



Monday
45/32
100% chance of darkness at night



Tuesday
278K/266K
It's different than climate



Wednesday
39/31
Showers beginning at 2:18pm



Thursday
What is temperature really, but a measure of thermal radiation and the loss of heat to an uncaring, indifferent universe?



Friday
62/44
Pretty nice, actually

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HIGHLIGHTS



Self-checkout now just a mirror



Abandoned bike really excited to start junior year



Investigation:
Is Sloopy about to fall? Or does she just need to wait a minute?



Elsevier Vice President applies for Dean of Library Services



Staff bookshelves to house print collection

BY ERIC SCHARES

Citing a space crunch and the need to free up room for student seating and collaboration spaces, Dean Beth McNeil announced today an ambitious new proposal to shift Parks Library's print collection to a "distributed shelving model" in the coming weeks.

"Our weeding efforts have been tremendous, but we have three million print monographs in our library and need approximately 700 shelves per year to keep up with the amount of new books coming in," Dean McNeil said. "One resource that has yet to be tapped are the bookshelves in staff offices."

Initial analysis suggests the library would be gaining the equivalent of one and half Library Storage Buildings by moving to this model. Staff will be asked to submit a form requesting specific call number ranges for their offices, with continuous runs receiving priority over piecemeal approaches.

Each library employee will receive one large bookcase to add to their space or a set of smaller shelves to mount on the wall. One TARDIS is also available upon request.

"Sure, this undoes the massive amounts of work by Space and Stacks to arrange the call numbers in A-Z order," said Kathy Parsons, space advisor to the dean. "But on the plus side all the maps and signage will now just have to point to a few rooms."

Any unclaimed books will be assigned to subject specialist's offices. An added bonus is that patrons who want to look in a particular subject area can now easily chat with their subject liaison while browsing. Additionally, new books will live in 204 for the first year, while books about canning will be located in Preservation.

"It's simple," said Dan Coffey, librarian for Linguistics, Literature, and Philosophy. "For example, call numbers PN1-4500 and 6010-6790 will be in my office, but not 4700 through 5650."

"Actually, is this that simple....?"

Further outreach will be made to faculty members to encourage them to "just check out a bunch of books in their research areas and keep the darn things in their offices," said collections coordinator Ed Goedeken.

"That's what a lot of them do now anyway."

Periodical Room loses Quiet Zone certification



BY ERIC SCHARES

Officials from the International Quiet Zone Federation announced yesterday that Parks Library's Periodical Room did not qualify for Quiet Zone certification in the most recent round of tests.

Senior Hearing Helper (SHH) James Ruhig said, "While the Periodical Room is indeed at quiet room, it unfortunately no longer meets the requirements of an officially designated Quiet Zone."

Officials from Brussels had been visiting Parks Library last week as part of the annual recertification process required of all Quiet Zones.

Unfortunately, the delegation found numerous problems.

"There was a squeaky door hinge, as well as one student with a persistent cough. We can overlook one of these things, but a cough *and* a door hinge? That's simply too much."

"The decibel readings were way too high," Ruhig continued in a subdued whisper. "At times, the readings jumped all the way to 40dB."

"I mean, is this supposed to be a Quiet Zone or a gentle rainfall?"

Library administration announced the Periodical Room will now be treated the same way as the Tiers – mistakenly referred to as a Quiet Zone by tour guides and policed by students through peer pressure.

Grant approved for purchase of new, sparkly pixels for all ISU Library monitors

BY SCOTT MARRON

Library IT announced today the approval of a new grant to refresh all ISU Library computer monitors with new pixels.

Head of IT Services Lisa Smith announced the initiative, adding, "It's probably time to get these pixels upgraded. I don't know the last time the library did a complete refresh. Probably when things were a lot lower resolution."

Pixels will be shipped in sealed prisms designed to contain the light during transport.

Precautions are necessary due to the recent incident where a shipment of pixels inside unsealed prisms overturned on New York state highway 28N, resulting in the

destruction of the entire High Peaks Wilderness area.

Environmental Health and Safety urged caution when handling and stacking pixels, advising the use of special goggles to protect eyes.

Building Manager Tom Finestead was preparing for arrival. "That's what I hear. Lots and lots of pixels coming the end of the month, so any day now."

"We've got our safety instructions; we've got our goggles. We're working on space needs, should have that wrapped up soon."

When asked what they would do if the pixels arrived in a non-pixelated state, Storekeeper Justin Nolting commented, "We'll make do, maybe unload them at a big building like Hilton, providing Coach says okay."

A representative for Central IT commented, "Grant money is always good, but we're not sure about this particular \$3.5 million purchase."

"To be honest, we're not real sure how to install all those pixels. Do they just go somewhere in the back of the CPU?"

"Do we roll them out into sheets and attach to existing screens? Lots of unanswered questions from our perspective."

At press time, employees were hard at work on a new grant for funds to train staff on pixel installation.



Library employees wear eye protection during a previous pixel upgrade. Courtesy SCUA

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