

Neely Rare Book Room Opens

The Neely Rare Book Room opened to the campus community on Monday, January 19, 2004. The move of rare books into this newly-furnished space culminates over a year of planning. Previously, the collection was stored in the Archives' closed stacks, but the space was problematic. Overhead pipes posed the potential for water damage, and the storage bays were closed to the public, making the books "invisible" even though they were always available to researchers. Individuals who visit the Neely Rare Book Room now see that the Library houses a collection of special significance to scholars and students.



The locked cases permit faculty and students to browse the titles, while keeping the books secure. In time, visitors to the space will find a brochure explaining the nature of the collection and how one gains access to books. As requests for materials are received, Archives staff will retrieve books for use in the Archives' reading room. Prospective researchers may expect a two-hour wait in order to give the Archives staff time to retrieve materials.

The Rae and Frank Neely Room opened in 1969. Donated by Georgia Tech alumnus and former Rich's Department Store executive Frank Neely and his wife Rae, the room was designed by Eleanor LeMaire to evoke the Neelys' Gwinnett County farm, and to provide exhibition space for the Neely medal collection. In recent years, the Neely Room and its anteroom, the Neely Gallery, have hosted exhibitions and special events. These functions will continue, with the Frankenstein exhibit opening in March.

Please visit the newly renovated Neely Rare Book Room.



FEBRUARY Birthdays

FEBRUARY 2

Cathe Cannon
Shirley Dixon

FEBRUARY 12

Batecia Sands

FEBRUARY 14

Mohsen Mahdavi-Hezaveh

FEBRUARY 15

Celena Beasley
Charlie Carter

FEBRUARY 26

Barbara Walker

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JAMIL HOLLOWAY

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Serials

& Acquisitions
JEANNIE DOWNEY

**Special Formats
& Maps**

VINCENT THORPE

Systems

BETH THOMAS

Archives

Kirk Henderson and Jennifer Mullins announce the birth of Abigail Ann on Saturday, January 17, 2004 at 5:11 p.m. Abbey weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 21 inches. Congratulations, Kirk and Jennifer!



Information Services

Several people in the Information Services Department attended the American Library Association's Midwinter meeting in San Diego January 8th through January 13th. San Diego was a wonderful city to visit. The convention ran well and much interesting information was absorbed. Attendees included Mary Axford, Donna Braquet, Cathy Carpenter, Lori Critz, Tim Daniels, Bruce Henson, Patty Kenly, and Leslie Madden.

The Information Services Department is saddened by the resignation and departure of Donna Braquet. We wish her all the best in her new position at the University of Tennessee.

Special Formats & Maps

The 2003 Federal and State of Georgia Income Tax Forms are available in the Special Formats & Maps Department. Thanks.

Hey! remember Maryam, the baby daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joyce Craft? Maryam has made the principal's list for a second time. We are very proud to acknowledge this young scholar; keep up the good work.

Staff Profile: Daniel Kim

Position: Library Assistant III (since summer of 2002).

Years at Georgia Tech: 1998 - 2002 as an architectural undergraduate student. I worked as a student assistant at the Architecture Library while I was studying Architecture from summer of 1999 to spring of 2002. After graduation, I went to Korea to see relatives, and Korea/Japan World Cup 2002 for a couple of months. I was hired as Library Assistant III at the end of August 2002. I applied and was accepted to the Masters Program in Building Construction in the fall of 2003. Currently, working full-time as Library Assistant III at the Architecture Library, and attending Building Construction classes at GT.



Education/Previous positions: Graduated from Dunwoody High School in 1998. Graduated from GT with B. S. degree in Architecture in Spring 2002.

Favorite aspect of job: Working with dedicated and positive library staffs, and developing close relationships with peers and professors in the College of Architecture.

Hometown: Dunwoody, Georgia.

Hobbies: I regularly practice Kendo, "the way of sword," and am a member of Georgia Kendo Alliance (GKA). It is a Japanese/ Korean martial art derived from ancient sword masters, and samurais.

Personal: I have a wonderful Korean Jindo dog named Jinny. She looks similar to an Akita.

People may be surprised to know... how much I actually enjoy working at the Architecture Library.

Good books you've recently read: Currently reading my Christmas gift from Kathy, *The Heart of Kendo*, by Darrell M. Craig. It is a very comprehensive, and illustrative Kendo handbook.

We are not makers of history. We are made by history.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
(1929-1968)

The Library Book Club will next meet on February 17 from noon to 1p.m. in the Ferst Room. We'll be discussing *Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus* by Mary Shelley, "a frightening creation myth for our own time,...one of the greatest horror stories ever written." [book jacket]

New Hires

The Systems Department welcomes Andrew Dietz who joined the staff in January. He is responsible for server administration and information security, so he will be working with everyone.

Andrew provided this brief biography:

I was born in New York, but moved to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at an early age, where I learned to speak Brazilian Portuguese. I returned to Seattle, WA ten years later to finish high school, join the United States Marines and go to college.

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Management Information Systems from the State University of West Georgia — where I was subsequently hired as a Systems Administrator before joining the Georgia Tech Office of Information Technology in early 2001.

I am an avid Linux enthusiast and a Red Hat Linux Certified Professional.

I practice action sports such as motorcycle racing and BASE jumping but also enjoy traveling and photography.

Welcome, Andrew!



Nominees Sought

February 15th, 2004 commences the nomination period for both the Price's Pride Award (for Staff) and the Kaiser Award (for Faculty).

This year both awards are open for nominations from any regular employee in the Library, i.e. Staff and Faculty members can nominate a faculty member for the Kaiser Award and/or the Price's Pride Award — one nomination per award per person.

The guidelines, procedures and forms for both awards have been placed on the intranet(http://intranet.library.gatech.edu/info/documents/prices_pride_2004.doc and <http://intranet.library.gatech.edu/info/documents/kaiser04.doc>).

Please feel free to contact Sharon West with any questions or suggestions you may have.

The nomination period ends March 15th, 2004.