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Custodial crew workers search for asbestos in Wilson hall

By MICHELLE MICHAEL
Features Editor

OU custodial staff is searching for asbestos in Wilson Hall, according to Richard Moore, director of special services. However, the reason for the search has not yet been revealed.

"We are running some tests," Moore said, but declined to give further comment over the phone saying that "asbestos is a sensitive issue."

Della Perry, UAW Local 1925 grievance committee chairwoman said that the UAW hasn't been informed of the latest asbestos search.

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**-Della Perry
UAW Local 1925**

Perry sites that one possibility for lack of information is that there is no airborne, or dangerous, asbestos in Wilson.

"The fact that it's there is no surprise," Perry said. She said there is asbestos in every building, specifically in floor and ceiling tiles and pipe insulation, but stressed that asbestos is not dangerous until it is airborne, such as during construction.

The Michigan Occupational Health and Safety Agency spoke with administration this year, she said. Part of MIOSHA's responsibility is to teach custodial crews to identify potentially dangerous building materials, such as asbestos.

"This could all be a part of MIOSHA's directive to educate the workers," Perry said.

Hats on



Lisa Fields helps Laurie Cole fasten her mortar board just before Fall commencement ceremonies yesterday afternoon at the Baldwin Pavilion. Fields received her degree in sociology while Coleman earned her degree in human resource development.

Dismissed employee accuses Labor Center of sexual harassment

By SCOTT YOUNG
Special Writer

A group of women faculty, community leaders have banded together to reinstate a former OU employee who was discharged in May, leaving behind many sexual harassment charges that have not been resolved.

Irene Lopez was fired from OU's Ken Morris Labor Studies Center five months ago after asking for a medical leave, according to Sharon Howell, associate professor of communications, who is leading the group of Lopez supporters who are trying to raise concern about the situation and sexism in general.

Lopez, 56, was the program specialist at the labor center, located in South Foundation Hall, for five years. She said that since the beginning of January she filed five formal complaints with David Cooper, director of the labor center, in compliance with the university's administrative personnel policies on sexual harass-

ment. None of the complaints were resolved, according to Lopez.

"It was very badly handled by David and the university," Lopez said.

The prime participant of the incident was an administrator of the center who was allegedly making "lewd comments to people, about people," Lopez said. "The first incident was a pornographic drawing which was distributed."

Lopez argued that the complaints were not addressed by Cooper as required by the personnel policy.

When we approached him about this he shrugged it off," Lopez said. "When I continued to complain he would say, 'What do you want me to do about it?'. He accused me of having a vendetta (against alleged harasser). One time he said, 'Why don't you just stay home.'"

"I haven't done nothing," Lopez said.

At the end of March, Lopez asked for medical leave from the center. See SEXISM page 3

University Congress Book Fair gaining in sales, popularity during second year

By CANDI SCHWARK
Special Writer

University Congress estimates that over 300 students participated in the Book Fair in its second year of operation.

The participating students, many of whom are seeking an alternative to the University Book Center's return policy on used books think the fair is a very good idea.

The majority sold at least one book and received one-half to two-thirds of the used or new price of the Congress provides this service at

no cost to the student. According to Eric Sowa, student services director, volunteers are the key to the operation and growth of the program.

"The Book Fair is organized and operated by students for students," he said.

In addition to Sowa, student organizers included Tonja Long, Chrissie Landry and Beth Wise. Each contributed to streamlining the process, promoting the event, or coordinating the finances.

For this year's fair, Congress incorporated the addition of a two-day book pickup period for unsold

books, which saved time and office space for Congress volunteers.

Sowa said that smaller colleges usually have some type of book fair because there is only one book store on campus. Large campuses such as the University of Michigan have two or three book stores to shop between.

Sowa said that students want to have a better dollar-return on the texts they purchase and no longer needed. He feels the Book Fair met their needs estimating that approximately 15 of the 300 students did not have books sold.

David Bixby, manager of the

University Book Center said he has no animosity toward University Congress for running the book fair.

"We have a good working relationship (with the Book Fair organizers). We're here to serve OU students. We'd like to think we do a decent job. If we don't, we hope they'll (the students) let us know," he said.

According to Bixby, the main job of the book center is "to see that students get their books." Eighty percent of the Book Center's business is textbooks.

Theft, an ongoing problem for the

book center, was a new problem at the fall book fair where five books were stolen.

"Even though the number seems small, it is costly to a non-profit venture," Sowa said.

"I have a lot of animosity for people who do that. You're stealing from your fellow brother or sister student. If 20 books were stolen, the Book Fair would have to be abandoned."

This fall the book center's introduced a new full book refund policy effective up to 10 days after See FAIR page 3

Program strives for good 'MARCS'

By P.J. PELLETIER
Special Writer

Despite enrollment shortages of students and mentors, MARCS (Multicultural Association for Retention and College Success) coordinators and participants walked away from the first meeting Sept. 12 with a positive outlook for its first year.

MARCS, a program designed to improve the retention of regularly admitted minority students, is set up to accommodate 100 students and 50 mentors who are matched by career interests.

At the first meeting, the program had only enrolled 48 students and 30 mentors. David Herman, dean of students, expects to fill the vacancies by the next meeting in October.

Students in the program are required to attend monthly lectures and workshops which are held twice-monthly and cover leadership, resume writing, time management and dealing with racism.

The first meeting featured a getting-acquainted session, guest speaker Beverly Payne and a reception.

Payne, former anchorwoman for WJBK-TV2 in Detroit, now owns her own communications company. She spoke on the importance of education.

"A special characteristic about smart people is that they learn," she said. Payne stressed to students that education provides options, that students should explore all of them and choose to build on one.

"A life of accomplishment is better than climbing an abstract ladder," Payne said.

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**-Yvonne McIntyre
MARCS Mentor**

Charles Shannon, president of the Black Alumni Affiliate Association, has been responsible for providing the program with mentors by sending out letters asking for support.

Shannon believes MARCS is "a lot of power at work" and that there will be more physical evidence of that in a few months.

Gwen Thomas-Shah, a 1981 OU graduate and one of the mentors for the program, is now president of

Promotions Unlimited, a marketing firm in Detroit. While attending OU she was involved in many student organization including University Congress and was presented with the Isaac Jones Award.

Thomas-Shah says she is participating because she wishes to share her experiences so that students will not make the same mistakes she made while attending OU and in her career.

"So many minorities don't have role models and need people to confide in or ask questions," she said.

Mentor Anthony Boganey, a 1988 OU graduate, Wilson award winner and former University Congress president, wishes to give students "something to shoot for" so they will have a better focus on what to do with their lives.

Another mentor, Yvonne McIntyre, would like to offer students support.

"I made it. They can make it, too. People are there to help them," she said.

One of the students in the program, Cher Coner, is looking to gain experience from people who have obtained their goals, so she can focus in the right direction. Coner, a resident student who hopes to gain insight into the medical field, be- See MARCS page 3

Mix up



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Sigma Sweetheart Brenda Buford, a sophomore music major, confers with Phi Beta Sigma president Eric Alston at the fraternity's welcome back mixer Sept. 13, in the Oakland Room.

Underpass to reopen under new owners

By CANDI SCHWARK
Special Writer

After the previous owners let the lease lapse, the Underpass Lounge, a popular spot for the over-21 OU crowd, should reopen soon under new ownership.

In the Fall of 1988, the nightspot made news when an OU student was involved in an automobile accident following an evening at the Underpass Lounge. She was underage and had used fake identification to gain entrance to the club.

New owner Bill Paulson said, "The closing was not related in any way. The former owner let the license lapse and closed (for good) the last day of spring classes."

Former owner Randolph Khan will be involved in the new operation, he said.

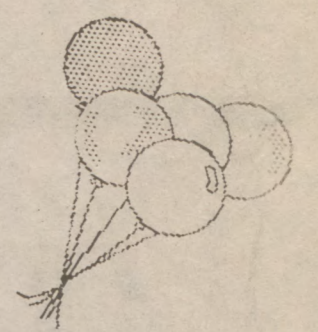
Paulson is supervising the final remodeling details and awaiting approval of the Liquor Control Commission. He hopes the approval will come within the next few weeks, but said, "The licensing process is slow."

Paulson says he wants to cater to the college student.

"OU fraternities are already call- See BAR page 3



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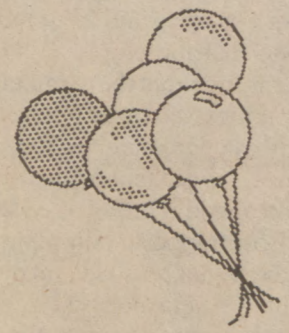
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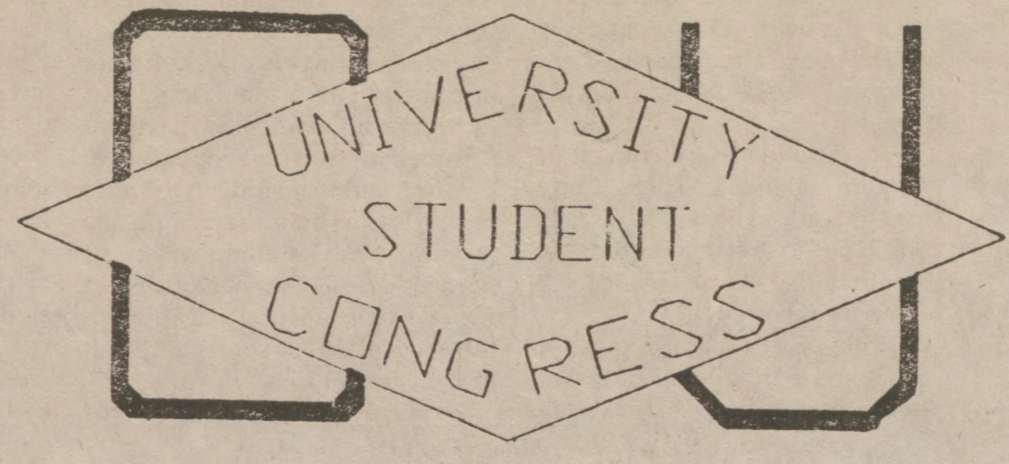
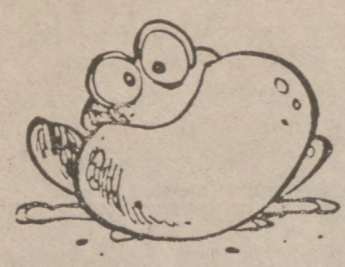
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