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Bookstore fumes irritate employees

The nonhazardous fumes were a byproduct of the cleaning chemical Nuegenic, used to clean glue and asbestos residue

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Family/Health/Education Reporter

The University Bookstore's doors will be wide open for most of the week because of chemical fumes lingering in the building. The fumes were discovered Tuesday morning after several bookstore employees complained of headaches. Several employees went home sick, and one cashier, Robert Findlay was taken to Sacred Heart Medical Center's emergency room and later discharged, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

The fumes were a byproduct of the

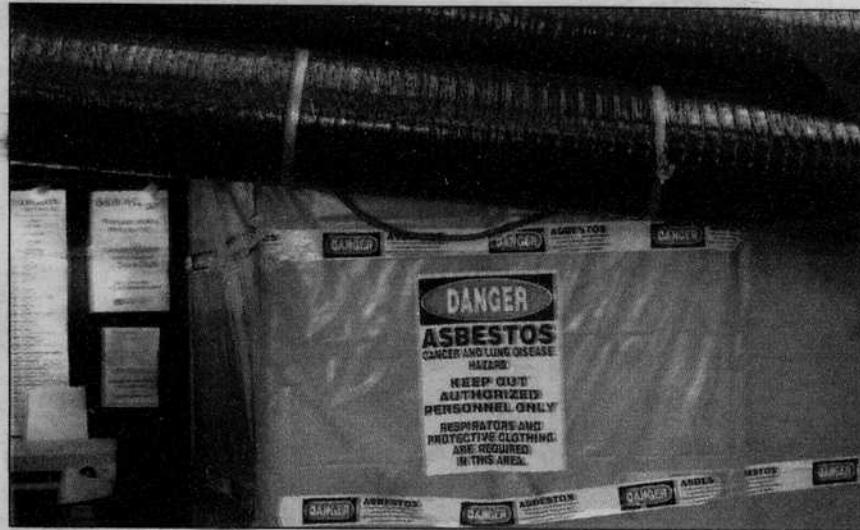
chemical detergent, Nuegenic, which is being used to clean residual glue and asbestos from the bookstore floor during remodeling.

University Bookstore general manager Jim Williams said the construction of the new tile floor is another stage of the bookstore's remodeling, which has been taking place during the past six months.

"We've been replacing and removing all of the floors in the bookstore," Williams said. "ATEZ comes in and seals the area then takes up the tiles; everything is done professionally. There is no risk of exposure to asbestos."

Williams said scent-sensitive employees were affected by the residual odor of chemicals, not exposure to asbestos. He compared the toxicity of the fumes to

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The University Bookstore will be aired out for a few days after several employees became sick from fumes. The fumes arose from a chemical used to clean glue and asbestos residue from old tiles.

Scott Abts Emerald

DEFINING queer film

Coordinators of the Queer Film Festival believe it will appeal to a wide variety of tastes, and they expect a diverse crowd

Ryan Bornheimer

Senior Pulse Reporter

A University tradition continues this weekend when the UO Cultural Forum presents the 11th Annual University of Oregon Queer Film Festival. The event, which addresses varied topics from gay fatherhood in America to drag performance, begins at 8 p.m. Friday and continues through Sunday.

Festival Coordinator Jamie June said filmgoers can expect something a little different from this year's collection of short and feature-length entries in the event, entitled "Queer Cinema (Re)defined."

"The centerpiece of this year's festival is the notion of presenting a broad representation of what queer

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Danielle Hickey Emerald

Liz Lessner, visual arts coordinator for the Cultural Forum, puts up art for the Queer Photo Show, which will augment the film festival.

Con Court vote drops Emerald PFC grievance

The court stopped PFC's recall process, after the editor in chief's petition was submitted for review; PFC can now move forward with its agenda

Jennifer Bear

Campus/Federal Politics Reporter

The ASUO Constitution Court voted unanimously Tuesday evening to dismiss Emerald editor in chief Michael J. Kleckner's grievance against the ASUO Programs Finance Committee.

The court had issued a temporary halt to PFC's budget recall process after receiving Kleckner's petition for review on Friday, but PFC can now move forward with its agenda.

In his petition, Kleckner asked justices to rule that it was unconstitutional for PFC to vote on or conduct recall hearings because it has no specific procedures or protocols regarding the recall process in its bylaws. Additionally, Kleckner asked the court to issue an injunction because he wanted the protocol issue to be addressed before the Emerald's recall hearing, which had originally been scheduled for Monday.

The court said it decided not to hear Kleckner's grievance because he hadn't gone through the established channels of first addressing his concerns to the ASUO Programs Administrator and then the ASUO president before appealing to the Constitution Court.

Although the court chose not to rule on the grievance itself, Chief Justice Megan Macy issued an opinion on the interpretation of PFC's bylaws regarding recalls. Macy stated the committee does not need to publish "explicit rules governing a recall proceeding." She argued that because PFC stated in its bylaws that it would follow "Robert's Rules of Order" as a

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WEATHER

Today: High 52, Low 40, partly cloudy morning

Thursday: High 50, Low 42, rain showers

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday
University Assembly will meet Feb. 28 to hear resolution on Iraq

Friday
Author David Horowitz will speak on campus during the weekend

DPS looks into masturbation reports at library

The Department of Public Safety gave trespass letters to suspects accused of masturbating at the Knight Library

Caron Alarab

Safety/Crime/Transportation Reporter

Two men have been accused of, but not cited for, indecent exposure within the past two weeks after similar yet unrelated incidents of alleged masturbation at Knight Library.

Both suspects were issued letters of trespass by the Department of Public Safety, but because of a lack of evidence, Eugene Police Department officers were unable to cite the accused for indecent exposure.

In response to the most recent incident,

which occurred Monday, Associate University Librarian Andrew Bonamici said more students need to be aware of the crime and their surroundings when studying in the library.

"This is criminal behavior," he said. "We really appreciate it when other patrons pay attention and support DPS in its role to enforce campus safety."

On Monday, a male staff member called DPS at 4 p.m. to report a person masturbating on the fourth floor of the Knight Library. By the time DPS and assisting EPD officers arrived at the scene, the suspect had relocated. A witness assisted the officers in finding the suspect. The suspect was then issued a letter of trespass after an extended conversation with DPS on the main floor of the building.

"We take these incidents very seriously," DPS Associate Director Tom Hicks said.

Despite witness descriptions and accounts, EPD officers could not issue a citation, partly because they did not catch him in the act.

"It's a little more difficult to gather evidence for these incidents," Hicks said.

The suspect was then escorted off the premises and instructed to stay off Knight Library property.

On Feb. 4, a female subject called DPS at 2:30 p.m. to report a male suspect masturbating in the library. As was the case with the most recent incident, the suspect relocated from the fourth floor before DPS and EPD officers arrived, and there was little evidence for

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