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Department	Campus	Category	Comment
Accounting	Stamford		Leave of absence in London, 2-3 years.
Accounting	Storrs		This is my first semester at UConn and my opinions are initial ones.
Allied Health	Storrs		I believe strongly that your personnel have made every attempt to meet the needs of the campus under horrible physical circumstances. Finishing restoration and rebuilding project of exterior should be #1 priority of University.
Allied Health	Storrs		The librarians (reference) have provided exceptional workshops for undergraduate students.
Allied Health	Storrs		Would like to participate in electronic workshop, but they are never offered when I can come.
Animal Science	Storrs		ILL Office is great! Could use more resources.
Anthropology	Storrs		Books and journals for my field very inadequate. I subscribe to most I use regularly if I relied on library, I would get nowhere. My students suffer in writing papers because basic materials are simply not available at library. Please don't just fix the building! What goes on inside is even more important.
Art & Art History	Storrs		Integrating the Art & Design Library into the new fine arts building should be explored.
Art & Art History	Storrs		Strongly suggest moving the Art & Design Library to facilities adjoining the Art Building. This would enhance my teaching and undergraduate use of library materials 1000%. Absolutely essential.
Art & Art History	Storrs		I'd like to see the Art & Design Library moved over to the Fine Arts complex.
Art & Art History	Storrs		I would hope that the Art and Design Library could be moved to adjoin the Art Building when the new facilities are completed. Also, the art students need actual books with good reproductions - not facsimiles, etc.
Art & Art History	Storrs		Art Dept Faculty and Students and program as a whole would greatly benefit from moving the Art Library to new facilities adjoining the art building. Also, it is essential to have actual books and journals of art. Xerox portions are of no use due to compromised quality of Images which are crucial for study and reference. Sorely lacking are books and journals on Contemporary Art and Art Theory.
Art & Art History	Storrs		Move the Art Library next to the Art School. Preserve Art and Art History journal subscriptions. Xeroxes of art reproductions will not do.

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Art & Art History	Storrs		The holdings of library must be continually updated and increased significantly! Staff should be increased! Hours increased!
Art & Art History	Storrs		Top priority would be to move Art & Design Library to new facilities at Art dept. Our students need immediate access to these resources as evidenced by Cookson Music Library.
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Stamford		Having electronic workshops at the regional campuses are needed. Electronic data bases for remote use would be useful for supporting research mission at the regional campuses. Improving journal collections (or access to) for regional campuses.
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Storrs		I am still disgusted at how the faculty are treated - we cannot take journals out & must renew books in person. This is the only library I've used at a major research inst. that treats faculty like children!
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Storrs		Don't spend so much time and \$\$ on electronic services. Much of it is available elsewhere. Concentrate instead on the core mission: journal and book collections - that's where we have no other resource.
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Storrs		Our journal holdings have deteriorated greatly in recent years. Map room should obtain prints of recent aerial photography and not change over completely to computer tapes/disks.
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Storrs		Am retiring at the end of the current academic year (1996-97).
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Storrs		I don't answer 18 & 19 so as not to dilute the desperate need for 17-3 and 17-7.
Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary Biology	Storrs		I am retiring. Perhaps you need younger blood who will be impacted the most. Thanks for help in the past.
Biology: Molecular & Cell Biology	Storrs		Had to go to the Health Center to have access to the kind of publication attached. They are enormously useful for research and graduate teaching - if not undergraduate teaching.
Biology: Molecular & Cell Biology	Storrs		If you call, I'll try to return your call. This is a busy time.
Biology: Molecular & Cell Biology	Storrs		The journal holdings have deteriorated dramatically that it is difficult to claim that this is a PhD granting first class research university.
Biology: Molecular & Cell Biology	Storrs		I am a "hands-on" library user, and have not taken much advantage of electronic services available.
Biology: Molecular & Cell Biology	Storrs		The UConn library does not have the newer major journals in my field!
Chemical Engineering	Storrs		Great electronic resources. But I can never find the journals I need! (Subscription discontinued, issues missing, Interlibrary Loan slow).

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Chemical Engineering	Storrs		Biggest need is in journal and book, current holdings, technical or in rapid Interlibrary Loan of technical books and journals.
Chemistry	Storrs		The library is poorly organized for the user. Reference and Bibliographic tools need to be in close proximity, not on different floors. Research is an iterative process, requiring access both to tools and to stacks.
Chemistry	Storrs		Should have two faculty-only Xerox copiers on the third floor.
Chemistry	Storrs		We are at a critical stage of cuts in journal subscriptions. This severely hampers research efforts.
Computer Science & Engineering	Storrs		I am not a major user - most is for research and done by my graduate students.
Economics	Storrs		We need more photocopiers that can reduce/enlarge. We also need more copiers from microfilm that are of better quality, can reduce/enlarge and work most of the time.
Economics	Storrs		Journal funding is most important to me.
Economics	Storrs		Like every other service at this university, the library is run poorly. The staff are unhelpful, unfriendly, and incompetent. I found out that this jerk Kobulnicky moved his office to the Dodd Center. I do not blame him. The library is an absolute embarrassment on every dimension.
Economics	Storrs		I am cheered by the fact that this survey is being done.
Economics	Storrs		Will research studies have access to a LAN once construction is finished?
Economics	Storrs		Why can't we use the online services when the building is closed?
Economics	Storrs		Library staff are excellent. Basic building works well.
Education	Storrs		In my opinion, the construction will skew answers to some of these questions. I would wait until library gets back to normal before doing additional research.
Education: Curriculum & Instruction	Storrs		Laura Raccagni - liaison librarian has done an outstanding job working with my students.
Education: Curriculum & Instruction	Storrs		Good luck!
Education: Curriculum & Instruction	Storrs		Library is a good resource! Keep up the good work (on the inside)!
Education: Curriculum & Instruction	Storrs		Continue efforts to update and modernize.
Education: Educational Leadership	Storrs		I am concerned about the library becoming a social/restaurant center. I believe that other places on campus should be designated for food, fun and socializing. The atmosphere in the library is almost "party-like" at times.

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Education: Educational Leadership	Storrs		Construction and interior design, layout, and furnishings make the library an uninviting place.
Education: Educational Leadership	Storrs		our library resource liaison is outstanding. I have learned how to make full use of our library resources by working with Laura Raccagni.
Education: Educational Psychology	Storrs		Good work - excellent survey
Education: Educational Psychology	Storrs		Hard to do anything in library these days with all construction noise. Interlibrary Loan is a fabulous service!
Education: Sport, Leisure & Exercise Sciences	Storrs		I use the library at the Medical School, UConn Health Center, Farmington two to three times each semester.
Electrical & Systems Engineering	Storrs		I use Valueline and Morningstar regularly, plus the Dow Jones news service. These are great! Please don't let them lapse!
Electrical & Systems Engineering	Storrs		No. But emphasis on electronic access to catalog, etc. is fine but has a poor user interface. UCAT/JREF seem very awkward initially and are not well received by students.
Electrical & Systems Engineering	Storrs		I commend the library for moving into the electronic realm and would urge you to continue in this direction, particularly for transient information e.g. journals.
English	Stamford		I wish that someone would work to improve the level of courtesy by librarians. This has decreased in the last year. It is difficult as faculty at a branch to do significant research and more difficult when librarians exhibit impatience and reluctance to assist research needs.
English	Storrs		I have found the Interlibrary Loan services to be particularly excellent.
English	Storrs		The moveable shelving on Level A is a nuisance, especially when people are standing in an aisle, browsing. More space is really the only alternative. I also dislike the segregation of material by date on Level A.
English	Storrs		For #16, in the stacks it is impossible to follow from Library of Congress H...call numbers to J or L for example. How about a map of the layout of each section of the stacks?
English	Storrs		About the reserve services: My ideal would be a reserve room set up for graduate students where all graduate reserves are shelved and accessible to students in that secured room at that time. This allows comparative reading and skimming of a wide range of materials. It would involve added security, I realize, but would cut down on students' frustration over lack of access, and it would enhance their ability to grasp the connections among the major works in a given field.

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English	Storrs		Inevitably, high tech services will become more important in libraries, but my concern, perhaps a minority emphasis, would be to ensure that the traditional library core - books, journals, archival materials - remains the central funding priority.
English	Storrs		My 20 hr/week research assistant uses the above for me; the work I'm doing would be impossible without the helpful library personnel and extensive search capability and ILL retrieve. Hats off! I'm doing the best work of my life, thanks to you all.
English	Storrs		The shelving of books sequentially is difficult to follow.
English	Storrs		One of my students found 12 appropriate sources for a research paper on The Grapes of Wrath using our electronic indices today. The Library owns one of them.
English	Storrs		A wonderful library, doing a great job under difficult circumstances. Do try to resist the temptation change everything. PS - How can the P's (given the nearby Dewey 800's) expand in future on 4 without ruining the new structure? I should think the Dewey's would have to move to sub basement, but I would strongly oppose weeding them, even though the compact stacks are now apparently full?
English	Storrs		The rebuilding and limited access have changed from a regular (almost daily) user of the library to an infrequent user.
Family Studies	Storrs		Work on Faculty Development with the Teaching & Learning Institute on how to maximize the use of the library in our teaching. Goal should be students who become quite self-sufficient in the use of all the new data retrieval forms.
Family Studies	Storrs		Need support for remote terminals - terminals in office. Need help when things go wrong. Terry plum is great - but he is not free to do this as much as needed. Need improved air circulation. Smell from smoking room on the floor is very bad. Have had to leave this floor because of stale smoke smells!
Finance	Storrs		Dave McChesney is great!
Finance	Storrs		I know you can't make bricks without straw!
Geography	Storrs		Do we have on-line searching gears for different fields (e.g. the georef for earth sciences)? Also other fields such as in chemistry, EE, etc.?
Geography	Storrs		the construction problems have made me embarrassed to work here. I can't imagine what you must think. I think each academic building should have a liaison post and service hub.
Geography	Storrs		People in the library are the friendliest and most willing to help of all UConn subunits. Thank you!

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History	Stamford		I believe Stamford may have recently acquired a faster dial-up number. If accessing Homer and library data bases from home will be faster, I will probably begin doing that, in which case my answers on remote access (in #10 and #11) would change. Also, improved access to Storrs video collection for use in teaching here at Stamford would be helpful. I would rank this over the categories in #19 (Same for improved reference collection).
History	Storrs		On leave, fall.
History	Storrs		Keep better control of US and other government documents - library has always (since 1960s) been reluctant to preserve them properly and to establish easy bibliographic access.
History	Storrs		Clear entrance areas of debris, cigarette butts, and trash.
Linguistics	Storrs		I've had some difficulty locating materials in the electronic catalogues, when I've needed to combine partial author/subject information in a Boolean search; on the other hand, the trouble may have been chiefly that the materials I was trying to track down were absent from the library's collections.
Management	Storrs		I know that it's fashionable to complain about some things like airplane food and the UConn Library, but I like both.
Marketing	Stamford		We don't have a library at our main place of instruction. Library hours inconvenient to working students.
Mathematics	Storrs		Items 11 and 12 should have at least one "Other" column and for Mathematics #9 is inadequate since it omits the Mathematics Reading Room, which many of us use at least once per week. I use the book and journals collections for my own enlightenment and edification but seldom for teaching and not recently for research; thus I have left some entries with nothing checked.
Mathematics	Storrs		Systematically buy good books and provide a sub-library in the Mathematics department with essential reference books for research.
Mathematics	Storrs		I think that by printing this survey on cheaper stock and not using huge envelopes you could save money and give the appearance that you want to.
Mathematics	Storrs		Sorry I'm late; I lost this.
Mathematics	Storrs		I really appreciate having the current Mathematics journals in the MSR reading room. The current journals are the library service that I really need and use. It's rare that I go to the main library - usually to look at an advanced text nobody in the department owns.

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Mechanical Engineering	Storrs		The library's journal collections and book collections leaves a lot to be desired. It is way below par with other university libraries of similar standing. If the university library aims to help the faculty in the academic and scholarly pursuits, it should definitely increase its journal and book holdings. Please feel free to contact me for specifics.
Mechanical Engineering	Storrs		Allow faculty to check out journals! The current policy is not at all user friendly.
Mechanical Engineering	Storrs		Gaps in journals cannot be fixed later so should be #1 priority. Photocopying #1 flaw.
Mechanical Engineering	Storrs		More funding in the book and journals collections and less on computer related aids.
Modern & Classical Languages	Storrs		I'm generally very happy with the library and the wonderful staff. I just wish there were more money to expand the holdings, especially of journals!
Modern & Classical Languages	Storrs		My research has special requirements. I have library privileges at Yale - without them, I could not do my research. We need a Hebrew Semitics bibliographer. We need to build basic Judaic/Bible/Religion holdings. Woefully neglected despite some good efforts.
Modern & Classical Languages	Storrs		My main complaint with the study space is that I lost my research office due to construction. Microfilm machines need to offer a variety of lenses to accommodate photocopying large images. Interlibrary Loan service is excellent. If you call me, do so before Dec. 31 when my visiting assistant professor appointment expires.
Music	Storrs		I checked 18/13 not because music library staff are unhelpful, but because they appear overworked.
Natural Resources Management & Engineering	Storrs		Library too few, too small, lack of worldwide collection.
Nutritional Sciences	Storrs		The photocopier situation is particularly disgraceful.
Nutritional Sciences	Storrs		Although the medical reference collection is very limited, all of the staff have been extremely willing to do all they can to get me the literature I need. Also, the instructional staff have been a great addition to some of my classes.
Nutritional Sciences	Storrs		I suspect that I will shortly be using the WWW sites for information, USDA NAL and the need for my use of the UConn Library will be reduced.

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Pathobiology	Storrs		I would like to electronically search the library and state library for texts and be able to electronically, in the same sequence, request delivery of the book to my departmental mail box or pick up at the circulation desk. This system is in use at the University of Illinois and works very nicely.
Philosophy	Stamford		I don't think I'm an ideal person to follow up with.
Philosophy	Storrs		In Homer I couldn't find Faulkner's The Sound and the Fury by title or author. I could only find it by keyword. These sorts of cross-referencing failures are common with Homer. Fyffe has been a great departmental liaison.
Physics	Storrs		Internet connections from the library are so slow. Is this a UConn problem or a library problem? Either way, it's too slow.
Physics	Storrs		Library has been doing a good job on journals in difficult circumstances. It may need to have to go electronic, but electronic delivery not yet as good. So do not ruin journal collection until electronic becomes universal.
Plant Science	Storrs		Place priority on your WWW offerings and usability.
Plant Science	Storrs		Your choice of books in Horticulture and other related topics is outdated. Horticulture is the largest Agricultural industry in Connecticut and our book collection stinks.
Plant Science	Storrs		The library has always been inadequate for my purposes. When I first used the library 20 years (Agriculture), fully two-thirds of the journal references and reference books I was seeking were not available. Inadequate funding meant there would be no change in that. Hence, I rely on the USDA Library and other resources.
Plant Science	Storrs		Please use more directional aids. For example, when a journal title changes in, say 1992, to a new title then place a wooden bookmark at the end of the old series name that directs me to the new series name. Currently, it looks as if the series just stops. The variety of journals is small - needs expansion. Electronic abstracts would help. I like our ILL!
Plant Science	Storrs		The question not asked is: Do you use the library for self-improvement/life long learning?
Political Science	Storrs		More seamless system with law and medical schools.
Political Science	Storrs		I really feel the lack of law journals, books and reference works. UConn law library does not give us borrowing privileges; Babbidge Library needs to carry more law materials.
Political Science	Storrs		Would like to see an instructional classroom with 10 or more Super Homers, to be reserved for class instruction sessions, but open use otherwise.

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Political Science	Storrs		Many microfilm machines need repair.
Political Science	Storrs		Library personnel excellent, especially reserves and special collections librarian for Latin America.
Psychology	Storrs		Need more journals. Need more journals. Need more journals. Remote access to current contents (with abstracts) would be great!
Social Work	Hartford		Some of my comments relate to Trecker and others to Babbidge. Sorry for the (presumed) resultant confusion.
Social Work	Hartford		The staff at the West Hartford Harleigh Trecker Library is superb! Jam Lambert, Fran DeFranco, and (formerly here) Lois Fletcher have been absolutely wonderful!
Social Work	Hartford		More books/articles, etc. on Puerto Ricans and other Latinos.
Sociology	Stamford		See 6 above. Note: From Stamford we need an 800 number and a fast modem and a large hard drive to be able to use remote services, which are the only ones we could use. I have tried to use the electronic data bases from the Library. Most of the time it takes forever to connect.
Sociology	Storrs		Need to upgrade software for Homer - no mediocre. Book acquisitions are languishing - lacking important new books. Photocopiers, printers and other machines often broken down.
Sociology	Storrs		Useful survey. Good idea to get up some focus groups to explore faculty concerns. I'll be on sabbatical leave next term.
Sociology	Storrs		The photocopiers are a disaster. Missing journals need to be replaced expeditiously. Interlibrary Loan is terribly understaffed. Reference is understaffed.
Statistics	Storrs		Keep up the good work! You're doing a fine job.
Statistics	Storrs		The library has fallen behind in buying new statistics books and new statistics journals. I hope this problem can be given top priority in future planning.
?	Stamford		Local public libraries have been far more helpful - both in actual service and in friendly helpful manner.