

# Report may help libraries' funding

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Most reports about the condition of University libraries do not have an impact on the administration — but report issued at last week's meeting of the University Faculty Senate may give the libraries a higher priority in the University's budget, a University administrator said.

The Senate Committee on Libraries made reports annually to the Faculty Senate, Stuart Forth, dean of University libraries, said. These past reports did not have the impact that he thinks this one will, he said.

Philip A. Klein, chairman of the committee that presented the report, said the libraries have not received the funding they have requested in previous years.

"There have been very few years when the library got anything like they requested, but not because of a lack of trying," Klein said.

By comparing the library system at the University with the library systems of other universities of similar size and number of students, the committee dramatically brought the declining condition of the library to the attention of the senate, Forth said.

Although reports concerning the condition of the library are presented annually, Forth said a different approach was used this year. And because of the new approach the library may become a higher priority in the budget.

According to the report, Penn State has one of the largest student bodies and the lowest number of books per student. University Park was at the bottom of the list.

The report also said Temple University managed to improve marginally in the overall comparison and considerably in comparison to the University Park libraries, let alone the entire Penn State library system. (Temple did this partly by a reduction in enrollment.)

"Almost every year a report (on the condition of the

library) is received in dead silence and filed away.

"This report was the first one that contrasted where we were 10 years ago and where we are now," Forth said.

Forth also said this was the first time the senate passed a motion recommending "the administration of the University give the University libraries a higher priority in financial support in the coming years."

Because the senate gave the report some credibility, Forth said the administration will accept the information contained in it and may give the library a higher priority in the budget.

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"The senate itself took it seriously and the administration takes all recommendations of the senate seriously," he said.

In the report, Penn State's library system was also compared with institutions such as the University of California at Los Angeles, the University of Illinois, the University of Minnesota, Rutgers University, Ohio State University, the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Pittsburgh, Purdue University and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

"The major purpose of the report was to dramatize the plight of Penn State Universities libraries in compa-

son to libraries located in campuses like ours," Forth said. "We don't try to compare ourselves with libraries at Harvard or Princeton, but to libraries of campuses of the same size (as Penn State), with the same number of students."

"Penn State is unique in that we have a number of branch campuses," he said.

"We don't exist for ourselves; as a unit that serves everybody, when we're hurting, everybody suffers," he said.

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"We need to maintain the quality of the library, and above that, enhance the library and improve it," he said. "We would not like to lose ground and if possible we would like to gain ground."

Forth said the library's long-term goal is to improve the condition of the library to meet the standards of the libraries they were compared to.

The long range goal of Pattee is to try to better meet the teaching and researching needs of University students and faculty, he said.

But he said before the report had been made additional funds had already been recommended for books and journals.

"It (funding to the library) certainly looks a lot better than it was (before the report had been made)," he said.

Klein also said his committee realizes it will be difficult for the administration to rearrange its priorities in the University's budget.

"We realize the administration has a difficult and painful task recalculating the budget, but we are suggesting that the libraries, if at all possible, should be given a higher priority," Klein said.

Neither Forth nor Klein estimated how much of an increase would be needed to improve or maintain the library's condition.

## Work study limited by lack of funding

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Because of a lack of funding, the college work study program has given priority to students who can work a 40-hour week, enrolling in the University this summer with a course load of up to seven credits, Paula Pufka, work study coordinator, said.

The decision was made when funds for this summer had to be borrowed from next year's work study funds. The funds were borrowed with the understanding that the money would be used for 1981-1982 educational expenses, Joan Schumacher, assistant director of the student aid office, said.

She reasoned that students enrolled on a full-time basis would likely need the money for summer tuition or living expenses and would not be able to save it for next year's educational expenses.

"Realistically, it's hard enough for people to save money for the coming year," Schumacher said, without the added strain of paying summer tuition or living expenses.

Educational expenses can include anything related to the cost of attending the University, including tuition, room and board, transportation and medical expenses, Pufka said.

As a guarantee that funds for the summer work study program will be used for what they are intended for, educational expenses for the 1981-1982 academic year, students involved in the program must sign the award letter they receive. The letter notifies them that their work study request has been granted, and stipulates the use of the funds.

One reason for the lack of funds is the use of the money during the Fall, Winter and Spring terms.

"Fall, Winter, Spring is our big award period," she said. "That's when most students attend school."

In addition, no increase in funding for the work study program has

accompanied an increase in the cost of education and an increase in the number of students eligible for the awards, Pufka said.

Students receiving work study are expected to contribute 80 percent of their net earnings to educational expenses. If a Guaranteed Student Loan or other financial aid is received, under which a personal contribution of \$700 from the student is mandatory, the 80 percent requirement is unnecessary, Schumacher said.

Pufka said that the \$700 requirement will be increasing this fall to \$900.

She said, because so many people are involved in work study, it is difficult to make sure all use 80 percent of the money for educational expenses.

"We don't go to the student and ask him," Pufka said. "We just assume he does this (use 80 percent of the money for educational expenses)."

She added that work study awards are considered part of a total financial aid package at the University. The amount earned is included in the total amount of financial aid the student has been awarded, which determines any further financial aid he might receive.

If a student chooses not to use his work study funds for educational purposes, he not only may run short on funds for his education, but also may not be able to depend upon any further sources of financial aid.

Funding for the work study program comes from various sources, Pufka said.

Funds for the off-campus work study program come from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency and the federal government. Funds for the on-campus program come from federal sources and the University.

Work study grants can be used anywhere in the state, including branch campuses, Pufka said.

## Students urged to preregister

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Students should preregister for Fall Term before leaving for their summer break so they can take advantage of a new registration option, University Registrar Warren R. Hafner said.

The option — mail registration — is a new alternative offered by the University. He said students are required to leave a self-addressed, stamped business envelope at the Registrar's Office before July 30 so pink slips may be mailed by Aug. 10 to students who want them.

Students who are satisfied with their

On Wednesday (the last day of classes), Thursday and Friday of finals week, Pattee will have extended hours of 7:45 a.m. to 2 a.m. On Saturday, all units the library normally open Saturdays until 5 p.m. will remain open until 10 p.m., Ness said.

On Sunday, hours are from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. Pattee will remain open until 7 p.m. on Monday, he said, which is directly related to the hour of the last exam offered on that day.

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schedule can sign the Registration by Mail card enclosed with the pink slip and mail the card to the University, he said. Deadline for registration by mail is Aug. 23.

Students can also early register at the University on Aug. 17 through 21 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., he said. Incoming freshmen, transfer students and students who did not register by mail or early register will be required to register at the Intramural Building according to the time and date on their pink slips.

Students will not be allowed to enter registration at the I.M. Building if they

have already registered.

"We hope that registration by mail will provide a better opportunity for students to get classes and will hopefully decrease the number of students at registration," he said. "Students who registered early won't have to return until their first day of classes."

Students should meet with their advisers within the next two weeks and bring their preregistration card to 112 Shields, Hafner said.

Charles H. Ness, assistant dean of libraries, also announced library hours for finals week.

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