In Case of Insomnia

Grades 2

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With the conclusion of last Monday's faculty meeting, it appears the majority opinion on the grading system has come to light. I will take this opportunity to review some points from last week's discussion (pages 14 and 15) on my suggestions, and I urge students to continue the discussion by talking to their professors, to members of the CEP, or to their department heads and school deans. If you are going to be around next year, you certainly should be aware of the status of this discussion.

First, we can look at one grading experiment which was examined in depth (subject to review). This is freshman year P/F grading, which was the primary object of discussion in a seminar held at 1000 Mt. Washington. However, the credit limit is not as important as the results of any experiment. In fact, the P/F grading system (which the faculty rejected last year) was originally intended to encourage students to work hard at the material, and to remain in the course for the whole semester. With the encouragement of students' positive achievement, a student's positive achievement is valid: a student's positive achievement is valid: a student's positive achievement is valid.

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The starving nations of Africa, for example, have little or no aid. A food assistance request from the desperately hungry nation of Sierra Leone is now sitting on the desk of some Washington bureaucrat. Meanwhile, that nation is faced with the choice of food from Egypt at commercial rates.

But the Soviets get little food aid from the United States, primarily because of its strategic position in the Middle East, Syria, too, benefits from its location in the Middle East tinderbox. It has just received a $322.5 million loan — at a piddling two per cent interest — to buy food from us.

At the risk of our surplus food goes to Asia East — mainly South Vietnam and South Korea — where strategic considerations are involved.

A staggering of the Third World knows little about international politics. Most are fortunate to know the name of their nations. But they have much better chance of getting a meal if the United States needs a meal to buy the friendship of the government.

Pampered Poohbears

With the encouragement of students' positive achievement being tested over recent weeks just across the State Department is beginning to feel the frost from congressmen with a yen to get seen.

Although Congress pays its own travel bills, the State Department has no capital Hill's travel agency. Most of the stipended-pundits bureaucrats resent having to pay for their ill-fated congressional hoedowns, but the top officials at State are apparently fully aware of the problem.

But fewer than 50 State Department employees work full time ministering to Congress. Their annual budget exceeds 500 million dollars. The odd rectangle for this congressional "lussen" operation was sufficient in support the department in its annual budget fight.

State Department insiders have told us personally that congressional travel is a vital part of the lobbying effort. "We've organized a constituency," one official said, "so we have to line up the votes ourselves.

The State Department curbs favor with congressmen by riding herd on the TV and radio networks. The diligent diplomats make over the smallest details of their work. Their efforts to get congressmen to line up for their cause are realistic, the United States and Russia will be spared cold war. The reason: European liberation, both capitalist and Communist, do not want to be dominated by any superpower.

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