



Croc Rock in Zoology labs

Several zoology students have expressed their concern about the prospect of having to handle fully-grown crocodiles as lab animals in a new zoology course this fall.

Zoology 410 which is described by the calendar as "an introduction to the vertebrate animals of the class Reptilia", will be offered for the first time this fall and will be a new requisite for zoology

honours students. The course will cover crocodiles, alligators, turtles, lizards, snakes and tuatara.

Student opposition mainly focuses on the last two laboratory sessions of the course which will involve work with three crocodiles of the African species *Osteolaemus*. Assignments for these labs include the measurement of the reptiles' claws, their tongues

and their tails. Zoology students believe that these assignments will endanger their health.

A third-year honours student who did not want to be identified, said in an interview with the *Gateway*:

"Have you seen these mother... yet? They're almost 15 feet long! These are sure not rubber ducks! I don't mind to kill rats or frogs and I've even worked with skunks but crocodiles... oh no!"

Another second-year student questioned the decision of the zoology department to make this course a requisite. "I don't mind if a course like this is offered. If somebody wants to have some excitement and takes it, that's fine with me. But why does the department force us to take such a dangerous course?"

A spokesman for the zoology department explained the decision to make this course a requisite by referring to the need for "real life instruction."

"The future zoologist cannot expect to chase butterflies or study Alberta's fish all the time. He or she must be willing to face the dangers involved in working with nature. Zoology 410 is a course designed to provide this experience."

The zoology department received the three crocodiles three weeks ago from the University of Cairo, Egypt, in exchange for five Canadian beavers. The animals can be seen in room CW 312 of the Biological Sciences Building.

Selling secretaries cause exam cancel

The noonhour activities of three secretaries has caused the cancellation of all exams in the English department. And, according to a source in the Dean's office, there is a good chance no exams will be given.

The cancellation is due to availability of all exams, which the three secretaries have been selling during their noon breaks. Ranging in cost from \$5 - \$15 each, the exams include all 200 and 300 level tests typed by the department secretaries.

Secretaries Hazel Schmidlapp, Gertie Snickwop, and Alvina Booper have been relieved of their positions as a result of the discovery.

"We thought we were doing (students) a favor" was the statement issued by Gertie Snickwop. "All these exams were so silly anyway."

An unofficial count shows that twenty copies of each exam were duplicated and sold. With all departmental typing being done by the same people, the Dean's office had no choice but to cancel the scheduled exams.

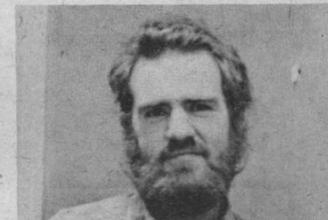
"There simply is not enough time to make up new tests. This has never happened before... I knew I should have stayed in bed today," stated the department Dean on learning of this nefarious plot. "Whatever are we going to do?"



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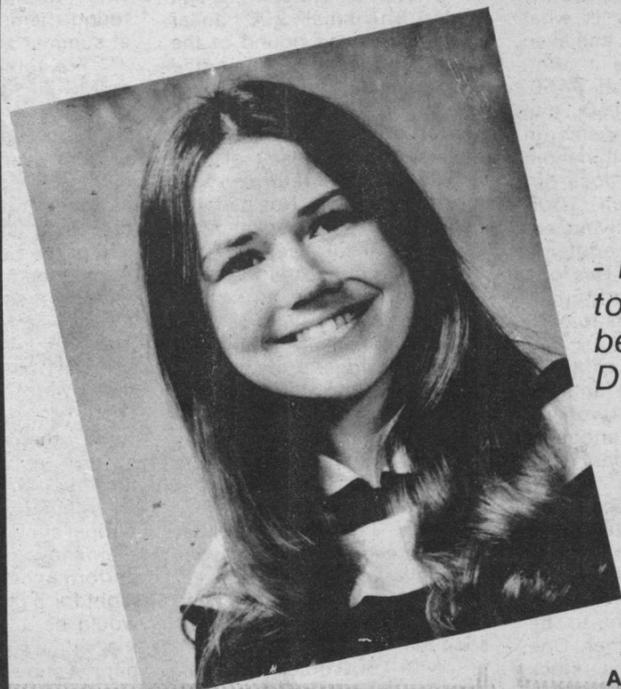
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