

High School Courses May Count for Credit

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For those who want to graduate quickly there are three methods by which qualified students may gain credit for advanced high school courses or special training courses, Sherman T. Stanford, associate dean of admissions, said Wednesday.

Students may apply for credit under the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement Program, the University's own advanced placement testing program or gain credits by examination, Stanford said.

The College Board program is one in which students are given college credit for specially planned, advance courses taken in secondary school, Stanford said. Over 1,000 U.S. high schools participated in this program last year by giving exceptional students the opportunity to take college-level courses in various subjects.

Upon completion of the courses, students are given College Board examinations to determine the level of their achievement, Stanford said. The results are sent to the college they plan to attend, if they so request, and the college determines whether they should receive credit, he said.

Stanford said that the examinations are graded on a 5-point basis, with a score of five being "with honors" and a score of one being "no credit." Penn State gives course credit to students with scores of three or above, he said.

Students who have had the scores of their courses taken under this program sent to the University are informed that they may receive credit for them, Stanford said, and are asked to

More Student Panels Planned

Dr. Robert G. Bernreuter, special assistant to the president for student affairs, said yesterday he plans to hold more discussion periods similar to the one held Tuesday night in the Hetzel Union reading room.

Bernreuter called the meeting to discuss problems of "mutual concern" to students and the administration. Approximately 75 students attended the two-hour session.

"I was very pleased with the interest shown by the students," he said. "The questions asked were forthright, searching and honest. Some of them were difficult to answer."

At the meeting, Bernreuter was quizzed on his views on such topics as the 4-term plan, Thanksgiving vacation, student demonstrations, the role of student government and discriminatory clauses in fraternity constitutions.

He said he prefers that future meetings be "on call" in nature.

"I think that spontaneity is an advantage in clearing up these matters," he stated.

He added that he would probably hold a similar discussion during the winter term. Several students contacted him

comment on the meeting and all their responses were "favorable."

"Some of them just said 'thank you,'" he reported, "and none were critical of the idea to have these meetings."

inform the admissions office of whether they wish to do so.

Stanford cited the case of one student admitted with 18 credits in chemistry and mathematics as a result of courses taken in high school.

The University also conducts its own placement program by which students may be exempted from taking basic courses in English and languages, Stanford said.

Students may apply to the department in which they wish credit for permission to take these examinations, he said.

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