Library periodicals ruined by vandals

By Kristin M. Wade
Lantern staff writer

Competition to find course material before anyone else has led to book vandalism in the Business Library.

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Popavitch said the Business Library has a little more vandalism than other campus libraries. He said he's not exactly sure how much vandalism costs the library, but estimated it might be several thousand dollars a year.

The vandalism is generally widespread, but students in the Business Policy 799 course seem to lead the way, Popavitch said.

John Holochek, adjunct associate professor in the College of Business, said the students in Business Policy 799 are a substantial part of the problem, but the whole problem can not be blamed on them.

The Business Policy course serves as a transition to the real world and library research is an integral part of it, Holochek said. The class has a mandatory one-credit drop for insufficient course work.

"It's an ethical problem. Something is wrong with the ethical values of a student who vandalizes the library," he said.

Popavitch said he couldn't remember anyone being caught for vandalism, but a student would probably be kicked out of the university if he or she was caught.

At the beginning of each quarter, Holochek tells his students "in very tough terms" that it is ethically and morally wrong to abuse the library.

"Abusing a library is kind of like abusing a church," Holochek said. "It's unacceptable."

Holochek said the vast majority of complaints about vandalism have come from the Business Library, but he is aware many students go elsewhere for the materials.

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Dan Hooley, a senior from Hillsboro, checks for damaged books in the Business Library.

Franklin University's library is also frequently used by OSU students, Popavitch said.

Allyn Ehrhardt, head librarian at Franklin University, said he hasn't seen any problems.

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Brad Holman, a junior from Skokie, Ill., majoring in marketing and transportation logistics, prefers using the OSU computerized library system. Holman said he gets frustrated when he finds articles missing.

"There's nothing you can do," Holman said. "You've just got to keep looking and looking."

Holman said the more popular magazines seem to have more pages missing and important articles get ripped out.

Popavitch said the library tries to accommodate the students by replacing missing articles, but it is hard replace the large volume of material.

When there are over 200 students looking for the same article at the same time and they need access to the same library materials, it creates a considerable amount of competition," Holochek said.

One way to reduce the competition is to add more copies to the Business Policy 799 course "so people aren't working on the same material at the same time," Holochek said.

One alternative for the library would be to close the stacks, Popavitch said. The library would get the material for the students, but "browsing would be stymied."

The Business Library is working with professors to work out this problem of vandalism, Popavitch said.
New library hours cut studying time

By JACK GONZALEZ
Lantern staff writer

Some students using resources at six campus libraries are finding it harder to complete assignments because of shorter library hours brought about by the university's cost containment program.

Students who work full-time and have night classes have little time to study, said Bryan Bruder, a senior marketing and finance major who uses the Business Library in Page Hall.

The six libraries with reduced hours are the Fine Arts Library, Music Library, Physics Library, Business Library, Education/Psychology Library and Engineering Library, said Jay Ladd, assistant director of department and undergraduate libraries.

Bach library is cutting its hours differently.

Bruder said he tried to go through the channels to get the libraries to change their schedules.

"I talked to Jennings' office; I talked to the provost's office; I talked to Associate Dean Racster (of the College of Business)," Bruder said, "I was told talk to everyone and their brother."

Bruder will present a petition with almost 800 signatures of students concerned with the shortened library hours to USG Wednesday night, he said.

"People are eager to sign," Bruder said, "There are a lot of disgruntled people. They just didn't know where to direct their energies."

The petition asks for the reinstatement of the former library hours, Bruder said.

The Business Library alone has been cut back 22 hours a week.

The library cutbacks are part of the university's cost containment program, Ladd said.

"Those were the libraries that we were given special funding in 1985. They did not have these extended hours until we got the special funding, and so that's why we cut them back," Ladd said.

The shortened library hours will save the university approximately $50,000 annually, Ladd said.

Reduced hours at the Engineering Library have decreased the number of hours that the library is open by 20 hours a week, said Mary Jo Arnold, head of the Engineering Library.

Arnold said her library has received some complaints about the time changes.

She said the shorter hours forces books to remain unshelved longer now, making the library less efficient.

Jim Negro, a junior from Youngstown, who uses both the Physics and Engineering Libraries, said shorter hours will be an inconvenience, especially on Sunday when he does most of his studying.

Jackie Bores, a senior from Strongsville, who also uses the Business Library, said shorter library hours means adjusting her schedule to fit the library’s, she said.

"I do most of my studying on the weekend ... and shorter hours on the weekends means less studying," Bores said.

Brian Daher, circulation supervisor of the Education and Psychology Library, said most of his complaints come when the library closes for the night.

"We couldn't justify keeping the library open on the weekends because the number of library employees out-numbered the number of patrons," Daher said.
Library petition delayed

By JACK GONZALEZ
Lantern staff writer

A petition with over 1,200 signatures was recently presented to USG in an attempt to find a solution to the shortened library hours caused by the university's cost-containment program.

The petition was presented to USG at last week's meeting. A resolution asking for the restoration of Spring 1987 library hours was tabled for two weeks at the USG Assembly meeting Wednesday night.

The resolution is expected to be passed by USG, said Rachelle Wells, the sponsor of the resolution.

The passing of the resolution doesn't necessarily mean that the libraries will restore the cut hours, she said. But the administration will become aware of the discontent.

The Business Library in Page Hall has come under the most severe criticism for shortening its library hours. Nearly 1,000 signatures from the petition came from students who use the library, said Bryan Bruder, a senior majoring in finance and marketing and the originator of the petition.

H. Justin Davidson, dean of the College of Business, said, "I have been disappointed and concerned by the reduced hours in the Business Library," he said. "We certainly need the added hours to provide the good education that our students deserve."

"I think the university libraries may soon act to ameliorate our problem," he said. "I expect that money will be found to expand hours of service at our Business Library."

The controversy is over cut-backs in hours of six campus libraries made to save the university $50,000. The six libraries are the Fine Arts, Music, Physics, Business, Education/Psychology and Engineering Libraries.

Jay Ladd, assistant director of undergraduate and department libraries, said he didn't know if USG's passing of the resolution would restore the cut library hours.

"I don't have any control on reinstating the hours. The money must be reinstated through the university administration," Ladd said.

"If money comes forth, I will certainly be pleased to reinstate the hours," Ladd said.
Petition successful,

By JACK GONZALES
Lantern staff writer

The six campus libraries that had their hours cut because of the university’s Cost Containment Program will have partial restoration of their hours.

“We will put the hours into effect as quickly as we can,” said William Struder, director of libraries.

The libraries will restore their hours as soon as they can find people to work the extended hours, Struder said.

Bryan Bruder, a senior majoring in marketing and finance, who collected over 1,500 signatures on a petition asking for the restoration of former library hours, was shocked after hearing that the libraries’ hours would be extended.

“I didn’t think the wheel could turn that fast, it is too big a wheel,” Bruder said.

“I’m pleased to see that the administration is heeding the voices of the students,” he said.

The new hours were decided upon by a meeting with the heads of the libraries involved and are based on their recommendations, Struder said.

They are the people who are closest to the situation and have had the most involvement with the situation with patrons and administrators in their areas, he said.

Extended hours will give students who work more opportunities to use the libraries, said Charles Popovich, head librarian of the Business Library.

Funding for the restored hours will come from the library administration, adding to its wage budget deficit spending, Struder said.

A large amount of the libraries’ wages are funded through salary vacancy credits, Struder said. This is when a permanent staff position is open because of turnover.

There is always a period of time when the position is vacant and the salary that would have been paid is returned to the libraries’ budget as cash, Struder said.

In the administration’s judgment, this is the best way to handle the problem and still meet its cost containment goal, Struder said.

“We just couldn’t afford to jump to full restoration at one time and I think in some respects that probably isn’t necessary, but we’ll see,” Struder said.

The six libraries that will have their hours extended are: the Fine Arts Library, Music Library, Physics Library, Business Library, Education Library and Engineering Library.

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New Reinstated Library Hours

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Library supervisors scramble

By NANCY SUTTON
Lantern staff writer

We just happened to have enough people to cover the new extended hours. Hours were cut earlier this quarter as part of the university's cost containment plan in six libraries; Fine Arts, Music, Business, Education, Engineering and Physics.

After receiving petitions with almost 1,200 signatures, new hours were reinstated by library officials Nov. 16.

Linda Thompson, a student employee at the Engineering Library said, "At first it was a problem. We did find people to work the extended shifts; however, weekends are a problem sometimes, especially Saturdays."

"We had a little difficulty with finals and the end of the quarter, but we are making it. I am glad the hours were returned," said Duke Morgan, the evening supervisor at the Engineering Library.

Paul Bailey, evening supervisor at the Business Library, said, "We are following to cover extra hours.

the new hours. We had enough people, but we had to ask a lot of students to adjust their schedules. A lot of them didn't really want to. We also had to increase the supervisors' shifts on weekends."

Lisa Harsh, a student employee at the Physics Library said, "I am glad the hours were extended. It gave me a few more hours I needed to work. There was not a problem getting people to work here and quite a bit of students are using the extended hour time span."

Kelley Steinbugl, a student employee in the Music Library said they did have some difficulty trying to get students to work the extended shift on weekends.

Approximately five students work during the extended hours.

"They asked me to work those extra shifts, but it was a conflict for me," Steinbugl said.
Long information searches quicker with compact discs

By Pat Hagen
Lantern staff writer

Imagine that your professor wants you to do a paper analyzing the effects of television on the reading skills of children. You could look up "television," "reading skills" and "children" in the indexes of 800 education journals.

Or you could leave the search to the compact disc, read-only memory database (CD-ROM) at the Education/Psychology Library.

The CD-ROM reduces all the information of 800 indexes onto one small plastic disc, making searches for information much easier.

CD-ROM databases are available at nine OSU libraries. Most databases give brief references to articles, indicating the title, the author and the abstract, said David Lincove, Coordinator of On-Line searches.

Each of the CD-ROM databases located at various libraries around campus cover a different range of subject areas. Some libraries offer workshops to explain their particular CD-ROM, said Marilee Birchfield, User Education librarian.

"Although the systems are very different, the basic concept of searching in each CD-ROM is the same," she said.

The Business Library offers financial information on U.S. and foreign corporations on their CD-ROM, Lincove said. Medline, the CD-ROM at the Health Sciences Library, covers clinical and research information as well as health management and administrative issues.

"The whole CD-ROM program is put together so people can do it themselves. If they have questions they should ask the librarian," Lincove said.

Lincove said that although students, faculty and staff may use CD-ROMs free of charge, librarians will do on-line searches for a fee.

He said Graduate students often ask librarians to do their on-line searches because they don't have the time. When doing on-line searches, librarians charge patrons the same amount they get billed from the commercial firm supplying the databases, "We charge for the computer time and each reference a person gets," he said.

Some databases searches are more expensive than others. The average price is between $20 and $25, Lincove said. "We do a significant number that are under $10," he said.

There are ways to cut costs, Lincove said. The librarian will ask a lot of questions before the search to find out what the topic is about. A patron may not need all the references that are available for every year listed, he said.

"Getting a good search means keeping things simple and defining your concepts," Lincove said.

Some libraries offer workshops to teach students how to use the system. Lincove said students should contact the particular library and find out if a workshop is available there.

Marty Jamison, a reference librarian at the Education/Psychology Library said he enjoys teaching the CD-ROM workshop. "It's a handy system and I get excited passing the word," Jamison said.

Laura Blomquist, the head librarian at the Education/Psychology Library, said she will arrange special workshops for 10 people if they call in advance.

She said the workshops are offered because the demand is there. "Our people in education are much more computer literate than other departments," she said.

Eva Gaber, a graduate student in the College of Human Services Education, said she needed the workshop offered by the Education/Psychology Library.

"I've tried to do it on my own but I'm computer illiterate. One time the printer kept printing and I didn't know what to do," Gaber said.

Gaber said she felt intimidated before taking the workshop.
Location: 110 Page Hall
1810 College Road
Telephone 292-2136

Hours: 97 hours per week
1989/90
Mon. - Thurs.  8 a.m. - 12 midnight
Friday       8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Saturday    10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Sunday      12 noon - 11 p.m.

Primary Patrons: Undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in the
1988/89 College of Business (Departments of Accounting and
MIS, Finance, Management and Human Resources,
Management Sciences, Marketing and the School of
Public Administration) and the Departments of
Economics, and Geography. FTE: Upper Division
3,138, Graduates 768, Faculty 179.

Collection: 171,734 cataloged volumes
July 1, 1989  2,049 serial titles
              107,978 microform materials of corporation
annual reports
              1,000 corporation annual reports
              2.3 increase in 1988/89
              1.9% increase in 1987/88

Materials Budget: $65,116 book expenditures
1988/89  $229,094 serials
$294,210

104,580 1987/88

Total LCS Terminal Usage: 991,473 1988/89
1,014,692 1987/88

Number LCS Terminals: Nine (Seven Public)

Size: 20,589 square feet

507 seats

Staff: 2.50 professionals
1988/89 5.00 library assistants
2.94 library assigned students
2.10 work study students

Personnel Budget: $207,668
1988/89

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End-User Online Services at the Business Library

Virtually three out of every four questions asked by individuals using the Business Library relate to the need for information about a company or industry. To help answer some of these questions, two online services—Dow Jones News/Retrieval (DJNR) and Dialog's Business Connection (DBC)—are available without charge to faculty, staff, and currently-enrolled students at The Ohio State University. The services are menu-driven, end-user systems (the patron does the searching).

Access to the systems is by appointment. The circulation desk at the Business Library maintains an appointment log and holds the University identification card of each patron while the system is being used. Usage is limited to thirty minutes if someone else is waiting. A one-page log-on procedure for DJNR and DBC is located near the PC. In addition, if one prefers to capture information on a disk rather than a paper printout, the downloading procedures are included.

The patron, however, must provide his/her own disk.

A stock symbol is helpful in finding information about companies on DJNR databases. Typing //SYMBOL after logging on will give the searcher access to DJNR's Directory of Symbols containing over 20,000 codes and symbols which may be retrieved from the menu.

In providing business information, "Quicksearch" (type //QUICK) on DJNR, searches eight different databases: Current Quotes (//ICQE) with a fifteen minute reporting delay; Latest News on AAPL (//DJNEWS), containing the latest business headlines and stories; Financial and Market Overview (//ISP), providing company profiles with financial and market overviews from Standard and Poor's Online; Earning Estimator (//EPS), provided by Zacks Investment Research, Inc.; Company vs Industry Performance (//MG) from Media General Financial Services containing price, volume, and fundamental data for company versus industry performance; Income Statements, Balance Sheets and Company Profile extracted from Disclosure Online (//DISCLO); and Investment Research Reports (//INVEST), listing reports from Investext.

For general news stories about an industry, a good source of information is the Dow Jones News (//DJNEWS). By typing //SYMBOL and selecting menu item ten (News/Retrieval Category Codes) the searcher may request news about industries as well as the stock market, U.S. government, federal regulatory agencies and more. The searcher is asked to indicate the industry about which he/she seeks news by selecting the appropriate industry code from the menu.

DBC is another menu-driven, end-user system containing an abundance of information on U.S. companies, and is an especially useful source of information on private companies, data which is in great demand at the Business Library.

Available information about such companies includes background and location, company news, analysts' reports, products, and lines of business. Simply choosing the appropriate option number will provide the information for each company. The same procedure may be used to retrieve information on public companies.

The addition of these services as well as other electronic resources have greatly enhanced the research process at Ohio State's Business Library (110 Page Hall, 1810 College Road). Further inquiries about the services offered may be made by calling 614-292-2136.

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Undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in the College of Business
(Departments of Accounting and MIS, Finance, Management and
Human Resources, Management Sciences, Marketing and the School
of Public Administration) and the Departments of Economics, and
Geography. FTE: Upper Division 3,204, Graduates 849, Faculty 163.

Collection:
July 1, 1991
177,779 cataloged volumes
1,953 serial titles
18,386 microform materials of corporation annual reports
272 corporation annual reports
1.2% increase in 1990/91
2.2% increase in 1989/90

Materials Budget:
1990/91
$80,175 book expenditures
194,226 serials
$274,401

Circulation:
127,924 1990/91
100,093 1989/90

Total LCS
917,798 1990/91
942,387 1989/90

Terminal Usage:

Number LCS Terminals:
Nine (Seven Public)

Size:
20,589 square feet
469 seats

Staff:
1990/91
1.00 professional head
1.00 reference librarians
5.00 library assistants
3.07 library assigned students
.86 work study students

Personnel Budget:
1990/91
$234,487

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Dear Library Colleagues,

The Libraries has proposed a transition of library space in Mason Hall to the Fisher College of Business with the transition of Business Library functions to the Thompson Library. We are pleased the Fisher College of Business wants to move forward with taking over the space of the Business Library. We are making preparations to vacate the Business Library this coming summer and integrate its collections and services into the Thompson Library, which will re-open in late summer. We will work with the staff of the Fisher College of Business on the details of this change and plan to completely vacate the Mason Hall space and turn it over (with associated POM costs) to the Fisher College. We will continue to offer a full range of business information services online and from other library facility locations to the College's faculty and students.

I am happy to announce that Dracine Hodges has accepted the responsibility of Project Manager for the Business Library collection transition. Several parties have already met and begun procedures to get the project underway. In order to ensure the project's success, Dracine will have access to the full range of the Libraries' resources. I am asking Dracine to call meetings, coordinate timetables and division of responsibilities, and assign projects and priorities to individuals and groups, with the work to be completed by 30 June 2009. I am asking Dracine to provide me with regular updates/progress reports.

We appreciate Dracine's willingness to accept this responsibility. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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