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Asbestos found in campus buildings

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Moyer Student Union was found to contain asbestos in early July according to dean of Student Services Robert Ackerman.

Because the asbestos problem was discovered all plans of renovation and remodeling of the Union had to come to a halt.

"Renovation is on hold until consultants can tell us best how we can manage the asbestos problem," said Ackerman. He also said that the asbestos is not a problem unless it's disturbed.

University Associated Consultants were hired to find a solution as soon as the problem was discovered. Thus far they have pinpointed all the locations of

the asbestos and have also made estimates of \$600,000 to remove the 100sq. ft. of asbestos found in the Union.

The budget for the remodeling and renovation of the Union consisted of one million and two-hundred thousand. This total did not include any emergency monies that may have been needed in a case such as this.

"Taking care of the situation and the student's health is a priority," said Ackerman.

Therefore, although it may not be in the budget, \$200,000 or more if necessary will be allocated for the purpose of cleaning up the asbestos.

Asbestos was also found in four other buildings on the UNLV campus. Those buildings are the Judy Bailey Theater, in which work has



Campus police moved into their new building on Tuesday, August 30.

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already begun, Wright Hall, the Carlson Education Building and an older portion of the James R. Dickin-

son Library, according to Harry Neel, UNLV Vice President for Business Affairs.

"Within the next week, MSU officials and consultants will be meeting in order to establish when MSU can begin renovation and how to deal with the asbestos problem," said MSU Director Theresa Chang.

Neon lights removed from new dormitories

by paige white

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Neon trim on the new dorms was recently removed because of concern for the university's image, President Robert C. Maxson said.

"Everyone wants this institution to be seen as a serious academic institution," Maxson said.

"Though neons are attractive, they don't seem to be

appropriate on university buildings," he said.

Maxson said he was contacted by many students, most of them upperclassmen, who were concerned that the neon would damage the credibility of the school.

UNLV has been criticized by the national press in the past, Maxson said, and it would be unwise to reinforce the negative image that has been created about the

university, Maxson said. He pointed out that usually the only two university buildings a visitor to the city sees are the Thomas and Mack Center and the new dormitories.

There has been no pressure from the local community to have the neon removed, Maxson said.

Dean of Student Services Robert Ackerman said he was responsible for the neon

appearing on the dorms.

"It's my fault, I never told him (President Maxson) it was there," Ackerman said.

"I didn't fight the argument to take it off," he said. "It attracted more attention than it should have."

Ackerman said he agreed with President Maxson that the neon did not look appropriate for a university building. It was a new but unsuccessful idea he decid-

ed to try.

There will be neon signs in the food court, where it will be more appropriate, once renovation in the student union is completed, he added. Neither installing or removing the neon cost the university money, Maxson said.

"You build a dorm for x amount of dollars and those dorms are not going to cost any more or any less," he

said. The new dorms were designed specifically with students in mind, Maxson said. Instead of erecting a traditional concrete building, university officials opted to go for a modern look.

The pink buildings, with their balconies, were intended to entice students to live on campus as well as to give the university a modern look, Maxson said, but the neon was too glitzy.

Buildings to meet fire codes

by lisa harris

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The retro-fitting that is bringing UNLV up to fire safety standards is partially done, physical plant engineer Howard Vander Meer said.

Work is being done on 16 buildings. The Fora Dungan Humanity Building, Ham Concert Hall, Judy Bayley Theatre, The Museum of Natural History, and part of the library are having sprinkler systems installed, Vander Meer said.

Other buildings are being equipped with easier to read exit signs and additional doors to make exiting the buildings and containing fires easier, Vander Meer said.

"After the fire of the MGM, the State Legislature passed stricter codes regarding fire safety," Vander Meer explained.

In 1982, a survey was conducted to determine which buildings would need to be retro-fitted, Vander Meer said.

The State Public Works Board is in charge of the retro-fitting projects, Vander Meer said, and when buildings would be worked on.

The plan was to enable the state to deal with the enormous task on an easier level, Vander Meer said.

UNLV and other structures around town fell into the third group of buildings that are finally being worked on. The project that was started in May of this year and will cost approximately

\$2.3 million, Vander Meer said. The work should be completed in April of 1989.

A separate project has also been started by the State Public Works Board. Recently another survey was taken concerning asbestos in campus buildings, including the humanities building and the library.

The State Public Works Board will determine if it is necessary to do additional work, Vander Meer said.

Police receive new dispatch center

The campus police are operating out of their new building, which opened Tuesday, Campus Police Chief David Hollenbeck said.

The building is located on Harmon Avenue, adjacent to the Herman W. Westfall Business Services Building.

So far, there have been few incidents for the campus police to respond to, Hollenbeck said.

The new center will make it easier to establish communication with the entire campus 24 hours a day, Hollenbeck said.

Call boxes will be installed in the near future, Hollenbeck said. The new dispatch center will make these boxes possible.