

Computer labs available campus-wide

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Collier Library seems much busier now than in previous semesters. During the daytime, one can expect to wait for some time. One can always see students waiting for their turn to use computers on the ground floor of Collier Library. Many students expect to find sufficient computers inside the library. And because of the overload and pressure of computer use, the library has posted notices asking students to give priority to academic purposes rather than using library computers for recreational purposes.

What caused this overload in the Collier Library? Are the numbers of computers in the library enough? Is it because of the reconstruction going inside the building? Or is it because we have an increased number of students this fall? Does the university have sufficient number of computers compared to the number of students?

Dr. G. Garry Warren, dean of Information Technologies, professor and librarian, admits that there is overload in Collier this semester.

"We have nearly 500 more students this semester than last year," said Warren. Figures from the Registrar's Office show that the enrollment of the students this fall reached 6,950, up from last year's number of 6,444.

"We had to move some PCs from Collier Library due to ongoing reconstruction. Last week, we switched four of the residence halls to Comcast internet service. It took some time. So, the students from those residence halls also had to come and use library computers, which also caused more pressure during that par-

ticular period," said Warren. He said that the reconstruction of the library will go on till the end of the calendar year.

"As money is available, we try to rotate equipment for better service and try to replace with better equipment every three years. We always try to get the best equipment for the betterment of the students. We also buy additional bandwidth every year," said Warren. He said that he is looking forward to having a board meeting along with the campus-wide student representatives to work on the issue of computers and towards increasing computer service. He also said, "Our goal is to have ample computers and wireless services all around the campus."

Director of Computers and Telecommunication Services Randall K. Horn said, "We are going to add wireless services at Keller Hall and Raburn Hall in addition to the current wireless hotspots. We have now eight times faster bandwidth internet in a few dorms and we are trying to switch to the faster bandwidth in all the computer labs and Residence Halls."

Warren and Horn worked together to find the detailed information about the computer services around the campus to make it easier for students to have access to computers in different buildings around the campus. They advise students to seek out computers in various locations around the campus.

Residence Hall Computer Centers provide residents of those particular dorms with computer access.

Wireless hotspots are available in Collier Library, Stevens Hall, the Student Recreational



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AH, TECHNOLOGY— Students enjoy movies at a newly renovated campus computer lab. Center, the Amphitheater, the GUC* and Bibb Graves Hall.

There are wireless teaching locations in Stevens Hall, Stone Lodge and at Kilby School.

The ARC, the Art Department, the Science Building (multiple labs), the College of Business and Business Departments (multiple labs), the College of Nursing, the Collier Computer Reference Center, Computer Science, the College of Education, the Foreign Language and Psychology Departments, the Geography Department, the Geology Department, the Human Environmental Science Department, the Journalism Department and the Writing Center all provide labs.

Dates and times are posted at above-mentioned locations.

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