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Man spends nine months trying to get out of the womb...

...and the rest of his life trying to get back in.  
Mark Twain

## You're just another face in a crowd of 23,286

by Neal Watson

The number of students registered at the University of Alberta has risen again in the second semester contributing further to over-crowding. Enrollment figures obtained from the Office of the Registrar show an increase in the number of students presently registered when compared to the number in the 1st semester and in the 1982/83 academic year.

Currently there are 23,286 full-time students attending the University of Alberta. In January of 1983, there were 21,184 full-time students. These figures represent a 9 per cent increase in the number of students. The largest single enrollment increase in the number of full-time students occurred in the Faculty of Arts. The number of students enrolled in Arts programs rose 18 per cent from January of

1983 to the start of the 1984 term. During the same period, the Faculty of Science had a 13 per cent increase in the number of students. The number of students registered as part-time also increased dramatically over the same year period climbing almost 11 per cent. The university has not faced three consecutive years of enrollment increases.

Coinciding with the latest increase in the number of students was University President Myer Horowitz's announcement of a hiring freeze in November. Horowitz said at the time that the increases in the number of students constitutes "the most severe enrollment pressures that we have ever experienced." As a result of enrollment increases university resources are stretched to the breaking point.

Commenting on the increased registration in his own department, English Chairman Dr. D.A. Jackel says it is "substantially greater from the second term last year." Jackel says the class sizes for 300 level English courses have gone "through the ceiling" averaging well over 40 students per course. The competition for class space is at a premium creating a situation where "class sizes are determined by room capacity," says Jackel. The situation is similar in the Computing Science department. Chairman White says the number of students in computing has risen from 4,500 last year to 6,200 this year. Dr. White calls the increase "overwhelming" and says that Computing Science was forced to turn away 500 students this year. The enrollment increases present special problems for computing science. The University is unable to provide the necessary space or funds for the required installation of more computer terminals. Consequently, students find it difficult to gain access to existing facilities. (See story page six). Dr. White emphasizes that he has "no flexibility" in dealing with large numbers of new students, in terms of academic staff, because of the hiring freeze. Dr. Jackel echoes these comments. Jackel says that as a result of a "frozen budget," his complement of full-time teaching staff has remained static during the enrollment increases these past three years. The situation creates serious problems for students who wish to talk with their instructors. Dr. Jackel says many English instructors are teaching an average of 120 students per term making individual contact between student and instructor virtually impossible. Both Dr. Jackel and Dr. White are attempting to deal with the huge numbers of new students entering university simply on a "year to year" basis as Dr. Jackel says. It is impossible to plan beyond that because of ever-declining resources. It is very difficult to speculate on how many students the University can accommodate, but one thing is certain, says Dr. Jackel, "no one is saying enrollment will level off." According to Dr. Jackel, in some of the English department's courses, "it's already gone too far."



photo Angela Wheelock

Engineering Week started off with a bang yesterday as the Mechanical Engineers disassembled a car and then reassembled it in the Dean's Office on the fifth floor of the Mechanical Engineering Building. "We started yesterday morning," said the Mech E Moose. "We stripped it (the car) right down, took the roof off, and cut the frame in half. We took the parts up the stairwells. We finished at about eleven last night." Engineering Dean Peter Adams said the car "is a pretty valuable addition (to his office). It's a good use for the space." Yesterday there were bands in Mechanical Engineering, V-Wing, and Agriculture-Forestry. There was also a tug of war in Quad.

## 'Brilliant physician' new Dean of Medicine

by Kent Cochrane

Dr. Douglas R. Wilson has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Medicine by the Board of Governors. The appointment was made on January 6, and Wilson will become Dean on July 1, with his initial term of office being five years. Wilson will replace Acting Dean Fraser who temporarily assumed the position less than a year ago on July 1, 1983. The search for a new Dean began a year ago, in January 1983. There were 51 nominations for the job, and Wilson was one of seven candidates interviewed. Dr. Baldwin, VP Academic and head of the committee which examined the different can-

didates, said that Wilson is a brilliant physician and also has an outstanding research record in clinical medicine. "You don't always get that combination in a Dean of Medicine," said Baldwin. Baldwin also called the position of Dean of Medicine "immensely important to the University," because of the Dean's wide range of academic, medical, research and administrative responsibilities. Although Wilson has had no experience at the level of Dean, he is currently Head of the Nephrology Division at Toronto General Hospital as well as being Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto. Wilson has also been Director of the Tri-Hospital (Toronto

General, Mt. Sinai, and Women's College Hospitals) Nephrology Service since 1974. He graduated from the University of Toronto as an MD in 1959 with the highest standing in his last four years. After five years of post graduate clinical training in Toronto and Vancouver, he was granted two Research Fellowships. The first fellowship was at Harvard Medical School in Boston from 1964 - 1966 and the second was at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London from 1966 - 1967. Wilson became an Associate in the Department of Medicine at U of T in 1967 and was made Professor in 1977. He was recently awarded a five-year term grant, worth \$66,

000 per year, by the Medical Research Council of Canada. This grant is for studies of acute renal failure, obstructive nephrology, and collecting-duct function. Wilson belongs to ten professional societies, and has written numerous articles and studies. He will be the sixth Dean of Medicine at the U of A.

Gateway recruitment social and discussion forum this Thursday, Jan. 19, 1984 at 7:00 PM in Room 280A

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