

Improvements in Planning Stage Library Inadequacy Remains

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was written by an eighth term Journalism student for a class and contributed to The Daily Collegian.

For students and faculty members who think that conditions in Pattee Library are deplorable now, there is not much chance that they will improve before 1971 when the new Research Library opens.

Carl Jackson, director of libraries, said there are many reasons for the inadequate library service which will remain for the next two years and that students and faculty members had better understand the situation in order to make the best use of facilities.

Currently the main problems are the small staff which he said is the smallest for a university this size in the country, and the scattering of the various branches of the library across the campus.

The main library in Pattee houses the Biological Sciences, Agricultural Arts, and Undergraduate Libraries, as well as the reference room, periodicals room, reading rooms, and special collections. There are seven levels of open

stacks for books in all fields. The Undergraduate Library in the west wing of Pattee was built to house the reference material and reserve books that undergraduates need before they become involved in a major field requiring specialized works. Two branches of the Undergraduate Library have been opened since 1967: one in Loete Hall serving the North Halls area and one in a separate building in the Pollock Halls area. A third branch is in the pre-planning stages for the East Halls area.

The undergraduate branches will eventually have almost complete duplication of the books in the Undergraduate Library in Pattee. At the moment, Jackson said, the Pollock Halls branch achieves this ideal more nearly than the Loete Hall branch.

The library system is further complicated in that there are six branch libraries and two reading rooms — the Chemistry-Physics library in Whitmore Pub, the Engineering library in Hammond, the Earth and Mineral Sciences library in Deike, the Human Development library in the Human Development Building, the Arts and Agricultural

libraries which are both housed in Pattee, the Architectural Reading Room in Sackett, and the Mathematics Reading Room in McAllister.

To all this, however, Jackson explained, there is one further complication. The library staff is in the process of changing from the Dewey Decimal system of classification to the Library of Congress system. Books in the Undergraduate Library are catalogued according to the Library of Congress system.

With all these negative aspects to using the libraries students have discovered that locating what they want is a real challenge. "Once you put a time or a distance barrier between the user and the book

he will decide he doesn't need it," Jackson said. He hopes that the new Research Library will help solve the problems.

The Research Library will adjoin Pattee on the east and will contain a copy of every book on the campus.

Jackson said many more changes are in the planning stages to improve the library system, but at the moment he recognizes this is little consolation for the student or professor who must use the library.



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