

# Advisors help navigate library

Library technology can be confusing, but new peer advisors can help students figure it out

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"Most people come into the library and are overwhelmed," said Jon Cawthorne, Knight Library reference and outreach librarian. "We recognize that."

Because of rapidly changing library technology, students may have difficulty navigating their way through the library to find the information they need, Cawthorne said. Because of that, the Knight

Library has instituted the Peer Library Advising Network, where students trained in using the library give one-on-one help to other students.

Four peer advisers hold office hours for scheduled appointments or drop-ins, Cawthorne said.

"They have the option of getting instruction inside [the advising office]," peer advisor Sean Kissane said. "We can show them how to find books in a calm setting. The program is really for students who haven't used the library much before."

New technology, such as full-text databases and World Wide Web cataloging, can be convenient

for students who know how to use them but frustrating for those who don't, Cawthorne said.

The advising network started fall term; however, the long training period and two peer resignations have slowed the program's start.

Cawthorne said the library started looking for program funding three years ago but didn't get it until an alumnus donated the money in June 1997. "We have funding through this year," Cawthorne said.

At the end of the year, they will know how many students were interested and if the program is worth keeping, he said.

"My guess is, yes, it will be back," Cawthorne said.

# ASUO: 'Financial aid funeral' next

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cludes a \$75 million cut from the Perkins Loan Fund and eliminates federal funding for the State Student Incentive Grant.

"If anything gives, I would have to drop out, and mine is not a unique problem," Watson said.

About 1,800 University students receive the incentive grant, she said, and the fund could lose \$1 million if Clinton's budget is

approved by Congress.

"The frustration can create change," Watson said. "It just needs to be channeled. One hundred calls in the space of four hours makes a tremendous impact."

The ASUO will hold a "financial aid funeral" on Feb. 26. Students will be encouraged to wear black and sign banners that will be taken to the March 10 National Student Lobby Day in Washing-

ton, D.C.

The ASUO does approve of some parts of the proposed budget, including:

- \$140 million in High Hopes for College initiatives that fund programs for tutors and mentors.

- \$15 million for an Early Awareness Information initiative.

- A \$53 million increase for programs such as Upward Bound and McNair Scholars.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Asian crisis will be topic of reception

Bruce Blonigen, assistant professor of economics, will be explaining how the Southeast Asian economic crisis happened, what it means and where it's going at an International Student Association informal reception this afternoon. The ISA-hosted informal reception is in recognition of the support the Office of International Education and Exchange, University faculty and student leadership have given the group throughout the year. The reception will begin at 4 p.m. today in the EMU Taylor Lounge.

### Knight Library hours will change in spring

Knight Library is planning to change its hours spring term,

closing later on week nights and opening later on weekends.

The library will close at midnight Sunday through Thursday, beginning March 30. It will open at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday; and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The new hours are the result of an analysis of library use that found most students would give up morning hours on the weekend for night hours during the week. The library is facing a budget cut next year, so it couldn't afford to add hours.

### Kappa Delta to hold basketball tourney

Kappa Delta sorority will sponsor its eighth annual Shamrock Classic basketball tournament this weekend at the Bean Basketball Courts.

The tournament is the second-

largest grossing philanthropy on campus, raising \$9,500 last year. Most of the money raised goes to Looking Glass Youth and Family Services.

The national fund-raiser also donates some proceeds to the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse.

Money comes from local business sponsors and a \$35 entrance fee for each team.

### Hillel celebrates with free casino night

Hillel will celebrate Purim Saturday with a free casino night.

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