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Presentation Summary:

Five presentations were given during this class. The first looked at recycling receptacles and how they could redesign them to better accommodate recycling on campus. By changing the bins to look like a can or bottle and by making them 10' high, they felt it would encourage more recycling. Other groups looked at the Keirsey Temperament Sorter and faculty, freshman survival guide, and an exchange tank for IST majors. However, the best presentation of the idea in my opinion looked at rainwater treatment. They placed their system around campus and even performed lab tests on the samples. This group put in a great deal of work and deserves the best grade.

Response:

The quality of work in these presentations was not very convincing. Though this class is not their major concentration, it still counts as a minor and thus warrants more attention and appreciation for your work. Some of the groups really did not apply themselves or take the project to the next level.

Analysis:

I am being fairly critical and perhaps this is due to the fact that I just finished my thesis report and thus expect more out of these students. However, it all becomes a matter of motivation and expectations. The faculty should demand more work out of their students, rather than just being satisfied with a few highlight presentations such as the rainwater treatment system. Presenting with hats on and shirts untucked should be unacceptable. The minor designation on your degree shows that you truly applied yourself to a higher level, and I don't think some of these students gave it their all.

Sound-bite:

Try your best- "Mediocrity is excellent to the eyes of mediocre people"