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big class

The biggest class in the history of the University of Oregon stands to get even bigger than its is.

"Can Man Survive?," a student-originated SEARCH course, had nearly 2,000 students registered for it by the end of registration week, but Tim Parrott, SEARCH director, said the class is still open for students wishing to sign up for it.

Only 300-500 students were expected to sign up for the class, according to faculty organizer John MacGregor, assistant professor of sociology. He said the large interest shown by students demonstrates that the concern over the quality and condition of man's environment is "...a growing idea whose time has come."

The course was organized in response to a growing concern about man's environment and what he is doing to it. During the course of the class, students will seek answers to the problems of maintaining the quality of our environment in several areas, including pollution and population control.

Classes have been changed from Commonwealth Hall to McArthur Court because of the size of the enrollment. The first class will be Monday at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with another class taught by Arthur Pearl, professor of education.

MacGregor said Pearl agreed to share the court for the one class session. Pearl had originally scheduled the court for his class that night.

"Can Man Survive?" will have the court to itself for classes the rest of the term, MacGregor said.

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Now needed are more faculty members wishing to be discussion leaders. Parrot said the size of the class will require about 100 separate discussion groups, but that final arrangements for the groups have not yet been made.

Faculty members interested in being discussion leaders should contact Parrott at Ext. 1921 on campus or at 747-6027.

Community leaders and representatives of organizations are invited to attend the classes, MacGregor said.

Those non-university persons wishing to receive college credit for the course may do so by paying the regular Division of Continuing Education fee of either \$34 or \$51 for two or three hours of credit. More information on this will be available at the first or second meeting.

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