Consideration proposals meet with ‘nice firm no’

Angry students protest cutback of library hours

By Marilyn Moore
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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 L. 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 sociology 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 en-
Book closes on longer library hours

By Karin A. Welzel
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Larry X. Besant, assistant professor of University libraries, said he will tell the Home-Economics Library Committee he has no authority to permit the home economics library to be open longer than the hours set at the beginning of Winter Quarter.

Besant's statement is in reply to a request submitted by George W. Etheridge, chairman of the committee and assistant professor of Home Economics, and Francille M. Firebaugh, director of the School of Home Economics, to Hugh C. Atkinson, director of libraries, last week that the home economics library be open Wednesdays and Thursdays until 9 p.m. and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.

"I have no authority to say 'open sesame' to a closed building, which is what they are up against," Besant said.

Atkinson is acting director of libraries while Atkinson is in Chicago this week for an American Library Association meeting.

THE UNIVERSITY announced Jan. 3 that fuel allocation cuts forced certain measures to be taken to save on energy consumption. These measures included the closing of certain buildings after 5 p.m. and on weekends.

The home economics library, which is now open 8 to 5 p.m. weekdays only, received a cut of 20 hours per week at the beginning of Winter Quarter. The committee cited circulation statistics in its request that showed the busiest period is Winter Quarter.

Besant said that affected libraries can move closed reserve materials to the main library as a partial solution to the problem.

"We can make room for other volumes, whether it be home economics, engineering, biological sciences, or agriculture," he said, "and we are prepared to do so."

"I think it would be a mistake to think that there will be any substantial changes in the buildings (hours) that are closed," Besant said, citing a Jan. 6 Lantern article.

"We do understand that the measures that we are taking right now are to be in effect only for Winter Quarter," Besant said. "Asked whether a request would be made to lengthen hours during finals week in affected libraries, he replied, "We certainly are going to explore the possibility."
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 reason 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 Monday 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 axe 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 8 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.
Home Ec to move textbooks

By Karin A. Welzel

Faculty members from the School of Home Economics will be polled to determine which closed reserve materials in the home economics library will be duplicated and sent to the main library, according to George W. Etheridge, chairman of the Home Economics Library Committee.

The decision was made to handle the moving of closed reserve materials in this way after a meeting of the committee with Francille M. Firebaugh, director of the School of Home Economics, and Jane M. McMaster, head of the library, located in Campbell Hall.

THE JOINT DECISION came after the library had its hours cut Jan. 6. University officials took this action to reduce fuel consumption after natural gas allocations to Ohio State were reduced 55 percent from 1974 levels.

Students can currently use the library 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, a reduction of 20 hours a week.

Six other department libraries were affected similarly and have since made decisions whether or not to move closed reserve materials to other libraries with longer hours.

A letter to faculty members was sent out Thursday listing library closed reserve materials, Etheridge said.

Faculty members can indicate which materials they want to have duplicated and sent to the main library, he said.

ETHERIDGE SAID the department hopes that responses would be received and moves made by the end of next week. Room 320 of the main library, which has reserve materials from the social work and biological sciences libraries, has been checked and cleared for space and manpower.

 Etheridge said the school will continue to study the effects the library hours cut has had on the quality of the program.
Libraries get shot in arm from natural gas booster

By Karin A. Welzel

Seven department libraries which had their hours cut Jan. 6 as part of University fuel conservation measures will resume their normal Winter Quarter schedules beginning today.

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

These libraries have been open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays since the beginning of Winter Quarter, a reduction of 16 hours each week based on the Autumn Quarter schedule.

HUGH C. ATKINSON, director of University libraries, said in a memo Friday that the increase in the amount of gas the University is receiving because of a new agreement with Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., 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 'hooray!'" 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 its 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 5 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 5 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.
Location: 325 Campbell Hall
1787 Neil Avenue
Telephone 292-4220

Hours: 65 hours per week
1989/90
Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Primary Patrons: Undergraduates, graduates, and faculty in the
1988/89 Departments of Family Relations and Human Develop-
ment, Home Economics Education, Human Nutrition and
Food Management, Family Resource Management and
Textiles and Clothing. Faculty in Ohio Agriculture
Research Development Center and Ohio Cooperative
Extension Service. FTE: Upper Division 480,
Graduates 64, Faculty 27.

Collection: 21,745 cataloged volumes
July 1, 1989 195 serial titles
4,300 pamphlets
2.5% increase in 1988/89
2.0% increase in 1987/88

Materials Budget: $10,729 book expenditures
1988/89 13,819 serials
$24,548

Circulation: 36,122 1988/89
32,318 1987/88

Total LCS Terminal Usage: 224,343 1988/89
223,863 1987/88

Number LCS Terminals: Three (Two Public)

Size: 3,098 square feet
112 seats

Staff: 0.75 professional head
1988/89 1.50 library assistants
0.81 library assigned students
0.22 work study students

Personnel Budget: $62,243
1988/89

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**HUMAN ECOLOGY LIBRARY**

**Location:**
325 Campbell Hall  
1787 Neil Avenue  
Telephone: 292-4220

**Hours:**
1991/92  
65 hours per week  
Mon - Thurs 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Primary Patrons:**
1990/91  

**Collection:**
July 1, 1991  
22,839 cataloged volumes  
208 serial titles  
1.8% increase in 1990/91  
3.2% increase in 1989/90

**Materials Budget:**
1990/91  
$9,574 book expenditures  
$16,061 serials  
$25,635

**Circulation:**
1990/91  
42,518 1990/91  
41,235 1989/90

**Total LCS Terminal Usage:**
1990/91  
203,535 1990/91  
208,168 1989/90

**Number LCS Terminals:**
Three (Two Public)

**Size:**
3,098 square feet  
112 seats

**Staff:**
1990/91  
.50 professional head  
1.50 library assistants  
.83 library assigned students  
.11 work study students

**Personnel Budget:**
1990/91  
$58,401
Human Ecology Library: Everything from Books to Buttons

The Human Ecology Library, located in 325 Campbell Hall, has a beautiful view of the grounds surrounding Mirror Lake. It seems appropriate that library users who are pondering subjects such as play, family relations, and fashion sit in view of students and their dogs romping around the lake, young families relaxing in the shade, and masses of people hurrying to and from classes. In fact, students in the Human Ecology Library may be using its resources to pursue studies in child development, costume, day care, development through the life cycle, family therapy, fashion merchandising, financial management, food science, home economics, human ecology, journalism, nutrition, pre-school, textile science, and many other related areas. In addition to students in the College of Human Ecology, the library serves the needs of students in agriculture, business, education, engineering, fine arts, health sciences, social work, and sociology.

Although many still refer to it as the Home Economics Library (its name changed in 1989), its emphasis, the study of biological and technological aspects of human life, has broadened considerably. Today, human ecology focuses on the conditions and interrelationships that effect the quality of life at the personal and family level. Through the study of individual and family development, family interactions and functioning, and the effective functioning of systems which serve individuals and families, the library helps prepare students for professions involving service to others in a variety of career areas.

The library acts as the focal point for learning in the college. It holds over 30,000 titles, including 350 serials. On average, 60,000 volumes circulate per year. The collection includes splendid microform sets, including the Queen Victoria and Prince Albert Museum Color Microfilm Collection; Fashion Advertising Collection; Food and Nutrition Information Center Collection; and the Index of American Design.

In 1993, a magnificent collection of books and serials about buttons was bequeathed to the library through the estate of Ann W. and Emanuel D. Rudolph. Mrs. Rudolph was an avid button and book collector, collecting a wide variety of buttons and resources on button history, materials, manufacturing, and styles. With her husband, Dr. Rudolph, they collected over 53,000 books, mostly on scientific and technical subjects, including botany, children’s science education, and buttons. The entire button book collection came to the Human Ecology Library, while the buttons went to the college’s Historic Costume and Textile Collection. Leta Hendricks, Human Ecology librarian, adds, “The Library should forthrightly continue to collect materials on buttons as a lasting tribute to the Rudolphs and a lasting legacy to costume researchers.”

Libraries depend on the generous forethought of book lovers, such as the Rudolphs, to increase and enhance the permanent collections. The Human Ecology Library is especially interested in acquiring books and serials on buttons and costume design. If you are able to make a donation of books to the Human Ecology Library, please contact the Friends of the Libraries to arrange a pick-up at your home or office. Remember, your gift to the Libraries will serve as a lasting resource for generations of OSU students and faculty.
Forums discuss library merger

By Szu-yao Wu
Lantern staff writer

The University Libraries will hold two open forums to discuss the proposed elimination of the undergraduate library and the merger of the social work, human ecology, and education/psychology libraries, in the present undergraduate library space in Sullivant Hall.

The first of the upcoming forums will be held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in Room 621 Lazieny Hall, as one in a series of three designed to gather opinions and comments on the proposal. Under the library merger plan, the resources of the undergraduate library would be distributed to other appropriate libraries. The existing services and facilities would be open to all Ohio State students, said Gerry Greenberg, reference librarian for the undergraduate library.

"We don't want to see students suffer from any convenience caused by the change," Greenberg said.

The major reason for the proposed merger is to make better use of the library facilities, said Pat McCandless, assistant director for the Main Library public services.

Sandy Garber, supervisor of student assistants in the undergraduate library, believes the elimination of the undergraduate library would cause inconvenience. There would be no more one-on-one service available from the library to help students get familiar with the library facilities if the merger is put into effect, she said.

Lauri Murphy, a sophomore majoring in history, said students, especially freshmen and sophomores, would be afraid to go to the library if the services and facilities become less available to them. They can get more assistance in the undergraduate library than in the other libraries, she said.

Sandee McGlaun, a graduate student in English, said she often finds what she wants in the undergraduate library rather than in the main library.

"It's fine if the merger wouldn't drain the resources of the main library," McGlaun said.

However, Yao-Li Lin, a sophomore majoring in education, welcomes the merger plan.

"The space of our [education] library is too small," Lin said.

It would be a benefit if the library merger would increase the volume of books related to her discipline, Lin said.

The books now available in the undergraduate library would be checked out much longer by graduate students and faculty, said Jacob Dulin, a student assistant in the undergraduate library.

According to the undergraduate library policy, both graduate and undergraduate students can check out books for up to three weeks in the undergraduate library. However, under the proposed plan, graduate students might be able to check out books for up to 10 weeks.

Statistics show use of the undergraduate library by students is not substantial. According to the data provided by the University Libraries, there are about 475 users—not all of them undergraduate students—a day in the undergraduate library.

There were two undergraduate libraries at OSU until one was eliminated in 1989, according to Greenberg.

The budget for the undergraduate library is more than $400,000 per year. However, whether the merger would result in budget-saving is not predictable so far, McCandless said.

The staff in the undergraduate library will stay or be reassigned to other libraries, McCandless said.

The Library Council is now investigating the plan proposed by the University Libraries. Bill Studer, director of libraries, said there has been little progress since the first open forum in late February took place.

The third forum will be held Tuesday, April 2 at 1 p.m. in Room 113 Dreebe Laboratories.