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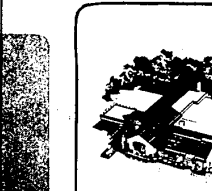
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What's U-M To Do With Its Laboratories

ANN ARBOR
Willow Run Laboratories, a major research arm of the University of Michigan, is heading for a change. U-M officials are considering two alternatives.

One is to transfer some or all Willow Run activities to the U-M College of Engineering. The other is to separate Willow Run from the university and affiliate it with an independent nonprofit research organization. One such organization, Battelle Memorial Institute of Columbus, Ohio, is currently discussing this possibility with University officials.

WILLOW RUN has conducted multidisciplinary research in the engineering and physical sciences since 1957, largely supported by the Defense Department. In recent years it has become financially pinched because of changing military priorities. It has also become the focal point of campus controversies over military research.

Willow Run's defense-related research has had important civilian applications in the past 15 years. From it have come major advances in computer science, earth-resource surveys, geology, laser technology, optical processing, three-dimensional lensless photography, and other fields.

Over the past three years, the annual volume of research at WRL has declined from about \$12 million to around \$8 million. Personnel has been correspondingly reduced, because of complete dependence on outside funds.

DEFENSE AGENCIES have severely cut support for WRL's

kind of wide-ranging, long-term research. The concentration now is on research and development of more immediate military usefulness. Funding tends to be for projects at a time. Congress seems to favor this approach.

Furthermore, campus controversies over classified research have raised questions about what kinds of research contracts universities should continue to accept and fulfill. So the expectations of support are not favorable, unless the Defense Department funds for basic research are transferred to an agency such as the National Science Foundation.

A. Geoffrey Norman, U-M's vice president for research, and Dean Gordon J. Van Wylen of the College of Engineering appointed a committee last April to consider the position of large, interdisciplinary research laboratories (particularly WRL) within the university, and to recommend how they might be organized to maximize their contributions to the University's goals.

IN SEPTEMBER the committee recommended that WRL be separated from its parent organization, the U-M Institute of Science and Technology, and integrated into the College of Engineering.

A second recommendation was that this program's funds be kept separate from the university's general funds. The college reviewed the problem and recently proposed incorporating "subsidiarized" portions of the laboratories, provided that financial policies to support large research operations can be developed.

Christmas Theme Closes Film Series

DEARBORN
The famous early movies series at the Henry Ford Museum previews Christmas with a zany comedy and a children's classic Sunday, Dec. 14.

LAUREL and Hardy get things underway, starring in "Big Business" as Christmas tree salesmen in Italy. California. Peace on earth, goodwill to men turns into a private war with Jimmy Finlayson, a war that nearly devastates the entire neighborhood. By the end of this delightful short film, however, the Christmas spirit prevails.

Completing this Christmas program is an extremely rare film of the ageless children's story, "Rumpelstiltskin." This 1914 version stars Clyde Tracy and Elizabeth Surbridge Tally. It includes all the elements of magic and suspense that has made the story a favorite for generations.

Winners Named

Mrs. Marilyn Jenks of 28926 Leamington, Farmington, received the "best of show" award at the close of the Farmington Artists Club Fall Exhibit. The show featured 184 entries from 50 different artists.

Winners in the oil painting division were: first, Mrs. Annette Lind, Farmington; second, Mrs. Joanne Leary, Farmington; third, Mrs. Beth Yassenchak, Farmington. Honorable mentions in the division went to Mrs. Gerry Hyde, Mrs. DeLores Gastor and Mrs. Beverly Fons.

Awards in the Mixed Media Division were made to: first, Joseph Gach of Redford Township; second, Mrs. Dorothy Clark of Farmington; third, Allen Mrocz of Farmington. Honorable mentions went to Mrs. Alita Wilson and Ellen Schenk.

The three artists voted most popular by the public attending the exhibit were Joseph Gach, Marie Tutill and John Leonetti.

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