

FEATURES

IMPROVEMENTS ON MOORE AUDITORIUM

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Improvements that began on Moore Auditorium in early July will be nearing completion soon. According to Jim Joyce, the stage manager, the expected cost will run approximately \$175,000 versus the original \$300,000 estimate.

Up until recently the stage has been using lighting and sound equipment from the original construction in 1960. The lighting and "riggings" that are used to suspend them were not only faulty but also dangerous thus justification of replacement.

Replacement of the riggings has been completed personally by Jim Joyce and his staff but the lighting and the sound system (P.A. and amplification) are scheduled to be modified at a



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later date. The lighting and dimming mechanisms will be replaced in late September in which there will be a two week break for the Auditorium when there will be no productions presented.

CHANGES AT THE TIMBERLINE

By Jimmy Conley

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Changes are what's happening at the Timberline this fall! If you're a returning student and have a craving for one of those Timberline Pizzas, to bad, Pizza has been taken away and replaced with an assortment of snack food. However, there are a few good changes, there's a brand new 16" big screen T.V., which offers stereo sound, remote control, 142 cable compatible channels, and other such luxuries. In addition to the regular T.V. viewing which is offered every night, they will be having several video film festivals, and the hour-long "Rock World" videos weekly. A special treat as always is Timberline Friday Night, which offers a variety of concerts for your enjoyment.

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A NEW YEA

By Sherry Burnette, Staff

For those interested in a fellowship time with your Christians come join us weekly CSM Meetings on day night-(A time will be in the cafeteria). Our meeting will be held in the Amphitheater. We are also offering a lot of new and exciting activities throughout the year as devotions combined with aerobic workout focused beauty within. This group referred to as Firm Beliefs Details on dates and time also be posted in the Should you have any contact Debbie Bowen, newly elected director and a great job in giving CSM a new direction of growth.

LIBRARY MAKES CHANGES

As usual, MHC students will find changes in Memorial Library as the semester begins. Some changes will be for aesthetic purposes, while others will reflect a concerted effort to decrease book loss. Ultimately, all changes are hoped to improve service in the library.

Missing Books

At the end of each academic year, the library staff does a complete inventory of the collection, and every book loss is an annual problem. While the majority of the book loss comes from the circulating collection there is also a large number from the Reference collection.

This loss adds up to thousands of dollars each year. Many of the missing books are basic to our collection and must be replaced. As a result, the amount of the budget dollar which can be spent on new materials decreases. Replacement of some materials is impossible because it is out of print or part of a set where separate volumes cannot be replaced. Even with the cost of dollars in the thousands, the greater loss is to fellow students who cannot meet a research assignment, because of one selfish human being.

Many students have experienced the problem of not adequately completing an assignment because materials have been missing from the library. Last semester a whole class suffered because one or two people decided to remove reference materials which the class needed for an assignment. It was extremely frustrating for members of the class, and for those who tried to help them. One or two of these volumes reappeared in the book return, others were discovered in dorm rooms by RA's and RD's.

As a result of this book loss, certain steps have been taken in the library to monitor more closely books being taken from the Reference and circulating collections.

One of these is the rearrangement of various areas of the library, explained in more detail later. In addition, bookbags, backpacks, and briefcases will not be allowed in the Reference Room or Bookstacks. Shelves are provided for the deposit of these items. The only other options which the library has at this point is to invest in a security system, or have all bags searched before a student leaves the

building, a common practice at many colleges and universities. The present time, neither are viable solutions at Mars Hill.

The ultimate answer to the problem of missing books lies with each student. If you need a book through the proper method. Use reference books or periodicals in the designated areas. Remember, if you need information, the library will need it also. The library belongs to all of us and its materials must be shared.

Physical Change

The most noticeable change in the library will be evident as you enter the lobby on the main floor. Instead of finding the front exit the bookstacks, which should be more convenient for everyone. The card catalogs are now located to your right as you enter.

In the Reference Room, a Reference Librarian or Assistant will be on duty at the desk at all times. General encyclopedias and other selected materials will be kept in the reference desk area, and students must request these general reference materials. This will help monitor reference materials and better serve all patrons.

The periodicals area has done its share of changing also. The forms of the holdings, whether bound periodicals, microfiche, are not self serve. The location of newspapers and current issues of journals are in different areas. These changes should provide easier access for all.

Many plans have been made for improving the physical surroundings of the library and make it a more pleasant place in which to study. Painting has been completed on the main floor level, and new carpet is planned. In addition, the starkness of the bare walls enhanced with wall hangings, as well as new blinds for the windows.

The improvements and the renovations in the Library would not have been possible without some fine student volunteers who worked on desks, chairs, index tables, file cabinets, card catalogs, and the circulation desk. Five members of the Football team who volunteered were Darrell Dawkins, sophomore--tackle; Scott House, sophomore--guard; Craig Curtis, sophomore--left guard; Gene Brown, sophomore--center; and Robert Alexander, sophomore--tackle. Two members of the Soccer team who helped were Chris Graham and David Collins, both seniors. Thanks to all of you.

The staff of Memorial Library would like to welcome all students to campus, whether first time or returning. We look forward to meeting you. We also welcome a new member to the staff -- Kelly McBride. Kelly is filling our second reference position, and will be on duty several nights of each week. She will begin her duties on September 7th.