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New library fine policy

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University debts are being deducted from students' fees.

This new procedure for collecting university debts went into effect in September of 1976. Library fines and bookstore debts are also deducted.

The University Librarian, Mrs. Cooke, stated that talk of changing the fines system began late last spring.

During the summer the library sent a registered letter to students who had unpaid library fines from the previous academic years. These students were advised to clear their debts so that they may see the library records. The Business Office will handle these debts after Sept. 1st, but records will not be available. Consequently, the Business Office cannot handle students' objections. Should a student feel that his or her fine is unjustified they may go to the library which is retaining all records.

The letter also states that this is a new University policy. Vice-Presi-

dent McNeill assures us that "this is not a new policy at all and will not be put in the calendar".

This procedure of deducting automatically any university debts from students' fees already paid, has essentially the same results regarding registration as last year. Until the student pays these fines, s/he is not registered.

In previous years any student having unpaid university debts was not able to register, graduate or receive a transcript. With the new procedure the student will be able to have his/her schedule made but will not be considered registered until his/her bill has been paid.

Contradictions are apparent on speaking with various people in the Administration, as to the question of how large a university debt a student can accumulate before being withdrawn from the university. It was said that some students run up library fines into the hundreds of dollars. But another

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