SCEP prepares course guide

By Paul Duchnowski

The fall issue of the Course Evaluation Guide, published by the Undergraduate Association Student Committee on Educational Policy, should be available Dec. 5 and will be distributed in Lobby 10 along with registration material, according to Steven E. Barber, Student Treasurer of the committee and editor in chief of the guide.

The Office of the Provost committed $10,000 and the Undergraduate Association budgeted $5000 toward production of the guide, Barber said. The provost's contribution this year replaces $5000 provided last year by the dean of the School of Engineering and the School of Science.

The change was made to facilitate funding the activity, said Professor Frank E. Perkins '55, associate provost. The money would have been used because that department's last source came from unrestricted Institute funds, but the committee had to spend more time collecting the funds, he said.

The target budget for the new guide was originally $20,000, but the committee has made no final decision on how to obtain the remaining $9000, he said, but is determined to stay within the funds provided and does not expect a deficit.

The Office of the Provost has made the following suggestions to the provost on how to avoid a deficit: sell advertisements in the guide, use lower-quality paper and printing, reduce the number of copies printed, and charge for the guide, Perkins added.

The committee has considered each recommendation and may eventually supplement some, Barber said. The group does not want, however, to put a price on the guide and would much prefer to distribute it as widely as possible, he said.

This new issue will be in essentially the same format and content as that released last spring. It will include student ratings and comments on courses and teachers, Barber said.

The committee expects to print about 100 subject evaluations in the guide, including all freshman core requirements, many humanities distribution subjects, most departmental requirements and a number of elective courses, he said.

No subjects from the Department of Mechanical Engineering will be included because that department already prepares its own evaluations, Barber said.

Several departments asked the committee to evaluate more courses than will be included in this issue, he said. A shortage of workers prevented the committee from expanding the guide. The committee needs students to read and summarize student comments, he added.

Many students use the guide to select their courses, Barber said. Comments about the guide that the committee receives indicate many students find it very helpful making an informed decision about their course of study.

Some professors have altered the style of their subjects based on the opinions expressed by the students in the publication, he said.

The committee is currently discussing Project Athena and its effects on the educational environment at the Institute. The group is particularly concerned that the project may only result in more crowded terminal rooms, but has not yet reached a final opinion, Barber said.

Montgomery Frost Lloyd's Inc. Prescription Opticians Quality Eyeware Since 1870

Prescriptions Filled Quickly and Accurately Ray-Ban, Vuarnet, and Porsche Carrera Sunglasses 20% Off On All Prescription Eyeware With M.I.T. I.D.

Offer not valid with other promotions Cambridge store only 5 Brattle St. (Harvard Sq.), Cambridge 876-0851

TELTELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS PROGRAMMER


Qualifications: U.S. Citizen; 5 years data processing experience, including installing equipment, evaluating systems and equipment; knowledge of IBM 370-5 Controller, IBM 3081, MVS, VTAM, NCP, RSJ, and Assembly Language; degree in computer science and Electrical Engineering desirable.

Salary + 25%, free housing, car, additional benefits.


Equal Opportunity Employer