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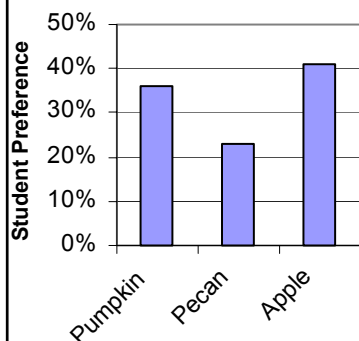
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## New Library Hours Enrage Many

by Joseph Liberman

MLC—Students, refreshed and eager to learn, returned Monday to many changes around campus. These changes include greatly shortened library hours.

This truncated library schedule of operation is a cause of concern for many of the returning students. "How in the world am I supposed to do get the books I need when the library is hardly open?" asked one sophomore. This question has been echoed by most of the student body.

Throughout the last several years college administrators have periodically lengthened the hours so that the library eventually became open until midnight on school nights. This pattern of extending the hours came to a drastic halt on Monday when the new library hours were revealed to the returning student body.

The changes apply to the days of Monday through Thursday and Sunday. The new hours for Monday through Thursday are: 7:30 am—12 pm. The hours last semester were: 7:30 am—12 am, making the new schedule for these days an entire 12 hours shorter. Sunday has been shortened even more, with the new hours of 2 pm—12 pm compared to the old hours of 2 pm—12 am. Theoretical mathematics aside, this is an incalculable difference, with the library now only being open on Sunday for a period of negative two hours.

Library personnel have given several reasons for the shortened hours. These include lack of funding, high heating costs, and a massive worker shortage. Library Director David Gosdeck emphasized this last reason. "The lack of workers is so tremendous this semester that we have no other option but to close at noon during the week... the shortage of workers on Sun-

days is even greater, so massive that it actually created a time vacuum, which creates a void of two hours during the day, baby" explained Gosdeck.

With no re-extension of the hours in sight, students are currently scrambling to get to the library while it is open, a task impossible for students like John Bookman, who has classes throughout the morning. "Eh, man, I can't get no books during the week unless I skip class an' I works on Saturdays, so the on'y day left is Sunday, but they got that whole time vacuum deal goin' on" complained Bookman.

Other than actually skipping classes, there is currently no way for students like Bookman to utilize the library Monday through Thursday. Science professors, however, are currently working on a way for students to use the library on Sundays. Professor Sponholz explained:

"This is an extraordinary challenge, much like sumitting your very own mountain in Antarctica. However, looking at Einstein's ideas of the time continuum, I believe we can successfully transport matter back in time to the elusive period of 2 pm through 12 pm. Even if this would work, I'm not sure if Gosdeck would go for it...making books travel faster than the speed of light is really hard on the bindings. However, through analysis of newer, more liberal quantum theory, I believe this can be accomplished in accordance with the Casimir effect, thus creating a worm hole and eliminating the need for surpassing the speed of light. So through the curvature and warping of space-time, students would be able to travel back in time and check out books on Sunday. Despite this, Physicists such as Stephen Hawking have never speculated the effects of



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**Library Hours:**

Monday -Thursday  
7:30 am -12 pm

Friday  
7:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday  
11 am - 5 pm

Sunday  
2 pm - 12 pm

**MLC Library Staff**

**Library Director:**  
David Gosdeck

**Library Secretary:**  
Helen Krueger

**Technical Services:**  
Grace Bases

**Periodicals/Reserve:**  
Jan Nass

**Media Services:**  
Lolli Paulsen

**Reference Librarian:**  
Sue Martin

**Hours:**  
Mon 12 pm - 5 pm  
7 pm -10 pm  
T - F 8 am - 5 pm

*Bookmark with the controversial new hours*

time travel on devices such as electronic bar codes and magnetic security systems. This is another reason Gosdeck may not go for this."

Until a solution is found, Professor Sponholz's classes have been indefinitely suspended.

# Frosh Certain of Admirer

by Dave Stewart

MLC—On Wednesday eligible bachelor Chester Wendel expressed confidence that “the cute blonde Prep chick with the tight body totally wants me.” Wendel’s friends remain skeptical.

While looking with friends through MLC’s 1999-2000 yearbook for “women we’d want to go to church with,” Wendel pointed out a picture of LuAnn Willis, a sophomore ECE major and highly regarded WELS babe. He excitedly mentioned to friends that he had identified her obvious attraction to his genetically superior person. This comment was met with scornful laughter.

Wendel still argues that the evidence is strongly in his favor. According to the freshman, there have been at least three instances of definite eye contact, once with an accompan-

ing giggle. Secondly, while passing LuAnn in the WCC upstairs hallway, a suggestive “Hi” was exchanged. Most convincingly, Chester thinks that LuAnn and her friends may have been talking about him before chapel the other day, although he does admit that they could have been saying “Wendler” or “Wendland” or something.

Despite all the overwhelming evidence, Wendel’s friends are not convinced of the validity of his claims. They feel his hastily ejaculated comments regarding LuAnn may be unfounded. “Chester thinks everybody likes him. Like one time he was at a Christina Aguilera concert, and he thought she was making eyes at him. Or that time he was at a family reunion and his cousin supposedly started flirting with him. I tell ya, he’s a little

messed up,” said friend Frank Hardy.

Wendel says he will continue to pursue this possible relationship. He plans to employ a series of well-timed smiles, the occasional wink, several “accidental” run-ins with LuAnn, and the tapping of her phone line. When asked if this behavior could perhaps be construed as stalking, Chester replied, “No, no, no. I just want to get to know her better. You know, her schedule and patterns and circadian rhythms and stuff.”

LuAnn could not be reached for comment because she was out with Dirk Pitt, her boyfriend of four years. *The Cabbage* was able to talk to roommate Jessica LeClair. When asked about the possible infatuation, Jessica responded, “Chester who?”

# Students Refreshed and Eager to Learn

by Inga Perry

MLC—Students returning to Martin Luther College from their two week Christmas break are fully invigorated and more than ready to learn. The students were forced from school on December 21 and withstood two weeks of vacation before returning to start the new semester on Monday, January 8.

Remarkd one professor, “I just love when the students get back from a vacation, fully refreshed and ready to jump into the books! They are eager to participate and soak up great worlds of knowledge.”

Professors and students alike are anticipating all this semester has to offer. Said freshman Melanie Malone, “I only wish that Christmas

vacation hadn’t been so long. Around January 2<sup>nd</sup> I started to get bored and I really had the urge to get back up here to MLC. I was so glad there was no snow on the day we drove back—I’ve heard that in years past they’ve cancelled a day of school because of bad weather, so I was a little worried. I’m so glad to be back. I’m ready to learn!”

When asked, students at MLC said that they are excited to be back in New Ulm. “Man, I missed this place!” said SPaM junior Johnny Crane. “I mean, where else can you find a Big K and a Target in the same town? Where else does a coffee place stay open long enough to keep me awake until all hours

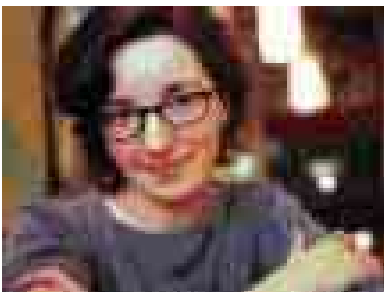
of the afternoon? Where else can you find a Treasure Haus, a Christmas Haus, and a Copy Haus within two blocks of each other?”

Professors at Martin Luther College are pleased with the level of intrinsic motivation and enthusiasm the students are showing. “The fact that these young adults love school thrills me. The future of our WELS churches and schools is in good hands,” remarked President Theodore Olsen.

Meanwhile, MLC students will continue to grasp as much knowledge available to them as possible before the next break.

# Editorial: “I’m all churchd out”

by Cynthia Mae Wendt



So I finally get all my work done last semester—I had 13 papers due the last week, not to mention 9 final exams! Then I go home and I hardly have any time to get everything

done. I mean I had to practice—not that I really had to—but I did and then I had to play during Wednesday’s Advent service, then on Christmas Eve for the regular service, then during the Children’s service I had to help out there, then I had to play again for the Candlelight service, then twice again on Christmas morning, then I had to play again the next Sunday, then on New Year’s Eve, then again on New Year’s Day. It can be very stressful being a talented musician for the church. I must admit it got to be a lot of work, but I’m a dedicated Christian, you know. I won’t even get into all the other stuff I had to do over break. Now I’m back and boy do I have a heavy workload! I’m in the 8-credit, French Revolution to Bismarck, and I’ve got 4 literature classes, and my Ger-

man and Spanish classes. I realize a lot of people around here cut corners, but I’m a dedicated future minister of the gospel, so I always get everything done. I mean even though I have all those classes and organ lessons and I work with handicapped children downtown and I tutor countless students, I feel that if I don’t complete all of my homework faithfully, I am not only robbing myself of a fine education here at MLC, thus subtracting fruit from the efforts of my totally awesome professors (I love you, Wittmershaus!), I am also depriving my future students because I will not have finely tuned my teaching skills and knowledge. I’ve got to go now and teach knitting to the quadriplegic boy downtown. Man, I’m getting stressed out!