Reading period experiment planned to test new scheduling next term

By Jack Katz

An effort will be made to eliminate the "double header" experience of two final exams on one day during the exam period of this coming spring term. The faculty reached a decision December 20 when it accepted a proposal from the Committee on Academic Procedures to institute an examination period on a temporary experimental basis. The final form and effectiveness of the new exam period will not be seen until the computer works it out. In general there will be a period of five days, approximately an eight day period planned for the maximum elimination of the "double header" situation.

The faculty was generally agreed that something should be done on the problem of a student having to take two exams in one day during the final examination period. Professor Walter Rosenbluth, Chairman of the Faculty, there was some debate among the faculty how to accomplish such an objective.

One suggestion recommended that there be an exam period with only one set of exams scheduled. In this plan, eliminating all possibility of double exams was accomplished. One problem was that due to the days it would subtract from actual class time of time that the term would be extended.

The problem was handled by the decision to change the time of the daily examination so that the weekly schedule was pushed off by two days.

The exam period was changed to one on Monday and Wednesday, and the Tuesday and Thursday exams were left alone.

Two years required

The Army, Navy, and Air Force have instituted a new program to produce commissioned officers through ROTC. It is designed specifically for those undergraduates and graduate students with two academic years left in school.

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The Tech board elected; Thomas, Lima head list

Ten Thomas '68 and Terry Lima '68 headed the list of new officers for the Tech, as the Board of Directors met at 1 p.m. on the morning after the annual election of the board for Volume 87.

These are the students who have been chosen to hold administrative positions in the Tech. The other students have been chosen to fill the other positions on the board.

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