

# Alphabet Grading May Drop

Michigan State University faculty committees are considering abandoning the old A-B-C-D-E system of grading.

Many instructors want to go to a decimal system, which would give them greater leeway in marking.

All 15 MSU colleges are discussing it, and their deans will bring their findings into an Academic Council debate.

IF APPROVED, the system would also give a student a greater chance to attend certain courses outside his major field.

His record on these classes would show either that he had passed it and list his decimal point or that he had attended it for no credit.

Members of the council are the president who is chairman, the provost, deans, director of admissions, members of the academic steering committee and two representatives from each college.

Policy for the new grading system has been written by the Educational Policies Committee (EPC), Dr. Dorothy Arata, chairman.

"A subcommittee has attempted to come up with a grading system that would be more compatible with the educational purposes of the university," she says, "and that is the education of its students."

The proposed new grading system, she says, is an attempt to remove any barrier thrown up by the current grading system between the student and his

## MNB Chairman Plans To Retire

William A. Mayberry, chairman of the board of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit, announced that he will retire on Feb. 20, after the Bank's annual stockholders' meeting.

Mayberry, who was a member of the Manufacturers Bank's original staff, will continue with the bank as a member of the Board of Directors, in anticipation of Mayberry's retirement, in January 1967, President Rol and A. Mayberry was named chief executive officer.

During 1966-67, grants to Michigan State University totaled \$12,123,150 to support 567 research programs.

gathering of knowledge.

"IF THE CURRENT system of grading does violence to the current system of education," she says, "then it ought to be altered some way or another."

"If the non-grading system should be adopted, and if an evaluation of its effects should

prove the system a failure, "then the EPC would be militantly in favor of abolishing it," the chairman adds.

Asked if any research had been done on measuring the learning process, Dr. Arata said the process is very difficult to measure and that "there is no solid data to prove

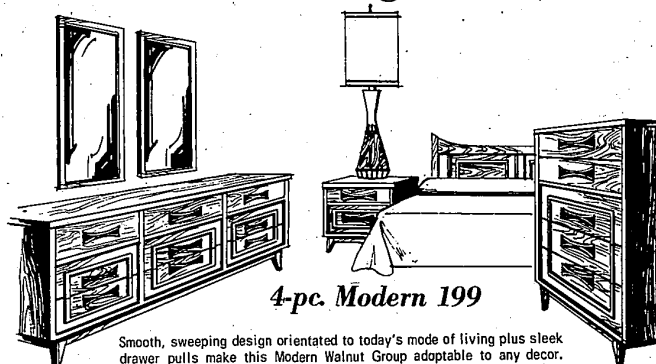
anything one way or another." Should the Academic Council approve the nongrading policy, it would then be sent to the Academic Senate for debate and another vote. The Senate is composed of tenured professors, deans, the president, provost and other administrative officers holding academic rank.



SIGNS OF SPRING -- Ice and snow remnants hang above the water of the Middle Rouge River as the stream itself thaws and drops with the approach of spring. The scene is along Hines Parkway in Plymouth.

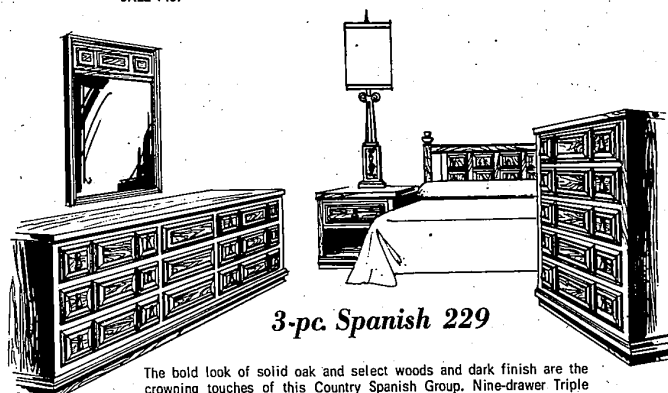
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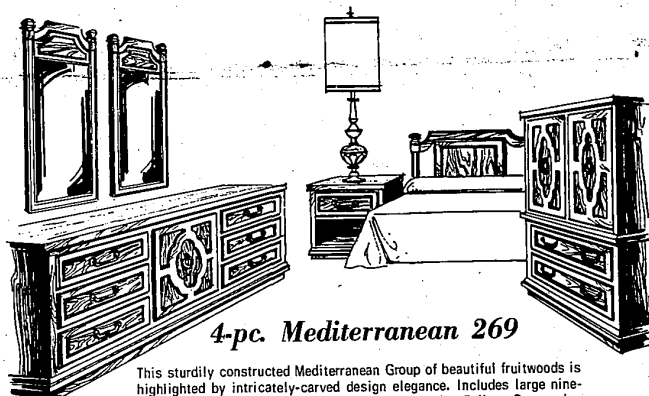
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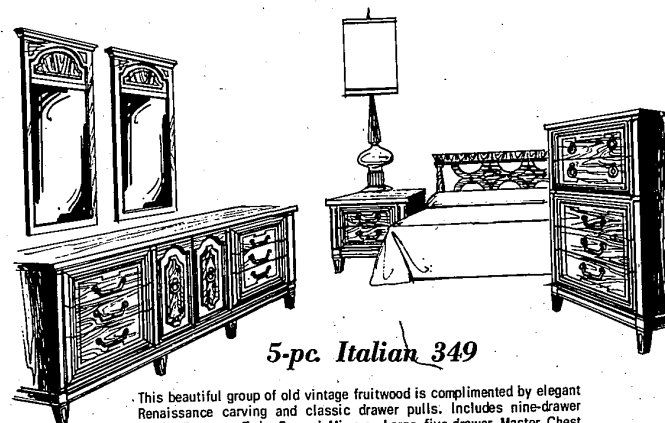
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