

# Learning assistance program expands

*New programs designed to help students*

Located in the Robertson Library, the Learning Assistance Center has been in operation for the past five years. It has aided students with tutoring programs for anything from English to calculus and statistics. Along with a certified teacher who works with elementary students, the center has ten tutors in all. Most of the tutors are students in their third or fourth years, and are quite willing to assist anyone who is having troubles. Each tutoring session costs \$15.00 for non-students and \$10.00 for university students. Services are available Tuesday through Thursday 4:30-9:00 P.M. and appointments can be made by calling the center

at 566-0435. Victoria Johnston, part time coordinator of the Learning Assistance Center says this year's tutoring program is great, and the center has had a "fabulous response" from the students.

Last year the Learning Assistance Center jumped at the opportunity to use the old CEIC room as a teaching area. Now that they have more space, they have been able to develop more programs for students both in university and out.

This is the first year for trying out these new ideas. Mrs Johnston hopes that students will take advantage of the programs which have been developed for them. Although they do cost money, (prices ranging from \$5.00 to \$45.00), they are rather affordable and it is a great way to develop new skills.

The Speak Easy Program allows students to gain the confidence and the skills necessary to communicate their ideas to others, in the forms of discussion, seminar participation and social interaction.

In university, students have to do a lot of writing, which is why the Writing Lab was created. It helps students who are experiencing writing difficulties improve their writing skills.

Effective Reading: all students know that with university, there are a lot of required reading assignments, and this program educates students in becoming efficient readers. It helps students enhance their reading speed, comprehension, vocabulary, skimming and scanning.

University students also have to learn proper study skills. The Study Skills pro-

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gram was developed for students who want to develop their dexterity while attending university. Some of the topics they touch on are: time management, textbook and reading assignments, lectures, studying for tests and exams, and stress management.

All of these programs have been created to aid students throughout their university years, and in life. Although there has not been a lot of response from the students yet, Mrs. Johnston has faith in the programs. She realizes that it takes a little time for people to get used to something new, and she hopes that students will realize the importance of the programs.

The Learning Assistance Service wants to assist students as much as possible, and is willing to look into developing more programs for students who want them. They look forward to receiving suggestions from students.

The center's hours are:  
Monday 10:00am - 4:00pm  
Tuesday 10:00am - 9:00pm  
Friday 10:00am - 4:00

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*Victoria Johnston, part-time coordinator of the Learning Assistance Center*