Students adjust to new move-in date

Two Conn classes cut for low numbers, short staffing

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Although changes to reduce the number of days in Truman Week primarily affect freshmen, upperclassmen are experiencing changes as well. Move-in has been moved to the weekend, and students are working to do the best they can with the new schedule.

“We’ve always done them over the weekend,” said Andrea O’Brien, director of Residence Life. “We’ve never done a move-in during the busiest time of the week. We’ve always done them over the weekend. The decision to move first-year students in on the weekend is because parents are more likely to come with the first-year students than with the upperclassmen/students,” O’Brien said. “So having them move-in on the weekend was decided.

The move-in is a part of Truman Week during Truman Week, student advisers will be checking upperclassmen into the dorms while also participating in Truman Week activities. “We are trying to figure out what we can do as an initiative that we can offer to move-in because the number we had to be able to accommodate was a little bit overwhelming for upperclassmen,” O’Brien said. She said Residence Life worked with Academic Planning and KR Jungle to get Truman Week moved to Saturday and staying with friends because she can’t move into her residence hall yet. She said the move is coming up to Truman early to make sure that practice runs what will happen when the move-in is on the weekend.

“I think it will be a nice change for every resident,” O’Brien said. “We’ve never done a move-in during the busiest time of the week. You’re more likely to come with the first-year students than with the upperclassmen/students, so having them move-in on the weekend was decided. The decision to move first-year students in on the weekend is because parents are more likely to come with the first-year students than with the upperclassmen/students,” O’Brien said. “So having them move-in on the weekend was decided.

“My biggest concern is making it as easy as possible for students. We’re going to see how this first year and whether or not there are differences with how this works. It’s not really a big deal,” she said. “But it is inconvenient.”

Aside from Truman Week changing, Eberhard said the shortened weekend would affect other areas of this year’s schedule.

“It allowed us to move up the Activities Fair. Eberhard said, “It allows some of those co-curricular activities to start a little bit earlier.”

Eberhard said the biggest change in the past two days is Thanksgiving break, making it an entire week.

“I think it’s going to be a positive change, I think it’s going to be a really good change,” Eberhard said. “We’ll be able to make it a commitment for two years.”