SCEP Proposes New Finals Plan To Allow Student Self-Scheduling

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The Student Committee on Educational Policy has presented a proposal for a self-scheduled final examinations system to the University Committee on Examinations and Standing.

Prepared by the SCEP Subcommittee on Final Examinations, the plan proposes that "instead of an entire class being required to take an exam together,"

- Each student prepare his own examination schedule before the finals period, specifying day and time (9am or 2pm).
- The student pick up each exam at a designated classroom.
- Either when the student has finished his exam or when that exam period is over, the student pledge his exam under the Honor System and return it.

Plans Details

The subcommittee has proposed a detailed plan for the execution of such a system. This plan has been discussed with the Registrar, James C. Morehead, and has received his tentative approval.

This plan would have students submit to the Registrar, approximately a month before finals begin, his own schedule for the days and times that he would take each exam.

Students would assist the Registrar's office in the distribution of all exams to designated centers at the proper times during the finals period.

Post List

Students would determine the proper place to pick up their exams from a master list to be posted by the Registrar before the exams period begins.

Tests could be taken at any place desired by the student so long as the test is returned to the center where it was picked up by the end of the three-hour exam period.

The plan also includes provisions for special cases, such as large classes and take home exams.

Richard Darilek, co-chairman of the SCEP subcommittee, said, "The chief difference between this plan and previous ones is that we have finally gotten down to particulars."

Haverford Model

He said that the proposal is modeled after one which has been working successfully at Haverford for seven semesters, and the details for its application at Rice have been largely worked out.

The chief benefit that Darilek claimed for a self-scheduled