

Joint centennial project gains governor's approval for U of A campuses

Second Century Week, a joint student Centennial project of the Edmonton and Calgary campuses, has been approved by the Board of Governors.

Set for March 6-11 of 1966, it will bring together students from all over Canada in a program of athletic, cultural and academic projects on both campuses. It will be organized by the students' unions and the university athletic boards.

The brief suggests setting up a display in 1966 and sending it to a number of campuses across Canada to promote Second Century Week.

The cultural part of the project will include literary discussions, drama, debates and fine arts, including public forums and panels by guest authors and poets, perhaps a series of poetry readings by individual students and a seminar involving at least 50 students.

Drama and debates will be handled by the Calgary campus.

An academic seminar to discuss the student role in society will be held in Edmonton for five days.

Athletics include hockey and basketball at both campuses, swimming and judo at Edmonton, and skiing and curling at Banff.



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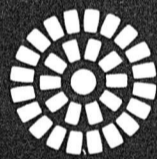
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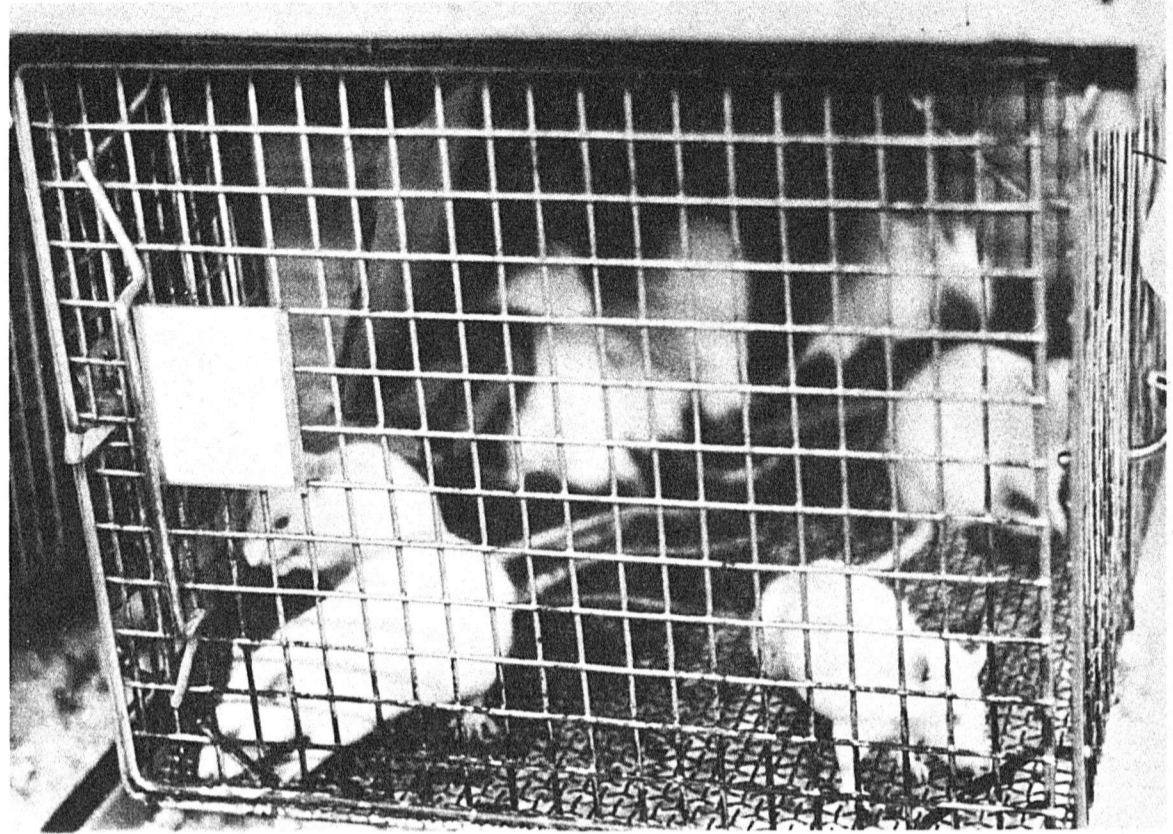
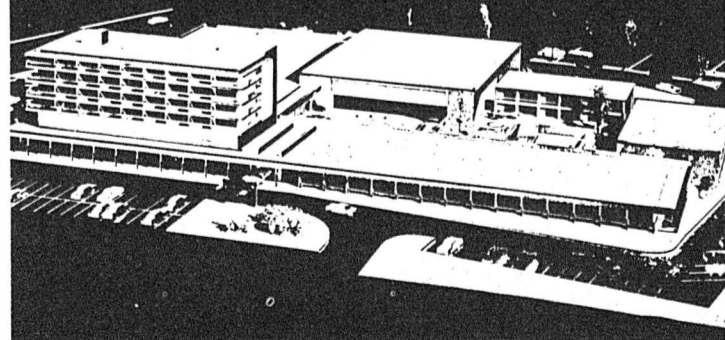
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SUBJECTS OF PSYCHOLOGY EXPERIMENTS

... rats used to study memory retention

U of A psychologists experiment with memory transfer techniques

By ANDY RODGER

Several University of Alberta faculty members may be helping to unravel some of the mysteries of memory.

Psychologists are conducting experiments related to recent U. S. experiments transferring learning in rats by implanting ribonucleic

acid taken from other rats.

Their research could help to put some of the present theories of memory on a firmer grounding.

Recently scientists at the University of California (Los Angeles) and at Copenhagen transferred ribonucleic acid (RNA) from one set of animals to another. At the

same time memory was apparently also transferred.

Professor R. E. Walley and A. B. Carran of the department of psychology, are conducting experiments along the same lines. Professor K. Wilson, also of the department, is looking for possible applications of experimental findings to human beings.

The original UCLA experimental findings were first published last August. The experiments utilized rats trained to approach a food cup in a Skinner box. These rats were then killed, and the RNA of their brains was removed. This was injected into untrained rats, which were given the same stimulus as the original rats.

Compared with untreated control rats, the treated rats showed a significant response to the test stimulus. The UCLA researchers said "Our several studies . . . suggested strongly that the effect being transferred is a specific learned response and thus strengthen the hypothesis that RNA is an important element in the process of memory storage."

Later experiments of RNA transfer between rats and hamsters showed that the 'memory' of learned activities could be transferred between species.

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