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Duluth-- The UMD Student Association this week voted unanimously to give the UMD library \$200 so that help could be hired to keep the library open nine more hours a week.

The action was approved both by the SA assembly (legislative body) and by the executive council of the Student Association, campus governing body. Donald MacArthur, Duluth, SA president, had earlier conferred with Rudolph Johnson, UMD librarian, after many students requested longer library hours so that they could study on weekends.

Because of budgetary limitations, Johnson said the library was kept open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Because of the Student Association donation, the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays and from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. On examination weekends, an additional nine hours will be added to the schedule. The new plan is effective immediately and will continue to the end of the academic year (in June).

Johnson today expressed gratitude for the Student Association's action. "It's good to have students asking for this type of academic emphasis," he said.

MacArthur pointed out that the library seats up to 350 students and there are times when all seats are taken. The new plan, he said, will do much to relieve congestion in the library.