



INKLINGS

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For at least three years that I know of, UTD's library hours have been like Dallas weather: everyone complains about it, but nobody seems to know what can be done.

But in the waning hours of last semester, when most of us had our heads deep in our books, a group of people at UTD got together and did what had seemed impossible.

They got the library's hours extended. And not just by a little bit. The library hours have been extended by 38 percent.

This is what I call a truly major accomplishment. UTD's library hours actually now reflect the fact that most UTD students work during normal business hours and have to drive a considerable distance to use the library.

And since the library hours (along with childcare, the Pub, etc.) was one of THE student issues, success with this demonstrates some interesting things which we may care to consider in dealing with the other issues in our lives.

For one thing, it demonstrates that given the right proposal, the administration is willing to respond to student concerns.

For another, it demonstrates that UTD's students are practical, creative and dedicated enough to come up with proposals that solve "unsolvable" problems.

It even demonstrates the value of student senates and committees.

A large number of people deserve special recognition for their part in this accomplishment.

First of all, there are the student leaders, especially Pat Leible (our fearless leader) and Sharon Sloan (fearless leader of the A&H students and member of the library committee) and all of the Student Senate, who came up with the key idea of using student activity funds to pay for the extension.

Special thanks should also go to the entire library staff, who have demonstrated their complete support for the students on this issue by coming up with the actual library schedule, and by allowing their entire lives to be disrupted by it. Dr. Ed Walters (Library Director), Abby Kratz (Assistant Director in charge of Public Service) and Ellen Safely (Head of Reference) are among many who have worked hard to make the idea a reality.

The UTD Police Department, under Chief Golden, deserves recognition for agreeing to help with the library's additional security needs.

And finally, the administration, especially President Robert Rutford, deserves credit for responding so quickly and so positively to the proposal.

Maybe now we should assign these people to do something about the weather.