Reconsideration proposals meet with ‘nice firm no’

Angry students protest cutback of library hours

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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 D. Ladd, head of departmental libraries, about the 32-hour weekly reduction at 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 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," Roberta 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.

Fadil I. Merhemic, head of the biological sciences library, said he has seen an extremely unfavorable student reaction.

"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 hour cutback introduces alternatives

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By Mark Anthony

Larry X. Besant, assistant professor of University libraries, said Monday that all he can do is "just offer alternatives" to the faculty and students using the seven departmental libraries with hours shortened this 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 using 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 was 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 "reshuffling of the problem" during finals week because of the normal increase in library use at the end of each quarter.
Boone vows student aid

Robert J. Boone started work as head of the agriculture library in January to earn that the library's hours were going to be reduced by 2 hours per week.

However, Boone intends to provide normal service to agriculture students despite the cut.

Boone said she and her staff are currently considering increasing the accessibility of library materials after the new 5 p.m. closing time. "We will do anything we can to help students," she added.

"The thing that makes us at least unhappy is moving a duplicate collection of closed reserve materials," she said. "Definite action is to be taken this week, she added.

Boone has a B.S. degree from Marietta College and received her M.A. in library science at Simmons College, Boston.

Boone came to Ohio State in 1968 where she worked in the acquisitions department of the main library. She transferred to the botany and zoological library to do reference work a year later, and then did purchasing and reference work at the health and science library.

"While I am not directly a student of agriculture, the field of biological sciences is one that I am fairly familiar with," Boone said.

The agriculture library houses more than 60,000 volumes, Boone said, and the acquisition of new books is high on her list of priorities.

New additions to the library collection must be put before a library council consisting of faculty members to insure that the collection will best suit the need of students. Boone said.

The library's main purpose is to serve a particular set of individuals," she said. "If you arbitrarily make decisions without asking opinions of what is wanted, you are operating in a vacuum and you are not going to serve that well."

Boone said the library's red tape always has been a problem, and wishes that the stages of securing equipment would be reduced.
Library doors remain closed; alternative night access sought

By Kathy Jelepis

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."
New hours will begin March 10

Libraries to stay open longer

1-25-'75
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.
Libraries get shot in arm from natural gas booster

By Karin A. Welzel

Thursday that the increase in the amount of gas the University is receiving because of a new agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., and the ability of Ohio State to buy more fuel oil and the mild winter weather so far are reasons for the decision.

"These hours are just for the libraries," Atkinson said later. "Other activities cannot be scheduled in the buildings."

Roberta Boone, head of the agriculture library, said she was very glad about the decision. "We've got signs up all over saying 'hurray!'" Boone said.

THE AGRICULTURE library moved closed reserve materials to the West Campus Learning Resources Center Jan. 27. Boone said this duplicate collection will be moved back to the agriculture library this week.

"I think it's great," said Mary Jo V. Arnold, head of the engineering and materials engineering libraries, "but it's about four weeks too late."

Arnold was referring to the social work library, which moved closed reserve materials and journals to Main Library 320 Jan. 16.

"ALL THOSE materials will have to be discharged and recharged," she said. "The whole process will have to be reversed."

Arnold said a decision has not been made whether to move closed reserve materials that were moved to the physics library from engineering back to its original place. She said the materials may remain in the physics library.

OFFICIALS FROM the School of Home Economics decided to poll faculty members to determine which materials from the library would be sent to Main Library 320 this week. The move was planned because some students were not able to obtain materials during the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours.

Atkinson said arrangements are being made to move social work and biological sciences material that had been transferred to main library 320 back to their original locations.

The libraries will be open:

Agriculture - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Biological Sciences - 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Engineering - 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday.

Home Economics - 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; closed Saturday; and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Materials Engineering - 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday.

Social Work - 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 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.
Agricultural library addition falls short of standards

By Lori Whitt 6-2-82
Lantern staff writer

The proposed 1,700-square-feet expansion of the agricultural library will fall about 9,500 square feet short of the Ohio Board of Regents' standards, said Larry Besant, main library public services assistant director.

The library, which now occupies 6,600 square feet in the Agricultural Administration Building, is only one-third of what the regents recommended, Besant said. With the expansion, the library will still be only one-half of its recommended size.

Besant used a formula developed by OSU's campus planning office to measure space needs for the agricultural library. According to the formula, the library should have a total of 17,690 square feet - 6,067 square feet for books, 9,229 square feet for seats and 2,334 square feet for services.

The expansion, agreed to by the College of Agriculture and campus planning, will allocate only 1,700 more square feet, instead of the additional 15,990 square feet needed to bring the size up to standards, he said.

The need for more space arose because plant pathology, agronomy and natural resources recently were moved to the agricultural campus. This has increased the number of students using the library, said William J. Griffith, assistant vice president for campus planning.

The expansion is a "reasonable" one. "We felt we should go ahead and do this small expansion," Griffith said. Although the book stacks continue to grow, the enrollment is not growing. "In fact, the enrollment in agriculture is declining," he added.

The expansion will extend upward, encompassing two vacated rooms on the second floor. An internal stairway must be built for this vertical expansion.

The library should utilize ground-floor space, because it is not a good idea to have a split-level library, Besant said.

One problem will be the addition of stairs. Another is that all books will be on the ground level and all reading space will be on the upper level. Besant also said two levels will be harder to maintain for cleaning and security.

Griffith said the split-level library is not ideal but is the "only solution."

Roy Kottman, dean of agriculture and home economics, said the "real solution" would be the combination of the agriculture and veterinary libraries in one building.

This idea has been proposed but is "far off," Griffith said. It usually takes five to 10 years for an expansion request to go through, he added. Some requests have taken as long as 20 years, however, because of a lack of funds or other requests.

The agricultural library's expansion request was proposed eight years ago and is part of a plan to remodel the Agricultural Administration Building.

The remodeling involves some changes in office space and library expansion. The preliminary planning has begun.

Kottman said the expansion should begin either this summer or next summer. "Summer quarter is the best time, because the library isn't used much. It lets the dust settle."

The Agricultural Administration Building was built in 1956. The number of volumes has grown from 4,929 in 1956 to the present 60,674 volumes.
Location: 45 Agricultural Administration Building
2120 Fyffe Road
Telephone 292-6125

Hours: 72 hours per week Fall, Winter, Spring Quarters
1989/90
Mon. Thurs. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.*
Sunday 2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Primary Patrons: Undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in the
1988/89
Departments of Agricultural Economics and Rural
Sociology, Agricultural Education, Agricultural
Engineering, Agronomy and School of Natural
Resources and Ohio Cooperative Extension, Animal
Science, (Cooperative Extension Service), Dairy
Science, Food Science and Nutrition, Horticulture,
Plant Pathology, and Poultry Science. FTE: Upper
Division 535, Graduates 298, Faculty 98.

Collection: 78,168 cataloged volumes
July 1, 1989
1,046 serial titles
2,827 ACTS documents
1.7% increase in 1988/89
2.1% increase in 1987/88

Materials Budget: $21,324 book expenditures
1988/89
67,769 serials
$89,093

Circulation: 47,198 1988/89
42,231 1987/88

Total LCS 480,134 1988/89
Terminal Usage: 516,616 1987/88

Number LCS Terminals: Five (Four Public)

Size: 8,023 square feet
126 seats

Staff: 1.00 professional
1988/89
2.00 library assistants
1.39 library assigned students
.54 work study students

Personnel Budget: $96,351
1988/89

* Library is closed home football Saturdays.
AGRICULTURE LIBRARY

Location: 45 Agricultural Administration Building
           2120 Fyffe Road
           Telephone: 292-6125

Hours:
1991/92
    72 hours per week
    Mon - Thurs  8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
    Friday      8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
    Saturday    10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (1)
    Sunday      2 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Primary Patrons:
1990/91
    Undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in the Departments of
    Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Agricultural Education,
    Agricultural Engineering, Agronomy and School of Natural Resources
    and Ohio Cooperative Extension, Animal Science, (Cooperative
    Extension Service), Dairy Science, Food Science and Nutrition,
    Horticulture, Plant Pathology, and Poultry Science. FTE: Upper
    Division 569, Graduates 324, Faculty 93.

Collection:
July 1, 1991
    81,589 cataloged volumes
    1,192 serial titles
    3,300 ACTS documents
    2.0% increase in 1990/91
    2.2% increase in 1989/90

Materials Budget:
1990/91
    $ 23,554 book expenditures
    .79,071 serials
    $102,625

Circulation:
1990/91
    41,261 1990/91
    46,212 1989/90

Total LCS
Terminal Usage:
1990/91
    450,672 1990/91
    485,337 1989/90

Number LCS Terminals:
    Five (Four Public)

Size:
    8,023 square feet
    126 seats

Staff:
1990/91
    1.00 professional head
    2.00 library assistants
    1.26 library assigned students
    .37 work study students

Personnel Budget:
1990/91
    $ 99,160

(1) Library is closed home football Saturdays.
Colleagues,

The Agriculture Library name is in the process of being changed to Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Library, which is the name of the College that the Library serves. This new name better reflects the mission and collection of the Library. The name of the College was changed from the College of Agriculture to the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences in 1994 so this is a delayed response on the part of the Library. The change is reflected in the 2002/03 edition of the University Libraries "Guide to Resources and Services."

This new name will display in OSCAR as FAES-Food Ag Env Sci Library. This change will probably occur in the next day or so.

A new three letter code FAE will be used in OSCAR staff mode. The change to FAE is expected to occur over the next several months.

Blake Carver and Penny Pearson will be making changes to our online systems (OSCAR and web) to reflect the name change. However, I am sure that many of us will discover web pages and print materials in which the change has not yet been made. I would like for all of you to forward to me information as to where the new name of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Library has not yet been made.

Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project.

Susan