

# Library reports lost books, mutilated mags

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The library's reserve book section has a problem — the number of reserve books "squirreled away" in other parts of the library and journals mutilated by students is increasing, says head librarian George Shipman.

According to an inventory taken last fall, only three reserve books were missing. By the middle of winter term, that number had grown to 27 books, including 14 books lent to the reserve section by faculty, says reserve section librarian Ethel Weltman.

Weltman attributes the increase in part to an organizational change made last January that housed all reserve books and periodicals in the same area.

"There used to be very little loss," she says. "Now, we have moved to a system with a lot of freedom."

Weltman says although she initially was skeptical of the new organization, she's generally pleased and expects the system to improve with time.

"I think it's too early to assess," she says. "It's a complex system — we need to teach them (students) what they can and can't do and make sure that

they understand there's a certain amount of honor involved."

Shipman says much of the problem stems from the University's dwindling budget. Because of course cancellations, professors are unsure of how many books to order from the bookstore, and then the bookstore is sometimes unable to get the book on time, he says.

Lack of available texts creates an increased competition among students for reserve books, Shipman says.

Weltman says students who use reserve books are under "high stress."

"It's very tempting. They may think, 'Oh, the library can handle it,' but often it's their own professors and ultimately it's each other they're ripping off," she says.

When competing for the books, students often hide books in other areas of the library for later use, Shipman says.

And although the books technically are still in the library, Shipman says "when a book is squirreled away, it's still lost."

An electronic security system, expected to cost between \$5,000 to \$7,000, will be in-

stalled in the reserve section, Shipman says.

Weltman says she's glad the reserve section will be equipped with a security system, but more signs are needed to discourage students from hiding books and cutting articles from periodicals, she says.

The cost of replacing lost books and mutilated periodicals is unmeasurable, and the library can't afford to replace books lent to the reserve section by faculty members, Weltman says.

The problem is compounded by budget cuts.

"People think you just go out to a newsstand, but periodicals are neither easy to replace nor cheap," she says.

At present the library has no money to bind periodicals, and "the longer a periodical is on the shelf, the more at risk it is," Weltman says.

Weltman says in the past the library would not bind an incomplete journal or periodical, although current research published in the journals make them the "heart" of a research institution.

"Nobody can afford to do that anymore," she says.



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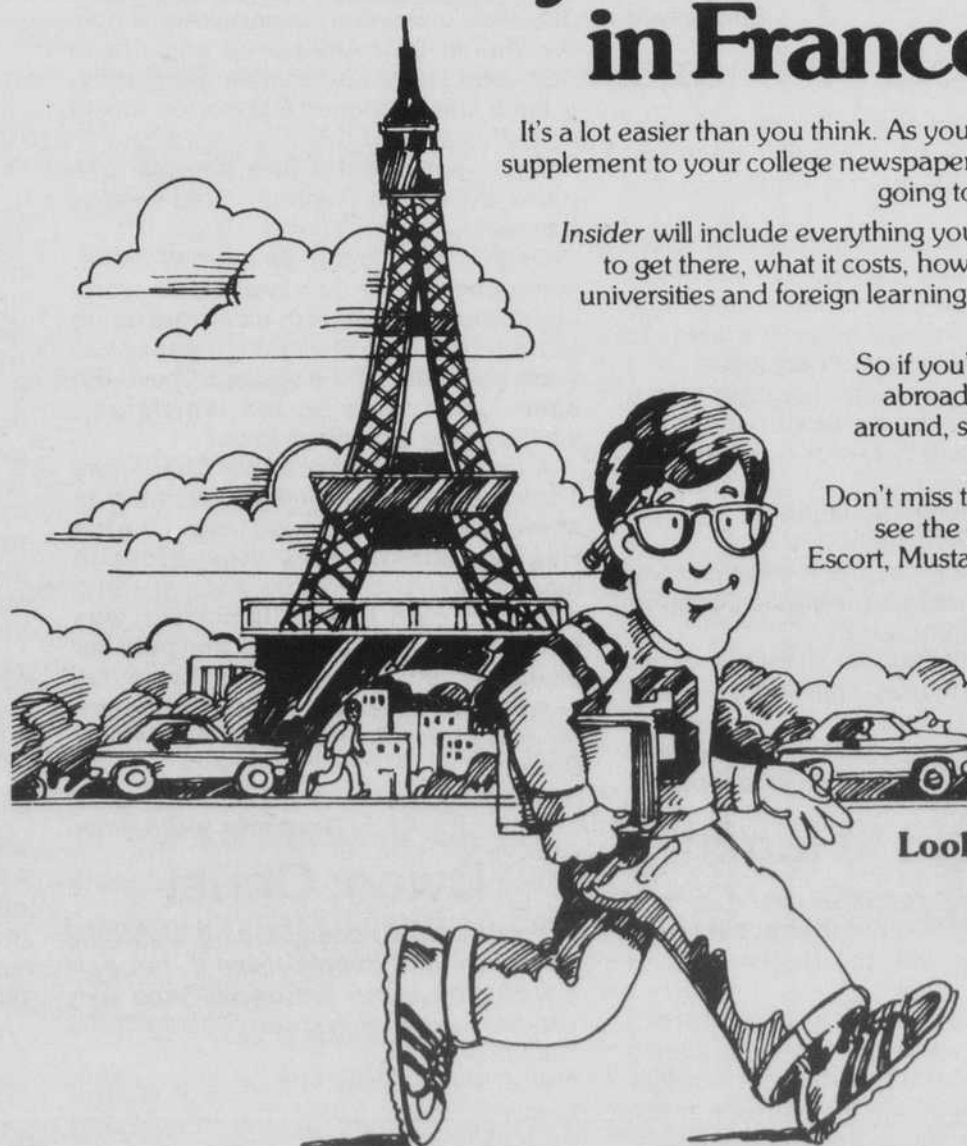
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