Angry students protest cutback of library hours

By Marilyn Moore
and Karin A. Welzel

Students, dissatisfied with the university’s cutback of hours at departmental libraries, protested in increasing numbers this week to administrators.

Students in the School of Home Economics complained to Jay L. Ladd, head of departmental libraries, about the 32-hour weekly reduction of that school’s library. Ladd said a meeting might be arranged with students.

Angry students of social work and geology met with Hugh C. Atkinson, director of libraries, Monday and Wednesday.

AFFECTED BY the curtailment of natural gas allocations to the university are the agriculture, biological sciences, engineering, geology, home economics, materials engineering and social work libraries.

Jane M. McMaster, head of the social work and home economics libraries, reported a request to the administration to keep the home economics library open two Sundays and two evenings a week.

"This apparently is not a possibility," she said, "and we are exploring other things." A transfer of closed reserve materials to the main library would be the “best answer,” she said.

All reserve materials and several journals were moved from the social work library to the main library Thursday, McMaster said, after students protested the cut in hours to library administrators Monday.

She added that the operation of the temporary facility should be fully organized by noon today, and a list of journals will be compiled and available sometime next week.

"WE HAVE had a lot of student feedback, but nothing organized except for a couple of petitions," Robert J. Boone, head of the agriculture library said. "Not that we are any less disturbed than the social work people, but what they did didn’t work, and we are trying to go about it in a different way."

The agriculture library is now considering, among other things, moving a duplicate closed reserve collection to another location, possibly on West Campus, Boone said.

A spokesman for the veterinary medicine library indicated that the agriculture library may send closed reserve materials there.

Mary Jo V. Arnold, head of the engineering library, said that when that library requested reconsideration of reduced hours, the administration replied with “a nice firm no.”

INSTEAD, the library has sent closed reserve materials to the physics library, which is retaining its regular hours, she said.

"Students are very upset they can’t use the library in the evenings or on weekends," he said. "The faculty of entomology decided unanimously to send a letter of complaint to the head of libraries."

The Department of Botany has two keys to the library, Merhemic added, but he said he knows of only one faculty member who uses the library after hours.

Atkinson said he doesn’t know of any plans to cut back hours in other libraries. He explained that the libraries aren’t closed, but the buildings housing them are.

A. ROBERT THORSON, head of circulation at the main library, said students can still prepare bibliographies in the main library even if their department libraries are closed.
Library doors remain closed; alternative night access sought

By Kathy Jelepis
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Despite student complaints, the University will continue to restrict the hours of seven departmental libraries in an effort to avert a possible closing of the entire University during the cold weather season.

George P. Crepeau, associate provost for instruction for the Office of Academic Affairs, stressed the severity of the energy crisis and its effect on "academic concerns."

REITERATING President Harold L. Enarson's recent statement that it would be impossible to conduct business as usual during the crisis, Crepeau said alternatives "may require some changes in the normal manner of operation."

Because of the 55 per cent cut in University natural gas allocations, University engineers have required several campus buildings to close at 5 p.m. Crepeau said in some of those buildings, libraries were the only reasons the buildings remained open.

"THE LAST thing in the world this University wants to do is close libraries," he said, "but there is a need to do something immediately."

The University has closed seven libraries on weekends and at 5 p.m. on weekdays. These include the geology and mineralogy library in Orton Hall, the social work library in Stillman Hall and the agriculture library in the Agricultural Administration Building.

OTHER LIBRARIES with restricted hours are the biological sciences library in the Botany and Zoology Building, the engineering library in Caldwell Laboratory, the home economics library in Campbell Hall and the materials engineering library in Watts Hall.

Crepeau said the Office of Academic Affairs and the president's office are working with the director of libraries to develop "alternative accesses to libraries in evenings and on weekends."

ONE ALTERNATIVE under consideration is the distribution of keys to students who need library facilities during evening hours. Crepeau said this way of handling the problem is ineffective because of poor security and heat lost when doors are opened and closed.

Crepeau said the University building code "indicates a violation if libraries are open without the mechanical ventilation systems operating," although students have offered to dress warmly in order to study in unheated libraries.

"ACCESS TO libraries must be available until alternatives have been resolved," he said. Reserve collections can be moved to nearby buildings and libraries can be moved from one place to another.

"We are concerned with the impact of the whole energy crisis on academic programs," Crepeau said. "Without immediate action, the University could close completely before the end of the cold weather season."

"Every little bit of gas or energy saved is a contribution. With a mild season, the University could possibly reopen closed areas."
Library hour cutback introduces alternatives

By Mark Anthony

Larry X. Besant, assistant professor of University libraries, said today that all he can do is "just offer alternatives" to the faculty and students using the seven departmental libraries with hours shortened his quarter, and let them make the final decisions on short term solutions to the problem.

The problem stems from the University's Jan. 3 announcement to cut the hours of some campus buildings, including ones that house the seven libraries. The decision was a result of the University's 55 per cent natural gas cutback announced by Columbia Gas of Ohio on Dec. 19.

THE DECISION has since been met with dissatisfaction by students singing the home economics, agriculture, social work, biological sciences, engineering, engineering materials and geology libraries. Those libraries were closed after 5 p.m. on weekdays and completely on weekends.

Besant said the social work library has already made its decision to move reserve books and "selected journals" to the main library Thursday.

The other libraries are holding off for now, he said, but he expects most of them to make similar moves in the near future.

BESANT SAID the home economics library, for example, is also considering moving its reserve materials to the main library.

The biological sciences library is expected to make its decision this week whether to move its reserve books to the health sciences library.

The agriculture library has not decided either, but Besant said it will probably make duplicates of its reserve materials and move them to the main library, the West Campus Learning Resources Center or the veterinary medicine library.

HE ADDED that it is his "impression" that the agriculture library is not interested in moving to the main library because of overcrowding there.

Besant said the engineering library will make some "minor switches" of library materials by moving eight to 10 of its reserve books to the physics library.

He added that its problem, and that of the engineering materials library is not student access to reserve materials but "access to the library in general."

He said some faculty members will check out books for engineering students to share in class and "try to live with 40 (library) hours a week."

THE GEOLOGY library, Besant said, is considering a "more informal solution" to their problem rather than move materials to another location.

Accommodating the teaching assistants in the Department of Geology and Mineralogy is "the most pressing problem" right now, he explained, and he expects the faculty to arrange evening graduate seminars to give students time to use the library during the day.

Besant said the libraries are forced to make temporary changes to solve their problem because "we're under the ax of this energy problem." But he expects a "rehashing of the problem" during finals week because of the normal increase in library use at the end of each quarter.
New hours will begin March 10

Libraries to stay open longer

By Karin Welzel

Seven departmental libraries where hours were cut Jan. 6 due to University fuel allocation measures will be open longer hours weekdays and on weekends from March 10 to 20, George P. Crepeau, associate provost for instruction, said.

The libraries affected are the agriculture, biological sciences, engineering, geology, home economics, materials engineering and social work.

The week beginning March 10 is the final week of Winter Quarter classes; schedules then will run according to hours the libraries had Winter Quarter 1974.

CREPEAU SAID at the beginning of Spring Quarter (April 1), the libraries will return to the shortened hours enforced now (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, closed on weekends). An assessment will then be made to see what energy problems exist and whether hours can be returned to Autumn Quarter 1974 schedules.

Jay L. Ladd, head of department libraries, notified the libraries of the schedule change Monday.

The agriculture library will be open Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday 2 to 10 p.m.

THE BIOLOGICAL sciences library will be open 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday.

The engineering library will be open 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 11 p.m. Sunday.

The geology library will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

THE HOME ECONOMICS library will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. closed Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The materials engineering library will be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

The social work library will be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Ladd said all department libraries will close at 5 p.m. March 21. Hours between the quarter will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays except for the health sciences and children’s hospital libraries which will have longer hours.
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.

Each 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 Raster (of the College of Business)," Bruder said, "I was told talk to everyone and their brother."

Bruder will present a petition with almost 600 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 outnumbered the number of patrons," Daher said.
Petition successful,

By JACK GONZALEZ
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 1,200 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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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.
Location
112 Caldwell Laboratory
2024 Neil Avenue
Telephone 292-2052

Hours:
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:
1988/89
Undergraduate, graduates, and faculty in Aero
Engineering, Civil Engineering, Comp. and Infor.
Science, Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engi-
neering, Welding Engineering, Architecture, City and
Regional Planning, and Landscape Architecture. FTE:
Upper Division 2,145, Graduates 783, Faculty 256.

Collection:
July 1, 1989
153,116* cataloged volumes
1,194 serial titles
1.7% increase in 1988/89
2.0% increase in 1987/88

Materials Budget:
1988/89
$55,263 book expenditures
193,655 serials
$248,918

Circulation:
1989/89
106,630 1988/89
118,885 1987/88

Total LCS Terminal Usage:
1,178,327 1988/89
1,188,234 1987/88

Number LCS Terminals: Eight (Five Public)

Size:
11,147 square feet
178 seats

Staff:
1988/89
1.00 professional head
0.50 reference librarian
3.50 library assistants
3.39 library assigned students
0.67 work study students

Personnel Budget:
1988/89
$154,028

* At least 40,000 volumes are shelved outside the ENR Library; approximately
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Telephone: 292-2852

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Engineering, Computer and Information Science, Electrical Engineering,
Mechanical Engineering, Welding Engineering, Architecture, City and
Regional Planning, and Landscape Architecture. FTE: Upper Division
1,876, Graduates 1,109, Faculty 244.

Collection:
July 1, 1991
158,776 cataloged volumes (1)
1,049 serial titles
1.6% increase in 1990/91
2.0% increase in 1989/90

Materials Budget:
1990/91
$43,618 book expenditures
215,034 serials
$258,652

Circulation:
1990/91
95,354 1990/91
92,574 1989/90

Total LCS
1,109,936 1990/91
Terminal Usage:
1,129,671 1989/90

Number LCS Terminals: Eight (Five Public)

Size:
11,147 square feet
155 seats

Staff:
1990/91
1.00 professional head
0.50 reference librarian
3.50 library assistants
3.65 library assigned students
.84 work study students

Personnel Budget:
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