

# Auditors examine work-study

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University auditors are examining Food-Op records of past fiscal years and will then check other organizations' work-study programs, according to Gary Powell of the internal audit division of the Chancellor's office.

"We are working on identifying the time period that may be involved," says Powell.

A preliminary audit of the Food-Op from July 1982 to April 1983 has shown an overlap of 361 hours on student's work-study timesheets — that is, time they were paid for when actually in class.

Investigators are now trying to determine how far back such misconduct goes, Powell says. That phase of the audit should be complete this week and the sampling of other programs will begin.

"We will be doing a test of some of the other programs to assure ourselves this hasn't been going on elsewhere," says Powell.

Other programs using work-study students are neither surprised nor alarmed at the possibility of being audited.

"I'm not surprised they're looking at other programs," says Scott Jones, assistant director of the Survival Center. The Survival Center, an ASUO program, has nothing to worry about and will not be changing any procedures, he says.

The EMU, one of the largest employers of work-study students and a University program, also plans no changes, according to director Adell McMillan. Appropriate changes will be made, she says, if the audit results indicate any are needed.

"I can't imagine any problems in this office," says Wendell Gilland, the Library's student payroll clerk. While there are only 40 to 50 work-study students during summer

term, the library hires as many as 150 when school is in full session, he says.

Work-study students are under close supervision at the library, says Gilland, and hours reported on timesheets are verified before being sent to the payroll office.

Another University program that uses many work-study students is the department of recreation and intramurals. Its summer director, Bob Moss, is not concerned about being audited.

"We've never had any problem with our work-study program," he says, adding that RIM has "always had good people" working for it.

RIM will employ four or five full-time, work-study employees when fall term starts but will hire 20 to 25 more as game officials.

Like the library and EMU, the University News Bureau has its work-study employees, which usually number six, follow precise guidelines under the close supervision of professionals.

"We use the University's own very strict procedures," says director Barbara Petura. And the bureau is not concerned about an audit, she says.

All work-study students, whether in ASUO programs or employed by the University, fill out identical timesheets and those sheets have been a

source of controversy.

Because the sheets only contain one "in" and one "out" box for each work day, it's natural students will mark a time that reflects how long they actually worked even if they did not work those particular hours, according to ASUO Vice Pres. Kevin Kouns.

The ASUO has recommended to the University's business office that those sheets be changed so accurate times can be reflected, says ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss.

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## Correction

Due to a reporter's error the front page article on the Food-Op July 19 referred to Walter McLaughlin, director of business affairs for the University, as William McLaughlin. The Emerald regrets any confusion that may have resulted.

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