

GALLEY

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To the Bennington College Community and especially
the Bennington College Library.

It would be of great assistance to our studies if
the library could remain open from 6-7 pm on week-days, up to
after
~~during~~ ~~during~~ Sunday dinner and until 11:00 pm on week-ends.

It seems unfair that the library cannot be used
during these hours, when the situation could be easily and
cheaply remedied by the hiring of one extra student to work
these needed shifts.

Furthermore, the policy of preventing learning the
whereabouts of borrowed books presents a great problem. This
policy allows one student to hold a book for a period
anonymously, even if she only plans to use the book for "a
limited time; while another student must literally wait
around for the book's return. The library is ostensibly pro-
tecting the borrower's privacy, but the borrower could do this
herself by simply stating to those asking for the book, "I am
using it." If she isn't using the book, an agreement to share
the book can be made. At present, some wait until a friendly
is working behind the desk in the library to find out who has
borrowed the book. In this manner, the library defeats its
purpose of protection. Since the transgressions are so
blatant, the library's policy should be reviewed.

Could there please be constructive remedies to these
problems. The library is supposed to help the students, not
retard them in their study.

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