

ASUO: Provost says more hours not the answer

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to continue its tradition of academic excellence, ASUO intern Bryan Clark said. Students need a place to study on their own time, he said.

"The campus should revolve around the students, not the other way around," he said. "This school is based on research, so it should be open."

A pair of cardboard boxes held dozens of books Tuesday, each with a similar statement written on the inside cover. An old copy

of "College Algebra and Trigonometry" and a worn "Russian for Everybody" sat on top of the pile.

The ASUO hopes to get 1,500 students to sign the books, which will end up in University Provost John Moseley's office at the end of the campaign.

"A petition — taking six, seven, eight pages — really doesn't cause that much attention," Miner said. "A pile of books is tough to miss."

The University will work with the ASUO and students on the issue, Moseley said. But keeping the library open longer isn't the answer, he said.

Instead, he suggested a class building or part of the EMU be kept open for quiet study. The library would be too expensive, he said.

"Because of the books and everything — we have had major thefts — you really need to keep the library pretty fully staffed," he explained. "The way the li-

brary's designed, the whole thing's basically open."

The library has been kept open later before, Moseley said, and too few students used the library to justify the added expense. Those expenses aren't written into the budget, and the University already has a budget deficit.

"They have to know that this is not something that can just come for free," he said. "But we can work with them to try to find another place."

Support: Group leaders screen interested students

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meets on Tuesdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. "It's a small enough group so that people can get to know each other," Lum said.

Before going to the group, students need to contact Lum or Rajput. "It is not a drop-in group, mainly because I think that it takes trust to share and work through personal issues, and trust increases when you can count on the same people to be there each week."

The gay men's therapy and support group is for men who are interested in addressing issues of intimacy, relationships, internalized homophobia and finding and creating community, group leader and psychologist Mark Evans said.

"There has always been an interest in groups for gay men," Evans said. "The agenda is pretty

flexible. We're interested in meeting people where they're at."

The group could potentially be extended into spring quarter, depending on the level of interest among the participants, Evans said.

The group meets on Wednesday afternoons, with the specific meeting time to be announced. The group has room for more participants, up to eight total, Evans said.

The bereavement group was established for students who have "recently experienced loss and would appreciate the chance to explore this with others and heal," according to the counseling center.

This group is led by counseling center psychologist Kathy Sullivan and Glenn Matchett-Morris, the director of the crisis

center.

Times and dates have not yet been set for this group, and interested students should call the counseling center for more details.

Lastly, the older-than-average student group was created for students returning to school after time away and is meant to give them an opportunity to connect with people who are more a part of their peer group, according to the counseling center.

It meets on Thursdays between 3 and 4:30 p.m. and is led by psychologist Linda Sherman and intern Saba Rashid.

The groups in general can wind up addressing issues other than their uniting theme, Lum said. "Some groups share a particular feature or theme in common (e.g., the women's group), but in my experience, as long as

members are open to learning more about themselves, other factors, such as age or type of issue, are less important in benefiting from a group experience," Lum said. "Even with differences, and perhaps because of differences, I have seen tremendous personal growth among group members."

The groups are not open to drop-in visitors; interested students need to contact the counseling center prior to the meetings to find out which groups have openings and to set up a meeting with the group leader, psychologist Nancy Taylor Kemp said.

"For most groups, you will need to come in for a group screen with the group leader. The screening is a chance to find out more about the group, the leader and what you would like from participating in a group," Lum said.

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