

***“What’s on your mind”  
November 2005***

***“Library contains insufficient Engineering books.”***

We are aware that we need more engineering books, and we are working with engineering professors to improve our collection. If you are in a specific department, you can give requests to your department's chair, who can forward them to the department's library representative.

***“Explain to me how you can’t allow coffee into the library you allow closed cups, how about just when using computers you can’t drink coffee open but otherwise it seems odd. The one place people need to stay awake you won’t allow coffee it seems odd to me.”***

As you have pointed out, we do allow coffee into the library to help keep you awake. The secure container is to protect not only computers but also library books. Covered coffee containers, such as travel mugs, are re-usable and non-disposable. Open containers that would be disposed of within the library would increase our garbage that would draw bugs that do other damage in the library.

***“...air freshners need to be put inside (restrooms) and kept.”***

ABS custodial service does not supply air fresheners. However, the library is buying air fresheners and having them installed in the two restrooms in the FLC 1<sup>st</sup> Floor LINK.

***“Are there any ghosts on the SMU campus and if so where?”***

One of the favorite Halloween stories on campus is about Fondren Library and tells the tale of a ghostly professor who haunts the eighth floor of the West stacks. Umphrey Lee, SMU President, is said to have suffered a heart attack in his office in the library, but did not die there. Some people may say his ghost haunts the west stacks of the library.

***“Please fix the broken light at the main entrance. It’s like a bad disco party every time I come in.”***

A work order was sent in on November 21 to fix the light. Thanks for bringing it to our attention.

***“Update the Firefox Browsers on the computers. They are out of date.”***

Thank you for your suggestion. In order to keep the maximum number of computers available to the public during the academic year, the public computers in the FLC are updated according to a strict schedule. The next such update will be made during the summer of 2006. At that time, library staff will assess which version of Firefox is most suitable for library use.

If any public PC critical updates are performed during the Winter '05 - '06 break, the library may update the version of Firefox and install it at the same time these updates are performed, assuming there are no major security, compatibility, etc. concerns with the software.