

Browsers seek peace of student center library

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In the midst of the hustle of the Texas A&M University campus there is a place to get away from it all, the browsing library in room 223 of the Memorial Student Center.

Except for the turning of magazine pages, it is quiet in the library, students attached to headphones are off in their own musical worlds with nodding heads and tapping feet.

An average of 900 students a day seek the peace of the browsing library, said Rosa Lee Mosley, library supervisor.

The library offers a wide selection of music, along with newspapers from major cities in Texas, current magazines, several board games and piano and television rooms.

The music seems to be the most popular feature, however, with 800 people checking out headsets according to one weekly report.

"We have about 1,000 records of which the classical records are the most popular," Mosley said. The library is on the mailing list of six major record companies and sometimes receives promotional albums or 45s from them.

"We buy often enough to keep our contemporary music collection up-to-date," Mosley said.

The contemporary collection is made up only of soft easy-listening rock, Mosley explained, and said that students may be disappointed if they came looking for hard rock.

Mosley buys the albums with the money collected from the photocopying machine across from the front desk of the library. Money collected during the second week of February amounted to \$799.15.

Students need their ID cards to check out the headsets. A cross-file with a list of the library's music is kept. After finding what he wishes to listen to the student may request it.

The library has 63 headset stations with nine channels for music. The system for playing music has four cassette players, an 8-track player, two turn-tables and two stereo receivers.

MSC director J. Wayne Stark announced the donation of the "Basic Library of the World's Greatest Music," a 24-volume collection of classical music from Dr. and Mrs. Jack K. Williams, and several albums from Dr. and Mrs. Claude



Texas A&M University Browsing Library on the second floor of the Memorial Student Center is quite crowded in mid-afternoon.

Students come to study, snooze, browse through newspapers or magazines, or just listen to music.

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Other tax-deductible contributions include 22 magazine subscriptions for two years, 10 given by R. Rush and Co. and 12 given by

McDonald's.

A collection of 600 science fiction books was given by Mrs. Richard Miller, of Conroe, in memory of her son, Ricky, who considered the

browsing library his favorite place when he attended Texas A&M.

Browsing library hours are daily from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends.

Students protest towing of cars; complex says it's within its rights

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concerning possible theft.

Cunningham called police to report the incident and they told him where he could find his car. He said that his car was taken to a lot near downtown Bryan that was "a mudhole with a fence around it."

"Well of course it's going to be muddy," Hardee said. "I mean, hell, it's been raining for a whole month."

Cunningham complained that he was unable to pick up his car until 10 p.m. because no one was at the lot to release it to him.

Due to the small size of his staff, Hardee said, he is unable to staff the lot until dark.

D&H presently operates one wrecker with a full-time driver, Hardee said, and he occasionally drives the truck himself.

When he was finally able to pick up his car, Cunningham said, he was unable to pay the fee with a check.

Hardee said he doesn't like to take checks for wrecking fees because they are often worthless.

When Hardee went to the bank to cash one check, he was informed by the teller that not only were there insufficient funds in the account to cover the check, but the bank had been asked to stop payment on it.

County Attorney John M. Barron Jr.

said stopping payment on the check is a legal and civil matter. Unless the tenants give the money to him voluntarily, Hardee's only recourse is to file a civil suit against the owner of the car.

Scandia is owned by Metro Properties, which also owns Taos, Sevilla, Aurora Gardens, Sundance and Sausalito apartments. D&H Towing Company is only used at Scandia, Sevilla and Aurora, Casey said.

The wreckers are not needed at all at Taos, she explained, because there are no unauthorized parking areas there.

At Sevilla, D&H patrols the areas near the dumpsters. Casey said garbage trucks were unable to pick up the garbage because residents and guests were parking in front of the dumpsters.

Cars at Aurora Gardens are towed away when they park on the grass.

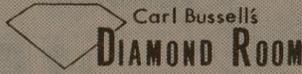
Scandia does not have a written contract with D&H, Casey said, adding that it is just an agreement giving the towing company permission to move cars parked in unauthorized areas.

Hardee sees his high rate for towing as a deterrent against parking violators. (Most wreckers in town charge between \$15 and \$35.)

"I've been thinking of going up to \$75," he said.

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