Student Center Cleared As Electric Motor Smokes

By Brian Rosenberg

A motor, located in a ventilation unit in the fourth floor office of Alpha Phi Omega, probably overheated from a short circuit, according to Michael E. Kahn, deputy chief of the Cambridge Fire Department. Kahn said there was nothing unusual about the event. "Wiring is the third most common cause of fires in the home," he said. "This is a common problem, something that happens during normal wear."

You're not going to stop this from happening again," he added. "The motor started smoking and sparking, but I didn't see any flames," said Calvin K. Clark '89, an APO alumnus who was alone in the office at the time. "I pulled the fire alarm as soon as I saw it getting bad," he said. "People had been saying there was a little smoke [coming from the ventilation unit] for a few days," he added.

Several student activities were interrupted by the alarm. "We were doing first dancing, and the alarm fit right in with the music, so it took us a while to figure out that it was going off," said Art Troschken '89.

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"It's a lot faster, especially when working with a lot of windows and printing," said Adela Konit '93.

"They're cool, they've got color," Lois H. '95 added.

"The new machines all have 3½-inch drives which are nice for making backups," Todd T. Foley '94 said.

The main complaint among students, however, is that there are still not enough machines. Some also complain that the remote display system remains slow; they propose replacing the display workstations with faster models.

"It is great for power computing but there is still no decent, user-friendly word processor and not enough workstations which would really help the average user," said Sumit Basu '95.

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