

# Liberal arts faculty approves plan for free elective hours

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Liberal arts students now have the option to include nine hours of free electives in their degree plans, effective immediately.

The College of Liberal Arts faculty approved this and discussed grades and grading standards at its meeting Thursday afternoon.

"There have been some restrictions on what we would allow as electives before, and now there are none," Diane W. Strommer, associate dean of liberal arts, said.

Students in liberal arts have the right to choose any course in the University, as long as it is not in his major field or an advanced ROTC course, and have it included in the 128 hours on his degree plan.

This also means that transfer students can have nine hours applied to their degree plan that previously might not have applied. Strommer said they will work with each student on an individual basis.

In a discussion on grades, Dr. David W. Maxwell, dean of the college, said grades are getting better,

"but not that much better."

He also said that professors have a great deal to do with students' grades.

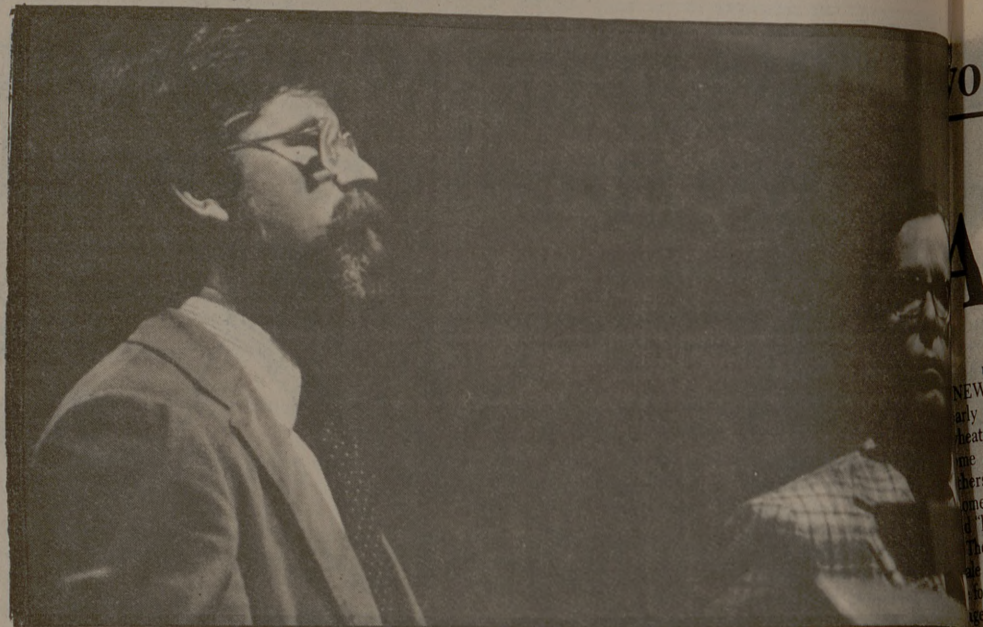
"When a professor after six semesters has trouble finding C, D and F students, you begin to worry," Maxwell said. "And the same is true about a professor who finds very few A students."

Maxwell urged the faculty members to worry about "standards and equity."

"There is a significant variation between grading standards being utilized in different sections of the same course," he said.

It was also brought up by Dr. Bruce Dickson, assistant professor of anthropology and chairman of the Teaching Excellence Committee, that some faculty members need to comply with the instructions that come with faculty evaluation forms by leaving the room while students fill them out and making sure the students turn them in.

Dickson said student confidence in this type of analysis is destroyed if the professors remain in the room and turn the forms in themselves. Maxwell also told the faculty that jobs for the summer of 1981 looked scarce, and a soft moan filtered through the group.



Bruce Dickson, assistant professor of anthropology and chairman of the Teaching Excellence Committee, discusses the importance of the teacher evaluations given at the end of

each semester at a College of Liberal Arts faculty meeting Tuesday. At right is the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, W. David Maxwell. Photo by Gail Weatherly.

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Ali, in Nairobi on the second stop of a five-nation African swing, was to spend meeting with Kenyan officials, even though Kenya already it will join the Olympic boycott. He is due to leave Nairobi for Lagos, Nigeria, Wednesday. Pressed by reporters, Ali still supports the boycott, it clear in Tanzania on Sunday, she again in Nairobi on Monday, not in Africa to push U.S. policy.

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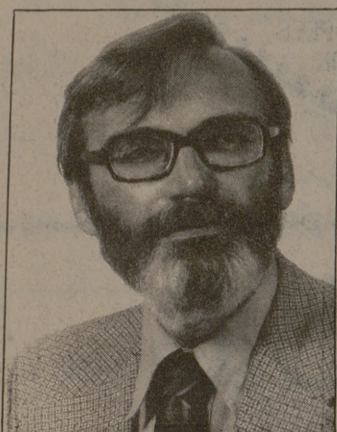
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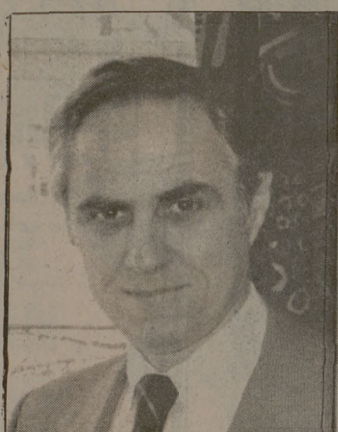
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