

Library hours extended

The library has proposed changing its hours on weekends and extending hours during exam periods as a result of student pressure.

Library administration agreed to requests from student senate representative Runjan Seth that the library extend its hours to remain open during peak hours of demand.

Bonita Boyd, the assistant university librarian, has suggested the Killam and MacDonald libraries close two hours earlier on Fridays, at 9:00 pm, and open two hours earlier on Sundays, at 11:00 am. On Saturdays, the two libraries would open and close

two hours later than they do at present — from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm rather than the present hours of 9:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Under the recommendation, the Killam library would remain open until midnight except on Saturdays during exam periods and in the week before exams.

Seth says he would like to see extended library hours during the year instead of just a reshuffling of the hours, but says there is too little funding for that now.

There is a possibility the library might extend its regular hours of opening if students and faculty show enough demand,

says Boyd, but "our budget is quite tight."

Staff reported that there was little use of the libraries on Friday evenings and that many people have requested the library open earlier on Sundays.

If response to the proposed changes is good, Boyd says they will go into effect during the Christmas exam period and at the beginning of January.

Students and faculty who feel strongly about the proposed changes are encouraged to contact either Seth in the student council offices or Boyd in the Killam library (424-3601) within the next few weeks.

SUNS rises at Acadia

WOLFVILLE (CUP) — The Acadia University student union has voted to rejoin the Students' Union of Nova Scotia, only a year after withdrawing its membership in the provincial lobby organization.

Student union president Peter Sonnichsen said last year's SUNS wasn't organized or worth the \$1.50 per student fee.

"The organization was becoming leftist and uncooperative, resulting in ineffective lobbying

and misrepresentation of the students of Nova Scotia," said Sonnichsen, adding new leaders had much to do with Acadia's decision.

"This year the positive attitudes and new ideas will re-establish the respectability of the organization," he said.

SUNS chair Barney Savage is confident Acadia made the right choice. "We've proven to be an effective lobbying group, and having Acadia back in is going to

make us even stronger," said Savage.

Trent Allen, a fourth year student who petitioned to stay in SUNS last year, said the student union pulled out with little direction. "Last year, council was full of criticism, but didn't put it to use. They just copped out," said Allen.

Although Sonnichsen is not completely satisfied with some SUNS goals, he said "changes have to come from within, and not from the outside."

Vets fast for peace

By KIRK WILLIAMS

The Halifax branch of Canadian Veterans for Peace is calling on Canadians to support the stand of a highly decorated American Vietnam veteran who has begun a hunger strike to protest the "immorality" of U.S. foreign policy in Central America.

The group hopes increased Canadian awareness might put pressure on the American government to reverse its current strategy.

The action centers around Charles Liteky, 55, a Roman Catholic U.S. Army Chaplain who was awarded the highest U.S. award for bravery, the Congressional Medal, when he saved the lives of 20 wounded soldiers. After visiting Central America two years ago, Liteky returned his medal in protest and, began a fast on the first of September to send out a "significant signal of public protest about the U.S. government's intervention in Nicaragua, and its defiance of the rulings about that intervention by the International Court of Justice."

C.G.(Giff)Gifford, national chairman of the Canadian group and head of the Halifax's branch, is also calling on the Canadian government to "request the NATO Council to forcefully remind the United States government that in its actions in Nicaragua it is in violation of Article 1 (of the NATO treaty)."

He found out about Liteky's protest at the first convention of Veterans for Peace, held in Maine this summer. The organizations in both Canada and the United

States have the same disarmament objectives but different motivations, Gifford says.

"The difference between the two groups is in the level of emo-

tional intensity," Gifford explains. "We haven't experienced war for 41 years, but the Americans have been at war for half the time since World War II.

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