

Scheduling Experiments in Chemistry 236

For the first two weeks of laboratory work in Chemistry 236, we used a "paper" sign-up procedure. However, for the rest of the term we will use an OASIS-style computer program. The procedures for accessing the program are similar to those for using OASIS (underlined quantities entered by user):

- (1) TELNET to ctrvax.vanderbilt.edu
- (2) username: CHEM236
- (3) password: schedule
- (4) Follow instructions in the program, as prompted. (If you encounter any difficulties using this procedure, let me know right away.)

Be sure to check that you have actually signed up for the experiment you intended. The sign-up program reminds you of your selection after you have chosen the setup number; and a second program pops up after you exit the sign-up program and lets you examine the bookings week by week and day by day. The fact that the selections are made by SETUP numbers (to the left in the program) rather than EXPERIMENT numbers has led to some confusion in the past, since we have two setups for each of experiments 2-4 but only one for the others.

Remember that it is essential that you use this program to schedule your remaining lab work. Since we have limited numbers of setups for each experiment, it is the only way for you and us to plan for your work in the lab each week.

Finally, a reminder that if all of you choose to do the remaining core experiments (2-4) as soon as possible, you will NOT all be able to get your first choices on the elective experiments (5-9). Thus, to ensure maximum choice for the latter, you should pick your elective experiments before we start up lab work again the week of October 27. This means that some of you will need to do these in weeks 3 and 4, postponing your core experiments to weeks 5 and 6. (Note that the sign-up program permits you to schedule your work for ALL weeks, not just the next week.)

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