

Students Can Adapt To Library Cutbacks

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Student Gripes About The Library:

"The library doesn't have enough books on different topics - it'd be hard for more than one student to write a paper on the same topic because there wouldn't be enough good books to go around."

"There aren't enough copies of reserve books for everyone in the class to have a chance at getting the book when they need it."

"The library should be open until late on Sunday night because that is when alot of people would go there to study."

"The lighting in the library is terrible- your eyes get strained from trying to study in there."

"It is always freezing in the library- too cold to study even."

According to Merritt Crockett, the head librarian, it is up to the students as well as to the library to combat these problems. Mr. Crockett has great faith in the student ability to adapt to the library as it is now.

With this year's budget cutbacks, the library has purchased under 5,000 of the 100,000 available volumes published this year. This is the lowest number of books they have ever purchased in a year; nevertheless, it has been agreed upon that the purchase of 5,000-6,000 books per year, for the next

few years, is sufficient to meet both the demands of the students and the limits of the library's budget.

Portions of this budget are allocated to each department of the University to buy books, the left over money can be borrowed by any department that needs to buy extra books.

The budget is supposed to keep pace with inflation. However, book prices are up even higher- 27.3% this year. Since these figures are well above the rate of inflation, the number of books purchased had to be cut back.

RESERVE BOOKS

Students may complain that there aren't enough copies of reserve books; however, the only way that student demands could ever really be met is to have one copy of the book for each student. Since this is not financially feasible, one reserve book per twenty students is the library's policy. According to Mr. Crockett, there shouldn't be much of a problem with reserve books if the student only needs to read certain passages from them. The student must just adapt to the fact that there isn't a copy for everyone and discipline him/herself to getting this book read on time.

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours have been reduced to what they are now because staff had to be reduced from 31 to 24 employees due to budget cutbacks. Nevertheless, near the end of the

semestre, the library will have extended hours. It will be opened 83 1/2 hours per week, including Friday and Saturday nights, in order to accomidate students who are studying for exams. Mr. Crockett believes that students can hopefully adapt to the hours of the library since these hours do try to meet the requirements of both students and staff.

LIBRARY LIGHTING

When the University went on an energy conservation kick two years ago, some of the lights were removed from different areas of the library. These lightbulbs were saved to be used as replacements for the existing lights when they burnt out; nevertheless, these replacements have only been lasting a week. Over the next two or three weeks, however, new lightbulbs will be

installed to improve the lighting in the library. In the meantime, I guess that students will just have to adopt to poor lighting.

LIBRARY HEATING

The thermostat in the library is set at 65 farenheit. This is the reccomended temperature for classrooms. If some students find this either too hot or too cold, Mr. Crockett again believes that they can always adapt by wearing either warmer or cooler clothes while in th library. If it is any warmer in the library, students will complain about falling asleep and if it is any colder, students will complain about having to wear coats and mitts. (But they already do that. Don't they?)

INTRAMURAL AND HOCKEY

Monday, February 7
 7:00 P.M. No. 5 vs Blanchard
 8:15 P.M. Korakin vs Selects
 Tuesday, February 8
 7:00 P.M. Engineers vs Mean Machine
 8:15 P.M. Soph-Fresh vs S & D's
 Wednesday, February 9
 7:00 P.M. Selects vs No. 5
 8:15 P.M. Blanchard vs Mean Machine
 Thursday, February 10
 7:00 P.M. Engineers vs Soph & Fresh
 8:15 P.M. S. & D. vs Korakin

BASKETBALL

Monday, February 7
 8:00 P.M. Warriors Day Students
 9:15 P.M. Blanchard vs UTah

VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, February 9
 7:30 P.M. Blanchard vs Mar-Bernie
 8:30 P.M. Engineers vs Biology Club

BASKETBALL (WOMEN)

Tuesday, February 8
 6:30 P.M. Blanchard vs Day Students
 7:30 P.M. Bernie # 1 vs Bernie # 2

BROOMBALL

Tuesday, February 7
 6:00 P.M. Varsity (Women)
 Wednesday, February 8
 6:00 P.M. Daze Students vs Blanchard
 Thursday, February 9
 6:30 P.M. Blanchard Hall (Women)
 7:30 P.M. Blanchard Hall (Men)

Sunday, February 13
 7:00-8:30 PM Soccer Varsity
 8:30-10:00 PM Rugby



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