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Psychology department wants new requirements

By Lynne Keating

The Academic Planning Committee proposed a revised program description for the Psychology Department at the last Senate meeting. This proposal caused much debate and was sent back to the Academic Planning Committee, but it will be reviewed again on Friday.

The program description includes:

(1) Psychology 272 (Introduction to Psychological Research) becomes a required course.

(2) Psychology 271 (Statistics) and 272 become prerequisites for all 300-400 level courses except where extra-departmental prerequisites are accepted (e.g. Psych. 362).

(3) A student must have an average of 65% for all completed university courses to become a psychology major. Courses taken must include Psychology 271 and 272 and the student must have completed at least 16 university courses.

(4) A student must have an average of 65% in 14 psychology courses to complete a major for graduation, including the required courses in Psychology.

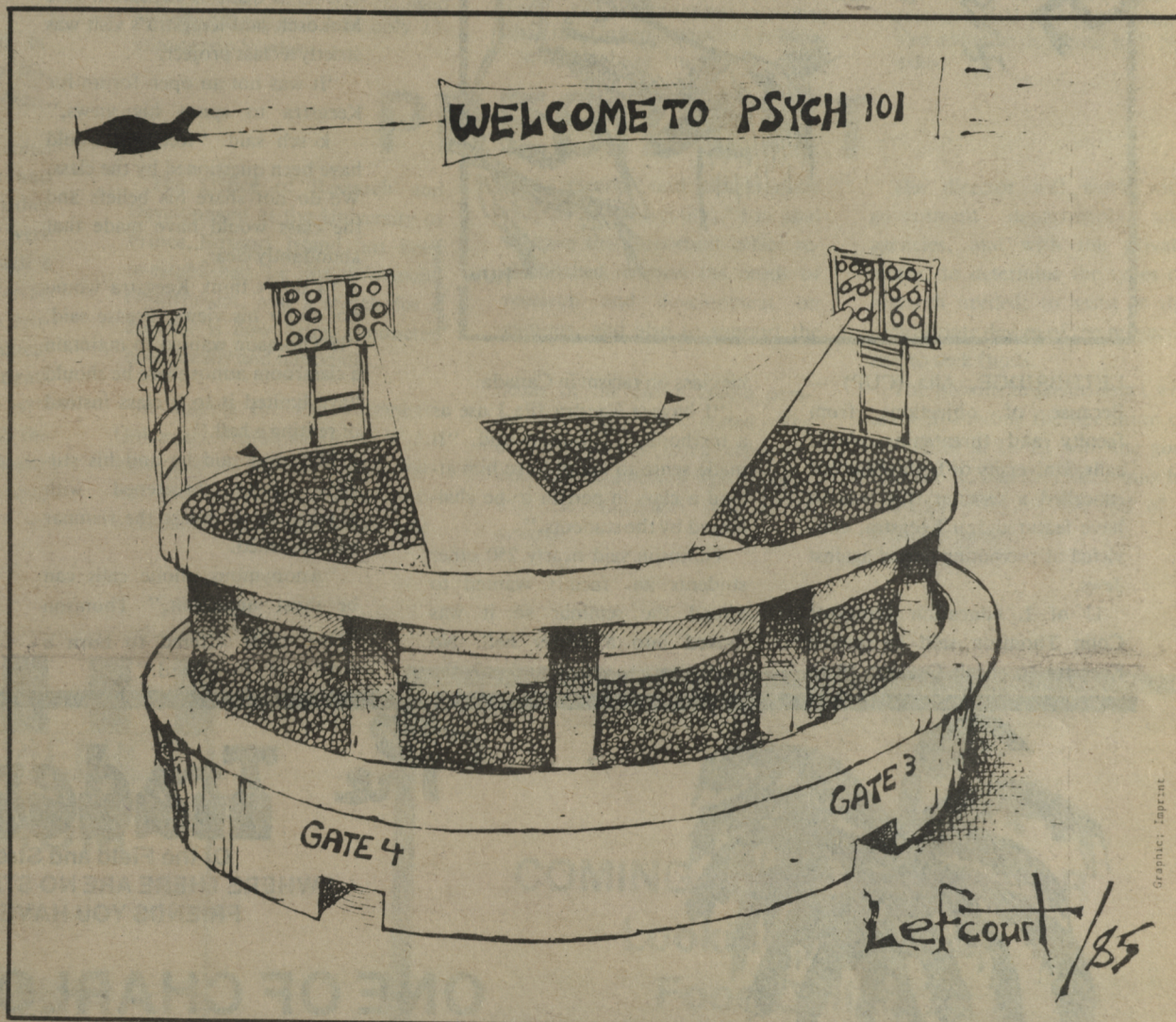
There is increasing concern about the maintenance of the quality of the Psychology pro-

gram given the growing enrollment, (Psychology enrollment has increased 57% since 1979), combined with the limited teaching resources, the proposals presented for size limitation in Psychology are intended to address this concern.

Students who planned on becoming psychology majors would have to declare their intent to the Registrar's Office anytime during their second year. However, no students are formally accepted as majors until the end of their second year.

According to the new proposals sent back to Senate by the Academic Planning Committee and which will be reviewed this Friday, Psychology majors would be chosen by an admission procedure: students with good academic records, a high level of interest and motivation, and future plans which involve psychology, would be chosen first.

When asked why these limitations would be placed on Psychology students, Professor Mazer (Chairman of the Psychology Department) replied "In order to be able to maintain the quality of the program we can no longer teach the number of students that we have been in the past."



Construction taking place on new facilities for the disabled

By Don Lane

As you may have noticed, entering the Kelley Memorial Building via the front door has been rather difficult lately. However, Mr. Don Coles, U.P.E.I.'s physical plant manager has estimated that all of the construction work will be finished (depending on weather conditions) within two weeks. Just in case you are still unaware of what all the work over there is about, Kelley's main entrance is being lengthened to include an additional door so that handicapped persons can access the building.

Kelley's original appearance will be kept basically intact, except for the removal of the first three steps and the landing. In its place, you can expect to see benches and flower pots on either side of the existing stairs, and an additional bench and flower pot beside the new concrete path to the lower door.

The M.P.H.E.C. allotted the University \$75,000 for alterations and renovations, but problems with Kelley's old freight elevator may increase the University's demand for funds. The elevator has not been used since the days when

Kelley was the University library. At that time, it was used to transport books from one level of the library to another, and was thus designated as a "freight elevator." After the renovation of Kelley many years ago, the elevator was shut down. The hydraulics of the

elevator still work, but it must pass inspection as a "passenger elevator" before it can be used again. For example, an emergency stop button, a telephone, additional interior lighting, a ceiling hatch, a pit ladder and a pit light must be installed, along with a list of seven other items. This totals

up to a cost of \$15,000. Mr. Coles said that the University will re-apply to the M.P.H.E.C. for the extra funding when a study to find any other additional-costs is completed.

Tenders for the work on other University buildings, such as Robertson Library and Duffy, are still open. The architect has not yet completed his drawings for these buildings, so nothing definite could be said about any re-design work. However, Mr. Coles did say that the south entrance of Duffy (the one facing the residences) would be the side where work would be done. Access

would be made possible to the main level, and then work would be on re-fitting the present ramp. It was hinted that an escalator may be built that the wheelchair could clamp on to. However this would not leave enough room to meet the present Fire Code. Therefore, more re-design work is being done.

The work on the Kelley building will definitely be completed by the Christmas exams, and the ramp that everyone is slipping on will be exchanged for a re-surfaced landing and stairs. You can expect to be allowed to walk on it four days after the concrete is poured.