returns on the questionnaire

so consistent were the suggestions and criticisms of the general courses listed on the tech questionnaire that much encouragement has been given as to the outcome of the action. we have received a very satisfactory response of a fair share of the readers of the paper, and the decided lack of joking and forbearance on the part of the writers with whom the questionnaires were met. the only bit of crudeness we noted was that a student who selected a course in the walker cafeteria as the object of his ire.

the fact that the freshman and sophomore courses in physical science are the major portion of the attention of the action would appear to prove that in these basic subjects the classes are roomy for comfortable discussion. few of the classes on these subjects, however, were of the dancing sort, so they generally gave excellent suggestions for improvement.

by the very small returns in three or four of the other suggested courses one might assume that those classes are entirely content with the way those subjects are conducted—or at least that the students are either too lazy to answer or too deeply impressed by the stagnation to do so. for better effect would be had of course if a fairer majority of the undergraduates had responded.

before publication in the columns of the tech, the tabulation of the questionnaires will be submitted to those in charge of the various departments. they will in this way have the opportunity to see at a glance the state of opinion of their students and is will be given the opportunity to act in these cases. this action, together with tentative prospects of future improvements, is hoped that in the joint method of publication of the results the maximum benefit may be obtained.

smoothing the rocky way

a great many words have been used by the colonists of the country in discussing the value of our courses where a student can receive credit for doing a minimum of work. dean hawkes of cuban university, however, is considering the matter of more such courses into the curriculum. his proposition is to have lectures given two or three times a week by prominent members of the faculty for which half credit will be given. there would be no final or midterm examinations in such courses.

this, he claims, will save to the students a larger extent with the subject matter of various courses without the strain and bother of preparing for examinations. the general low-grade of the courses will remain with the student, while the effort of the students will be given to those courses which are a real test of their ability.

the first and most obvious resistance to this idea is that as soon as this policy is introduced, the ability of the students will be able to pick up some excellent ice carriers. what will a diploma mean where a student can be considered as good as his little brother? are the students going to place cultural progress or the satisfactory performance of a foreplay when they are allowed such liberty? these and many other questions will arise in this discussion.

it seems to me that such a policy will give additional advantages to the good student who wishes to obtain a broad background of knowledge and many subjects, but it will put a hand in hand with the probability that the less studious-minded student will receive a grade that is not so well earned. it is possible that we shall be subjected to a constantly pain little from steering the course. with nation that will be allowed in the proper channel, the poor mover from the rest.

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