'Graffiti'

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of the extreme extent some of the vulgarities reached. When a staff member from The Rider News went to the library to take pictures of the graffiti, the most vulgar wording was brought to his attention.

"I've heard that there was some unsuitable graffiti that the students are unhappy about," he said. "I agree they were quite offensive, particularly when they involve someone's name—just not their first name, but their last name too."

As a result, Chickering put in a work order and some of the most "obvious and unsuitable" graffiti that was photographed was removed.

"We had some spray that removed some ink and pencil, but we began using a combination of abrasive methods—now instead of graffiti, there are light abrasive spots," he said.

Despite the removal of the most vulgar graffiti, some of it is still legible while other, less vulgar graffiti, remains until the library receives more money toward renovation.

"For the meantime, we hope we get most of the unsuitable graffiti," said Chickering. When the library staff first met with President Montdecai Rozanski and discussed what they were going to do as part of the renovation, they considered the condition of the carrels.

"We talked about making the best possible situation," said Chickering. "But were they worth the effort? There's a lot of work that goes into restoring it."

The library staff agreed that the old reference room, now the Reference and Periodicals Reading room, was the highest priority. Discussions regarding the carrels and other areas attempted to resolve the problem, but no clear opportunity for a prompt improvement arose. In a meeting with President Rozanski, a variety of ideas for improving the Moore Library facilities were discussed. An agreement was reached that a comprehensive project is needed and talks are underway.

"Looking at options for the carrels, paint, formica and refinishing were discussed, along with discarding and replacement," said Chickering. "No solution had yet been adopted."

"It is relatively expensive," said Chickering. "A percentage of the proposal for a complete renovation of the library (included) expanding the building a bit and wrapping it in a more interesting structure to provide spaces for students to go and take care of needs they have for the University."

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The library staff is still looking at possibilities for the future and Chickering is willing to listen to students' ideas and take suggestions about concerns they might have regarding the library.

"If students have suggestions, I am always pleased to hear them," he said. "We can look more closely at what students find important and respond more directly."

Chickering said no one has actually been caught in the act. At least during his time as the Dean of University Libraries, and as well from what any of the staff members have told him.

According to The Source, the student handbook, consequences to policy 3.5 Vandalism range from Levels 2 to 5. Vandalism is considered to be "attempted/actual physical abuse, destruction or defacement of property belonging to another which impairs its utility or diminishes its material or aesthetic value," which makes the graffiti on the carrels punishable if students are caught in the act.

"I feel the graffiti on the antique wood desks acts as a test capsule for people who tried to study but were unsuccessful," said senior Sam McGranaghan.

Vandal graffiti still remains on some of the carrels in the library, although several of the worst statements have been removed.

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"We had four levels before and are continuing with the four level concept," said Vickie Weaver, director of Safety and Security. "We know our students, but sometimes we don't know, when we open an event to non-Rider guests, who may come in."

According to the Social Event Policy, a Level 1 event (100 people or more with guests) held at the Pub will accommodate 120 persons and require the following Security! Police at the following rates:

- three LPD Officers at $45 per hour for six hours; one LPD Supervisor at $56 per hour for six hours; Administrative fee at $5 per officer; three Security Officers at $21 per hour for six hours; and one Security Supervisor at $25 per hour for six hours; and one Security Supervisor for a total of $1,694. Resource is compared to the Level 1 event held in Alumni Gym, which would accommodate 1,500 people and require $2,224 for security.

"When this is required, the Finance Board has taken into consideration these new steps and has increased the activities fee, one area that they've been looking to dedicate money to is to support Level 1 programs," Keenan said. "This is not just going to be thrown out there and groups are going to be left out there to flounder around."

The Events Management Committee still decides whether an event is considered non-passive or passive and what level it falls under. According to Keenan, a Bronc Buffet in Daly's could be deemed Level 1, that carries a $1,964 security price tag.

At the end of the year, the policy will be reviewed again to ensure that it is up-to-date, said Weaver. "We want to review it when things are going well just to make sure we're staying on top of things," she said. "With the level of commitment we have from our staff, from faculty, from administrators and from the student body, we're doing everything we can to be responsible in being able to bring safe events, fun events, to our campus community."

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