

Biology dept. plagued by high enrollment problems

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Biology appears to be one of the most popular courses offered today, so much so that the biology department cannot efficiently cope with all the students enrolled.

"In 1967 we were full," said Dr. Wiggs. When biology takes over the physics labs after the construction of the new complex the situation of 1967 could be handled. Needless to say the number of students has risen and "space has become even more limited than before," according to Wiggs.

In most sciences, biology in particular, it is most important to achieve first hand knowledge from labs. According to Dr. Wiggs, "labs are the focus point of the courses." Most labs can handle

only a certain number of students before efficiency and what the student gets out of labs is cut down. The department has tried alternate week labs, night labs, and two hour labs once a week. Night labs were found to be unsatisfactory because of the lack of staff and the student's inability to accomplish anything. Alternate week labs were found to be inefficient because they did not give the student enough experience. This term most of the labs are being used almost constantly throughout each week.

The department had considered offering a course teaching basic lab techniques. This was dropped because of lack of space. This course would have made it unnecessary for professors to waste time teaching fundamentals in other courses. Thus more time

could be spent on the lab itself.

Labs are scheduled so frequently that instructors often do not have enough time to mark labs. overcrowding of labs makes it difficult for students to get the help they need from demonstrators. Many advanced courses are hardpressed to find qualified demonstrators for the labs.

The need to run labs fulltime makes it difficult for some students to carry on long term experiments since they have to move after each lab.

The biology department had hoped that with the creation of new courses students would be more spread out. Unfortunately this has not eased the situation.

Crowding is a problem for all in the biology building, and a walk through Loring Bailey is a good demonstration. Filing cabinets and minor equipment line the walls of the halls. The department would like to buy all of its equipment in bulk but this is not practical since there is no storage room for supplies.

Many people are going into

biology because of its popularity and some of those that specialize probably shouldn't be. A new awareness of the environment and the impact of medicine have also added to its popularity. "The educated man of today should understand the sciences, biology in particular," said Dr. Wiggs. Fields

such as law and engineering are becoming interested in biology since the big fields of tomorrow are environmental law and engineering.

Although the biology department does not want to, the limitation of physical space may well force the necessity of restricting enrollment.

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Falling ice creates annual health hazard at UNB

Around UNB in the winter time, ice falling off the roofs of the various buildings is a hazard that has to be put up with. When Mr. Dawson of the Services Dept. was asked what was to be done about it this winter, he stated that they will block off the area where ice could potentially fall by putting up barricades and signs, like last year.

Another problem familiar to most students is the tile in front of the library, which becomes very slippery in winter time. Dawson replied that the tile presently in use is the "best the market supplies"

with respect to non-slip qualities, and that the tile company has no other solution to the problem.

When asked about the bumps on the road in front of the Forestry Building Dawson said that the reason the bumps are there is because there is a heated tunnel going underneath the road at that location. Therefore, the frost doesn't heave the ground up over the tunnel, whereas it does on the rest of the ground around it. The only solution is to wait until spring when frost thaws, and the gravel settles down again.

Ambassador to Chile should be investigated for conduct

TORONTO (CUP) — An investigation should be conducted into the Canadian ambassador's behaviour after the coup in Chile, John Rodriguez (MP-NDP, Niclebelt) told University of Toronto students recently.

Andrew Ross was not in Chile at the time of the military coup but returned shortly afterwards to find a small number of Chileans had taken refuge in the Canadian embassy located on the tenth floor of a downtown office building.

After his return, eyewitness accounts report the doors to the embassy were locked shut with an embassy employee posted outside. Ross's instructions were to allow in only those persons with a Canadian passport, Rodriguez said. Embassy personnel were under instructions to phone the junta authorities to come and get any further Chileans who were able to enter the embassy and refused to leave.

The government has acted "sordidly" in recognizing the junta so quickly, he said. When he asked External Affairs Minister, Mitchell Sharp, why Canada had acted so quickly, Sharp replied that other countries, such as the Vatican, had already recognized the junta.

However, Canada is not as neutral as she would like to appear. In 1971 the Canadian government cut off export credits to Allende's government, replacing them briefly in 1973 to close a five million dollar aircraft deal with the Chilean military command, Rodriguez remarked.

Dennis McDermott, Canadian United Auto Workers' leader who also spoke to the gathering, explained that this action contributed to the economic chaos in Chile. The "64 dollar question" is whether or not the Canadian government will continue the freeze now that Allende has been killed.



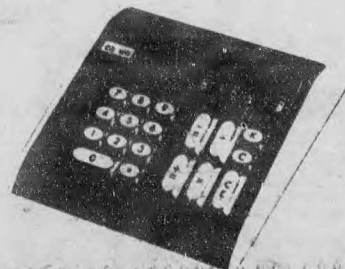
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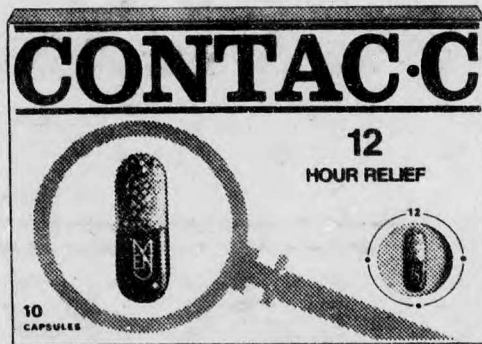
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