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A new Jewish fraternity opened its doors Sunday and is looking for new pledges

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Brian Sander and Caroline Gibbs exchange recycling bins at the University Inn. Sander and Gibbs are two of 40 students who work in the recycling program, which collected 155 tons of recyclable material last year.

Student campus program recycles tons

■ ENVIRONMENT: The grassroots program recycles materials — and saves the University money

By Amy Columbo
Student Activities Editor

The University recycled about 155 tons of cardboard, glass, tin, plastic and paper last year and saved the University more than \$130,000. It was the campus recycling program that collected and transported these materials, a program founded in 1991 as the result of student organization.

"This totally came out of student grassroots organizing; that's the killer thing about it," said Karyn Kaplan, manager of the University's Campus Recycling Program.

"We started out with no space, no

budget and now we're one of the largest student employers," she said.

About 40 students work to gather the recyclable materials at more than 600 paper sites, 70 cardboard sites, 100 beverage container sites and 16 round, trash can-looking public sites around campus.

Students, faculty and staff members continue to recycle more each year. The University produced 2,593 tons of waste during 1994-95, down 5.6 percent from the previous year.

Students voted in a 1994 ASUO elections to increase incidental fee support of the program to \$2.00 per student, per term. Students provided about \$100,000 of the program's budget from incidental fee money, and the other half is matched by the University's Physical Plant.

Kaplan said Campus Recycling is

working on a big project with the custodians to see more waste recycling across the campus, especially in offices.

"Most office waste is paper; the average person working in the office produces 1.5 pounds of paper," she said.

This is where the educational aspect of recycling becomes important. Mary Ladner, the student recycling coordinator, said students employed through the program help to educate the community about how to recycle.

They do presentations in the dorms, design advertisements and brochures with recycling information and help plan activities during EARTH Week.

"The education part of it is the key; it's the answer," Ladner said. She emphasized that people should also try to buy items with little packaging and reuse them whenever possible.

Search is on for two lost students

■ MISSING: Two University students failed to return from hiking in the Three Sisters Wilderness last weekend

By Brian Womack
Higher Education Reporter

Searchers are continuing efforts to locate two University students who have been missing since last Saturday in the Three Sisters Wilderness area.

As of Tuesday evening, searchers had not found Michael R. Casey, a physics major from Chico, Calif., or Frank Allard, a co-resident assistant at Thornton hall who is from Carmel, Calif.

The pair were reported missing on Monday just before noon. They had planned on returning Saturday night, according to a Lane County Sheriff's press release.

On Tuesday, more than 30 searchers looked for the pair along the west flanks of the North and Middle Sisters mountains, the press release said. However, searchers were unable to reach the 10,000 foot peak because of severe weather conditions.

The weather is expected to bring snow levels down to 4,000 feet as winds of 50 to 60 miles per hour pound the area, the press release said. Conditions could improve on Friday.

Today, more than 50 people are expected to be involved with the search.

Friends of the students say neither of them have hiked the area before, the press release said.

But Allard is an experienced outdoors person who has taken several classes in the University's Outdoors Pursuits Program, said James Blanchard, who directs the program. Casey is currently enrolled in a Wilderness Survival class.

Emily Eldien, co-resident assistant at Thornton hall, said, "[Allard] is really cognitive of survival techniques."

Blanchard said this will improve the students' chances of being found alive.

"Because of their experience, they have a better shot at [surviving]," he said. "It would not surprise me if searchers found them alive and well."

He said he hopes that one of the students had

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University could get more money for research through corporation

■ MONEY: Board is considering a corporation that would allow private research dollars

By Brian Womack
Higher Education Reporter

The University may be collecting more money for research next year if the state higher education board approves a new corporation that can secure more private industry dollars.

The state constitution does not allow private industry to fund research at the University with equity, such as stock options, said Steadman Upham, dean of the graduate school. The new corporation would be set up separate

from the University, allowing those dollars to flow in.

Currently, private industry can funnel research dollars into areas such as grants, Upham said. These transactions are carried out by the Office of Technology Transfer when researchers at the University want new discoveries to be made for commercial use.

If the corporation is approved, the OTT will be dissolved, and its staff will move to the new corporation, said Upham.

The issue of whether to allow the corporation to start up will likely be decided either at this month's board meeting of OSSHE or at the following meeting, said Joseph W. Cox, chancellor of the state system.

He said there is a "good deal of

support" from board members for the new corporation.

If the University does get this corporation, it will not be the first, Upham said. Universities across the nation have set up these kinds of corporations for several years now.

The University's corporation is based on one of the biggest corporations, located at the University of Wisconsin. Upham said it is pulling in millions of dollars because of its discovery of vitamin B several years ago.

"All you need is one invention or discovery that's a hit," Upham said.

He said he hopes to have the corporation financially self-sufficient in 10 years.

Much of the cost for research-

ing can add up when paying for patents, which can cost tens of thousands of dollars, he said.

However, the corporation will add more than just research money. It will also add an emphasis on marketing the discoveries by researchers at the University.

The new corporation will seek to build a relationship with private industry to increase the flow of dollars both through stocks and other funding channels such as grants, Upham said.

He said because the federal and state dollars for research are beginning to dwindle, the University needs a corporation.

Tom Mossberg, professor of physics, said the new corporation would be a good idea because of the shrinking state dollars for

research.

"When you go through the state channels, it is incredibly difficult [to get money]," he said.

Mossberg has already had some of his work patented — including a new way of storing information that can be hundreds of times faster than compact discs.

The money needed for research and patents would not go directly to specific researchers, but to the corporation.

A committee made up of faculty and administrators will decide how the dollars generated by the corporation will be allocated to research projects, said Roger Chope, chairperson for the faculty advisory committee for the new corporation.