Easter Holiday Extended

No Effect On '60 Spring Term Houston States
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The Easter vacation for the 1960 spring term will be extended one day, President William V. Houston announced Wednesday. The vacation will begin Thursday, April 15, at 6 p.m. and classes will resume Wednesday, April 20.

No Effect

"The addition of the extra day will in no way affect the remainder of the year's schedule," Dr. Houston added. Thus, there will be no reduction of the midterm holiday or extension of spring term as has been rumored in the past week.

"We couldn't do very much this year," Dr. Houston said. "Commencement date has been set and the extension of the spring term would conflict with summer school schedules," he continued.

Decision Soon

As to what will be done concerning spring vacation plans in the years to come, Dr. Houston stated, "We must decide soon as the calendar and brochure must be sent to the printer."

Three possible solutions to the problem exist.

(1) The fall term could begin one week earlier than usual.

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And in those days it came to pass there was a decree from the throne of the Dean, and the Dean said, "Let there be FINALS," and there were finals.

And there was much wailing and gnashing of teeth among the children of Samuel. Like a plague FINALS visited the house of Samuel and the children of Samuel were sore afraid. And verily did they go down the tubes.

And the Dean grew angry with the children of Samuel and smote them and sent them to the Land of Probation. But the Dean was a just Dean and in his infinite wisdom he sent another decree saying, "From hence ye shall set aside seven days to gird yourselves against FINALS, and in those seven days ye shall neither eat nor sleep, nor shall ye orgy."

And the Dean turned to his angels and archangels and said unto them, "In these seven days tread lightly upon the children of Samuel and waylay them not with sudden quizzes, for they shall be as dead men." And so it came to pass, and the time was called the Week of the Dead.

O children of Samuel, hearken to the cry from the wilderness. The Week of the Dead hastens toward you. Gird your loins with dexedrine and NoDoz, and stand unafraid.

And the Dean will look down on you and have mercy upon you, that your days may be long upon the land that is water. For ye are the chosen seed of Samuel, and ye shall not be inconvenienced.
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(2) The exam schedule could be compressed by a maximum of two days per term, or
(3) The spring term could be extended one week.

Obstacles Arise

Obstacles have arisen for each of the solutions. A minimum of 90 active school days per term is a requisite and an early fall opening would move the fall exam period unreasonably close to the Christmas vacation. Compression of the examination schedule would work a hardship on nearly everyone, and summer school and summer employment might be affected by a spring term extension.

“We do hope that every student will fill out the Thresher questionnaire in order that we may have an idea as to what the students prefer,” Dr. Houston concluded.