the office of Policy and Planning at this college shows that in the fall of 1976, 52% of the total number of grades given by the various departments were 3.0 or above, compared to 51% in spring 1976 and 48% in the fall of 1975.

A 3.0 is considered "high attainment" and a 2.0 is considered average.

Some departments at Potsdam State traditionally have given higher grades than others. 69% of the grades given last semester by the School of Education were 3.0 or above while in Political Science this was true for only 30% of the grades given.

Education

41% of the grades given last semester by Education were 4.0's; a 4.0 indicating "exceptional attainment." Out of 3,217 grades given in three semesters by Education, only 20 of these were 2.0's.

Dr. George Jeffers, Dean of Education, explained that many of the courses in Education are "competency-based" and that "we have not yet been able to describe the levels of competency."

"This," said Jeffers, tends to "over-inflate" grades given by the School of Education.

Another surprising aspect of the School of Education is that seven instructors in that school gave only 4.0's last semester, and two others only gave 3.5's and 4.0's. Some instructors in Education gave less than 10 grades.

"The record-keeping system by SUNY doesn't reflect what is actually there," said Dr. Jeffers. "The report does not reflect time spent in the school systems observing all kinds of problems. The report does not have provisions for the type of program we offer."

"The system is obsolete and inaccurate for our purposes," added the dean.

Jeffers also noted that college president Barrington "understands reasonably well most of our problems."

Political Science

The Political Science department has "certain rigorous standards," said Dr. Richard DelGuidice, acting chairman of the department. "When students get easy A's, they are getting cheated. Some departments which are giving a lot of high grades are deluding the students into thinking they are high-powered."

Only 9% of the grades given last semester in Political Science were 4.0's.

"The grading system stinks," said the acting chairman. "But since we have to use it, there has

to be legitimacy."
"Many students have misconceptions about grades. Their atti-
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Governor Carey's Proposal

Budget Cuts Endanger Infirmary

by Nancy Doane

"The papers have made the budget look good," said Dr. Charles (Chip) Hunter, director of Public Relations at Potsdam State last week, in regard to the 1977-78 and SUNY budget proposed by Governor Hugh Carey.

"There has been a 2% increase in the overall budget over last year," Hunter commented. "However, this figure



Dr. Charles (Chip) Hunter

Executive Board Votes 5-0-1

Campus Radio WRPS Cancels Gay Show

By Bill Sloan and Will Brady

The Lavender Lambda Hour, Potsdam State's gay radio show was taken off the air as a result of a 5-0-1 vote by the W.R.P.S. executive board.

The show was a weekly, two hour program featuring music, poetry and discussion on the subject of homosexuality.

In a meeting on February 3, several hours after the decision, WRPS staff member Larisa Scharikin and Station Manager Robert LaRue discussed the grounds for cancellation.

According to LaRue, action was taken after "six or seven members of the staff received numerous complaints, plus complaints I personally received." LaRue did not offer to document his sources of complaints any further but one person noted that at least one of the "complaints" received was written as graffiti on a men's room wall in the Student Union.

Scharikin said, in a separate interview, that she had not received any complaints. She added that she had been informed that one complainant demanded "equal time to put

down 'faggots' on the air."

LaRue commented that "We are trying to provide everyone with entertainment that is not too controversial."

Scharikin noted that the program, far from being controversial, only made specific references to homosexuals once, during the recitation of a poem called "I am a Lesbian." Other poems quoted had had direct homosexual references removed.

LaRue made note of local radio station W.P.D.M.'s denial of a request for air time from a "quickie divorce" agency because it would have meant a loss of sponsors on that station. LaRue failed to indicate however, whether or not any of WRPS's sponsors had pressured the station to cancel the show.

Scharikin supported her show by saying that "the rest of the universities are making a great attempt to shed light on this important subject. We felt it necessary to present this on the Potsdam campus to give people a view of it."

Scharikin plans to take action which will stop the station's ban on her show.

does not show the 14% increase in utilities over the last year," he added.

SUNY requested a \$6.4 million increase in utilities for 1977-78. The proposed increase in utilities is \$2.9 million.

Potsdam State's budget for 1977-78 is \$13,011,000. This represents a \$151,800 decrease from last year's budget.

The budget, handed down from Governor Carey, has mandated that 23 positions be cut from Potsdam State's payroll.

These positions include four faculty, three faculty support, two librarians, one maintenance, and thirteen vacancies or "shortened salaries."

A "shortened salary" means paying a college employee for the fiscal school year, instead of a year-round basis.

Cuts will also have to be made in the areas of annualization, physical plant, general administration, travel, general institutional services and student services under Carey's proposal.

According to Hunter, the cut in student services could "wipe out" the college infirmary lo-

cated at the Potsdam Hospital.

"These costs would be greater without the energy conservation measures we've instituted," stated Hunter.

According to Hunter, Potsdam State has conserved the most in the way of energy consumption and cost then any other state university.

"The more we conserve, the greater the possibility of saving college employee positions," said Hunter.

At the moment Potsdam State is looking into other areas to cut the budget, instead of eliminating 23 positions.

"With the increase in unemployment it is difficult to rationalize faculty layoff when it is possible to conserve in other areas," said Hunter.

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