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Sound-Off!

Graduation Honors will be discussed this Thursday evening by the College Council. At the last town meeting many students expressed a desire for some type of graduation honors; however, only three suggestions have been submitted to the Council (one of them by me). Considering such a lack of interest, the Council might determine that Pitzer will not grant honors, though no members of the community have written to the Council suggesting the abandoning of honors.

In the hope of stimulating debate before Thursday's meeting, I include here a copy of the recommendation I submitted to College Council:

- A. For this June's Graduation (1966): that the graduation seniors be eligible for academic honors in their major field, e.g. "honors in sociology," "honors in French." All faculty members currently teaching in the student's major field would review the student's four-year program and recommend to the faculty that such an honor be conferred (cf. Faculty By-Laws, Article VI, section 4).
- B. For future graduations and long-term planning for other types of honors: that the College Council follow the procedure for establishing a new committee concerned with honors and awards.
 1. The committee might investigate the types of academic honors granted at other colleges and might ask recent graduates if they appreciated the honors or have found them of any value.
 2. The committee could continue investigation of alternatives to a "Dean's List."
 3. The committee could pass along to students information of fellowships to graduate schools.
 - s 4. It could study the desirability or possibility of having any national honorary societies at Pitzer, e.g. Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board.
 5. It could work closely with members of the Admissions and Development staffs on such matters as "honors at entrance" or monetary prizes which might be given to students for various achievements.

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