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From the Director's Desk

To the incoming 1L students graduating in the class of 2013, I welcome you to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library. To the returning 2L and 3L's students, I welcome you back for another year. This is an exciting year to be in law school. Many new events await you. Sit back and experience what will truly be an adventure. Law school is like no other event in life. This is a place unlike any other. There will be days you will wonder why you decided to burden your life with law school. "Hold on, this too will pass." Law school is one of the most rewarding experiences you will encounter. On those days when it seems like you have taken on more than you can endure, be still your time is coming.

Rest if you must, but know that what's for you, no one can take from you. Be strong and this year will be what you desired.



Do your part, and what is meant to be will occur. And once again, we welcome you to law school. Now sit back, take a deep breath, and hang on for the ride of your life. Be strong and I'll see you at the end of the year. On a new note, this year new

things are happening in the library. We will be having construction in the law library within the next couple of weeks. Excuse the noise but in the end students should be happy with the four new group study rooms that will result. Keep watching we keep improving for you... This year the legal research classes will all be conducted in the law library. 1L's will get the full flavor of conducting research in a law library. Sorry we didn't think of it sooner. But 2L's and 3L's get ready the Brown Bag Sessions are coming soon. Until then...

Good luck.
Professor Spearman

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Laws of The Library

Beverages are permitted in a pre-approved, non-spill container. Patrons with drinks in unapproved containers will be asked to discard or remove such items.

FOOD will be permitted in the form of individual snack size containers of dry foods like chips, cookies, candy, granola bars, and other relatively non-messy, individually packed snack foods. Please discard all food containers in the trash cans near the study rooms, basement elevator and at the main library exit. All library staff members are authorized to enforce this policy.

Food is considered acceptable as long as it meets the following conditions:

- If you can buy it in a vending machine;
- It's not a liquid, frozen or wet;
- It's not meant to be eaten with a fork or spoon.
- Provide an exclusive view into the rule of law for each issue raised.
- Foods from vending machines like the one pictured are generally acceptable in the library.

Drinks and food are NOT

allowed in the computer lab and photocopy area.

Let's work together to ensure our library is a place where we all can work/study comfortably.

The library will be issuing spill proof mugs to students for use inside the library.



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The Library Will Have a New Look

In 2007 when we had our ABA Self Study several students complained about the lack of group study rooms in the law library. Before we moved out of this facility as a result of the flood in 2001, we had 1 conference room on the first floor and three conference rooms in the basement level that students used as group study rooms. When the building was renovated none of these rooms came back to the law library.

W. A. Robbins Construction Company will begin the work on the library renovations this fall. Please be patient for the short time they will be here. We are having the following done:

Between rows 127 and 128 we will be remodeling the area to construct two group study rooms approximately 16 x 16 and 8 x 15, respectfully. Library study rooms B14 and B15 will be renovated into one large group study room approximately 18 x 18 .

Renovate the Law Library Media Room dividing the room in half by putting up a wall between the two making half the room a media center for the library and half the depository for the special collections. The media room will function as a group study room when no media use is needed.

The library mail room will be renovated to allow additional office space. With the removal of the outdated Kardex and the migration of many of the mail services online, the enlarged space is no longer needed. The old cabinet space in the mail room will be removed and a second desk will be added to the room.

Overall, the library will be moving forward towards making our library a place you want to be.

Law Library's New Reference Hours

Amongst other changes taking place in the library, the library will have new reference hours. The circulation and the reference departments have been separated and are now two separate desks. If you need help with citing, research, or any other special needs you will now have to seek assistance at the Reference Desk.

The Circulation Desk will now be responsible for

checking in and out books, registering patrons, and issuing Tex-Share cards.

The Circulation Desk hours will coincide with the general hours of the library while the Reference Desk will now have its own hours. After closing of the reference desk any specialized help will have to wait until the next day.

REFERENCE DESK HOURS

Sunday -

1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Mon - Thurs. -

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday -

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday -

9 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Welcome Shanta Clark– Davis, Electronic Resources Librarian

Greetings,

As an alumnus of Texas Southern University, I believe in the motto of “Excellence in Achievement.” With this same excellence, I’m honored to serve the students, staff, and faculty of Thurgood Marshall School of Law as Electronic Reference Librarian. Prior to serving here at TSU, I’ve served in a combination of roles as an effective educator and public school librarian for the past decade.

While studying library science at Texas Woman’s University, I was inducted into Beta Phi Mu, an International Library and Information Studies honor society. As a member of Beta Phi Mu, I actively seek innovative information systems and products. Therefore, with active membership, I look forward to using my evolving knowledge



and understanding to assist 21st century learners through the utilization of web 2.0 tools and electronic references.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or comments about electronic references please feel free to email me at sfdavis@tmslaw.tsu.edu or stop by room 120 inside the law library.

Have a great semester!
Shante Clark-Davis



Library Survey Results, By Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian

An astounding 295 students participated in the Law Library’s Annual Library Satisfaction Survey conducted in April. We were grateful that so many students took time out of their busy schedules to respond and tell us how we can serve them better.

Based on the survey, most students enjoy studying in the library as well as using the computer lab to complete assignments, print documents and access email, the internet, Westlaw and Lexis.

Quite a few of the respondents recommended book titles and subject areas for the library to purchase. We have taken all the suggestions into consideration.

Many students requested a more liberal food policy.



Our current food policy allows students to consume snacks in the library and bring in beverages in approved containers. In order to keep the library clean and free of pests, the library staff has decided not to allow students to eat full scale meals in the library. We recom-

mend that students take a short break from studying and consume full scale meals in the lobby or cafeteria.

In the section of the survey that elicited general comments from the respondents, several students responded that the library needed group study rooms. In response to these comments, group study rooms are being added to the library. See the related article.

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