A WORKABLE ADVISORY SYSTEM

This term, for the first time in four years, there is no freshmen advisory system. Three different methods of handling the problem have been tried in as many years. While a faculty advisory system for freshmen is a necessity, it is also desirable for upperclassmen. Plans should be made now for starting a workable program next fall.

It is important that each freshman advisor be a professor in the particular professional course. Too often in the past a Food Technologist has had as his advisor a member of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and a Geology major as advisor of Mathematics. It is not surprising that the faculty member did not take too great an interest in the student. Only those freshmen planning to enter the field of Physics or Chemistry Mathematics begin their professional subjects during the first year. By coming in contact with a professor in his professional course the student will be able to realize the connection between his first year subjects and his future studies. The faculty member would be able to pass on valuable information about the student to his registration officer in case he might have encountered difficulty with his course. The student should be encouraged to keep the same advisor during his other three years at the Institute.

A booklet should be prepared and distributed next fall clearly outlining the particular kind of help the student can receive from his advisor. In the past the various systems have proved unsuccessful largely because the faculty members concerned, as well as the students, have not fully realized what their role is in the program.

DIRECTED SUMMER READING

Most students find that the only time they have for reading literature is during the summer vacation. It is then that they get a chance to read the novels, the plays, the poetry that they did not have time for during the school year. This period of one pint of blood. The class of '50 and the

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