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reading week hoped for

The Students' Union will submit a proposal for a second-term "reading week" to the General Faculties Executive Committee, Monday, December 6. If the executive approves of it, the proposal will be forwarded to GFC.

The week-long break in classes would be held the last two days of February and the first three days of March for the purpose of "work, study, and general relaxation." The second term is presently four days longer than the first, so no inequality of term lengths would result with the initiation of a study break. Generally favorable responses were received from unions across Canada where a break of four or five days is included in the academic program. Academic, non-academic, and administrative staff at the U of A were also quite favorable to the idea of a second term break. A referendum at the U of A found 91.5% of students in favour of the proposed study break.

Student Counselling reported that the majority of dropouts in March were due to academic reasons as opposed to dropouts for reasons of living arrangement, finances, or personal problems noted at other times of the year. Student Help reports indicate that the highest number of student visits occurred in February.

There are many good arguments for a second term break. The break would allow personal student-professor contacts without the pressure of classes. It would allow students also to concentrate on major research projects without the distraction of other subjects.

In Alberta where the winters

are so long a mental and physical fatigue seems to set in about March. The break would come at a time when most people are more than ready for a break in routine. Students will have a chance to read books which they do not have a chance to read due to the pressure of classes and assignments.

Most important of all the study break would provide for a general relief of tension.

It has been argued that students will not use the time effectively, but one reply to the questionnaire commented that "...the student who uses the time to relax has either deserved

the rest or is a constant 'relaxer'."

It has also been argued that students and staff do not need the break because they should know how to budget their time throughout the term.

The Education Affairs Commissioner of McMaster University however argued that, "A breath of relief is of value so that one can re-evaluate one's efforts and gain some perspective on one's courses. So much of learning is being able to make a synthesis of the many facts and figures accumulated in lectures."

mail order pres resigns

VICTORIA (CUP)--President Bruce Partridge of the University of Victoria resigned his position Nov. 16, amid anti-American feelings and a prolonged tenure dispute.

Partridge's resignation, while being "his own decision", was agreed upon collectively by Board of Governors' officials, according to university vice-president Gill Auchinleck.

Partridge, whose resignation becomes effective January 31, began to lose face at the university last spring when the student newspaper, *the Martlet*, revealed that his two law degrees were from a mail order college in Chicago and recognized only in the state of California.

"The matter of degrees was not paramount," said Auchinleck. "Degrees, I don't know what they represent and what they're worth."

To the student population, however, the mail-order degrees represented a fraud, and they voted by a sizable majority last spring not to recognize Partridge as university head.

Brass quintet to perform

The Goliard Brass Quintet will give its first concert of the 1971-72 season in Convocation Hall Monday night, November 29 at 8:00 p.m.

The quintet, consisting of Ed Nixon and William Dimmer on trumpet, Gloria Johnson on French Horn, Don Goodwin on Trombone and David Otto on Tuba, will be playing selections of music from the 15th Century to the 20th Century.

The Goliard Brass Quintet was formed in December of 1970 and since its inception has made a number of CBC radio broadcasts, given public performances, and conducted brass clinics throughout Edmonton and Alberta. They will be the featured artists on the national CBC television show "Music to See" on December 5.

The name Goliard is of uncertain derivation but at one time it was applied to a class of rebel priests who dropped out of the Church in the 12th and 13th Centuries to become wandering vagabond scholar-poets. It is with this meaning in mind that the quintet chose that name for their group.

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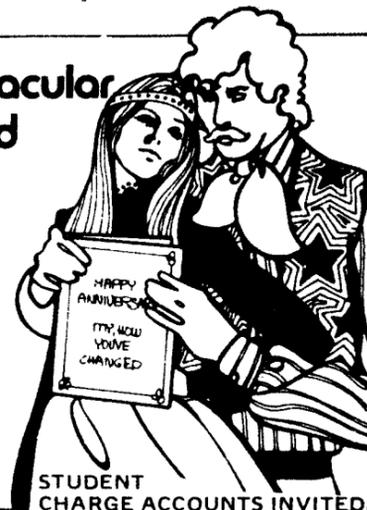
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