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"They're like a bad set of lungs," Herrick said.

"There's not enough air to provide the air turnover that's needed."

After taking organic chemistry a year ago, senior biology student Tanya Zeppelin agreed.

"The ventilation sucks," she said. "My experience with those labs is that you

walk out with a headache."

Herrick said by nature, the chemicals in an organic lab smell worse than those used in general chemistry labs.

Nolan said many of the foul—smelling compounds have a toxicity level, but students tend to take special precautions with them because of the strong smell.

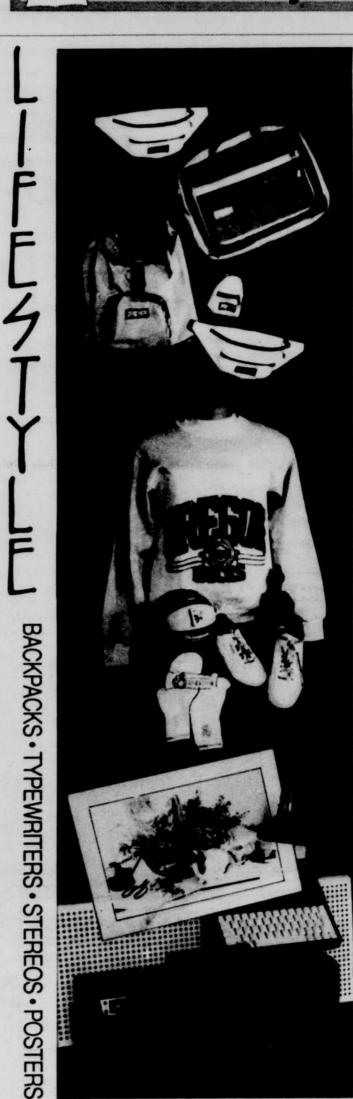
But he said the real danger may lie in the less odorous compounds used in high concentration, including petroleum ether, a common solvent in the lab.



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