SCEP begs questionnaires' return: computer will plot, analyze replies

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Over 5200 forms have been sent out by members of SCEP to 2200 students at Rice, chosen at random to return data on selected courses they have taken.

The questionnaires should all be out by the end of the current week, and SCEP officials have requested that they be returned during the following week, so that the forms may be processed with the utmost expediency.

Statistical Graphs
The evaluation forms sent out through the mail are set up in a multiple choice format, with 97 general questions to be answered for each course. The forms will then be evaluated by a computer, and results will be analyzed through statistical graphs.

The questionnaires used by SCEP last year will also be available through the colleges and the RMC later this week, so that students who do not receive the computer forms may also give their comments.

These non-computer forms will be evaluated by members of SCEP, and comments will be incorporated with the computer data into the SCEP report.

Wayward Forms
Through an error in the initial mailing-out of the computer forms, several students will receive forms designated for courses they did not take. To this unfortunate 5%, SCEP requests that the wayward forms be ignored.

Opinions on all the Rice courses will be collected, with the exception of 500 and 600 level courses (unless these courses have a sizable undergraduate enrollment) and ROTC courses.

In courses with less than 10 people enrolled, every member of the class will receive a form. The percentage will grade down as the course enrollment increases, so that in courses with over 150 enrollment, a sampling of only 25% of the students will be made.

SCEP members are seeking to have their report completely compiled by the registration period in April. They estimate 600 man-hours work for the total project.