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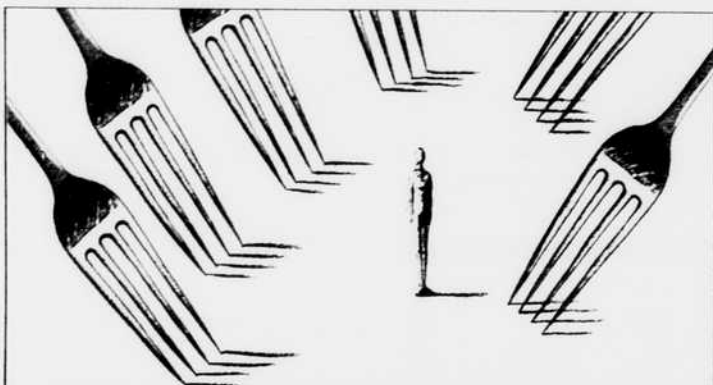
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Law: UO has inaccessible areas

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buildings. "People still build stuff and don't make it accessible," Solomon said. Some buildings on campus are not accessible.

"The EMU is a horrible place in terms of access," Butler said. "There are many places you just can't get to."

ASUO President Bill Miner said while the University is dedicated to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, some of the campus is still in violation. Miner cited places such as the EMU's International Lounge and Emerald offices.

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The ASUO is trying to create a position that would deal solely

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with disability issues, Miner said.

While some high-profile disability rights cases gain national prominence, organizers said there is much more to be done for ordinary, everyday access issues.

Representatives from the

American Sign Language program, Mobility USA, the Commission for the Blind, the University Disabilities Services and others gathered in the EMU Wednesday night to raise awareness.

"There's over 500 disabled people on campus," said Jill Schwarzkopf, the representative for Disability Services, whose office provides interpreting, assistance and special equipment such as braille maps.

Solomon said disability law is a relatively new area, and the Law School does not teach any classes in the area. "With the Martin case there's some public sympathy, but the discrimination is still there," she said.

"You should find a person in a wheelchair and spend a day with them," Solomon said. "It will really open your eyes."

Company uses high-nicotine leaf

A tobacco executive said the leaf is used in cigarettes sold overseas

By Todd Lewan

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — American cigarettes packing genetically altered, high-nicotine tobacco are being exported to Asia, the Middle East and Western Europe, according to a deposition by an official of the third-largest U.S. cigarette maker.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. adds twice as much of the nicotine-rich leaf to cigarettes sold overseas as it does to brands marketed in the United States, said Roger Black, the company's director of leaf blending, in a deposition for New York state's class-action lawsuit against the major tobacco companies.

The Jan. 16 deposition was conducted in private, and tobacco industry lawyers requested it remain confidential. However, a state Supreme Court judge unsealed the transcript Thursday.

During his deposition, Black testified that:

■ The Viceroy King Size and Viceroy Lights cigarettes the company exports to Europe, the Middle East, Hong Kong and other parts of Asia are 6 percent high-nicotine tobacco.

■ Brown & Williamson uses the genetically altered leaf in at least eight brands sold in the United States. Black mentioned Prime, Summit, Raleigh King Size, Raleigh 100s, Pall Mall Plain King Size, Lucky Strike Plains, Raleigh XLP and Private Stock. The company last week said Richland also used the leaf. These brands are 2 to 4 percent high-nicotine leaf. The reason for the lower levels for American cigarettes was unexplained.

■ Hundreds of strains of high-nicotine leaf have been devel-

oped, and at least five have been used in Brown & Williamson cigarettes sold in the United States.

■ Souza Cruz, a Brazilian company owned by BAT Industries, the same British conglomerate that controls Brown & Williamson, supplied Brazilian-grown high-nicotine tobacco used in the American cigarettes. Souza Cruz most recently shipped the tobacco to Brown & Williamson in 1995 and 1996.

■ A small quantity of genetically altered, nicotine-rich tobacco, code-named Y-1, was grown in Kentucky in 1984 and 1985 and added to Brown & Williamson cigarettes sold in the United States.

Black's deposition confirmed an Associated Press report in December that Brown & Williamson had begun work on the genetically altered, nicotine-rich tobacco plant as early as 1981, and that the Brazilian company has been growing large quantities of the tobacco for the world market from seed originally supplied by Brown & Williamson.

Y-1 was the product of state-of-the-art breeding techniques, including processes known as fusion and hybrid sorting.

The FDA first learned in 1994 that Brown & Williamson had been using the nicotine-rich leaf in American cigarettes in 1993 and 1994. After the FDA informed Congress of this, the tobacco company admitted that up to 11 percent of the content of five of its brands was Y-1. It assured the FDA that it would stop using Y-1.

Black, in his deposition, said the company had also used Y-1 in 1992. He said executives ordered the 1994 halt because they feared bad publicity.

"I think that was totally a public relations issue and that they

wanted to take it out," he said.

However, the deposition shows, the company quietly resumed use of the high-nicotine tobacco a year later.

Thursday afternoon, Brown & Williamson issued a statement saying the use of genetically altered tobacco doesn't mean people are smoking cigarettes with higher nicotine levels. The company said it blends nicotine-enhanced leaf with weaker tobaccos, and produces a variety of brands with varying nicotine levels to satisfy smokers' differing tastes.

Mark Smith, a Brown & Williamson spokesman, said the company "did not use Y-1 in order to raise nicotine deliveries" in its cigarettes. Y-1 tobacco is "perfectly good tobacco. It doesn't change the nicotine content of the brand," he said.

Smith said Brown & Williamson has stopped growing and importing Y-1 tobacco. It will continue putting it in cigarettes only until it has used up its existing stockpile of 3.5 million pounds, he said, adding that will happen in early 1999.

Smith said the company had decided to stop using the tobacco because cigarettes containing it were unpopular with consumer test panels. This statement contradicts Black's sworn testimony. In his deposition, Black said products containing Y-1 "tested better in the consumer product test. The consumers seemed to like that product better."

Black's deposition could prove a significant development in state lawsuits against cigarette companies and in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's drive to regulate the industry on grounds that cigarettes deliver an addictive drug. Prosecutors in a Minnesota state suit against the tobacco companies are already seeking the deposition.

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