

Library can't be judged by cover

Students point out that campus building houses more than books

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Pickler Memorial Library provides students with more than just a quiet place to study.

Junior Mark Kendrick said he uses the library after classes and in the evening.

"The librarians are very helpful," Kendrick said. "The service desk knows where everything is located."

Kendrick said he doesn't use the library for anything other than studying, but his roommate checks out artwork on the second floor in the Curriculum Library.

"I come to the library to study because I can't have a comfortable chair in my room," Kendrick said. "And there's almost no noise distraction here."

Junior Karen Uhrlich, who works at the library, said the library is a place for students to get research materials and study for upcoming tests.

The library offers materials on hand to check out such as books, microfilm, videos, newspapers and journals, she said.

"The media library has lots of different movies and some new releases," Uhrlich said. "It's free entertainment besides Movie Gallery. Just check them out here."

Laptops also are available to check out for two hours at a time, Uhrlich said.

Before a student is eligible to check

out a laptop, the student must sign an agreement at the beginning of the semester at the front desk, she said. A fine of \$10 will be charged for every hour the student is late returning the laptop, she said.

Students who fail to turn in materials on time are fined every day the item is late, Uhrlich said. If it is a reserve book, the fine increases each hour the material is late, she said.

Students can use the reference desk to help locate an item in the library, Uhrlich said.

Ask-A-Librarian is an e-mail service located on the library's homepage, which allows students to make an appointment with a reference librarian to discuss papers they are writing and the types of research tools the library offers, Uhrlich said.

Reference librarian Janice Weddle said the reference desk is the main help desk in the library. Students can come in to ask questions, or they can call or e-mail questions about papers or projects, Weddle said.

Through the Research Assistance Program, or RAP, students can set up an appointment with a subject librarian, Weddle said. The sessions offer one-on-one help from a librarian who knows about the topic and can help locate sources and materials, she said.

The library also offers a class that teaches students how to use the library, how to find information, the difference between a scholarly journal and a magazine and how to search a database, she said.

"The class is useful," Weddle said.



Sophomore Lok Gurung considers a painting to check out for the semester on the second floor of Pickler Memorial Library on Tuesday afternoon.

"It's more helpful the earlier you take the class, like sometime during your freshman or sophomore year."

Weddle said it is best to renew books online through the library's homepage to avoid late fees. A list of the library's policies and late fees also can be found on the site, she said.

Students who are in need of a book that is checked out have two options, Weddle said. The student can either recall the book or place a hold on the book. If the book is recalled, then the person who currently is in possession of the book will be notified and given five days to return the book, she said. When a student recalls a book, the book will be pulled from the shelf and the student will be notified that the book is available, she said.

Another way students can locate

books that are not available through the library is through MOBIUS, a service that allows students to browse items from 68 Missouri libraries, she said. Requests can be submitted through the library's homepage, and if the book is available, it will be sent within two to three business days, Weddle said. Students are allowed to keep the book for 21 days with one renewal if no one else needs the book, she said.

Resources that cannot be checked out include reference books, periodicals and items from the Special Collections Department located on the third floor. This room houses historical documents about Truman, Kirksville and Adair County, Weddle said. Instead, students can use them inside the library or make photocopies, she said.

The library is usually very busy between classes with students checking their e-mail, Weddle said. During midterm and finals week, students find that the library is a quiet place to study, and, with the extended hours, students can spend more time studying in an environment designed for them, Weddle said.

Group rooms located on the second floor work on a first-come, first-serve basis, Weddle said. But group rooms on the third floor can be reserved through Information Technology Services, she said.

During the fall semester, the library is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 a.m., Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturdays noon to 9 p.m. and Sundays noon to 1 a.m.

Students reject picnics, parks in favor of atypical summer plans

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Jam-packed kiddie pools and screaming children at theme parks are exactly the opposite of what junior Laura Wiseman and sophomores Fiona Williams and Kelley Seitter experienced this summer.

While most people sat at home bored this summer watching High School Musical re-runs, or took the same family vacation they have been going on for the last decade, these three students took full advantage of their summer vacation.

"We had no running water"

Campus Christian Fellowship took 14 students to Narok, Kenya, in Africa this past summer for a two-week mission trip. Wiseman said she did everything possible to make sure she was one of those 14.

The group spent the first few nights in Nairobi, but when they arrived in the village of the Maasai tribe, they spent their nights in tents behind the school, Wiseman said. The living conditions were not as nice as the nearest Holiday Inn, but they eventually adapted to the tribe's living style, she said.

"Well, since we lived in tents, we had no running water, and we didn't shower for 12 days, basically," Wiseman said. "We did a lot of baby-wipe baths to feel clean, but I mean, the whole village lives without running water

and electricity."

The purpose of the trip was to help the tribe by painting houses and interacting with the school children, she said.

Wiseman said the group would spend time with the children by running or playing soccer with them. The group really bonded with the kids because they spent most, if not all, of their time with them, she said.

"There was one boy in particular, Philip, who was like 16, well, their equivalent of 8th grade," Wiseman said. "We usually saw the same kids everyday, but I really connected with this one. He wants to be a teacher so he would try teaching me to speak Maasai."

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radio station, but they are definitely one of the perks of the job, said sophomore Kelley Seitter.

"Intern Kelley" as she was known to the DJs at Q104.3FM in Kansas City, Mo., said she would like to work in the music industry after college and that



Junior Laura Wiseman poses with a group of Maasai children in Kenya in May. She spent two weeks in western Africa on a mission trip with Campus Christian Fellowship.

this internship definitely helped her get her foot in the door.

"I did it because I got Mike Kennedy's name on my resume," Seitter said. "He is the head producer of the morning show, and he's well-known in Nashville."

In addition to the usual intern work of answering phones and small talking with the boss, Seitter said she was also involved in promotional work.

She said she and her co-workers would set up a table outside of concerts with various promotional paperwork for the station and would score free seats to the most well-known names in country music.

"It's really cool, I mean, at first I was really starstruck, but now I'm like ... whatever," Seitter said. "The last show that I went to was a sold out Kenny Chesney show, and we got 4th row seats."

Although the concerts were a perk, she said the people were what made her want to go back next summer. The internship opened her eyes to the industry and allowed her to get a head start on learning the business, she said.

"First of all, getting to know how you interact with people who work in the music industry is very important," Seitter said. "Learning how to promote new

CDs, learning what qualifies as a single and how they get on the air. It's kind of interesting to see the background of it all."

She said she has not effectively established herself in the music industry yet, but she plans on returning at Winter Break and next summer to continue her efforts and maybe someday soon make it to Nashville.

"There is just so much history in the city"

Born in Ireland, sophomore Fiona Williams had a taste of Europe and apparently craved more. With their parents pushing the trip, Williams, her sister and two friends decided to backpack through Holland, France, Spain,

Italy and Ireland.

"We actually planned it out," Williams said. "We made a little itinerary, and we booked hostels and stuff like that, but when we would get to a city we would look at books, and we decided where to go when we got there."

Staying in a hostel provided great opportunities to meet interesting people, she said. Hostels, which are very similar to dorm living, are usually co-ed and community bathroom-style.

"If I could do it again, I would stay in a hostel the whole time because you would meet people, and 15 minutes later we would be seeing the Eiffel Tower together," Williams said.

Along with the Eiffel Tower, she said they saw the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Coliseum and Vatican City among other landmarks.

They visited Amsterdam, Paris, Nice, Barcelona, Rome, Pisa, Venice and various cities in Ireland where her family lives. She said her favorite city was Rome.

"I took Italian last year so I knew a little bit of the language, and I could kind of read the signs," Williams said. "There is just so much history in the city, and I'm a history major so I found it all interesting."

It was very difficult for her to say goodbye to Europe, she said. They used every bit of daylight to their advantage and slept on the train in-between cities. A three-week adventure backpacking through Europe just wasn't enough time, Williams said.

"I would definitely like to do it again," she said. "Everybody should backpack through Europe at least once in their life."

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