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University Library open during the weekends

The Covid-19 crisis caused that students now largely follow their lectures at home. In fact, many students will not spend the first semester of the academic year on campus. Nevertheless, students must be able to commit themselves to their studies. Especially now that their lives are just as disrupted as that of others in the country. The quality of the diploma should not suffer from this, even if Tilburg University has to follow the guidelines made by the government and has to keep students away from campus. Still, it is important that students must have the ability to concentrate on their work. An environment where this is encouraged could facilitate this. However, if a person lives in a busy student house this is not possible. If a person lives in a place where there is noise pollution or simply lives in a cluttered and small room, this becomes a lot more difficult. In general, students do not live in places where you can learn or write your essay in a pleasant way. This can contribute to a poorer academic performance, think of students failing assignments and exams. We therefore believe it is a responsibility of the university to help students in the best way it can and we believe that there is still some room for improvement.

The university library currently closes down on the weekends. It is understandable that the university is not able to use its usual capacity. The health of both the students and the employees of our university is very important. However, we as student party SAM believe that the optimal capacity should be utilized. This is not the case when the university library remains closed on weekends. It is rather important that students have the ability to go to the university library for several reasons.

First of all, loads of students are dependent of the university's work spaces. They may not have the opportunity to focus on their work at home. The Lochal used to take in about 200 students a day. With the Lochal refusing students of the university in order to give students from other institutes a fair chance, the need for work space becomes more urgent. Secondly, with the upcoming exams it is natural that the library is used more often. We believe that students should have the ability to find a work space without a lot of stress. Even in stressful periods. The reopening of the library in the weekends will contribute to students in their preparation for the exams. Lastly, we believe that it will be easier for the university itself. By reopening the University Library in the weekends, it will be possible to divide the students in a more convenient way.

Student party SAM asks the executive board to recognize the shortage problem of study places and reconsider opening the University Library before the midterm week.