Library responds to student requests for later hours

In response to requests from students, McDermott Library has extended its normal operating hours from Sunday through Thursday nights to 2 a.m.

"We have always sought to be responsive in regard to the needs of our students," said Dr. Larry D. Sall, dean of libraries at UTD. "After considering our own surveys and listening to the desires of many students, we have decided to offer this extended service, and we are going to do so within our current budget."

Previously, the library was open only to midnight. The new hours become effective Aug. 18, the first day of the full fall semester and will be effective through finals week. The circulation, information and media desks will be open during the extended hours. Hours for the fall semester are:

- Sunday - 1 p.m. to 2 a.m.
- Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Friday - 8 a.m. to midnight
- Saturday - 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

"This is wonderful news," said Dr. Darrelene Rachavong, UTD vice president for student affairs. "It is something the Student Government Association has wanted for awhile. We are grateful to Dr. Sall for working on this and making it happen."

Since McDermott Library is open to the public, the extended hours also will benefit patrons from the community, Sall said.

McDermott Library will celebrate the 30th Anniversary of its building in a public presentation and reception at 2 p.m. on Sept. 15 in the McDermott Suite (MC 4.4) located on the 4th Floor of the Library. Dr. Larry D. Sall, Dean of Libraries, who has been at UTD for 27 years, will emcee the event. See page 8 for details. Shown above, McDermott Library in its infancy.

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2005 McDermott Library-Mercury Writers Series

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“Conversations with George Bush”
By Martha Mattia

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2005, 3:30-4:45 p.m.
McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.410)

“When the News Went Live: Dallas 1963”
By Bill Mercer

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005, 3:30-4:45 p.m.
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