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“Dead week is dead” at the University of Texas according to an article in a Daily Texan of last week. A faculty council voted to omit dead week from the calendar on the grounds that “it has been rather unsatisfactory for some time.”

Although the Student Assembly requested a three day suspension of classes before exams as a substitute, the council approved a suspension of only one day.

AT RICE, a student committee is investigating dead weeks and reading periods as they exist at...

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other top universities. The committee, chaired by Larry Yeatman, is obtaining this information from facilities of N.S.A. and Tulane.

Last week the committee proposed a few plans to the Student Senate. The Senate, however, seemed unenthusiastic about proposals to shorten either the exam period or dead week by adding a reading period between the two. The committee is still searching for a more agreeable plan.

ACCORDING TO Dean Richter, dead week began at Rice when Dr. McBride was Dean of Students. It was established to prevent professors from giving term examinations a week before final exams, a practice which apparently was quite common. As such, dead week was to be a time when no papers, quizzes or tests were to be given.

The dean commented that in recent years students have been trying to extend this to a week of no classes and no labs. He cited the administrative difficulties involved in such proposals.

Since all universities like to give a uniform number of lecture hours for each course (for ease in transferring), removal of one week of classes before each exam period would mean lengthening the school year by two weeks or cutting down on holidays.