

# Overcrowding in Freshmen classes

An increase in freshmen students has led to overcrowding in classes in some departments.

Caught by surprise, the biology department scheduled only two sections of Biology 296 and 299. Each section has more than 300 students.

Betty Daniel, lab supervisor, said there isn't enough materials or animals to equip the labs. And it is difficult to find trained lab technicians.

"Ideally there should be 16 students per lab in 296 (evolutionary biology) and 22 in 299 (physiology of organisms)," said Mrs. Daniel. "We're running 32 labs a week, with 19 students in 296 and 24 in 299."

Daniel said many pre-dent and pre-med students have taken the courses. In addition, Arts students who switched to science also contributed to the overcrowding.

"Our total enrolment is up 13 per cent; we expected an increase of only 5 per cent."

To make things worse, texts for the 299 course are unavailable in the bookstore due to the rail strike.

Animals for labs have to be shipped by air freight from the United States, since Canada lacks a good supplier.

Overcrowding has forced other departments to move classes to other buildings.

History has moved History 200 into the V-wing of the Physics building. The largest enrolment in a freshman course is 96.

Political Science has moved classes to the Bio-Sciences building, and Arts building and V-wing.

"If it was at all possible, we wanted to hold classes in Tory, as it's more convenient for students and profs," said Joan McDonald, administrative assistant.

The largest enrolment is 83. Meanwhile, Psychology was caught by surprise in two new courses, 361 and 375.

W.M. Olsen, professional officer, said 168 students registered in 361, 100 more than expected.

"It appears we've picked courses that have hit the student interest," said Olsen. "We'll try to get some help from grad students."



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## U of California charged with using children in illegal tests

(EN) - A lawsuit filed at the University of California at Berkeley charges that the school's Medical Center is using healthy children from local families in unlawful medical experiments.

The suit, filed by a member of the Medical Center, alleges that healthy children have been injected with drugs in allergy experiments involving "procedures so serious as to require hospitalization of the child."

The children involved in the experiments have been volunteered by their parents, according to the suit.

The suit also charges that the university is paying \$300 to families who volunteer their healthy children in a five-year experimental project.

Consequently, many women will be left out unless more male singers participate.

The Mixed Chorus is holding auditions and practices every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in room 345 Ag building.

"It's really a gas!" says one member and the enthusiasm of others is evidence that singing in the Mixed Chorus can be a very rewarding experience. "It's more than just singing too" said another. There are many social activities involved with the chorus, such as the pig roast to be held in the beginning of October.

The Mixed Chorus would appreciate the participation of as many people as possible during this, their anniversary year.

## Mixed chorus' birthday

This year the University Mixed Chorus celebrates its thirtieth anniversary with a greater-than-ever effort to procure members, sing out, and have fun. According to Ken Noster, president of the chorus, "This is the big year." They hope to have more concerts, tours and parties than ever with a completely musical repertoire. There will be everything from Fiddler on the Roof to Brahms.

But there are problems. On Fri. Sept. 14, and on Mon. Sept. 17, the "oldies", members from previous years, held short recitals in CAB in an effort to arouse interest.

An organizational meeting was also held and 114 people attended, but so many of them were women that there were not enough male voices to carry



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## Astrology course

An interest in astrology has prompted Grant McEwan College to offer an introductory astrology course into their curriculum this year.

The 10-week course will be taught Monday nights, beginning September 17 from 7-9 p.m. at the Assumption Campus of the College, by Chris McRae, a CBC television make-up artist who has been an occult researcher for more than 20 years.

Mrs. McRae says, "this is the first course of its kind to be offered in a Canadian academic institution." The course will provide an introduction to precise mathematical astrology as approved by the American Federation of Astrologers. Students will learn to compute the natal wheel, cast natal charts and study deliniation and interpretation.

The course is designed to "help students determine their potential in life and to provide a better understanding of their own character and motivations and the characters of others," says Mrs. McRae.

Because of the number of people who have approached Mrs. McRae to do their

astrological charts for them, and the open-mindedness of the college, the astrology course will be carried on as an experimental, non-credit interest course this year.

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