

Library may bring in fines

By **BILL OVEREND**

RECOMMENDATIONS 'ARE in for a new policy on overdue library material.

But the Macdonald and Killam library administration are not ready to discuss them, says Bonita Boyd, assistant university librarian for user services.

The seven recommendations, rumored to suggest tighter circulation control policies, must be discussed by the Faculty of Arts and Science library committee before being made public.

"The recommendations, if accepted, would put us more in line with other university libraries across Canada," says Boyd.

Libraries on other Canadian campuses generally employ

much stricter overdue policies, including the withholding of marks and the use of fines for materials not returned on time.

Library officials could not comment on whether this would be the case for Dalhousie.

A circulation review committee was struck a year and a half ago to investigate the policies currently in force in the library circulation system, says Boyd. The committee gathered some interesting results from a questionnaire given to graduate students, faculty departments and undergrads, she says.

"It (the questionnaire) confirmed some of the feelings and expressions that staff members of the library had received," says Dr. Pat Keane, chairperson of the

Faculty of Arts and Science Committee. Questionnaire results have not been revealed.

Students and faculty have been complaining that books are not available when requested, usually because they have not been returned by borrowers on time, says Boyd.

"The earliest that change can be implemented is January '86," she says.



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