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SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

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To Senate

From C. L. Hamilton

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Subject Mid-Term Break During the  
Spring Semester

Date March 30, 1966

An examination of university calendars conducted by the Registrar's Office indicates that practice in Canadian universities varies concerning a mid-term break during the period covered by our Spring Semester. At the University of Victoria lectures were cancelled this year on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12. Most Faculties at U.B.C. dismissed lectures and laboratories from Thursday, February 17, until the end of the week, although the university library and other facilities remained open. At the University of Alberta lectures and laboratories were withdrawn on Saturday, February 19, to permit students to participate in Varsity Guest Weekend, while at Manitoba, classes were cancelled on February 18 and 19 (Friday and Saturday) except for the Faculties of Law, Medicine, Dentistry and Medical Rehabilitation. McGill's mid-term holiday was Saturday, February 19. The following universities, from among those examined, did not schedule a mid-term break: Saskatchewan, Toronto, Queen's, Waterloo and Western Ontario.

It should be noted that a mid-term break does not necessarily mean that the university closes. As at U.B.C. lectures and laboratories can be cancelled, but otherwise the university can continue normal operations. If, during a mid-term break, the library and other facilities remain open, students will be able to use the period for uninterrupted work on term essays and research projects.

During the Summer and Fall Semesters, a break from formal classroom and laboratory work is provided by legal holidays.

*C. L. Hamilton*

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March 1, 1966

Dr. P. D. McTaggart-Cowan,  
President,  
Simon Fraser University,  
Burnaby 2, B. C.

Dear Sir:

During the last few weeks a number of students have approached me enquiring about the possibility of some type of mid-term holiday or break. I would appreciate it very much if you could discuss with the departments involved the possibility of setting up a mid-term break for each of the three semesters. Suggestions for such a break would be: one day, either Friday or Monday, to lengthen a weekend, preferably not near any other prescribed holiday.

I would appreciate your attention in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

*John A. Mynott*  
John A. Mynott, Ombudsman  
Simon Fraser University Student Society

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