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At a special meeting of the freshman class on November 4, faculty representatives officially announced the decision to eliminate all freshman grades at Caltech for a trial period of two years. The move, which has been under consideration for some time, substitutes a pass-or-fail system for the usual letter grades. The faculty hopes that, under the new system, students will learn earlier to substitute more mature and substantial motives for work than the threat of a low GPA or the status of a high one.