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Gossip that is repeatable:

The electrical shutdown is scheduled for Saturday, March 11 @ 5 PM. We will ****not**** be open Sunday, March 12 if this event takes place. *****Everyone***** is responsible for checking any and all electrical equipment in their work areas on Friday March 10! If you have equipment (PCs, printers, copiers etc) on surge protectors make sure the surge protector plug is pulled out of the wall socket. Any equipment directly plugged into the wall must also be unplugged. The Computer Center folks say it will *****not hurt***** to disconnect the cabling going into the backs of PCs as well just to be extra safe. If you are unsure of what this is check with Deb sometime and we will figure it out. All staff should double check that "communal" areas. "Double check and triple check" (last time this happened we lost a FAX machine) is the motto for the event.

Hours during Spring break are being posted and delivered to all by Barb. If there are any changes, staff will be notified.

Violence in the Campus Workplace Awareness Seminars presented by the Division of Personnel Services and the University Police are being offered March 7, 8 or 9, 1995. The seminar is one day 8:30 AM - 4 PM, held over on the Tampa Campus. Please register in advance, flyer is available in Deb's office.

From Tina ->

1. The Manager of Campus Computing position is now open. It will be an A&P position requiring either a Masters (in an "appropriate" discipline) or a Bachelor's and 2 years experience in Unix, Dos and Mac. Please see Tina for a copy of the position announcement if you know someone who might be interested in applying.
2. The Computer Lab has been having some pretty serious problems with a Dos virus that is not detected by the automatic scan located on our machines. They are actively pursuing a solution to the problem. In the meantime, if you notice any unusual problems or abnormally slow operations, please call Jim in the Computer Lab.
3. There is renewed concern around campus about random software audits. Only legal software may be loaded on State computers. Please remove any unauthorized software ASAP.

A proposal has been submitted to the Dean for funds to procure computing equipment and software. :-)

Collection Development news:

Kathy reports that the book sale will held March 21-22, 1995.

Kathy has until March 15 to get book funds encumbered. Get your suggestions to her before then.

Public Services news:

For anyone wishing to read more about WinSPIRS (Silver Platter's

WINDOWS version of their software), there is a nice article in ONLINE, Jan/Feb, 1995.

From Jim->

I have put together a display of Floridiana in the display case on the second floor of the library. Remember, March 3 marks the Sesquicentennial! Hope you enjoy the display.

From the minutes of the Academic Computing Committee (Tampa) - reiterating what Tina reports -- USF is going to ****spot check**** PCs to make sure every department is in compliance with software copyright laws. We made a major effort over a year ago to assure this but we have purchased some new PCs in the interim. Staff were given all the software that came with their PCs and the software purchased in multiple packs such as WordPerfect and Microsoft Works are definitely OK. Just re check to make sure you don't have anything on your system that you can't account for.

Circulation

We have a new OPS person Paul Amodeo who will be working the Circulation desk and shelving.

Reserves

*****Please***** remember that students *****must***** their new IDs to check materials out of reference. Everyone *****must***** adhere to the policy even if it means being an occasional "bad guy". There may be extenuating circumstances e.g. recent lost or stolen wallet or the ID equipment is down....but poor planning on the part of the student does not a crisis make.

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Any interlibrary loan books (those with a white band attached to the front) should be placed on Virginia's desk or Tina's desk ONLY!

Technical Services news:

From Renee->

New recreational reading books will be placed on the shelf today.

1. Absolute Truths Susan Howatch
2. Cunning Man (The) Robertson Davies
3. Diving Rock on the Hudson (A)
Henry Roth
4. Faith Len Deighton
5. Felicia's Journey William Trevor
6. On the Edge Elizabeth Drew
7. Original Sin P.D. James
8. Paperboy (The) Pete Dexter
9. Sins of the Wolf (The) Anne Perry

We have Voter Registration Application forms available for people to take in a holder near the exit. These are for people to take and to fill out themselves and mail in. They are for new voters and address changes. We are not expected to help people with them or to "remind" them to pick one up (as they are required to do in the public library).

We were asked to do this because they are available in the Public Libraries (as per the new law) and Stetson and JC libraries were willing to have them available like we now are. If we run out of forms, let Signe

know.

AV news:

There is a new OPS employee in AV, Lisa Floto.
AV hours on Saturday are ****back**** to 10 Am - 4 PM.
Don't forget to get your suggestions into David B. concerning
****voice mail****. You snooze, you lose!

Internet Junk:

Jerry gave a great demo of Netscape at the February Staff meeting. Thanks, Jerry! It looks like it was most timely as the Computer Center came over the next day and started putting Netscape on the WINDOWS PCs. P.S. <http://www.times.st-pete.fl.us> (Treasures!)

Jerry sent directions to subscribe to "HotWired" via email. In case someone missed that message, Deb has a paper copy for review. To recap, HotWired is not an electronic version of a magazine but rather an interactive / informative medium.

Next issue, we will discuss how WINDOWS users can set up a profile in FTP and use this application for file transfer and printing.