'Wonderful Wednesday' at Emory

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WEANIE NO MORE?

Emory University, Atlanta—Effective the winter quarter, classes and laboratories will no longer meet on Wednesday! Dubbed "Wonderful Wednesday," the faculty-approved plan would permit each student to devote Wednesdays to his own intellectual pursuits. Student organizations will have to cooperate by not scheduling events for Wednesdays.

Combined with a plan by which students may register for up to 15 hours on a "satisfactory-unsatisfactory" grade basis, "Wonderful Wednesday" is designed to encourage students to do as much as they can on their own.

While strictly on a one-semester trial basis, both of these plans should please those students who at various times have had to proclaim Marvelous Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wonderful Wednesday, Tremendous Thursday, and Fabulous Friday on their own.

THE IBM PRAYER BOOK

Texas A & M — English professor Milton Huggett has received formal approval of an Episcopalian liturgical commission to compile a concordance to the Episcopalian Book of Common Prayer—using A&M's IBM 7094 computer.

The concordance is an index to scriptures reflecting centuries of Hebrew, Christian, Catholic, and Protestant writings. It is used by parish clergy, theologians, historians, and lay people in other churches.

Researchers can use it to determine the Book's influence on content and style of writers from the Renaissance to the present.

In the new concordance, the Book will be broken down into a reference, concordance, index, and word frequency count for stylistic analysis. Every significant word will be indexed each time it is used. A computer printout will give use of each word in context so that a person remembering a few key words can find any passage.

A similar index compiled in the 18th century required 30 sanity-traying years from its author. The computerized version should require only a few hours, which explains why Dr. Huggett is so willing to begin at age 58.