

What's on Your Mind March 2005

“Librarians talk too much”

We agree that the library should provide a quiet place to study. However, the first floor reference area is never meant to be a quiet area. Reference staff do consulting and research assistance at the Reference Desk, and thus need to talk with patrons most of the time. There are other quiet study areas upstairs and in the Science Wing.

“I think having spittoons in the stacks is a great idea. That way, I won't have to pull out so many books.”

I don't even want to think about this!

“Change the chalkboards to dry-erase whiteboards.”

New dry-erase whiteboards have been ordered for those group study rooms without them.

“I am curious as to the selective nature of enforcement regarding the different types of allowed drink containers. Apparently my reuseable, close-lidded 7-Eleven coffee cup is enough to be considered a disturbance. However when I see the same PSO who made me throw out my cup walk past several white students with the same cup and or cans of soda and not require them to comply, I feel as if I have somehow been discriminated against.”

I am truly sorry that you feel this way. SMU PSO are trained to enforce campus rules and regulations uniformly and without discrimination. Their actions are monitored to assure their impartiality. I know that sometimes when I walk through the library, my thoughts are somewhere else and I do not notice things that I would normally.

We do depend on library users to cooperate with the food and drink policy and monitor their own behavior.

“The old books should be made available for”

What is...READING, Alex?

“Longer blocks for study rooms.”

“There should be a way to reserve a study room for more than 2 hours. Studying for finals & moving every 2 hours is a major bummer. Library area can be too noisy, so the rooms are all that’s left.”

We restrict the reservations to two hour blocks to provide study space to as many students as possible. Fondren Library Center has eleven group study rooms that may be booked individually or by groups of students for 2 hour periods and may be renewed at the end of that period, if there are no other bookings. Occupants without reservations must relinquish rooms to users with reservations.

“I love Fondren! Love the new furniture. Love the later hours. Woo Hoo!”

Thanks!

“Fondren Library could really use a magazine section with current publications. It would (be) MAG-nificant.”

Current periodicals in Fondren Library Center are shelved in the Newspaper and Periodicals Reading Area. This Area is located on the mezzanine and 2nd floor of the Science wing, and includes the current academic journals, popular magazines, and newspapers. If you ever have problems finding what you need, please ask for help. The Periodicals Office is staffed whenever the library is open, and we are here to help you.