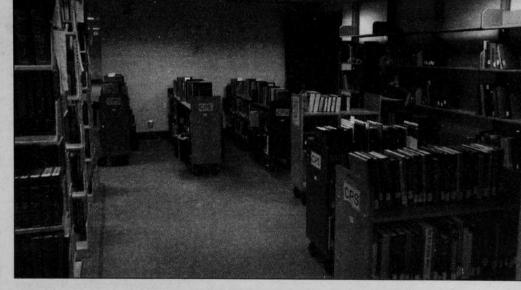




Student Travel Experts



Nozomi Ishitsu reshelves books after thousands of students utilized the extended hours at Knight Library during Dead and Finals weeks. Jessica Waters

Successful spring test run means more library hours

Extended library hours will let students study around the clock again at the end of this fall term

By A. Sho Ikeda Reporter

Tyler Graf needed to find refuge. It was Saturday of Dead Week and with his Information Gathering project due in less than 48 hours, the junior journalism major needed to avoid distractions.

Like many students at the University, Graf headed to the Knight Library where the doors were open 24 hours. During spring term's Dead and Finals weeks, the Knight Library experimented with the extended operating hours.

"The late hours helped me immensely," Graf said. "The library was a much better studying environment than my apartment."

Graf was among the thousands of students who took advantage of the library's extended hours. More than 7,000 students used the library between 1 a.m. and 8 a.m. from June 2

to June 14. An average of 780 students used the library during the early morning hours each day, and most students took advantage of the extra hours on the weekend following Dead Week.

"I have so many distractions at home, like my computer, TV and my brother who wakes up whenever he hears me typing," Graf said. "The library provided me with a study area with few distractions."

This was the first time that the library stayed open 24 hours.

"We called it the 24/7 experiment and we knew it was going to be popular," said Mark Watson, the associate University librarian for technical services.

Because extended hours experiment's success, the library administration plans to keep the library open around the clock at the end of fall term as well, Watson said. Watson added that the administration is also considering extending the library's regular hours.

In addition, Watson said, the library spent about \$7,000 on operat-

ing during the extended hours, mostly for security.

"We hired two private security guards," Watson said. "We wanted to err on the side of caution and the security guards did a great job."

Watson said the security guards checked incoming student IDs and tried to make sure that students did not feel alone in the library.

"The only problem that came up during my time at the library was a game of tag being played on the fourth floor," Science Library Manager Lara Nesselroad said.

Nesselroad, along with many other library staff and student employees, kept the library operating through the night. The library reduced its services during the early morning hours, when reserves and book checkout were unavailable. However, Nesselroad said that most students used computers in the Information Technology Center and small rooms for group studies.

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affirmative action should be used in recruiting.

"OSA has a long history of supporting affirmative action, so we're definitely happy with the decision," she said.

Weldon said that, despite the Supreme Court striking down the undergraduate point-system in Michigan, the overall decision approved the concept of affirmative action and gave some guidance as to what kind of programs can be used to achieve it.

Huy Ong, organizer for the Oregon Students of Color Coalition, agreed, saying the Supreme Court's direction on affirmative action outweighs the point-based system decision.

"I think the point system was a tool in reaching the overarching goal in achieving a diverse campus, and although they struck it down, I think there are many other systems that prove to be effective," he said. "We're very excited."

Some students were reluctant to declare the decision a complete

victory, however.

Junior physics major Zach Adler said he disagreed with giving minority students an advantage based on their ethnicity, adding that good grades should be more of an indicator. Regarding the Supreme Court's decision, he concurred as long as point-based systems were not used.

"I do agree that affirmative action is a good idea," he said. "But I feel like it's being abused now more than it's helping."

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