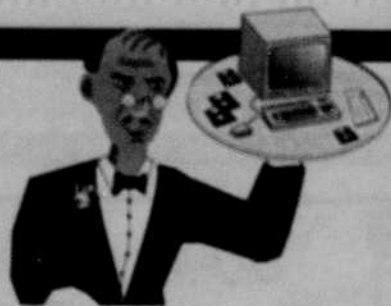


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In order to call attention to the contributions of women over time, Women's History Month begins today.



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Sigma Chi's behavior costs frat its local charter

■ **REVOKED:** Fraternity members blame past lawsuits, hazing practices

By Regina Brown
Higher Education Reporter

Members of Sigma Chi fraternity are scrambling to find a new place to live because their international organization yanked their charter after deciding that the chapter is a liability, said Mark McClung, chapter president.

The nearly 40 members of Sigma Chi must be out of their house, located at 1440 E. 19 Ave., by the end of the term, he said.

Executive members of the international organization fear the University chapter poses a liability problem because of lawsuits it faced about seven years ago when Sigma Chi lost a significant amount of money, he said.

In addition, McClung said that some administrators were unhappy with Sigma Chi's alleged hazing methods. The fraternity was cited for hazing last school year, but members have since changed their methods, he said.

But a Sigma Chi administrator said the chapter repeatedly violates the organization's standards of behavior. Executive board members voted to close the chapter because it failed to improve its conduct after a fall term probationary watch, international representative Mark Anderson said.

She's crafty



Creating a lithograph on limestone, Beth Mills, a fine arts grad student, works on a project for her lithography class. Mills currently has a show in Lawrence Hall's LaVerne Krause Gallery.

Fees, fines to increase next year

■ **CHARGES:** The increases will affect most departments, and include both parking and computer fees

By Cindy Long
Higher Education Editor

In a matter of 20 minutes, the hearing for proposed 1996-97 University fees, fines, penalties and service charges opened and closed.

Fee increases will wind their way throughout the University, with at least one increase showing up in most University departments.

Anyone who was interested in testifying had the opportunity to do so, but only University classified staff gave verbal testimony at the short hearing in the EMU Fir Room Thursday. They all spoke against an increase in parking permit fees.

Written testimony could be submitted until 5 p.m. that day, said Nancy Cameron, director of budget operations.

Increases will permeate nearly every University department, including several increases for course materials and computer user fees in the fine arts, biology and chemistry departments and the journalism school. The EMU Child Care and Development Centers proposed some slight increases in its fees as well. One of the most controversial proposals, however, is a 20 percent increase in parking permit fees.

Tom Hicks, director of campus operations for the Office of Public Safety, said the increase is the first since 1988 and is needed to make up for an increase in operations costs.

"The main intent of this fee increase is to make up for this shortfall," Hicks said.

Sharla Davis, who works in University archives, was one of four people to testify at the hearing. Davis said the increase is

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Women's History Conference to examine women's roles, impact

■ **PERSPECTIVES:** The weekend of events opens with "Java and the Muse" in Gerlinger Lounge

By Doug Irving
Student Activities Reporter

Too often, the study of history ignores half of those who participated.

That is the idea behind this year's Women's History Conference, today through Sunday.

"Traditionally, the history that people learn about is from only the white-male perspective," said Katy Anthes, events coordinator for the ASUO Women's Center. "We are trying to educate people about other perspectives because they are central to gaining a clear picture of the world."

The conference, titled "New Perspectives

on History," will examine the roles women have played throughout history and the impact they have had.

"We're trying to look at it a different way," Anthes said. "There's a lot more to history than wars and presidents."

The Women's Center expects about 200 people to attend the conference, although Anthes said some workshops may be less popular and some more. The entire conference is free of charge, but donations are welcome.

Although the conference is sponsored by the Women's Center, other student groups will hold specific workshops. MEChA will present a history of Chicana women, while Students for Choice will discuss the history of abortion.

"Women from all walks of life, women of color, women with disabilities, women

of all ages and women of all sexual orientations have contributed to society and deserve to be recognized," Anthes said.

F.A. Loomis, the keynote speaker, will talk Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. in 133 Gilbert Hall. His great-great aunt, Dr. Mary Rowland, was one of the earliest female doctors in America and practiced in Oregon. Loomis edited Rowland's book, *As Long as Life, the Memoirs of a Frontier Woman Doctor*, and will discuss the book during his lecture, Anthes said.

"This was just really timely because there's been a lot of national attention on the book," she explained.

The conference will open tonight at 6 p.m. in Gerlinger Lounge with an opening ceremony. "Java and the Muse," a coffee house with women entertainers, will follow the opening ceremony. The Women's

Center has held this event before, and it's worked well in the past, according to Anthes.

"It's a showcase of women's talents," she said. "It's sort of a way for women to get together and empower themselves."

People are welcome to come and go as they please from the conference, Anthes said. The Women's Center hopes people of both sexes attend.

"It's for everyone and we're trying to do as much outreach as possible," Anthes explained. "It's for women to reclaim their history, but it's a chance for men to understand more history."

The conference is the first Women's Center event in March, which is women's history month. The Women's Center will also sponsor an International Women's Day celebration on March 9.