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OSHA investigates UNLV

Asbestos discovered in Lily Fong Geoscience

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UNLV is currently under investigation by The Department of Business Industry, Division of Industrial Relations, Occupational Safety and Health Enforcement Section, or OSHA, to determine if there was any negligence on the part of the university concerning safety and health standards with the Lily Fong Geoscience building remodeling project.

Several months ago the building, on the northwest side of campus, underwent remodeling by Addison Construction. After several weeks Addison discovered asbestos on site and informed the university of the problem. UNLV's buildings and grounds department sent in a team to remove the asbestos and after completion, the team reopened the building for construction.

After a short time, Addison again discovered what appeared to be asbestos on the site. The construction was stopped again, and the university hired outside licensed agencies, Advanced Installations and ABHAZ Environmental Sampling, to go in and do extensive removal and testing. The building was again pronounced clear, and construction has resumed.

When asbestos was suspected the second time, a complaint was filed with OSHA in regards to possible negligence on the part of the university.

Jimmy Garret, an OSHA official, confirmed that a complaint is being investigated by his department, but would not comment on the nature of fines, only saying, "anything is possible." Garrett would not comment on where the complaint originated.

Tom Flagg, UNLV News Bureau manager, said that permits were issued twice by the state for the university to conduct the asbestos removal. However, after the job was done, the state said they should not have issued the permits, and removal procedures should be discontinued.



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"Caution" tape blocks the entrance to the Lily Fong Geoscience building due to an OSHA investigation for asbestos concerning negligence on the part of the university for safety and health standards.

When asked about the OSHA investigation, Flagg said that he was not aware of any investigation, but that did not mean that there wasn't one. The school is not always notified when an investigation is being conducted. Flagg also said that the reason OSHA was involved was because Addison Construction requested a letter from OSHA to resume work. Flagg said that this was not necessary, and that the school could have declared the building safe.

Chuck Davison, project superintendent for Addison Construction, was not able to be reached for comment.

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LGBA kicks off National Coming Out Week

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Candace Gingrich, sister of House Speaker Newt Gingrich, will be the featured speaker at the Lesbian, Gay and Bi-Sexual Association's Town Hall Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 12.

The speech, which will be given in the Moyer Student Union Ballroom, will focus on the Human Rights Campaign Fund's National Coming Out Project.

The speech is in conjunction with the LGBA's series of events for National Coming Out Week, scheduled for Oct. 2-6. This is the first year the organization has sponsored events in observance of the week.

Seating for the Candace Gingrich Town Hall Meeting will be on a first-come first-served basis. Students are encouraged to arrive early.

Events began Monday with a discussion/seminar titled, "Growing Up Gay: Coming Out and Being Out".

The LGBA will host a lecture tonight explaining its role on campus. The program is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the Moyer Student Union, Room 201.

The LGBA will conduct a safer sex seminar that will be facilitated by Phil Burns, program coordinator for Campus Community Development, 8 p.m. Wednesday in MSU 201.

Thursday night at 8 p.m. is Movie Night, featuring a series of comedy specials produced specifically for National Coming Out Week. The showing will be held in MSU Room 201.

In observance of National Coming Out Day, the LGBA is holding a visibility march on Thursday at noon. The march will begin at the Flashlight and will continue on to Pida Plaza. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the march to support equal rights.

The LGBA is entering its fourth year at UNLV and

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Fees help development of student health center

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Thanks to the \$20 student health fee, UNLV's health center is "now comparable to other campuses with comparable population sizes," said Lori Winchell, director of the Student Health Center.

A 1992 study conducted on 11 university health centers by Northern Arizona University showed UNLV's operating budget was at least 50 percent less than most of the other 10 health centers with comparable enrollment.

The study showed schools with population sizes ranging

from 15,219 to 31,071 were given budgets between \$1.4 and \$3.2 million. UNLV's budget was \$462,000.

UNLV's 1994-95 operating budget was more than doubled to \$1.2 million, due in part to the student health fee which was implemented in 1992. Student health fees generated \$610,000, and the state gave nearly \$400,000.

Just over \$100,000 was paid by students for lab work and medication and \$92,000, or 25 cents per undergraduate credit, was allotted for repayment of the health center's building loan.

Although the seven-year-old

health center did not receive an increase in its budget this year, there are no plans to ask for an increase in the student health fee, Winchell said.

Before the fee's implementation, the health center, now in its second year in a new facility, was out of compliance with federal standards such as OSHA, the American Disabilities Act and the Clinical Lab Improvement Act, according to Winchell.

The fee has been one factor in bringing the health center in compliance with these federal regulations.

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Senate elections slated Wednesday, Thursday

Election booths will be set up at locations throughout the campus Wednesday and Thursday for CSUN Senate elections.

Students must show a valid picture ID with Social Security number to vote at any one of the following loca-

tions:

Flora Dungan Humanities building, the Moyer Student Union in front of the student government office, the Classroom Building Complex Building C, the James R. Dickinson Library, the Engineering Complex, Frank and Estella

Beam Hall, the Health Sciences building, the Dining Commons, and the Alta Ham Fine Arts Building.

Polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Undergraduate students only are eligible to vote.