

Spring break proposed abolished

The committee is recommending that registration be earlier, and also that other faculties like the Faculty of Science, have pre-registration to make registration during the first week easier and quicker.

There was a realization by the committee that such a change to the first week must be done in consultation with the organizers of the orientation week. Since most orientation activities are held in the evenings or during the weekend, the committee felt, that there should not be any major problems.

Thirdly, the committee is recommending that the Spring break be abolished and that those days be transferred to the Christmas holiday period.

By adding this block of days from the Spring break, to the days gained by starting the first term earlier, and by adding the days gained from having the exam schedule printed with the timetable for classes, the total Christmas holiday

period should be about four weeks long.

By removing the Spring break to the Christmas period other benefits would be received other than adding more days to the Christmas holiday period.

All the extra costs that would have been incurred by the students because of the Spring break would not occur.

The committee feels that by doing this three actions, all of which have individually their own benefits, the Christmas holiday period could be extended with all the resulting benefits arising from that extended holi-

day.

The committee has one last major recommendation. With all the changes that the committee is proposing the first and second terms would no longer have the same number of days.

During the first term, students would have Thanksgiving Day and

Remembrance Day as holidays, while in the second term, with the abolishment of a Spring Break, there would be no holidays.

In order to balance the two terms, and also to give

the students one long weekend each term, the committee is proposing that

Remembrance Day become a day to have classes. This holiday would then be transferred to the second

term. During Remembrance Day is has been recommended that a memorial service be held on campus for around an hour.

The new holiday that would be in the second term would be held on a Friday in February.

This is the package of proposals that the committee is

presenting. This article has outlined briefly the proposals and the reasoning behind these proposals as

outlined by the chairman of the committee, Dean Smith, in an interview.

President Downey has received a copy of the report and it is now for him to determine what course, if any, should be followed with the report.

The recommendations by the committee are only proposals. If any, or half or all of its recommendations were followed, the committee feels that the academic year would be bettered.



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