The MIT calendar is unique

Godfrey and Chitaley noted that other schools do not have periods similar to IAP. Most institutions also start classes earlier than we do, they said.

The committee said that most universities on the semester schedule start classes before Labor Day. MIT normally starts classes one week after Labor Day.

The committee agreed at the outset that its recommended calendar would absolutely have to have the fall term end before Christmas day and have to keep IAP.

Under the new proposal the first day of classes would always be the first Wednesday in September. For the fall term there would be five holidays; the Columbus Day break would be shortened to one day and the extra vacation day would be added as Labor Day. There would be a three-day reading period and a five-day exam period. The fall exam period would end no later than December.

IAP would be kept as part of the calendar. It would also be lengthened from 17 days to 19 days. This is four full weeks with a day off for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

The spring term would also have a period of four to five days, and an exam period of five days.

The committee disagreed over the effect of IAP on exams. Ko said the committee expected the IAP to be kept as part of the proposal. He said he expected the new calendar to affect students in a positive way.