New course X curriculum

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The Committee on Curricula is considering a proposal made by the faculty of the Chemical Engineering Department to change the requirements for an S.B. Degree in Chemical Engineering. The proposal before the C.O.C. would increase the number of required courses, while decreasing the number of restricted electives, according to Professor Johnson Vivian, Executive Officer of the department. The added courses are 3.42, Organic Chemistry; 10.32, Separation Processes; and 10.36, Process Design. The Institute lab requirement is satisfied by 5.31, Introduction to Chemical Experimentation.

The change would affect very few students, since over 80 per cent have taken or are currently enrolled in those courses, said Vivian. "However, it's always possible to make exceptions," he noted. "The faculty continually reviews the curricula. These changes are directed towards providing a background in professional chemistry and engineering," explained Vivian.

World

South African elections — The parliament of South Africa yesterday voted to select a new leader of the ruling National Party. The two favorites to succeed John Vorster as Prime Minister were Defense Minister Pieter Botha and Minister of Black Affairs Constatius Mulder.

Deadly blast kills 7 — 650 tons of gasoline and fuel exploded Wednesday on a freight train near Oviedo, Spain. The explosion took place in a tunnel, from which flames spewed for more than 15 hours.

Nation

Tax-cut bill approved by committee — The Senate Finance Committee has approved an across-the-board tax-cut bill by a vote of 15-2. The bill would reduce taxes for most individuals, businesses and investors. The full Senate is expected to consider the bill next week.

San Diego air crash — Over 150 people died in what was believed to be the worst air disaster in American air history. A Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 jet leveled a residential neighborhood of San Diego, following a midair collision with a student pilot's plane.

Local

Killar MBTA train — A 20-year-old woman was killed Wednesday when she was run over by a southbound Red Line train. The fatality occurred in the Central Square MBTA station.