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Asbestos search to cover entire campus

By MICHELLE MICHAEL
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University officials hired a consulting firm to seek and identify asbestos in anticipation of a stricter federal law governing asbestos in buildings that may pass, according to Richard Moore, director of special services.

"We've taken upon ourselves to do what we think the law is going to tell us what to do," Moore said.

The 1987 Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act was designed to provide people with training to handle asbestos properly. The federal law was delegated through the states and applies only to public and private schools K-12, according to Tom Martin, an industrial hygiene manager at the consulting firm Kemron Environmental Services.

All campus buildings except residence halls and Meadow Brook Hall are being canvassed for asbestos by the consulting firm, Moore said. He added that the inspection should end in a month.

Martin said that the law "doesn't apply to universities or colleges yet. This is a proposal fighting its way through Congress." If passed, it will enforce asbestos identification training in other institutions such as universities and post offices.

Kemron employees are assessing asbestos sites and making recommendations, such as removal or encapsulation of the asbestos, to OU in this investigation, Moore said.

According to Moore, every bulk sample costs \$18 to test and there are 70 to 100 samples tested per 200,000 square feet. He said that the project costs about \$80,000.

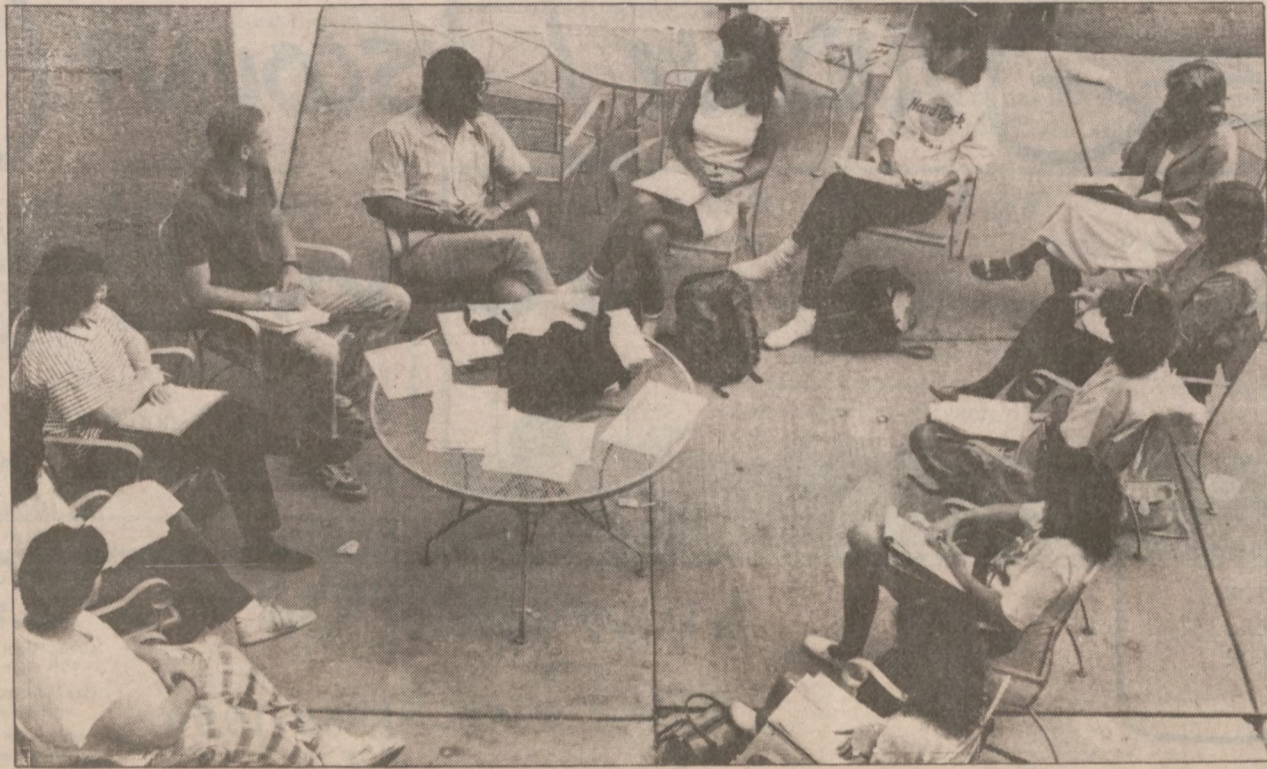
Nancy VanderWerff, assistant director of budget and finance, said that the state provides money for the capital outlay fund, which compensates for the entire investigation.

She said that \$80,000 of the \$89,000 left from the fund in the fiscal year 1987-88 is going into the asbestos investigation project.

The capital outlay fund is normally used for major repairs, such as replacing rooftops, she said.

A capital outlay request is filed with the state every year but not necessarily approved, said Patricia Bergh, Campus Facilities and Operations business manager.

Cool class



Richard Pippin, assistant professor of education, and his foundations of education class decide to take advantage of the warm weather Wednesday afternoon. The temperature reached 78 degrees.

Alcohol policy remains under consideration

By KATHY POMAVILLE
Staff Writer

While many other Michigan universities are taking decisive steps toward controlling alcohol consumption in campus dormitories, OU administration has not decided whether floor parties will be officially banned or if first-time violators of the alcohol policy will face mandatory enrollment in an alcohol abuse program.

The administration has not set a definite deadline for approving the new policies, according to David Herman, dean of students and Eleanor Lewellen-Reynolds, director of the residence halls.

"We've been attempting to put together a new policy to respond to students' needs," Reynolds said.

"RULES DEVELOP as a result of problems ... The time has come for this to happen," Herman said.

According to Herman, floor parties in the traditional sense -- students running from room to room and stashing booze -- are over.

However, students will be able to schedule a party for their floors in a designated room. Guards will be posted at the doors of the room to check students in and out. This will make it less convenient for students

to check into the party, then check out to run to their rooms and drink alcohol and return to the party, Reynolds said.

Although elimination of floor parties is not a "done deal," a room designated for parties is already under construction in Hamlin Hall and will possibly be ready by Sept. 30, according to Reynolds.

A WALL is being removed from the 4th floor to make the room large enough to hold more than 200 people.

"There have been numerous complaints about the damage caused by cigarette burns, broken furniture and thefts that occur during (traditional) parties," she said.

The alcohol policy, which states that students 21 and older are allowed to drink alcohol behind closed doors, has not changed from last year. Violators of the policy have the option of attending a three-part lecture series on alcohol, or going through the conduct system.

In the conduct system, a student who is found guilty of violating the alcohol policy could receive anything from a warning to a suspension, Herman said.

Through the educational series, information about alcohol will be passed along to the student.

"We're trying to make the discipline more educational than punitive," Herman said.

Barbara Talbot, a clinical psychologist at OU and administrator of the residence halls substance abuse program, says the program will be effective because it gives students information they don't have.

"Referral to the (alcohol abuse) group is not a diagnosis for alcoholism or abuse. It's prevention via education," Talbot said.

Keith Arnold, a resident assistant in Vandenberg, thinks that the students will realize in the end that these proposed policies will benefit them.

"I haven't heard any strong negative feedback. RAs are tired of dealing with the physical and verbal harassment during floor parties," Arnold said.

WHILE THE policies are being considered, University Student Congress is researching the "scheme of things" to insure students rights are not violated by making OU a "dry campus," Congress president Brian Murphy said.

"The law allows people the right to certain freedoms and responsibilities. We want to make sure those

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Sexual harassment allegations denied at OU labor center

By SCOTT YOUNG
Special Writer

The manager of the Labor Studies program on Friday denied allegations of sexual harassment made against him by current and former employees of OU's Ken Morris Labor Studies Center.

Labor Center internal memos obtained by *The Oakland Post*, detail several alleged incidents between the manager, Michael Long, and female employees dating back to fall of last year. Long was hired at the center in September, 1988.

No formal grievances were filed against Long under the university's administrative personnel policy. That policy states that sexual harassment includes sexual advances and any sexual conduct that could hinder work performance and create an intimidating and hostile environment.

The newly revealed allegations support harassment charges reported in the *Post* last week by Irene Lopez, a former administrator for the labor center, who was fired in May. She filed five separate complaints last year of sexual harassment against Long to David Cooper, director of the Center. According to Lopez, the complaints were never resolved.

Lopez was discharged from the labor center for taking medical leave after a university-designated doctor said Lopez was fit to work. Her own doctor said she should not return to the job. Lopez said depression and anxiety caused by the harassment forced her to take the leave. She is currently awaiting a formal hearing on her complaint against the university for wrongful discharge. No date has been set for the hearing. Lopez is currently unemployed.

According to one secretary, Lopez is just the latest victim.

"A lot of people have lost their jobs to this place," said the secretary

who worked for the center during the time of the alleged incidents and spoke on the condition of anonymity. She said she filed similar complaints against Long.

"The administration never investigated all of this," the secretary said. "We feel we're fighting a losing battle."

The secretary, who is still a university employee, said she filed five complaints against Long to Cooper. Among the complaints was the alleged distribution of a picture around the labor center office in October. The picture had the title "The Working Girl's Doodle Pad" and showed a naked man with his genitalia missing to be drawn in.

"I looked at the picture as he handed it to me and stated directly to him 'There is no place for this in this office,'" one secretary charged in a memo dated March 21, 1989.

Other allegations include comments reportedly made by Long to female office personnel about a computer sex game and about incidents of alleged verbal abuse including shouting and finger pointing.

The complaints, in written memos to Cooper, were all directed against Long.

"They never got to the grievance stage," the secretary said. "We should have pursued it."

Another incident involving Lopez allegedly took place in January at Meadow Brook Hall. According to a memo to Cooper from Lopez dated February 10, 1989, Long exhibited "inappropriate and unprofessional behavior" including angry outbursts toward her when she asked Long to relieve her at the end of her shift during a center-sponsored forum. Her complaint was strengthened by a March 21, 1989, memo from a center secretary who confirmed the outburst.

"I don't want it to look like it's just Irene's problem," said another secretary. See HARASSMENT page 3



President Champagne said that lobbying will be a priority this year.

Champagne addresses University Senate

The top priorities for the university this year will be funding, stocking the nearly finished Kresge library and bringing the proposed new science building "to a closer reality," said President Joseph Champagne at the University Senate meeting Sept. 21.

Champagne said trips to Lansing will continue to obtain more state funding. Currently, the state covers approximately 60 percent of the university's budget and tuition and grants make up the other 40 percent.

Champagne said the library, now in its final stages

of renovation, will be officially dedicated in November, and preliminary talks with architects about the proposed science building have begun.

A new six-member steering committee was approved at the meeting: Anne Tripp, associate professor of History; Daniel Braunstein, chairman of the Management and Marketing department; Joseph Hovanesian, chairman of me-mechanical engineering; Richard Pettengill, assistant professor of the library; Penny Cass, assistant professor of nursing; and student Lisa Stamps.

Actress Glenda Jackson leaves McGregor professorship vacant

By ANDY SNEDDON
Staff Writer

Honors College Director Brian Murphy thought the 1989-90 school year would bring the third prestigious MacGregor professor to Oakland University.

But that will not be the case, as Murphy was informed in July that actress Glenda Jackson will not be coming to OU this year.

"She said it was a family crisis that was throwing everybody's (her family) schedules out of hand. She added she's very sorry and she stressed the problem is domestic and not professional," Murphy said.

Jackson had initially accepted verbally the university's offer and plans were underway for her expected eight-month stay at OU. She then requested that the commitment be shortened to one semester.

Murphy and the university were agreeable and sent Jackson a second contract with the new terms.

In early June, the Academy Award-winning actress' London agent said that she had signed a contract to appear in *Whose Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*, and was scheduled

to begin rehearsals in the fall in Los Angeles.

"There was never a point when I was absolutely positive she was going to come," Murphy said.

"I'm very disappointed. It's a real loss. I'm sure if we'd actually had her here, it would have been extraordinary," Murphy said.

Murphy said Jackson, whom he called a female Olivier, would have taught two acting classes and been featured in two "Evenings with Glenda Jackson," similar to functions held with former MacGregor professors Kurt Luedtke and Virgil Thomson.

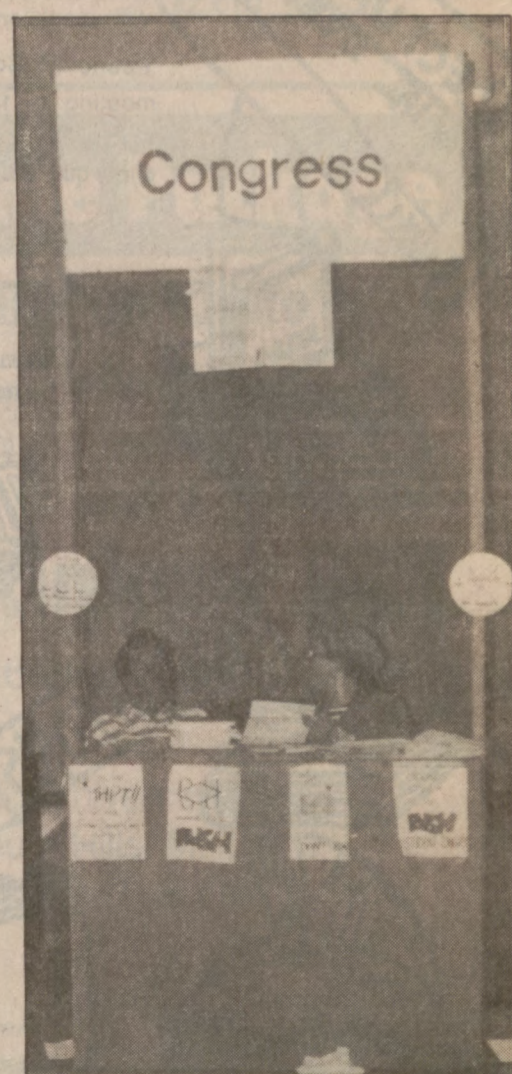
Murphy said Jackson "left the door open" to the possibility of coming to OU in the future.

Jackson won Academy Awards for her performances in *Women in Love* and *A Touch of Class*. She also won an Emmy Award in 1972 for a six-part British Broadcasting Company series entitled *Elizabeth I*.

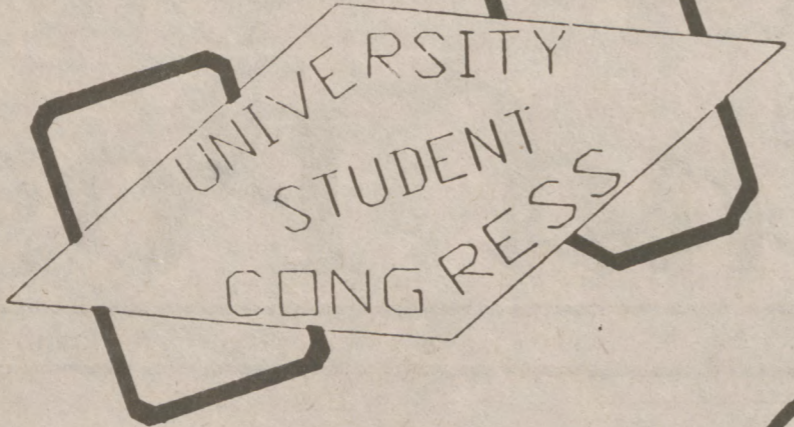
The MacGregor committee, humanities chairpersons in the College of Arts and Sciences, will meet in October to decide whether to reinvite Jackson or choose another prospective MacGregor professor.

In session

Tanya Long and Brian Brady member on the University Congress public relations committee, hand out pamphlets and answer questions for students as Congress held its own rush last week, trying to recruit members and to encourage people to vote in the referendum to change the Congress presidential voting span from three days in October to two weeks in November in conjunction with Winter registration. The motion was passed 106-4, with the voting being conducted on Sept. 18 and 19.



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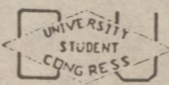


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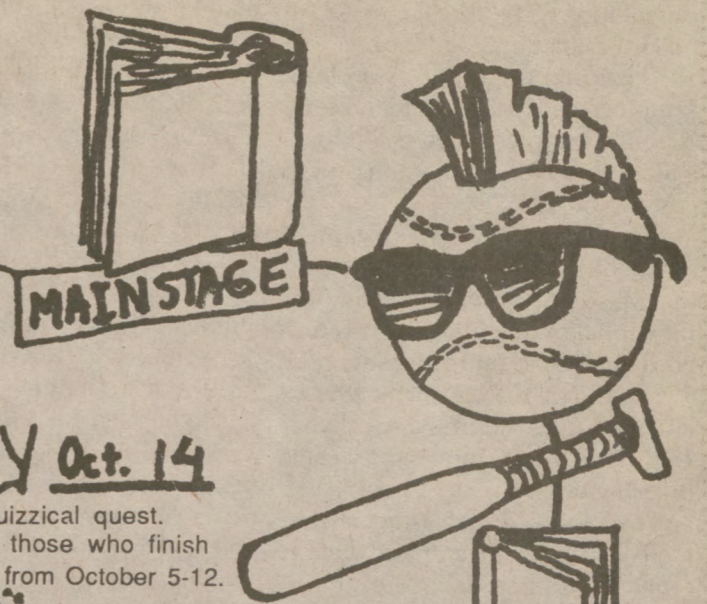


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William Brock Oct. 3

President of The Brock Group, Senator William Brock will speak on the challenges facing the European Economic Community as it faces the challenge of meeting its 1992 deadline for total Common Market unity. Will cultural differences impede this? Find out, 2:30 pm in the OC Crockery.

Foot Rally Oct. 14

Join a rigorous race to solve a quizzical quest. Exciting prizes will be awarded to those who finish first. Sign up in advance at CIPO from October 5-12.

Rondell Sheridan Oct. 12

SPB is proud to welcome the return of Rondell! A regular at New York's "Improv," his clean sense of humor is a breath of fresh air. You've seen him in Levi's 501 Blues commercials and in Stevie Wonder's Part Time Lover video. Now see him in his long-awaited return to OU.

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