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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007!



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The New Floor at Main Entrance

When they saw our spectacular new floor on 1st Floor East, Chuck Rhode, Associate V.P. – Facilities and Campus Architect Bradley Satterfield generously offered Facilities resources to pay for extending the flooring material and design over to our Main Entrance area on the West side. Almost complete now, the installation involved a very substantial five-figure sum and it creates the same exciting effect as 1st Floor East when folks walk in our front doors.

The flooring material itself is a really interesting product (more on that in a minute), and use of the product (called "Marmoleum") was first suggested by a talented Interior Designer on the Facilities design team --- Alicia Kelly Stryker --- who developed the original daring design for 1st Floor East and then extended pattern and floor colors to 1st Floor West in order to achieve a completely coordinated effect.

Especially because pedestrian traffic at our Main Entrance is so heavy, the installation required a great deal of coordination. Facilities Project Manager Frank Lamia handled the details with the professional finesse we have come to count on.

Our Designer, Alicia, explained that Marmoleum is a "greener" material by far than conventional vinyl flooring and that, with over 150 available colors, insets, and borders, it offered endless possibilities for designs suited to all kinds of spaces (commercial and residential).

Through a relatively benign process the flooring is manufactured in a plant outside Amsterdam using natural, readily renewable ingredients. The main ingredient is linseed oil, obtained by pressing flax seeds. Other ingredients are pine rosin (the binder) and "wood flour," a fine sawdust produced from managed, sustainable forests in Europe. The flooring's natural jute backing is grown and woven in India and Bangladesh.

According to what I've read, the continual oxidation of the linseed oil over the years will prevent growth of micro-organisms like Staphylococcus Aureus and Salmonella Typhimurium; it's naturally hygienic. And Marmoleum has anti-static properties, so dust and dirt do not easily adhere to it. Unlike typical vinyl floors, Marmoleum has no foul odors that "off-gas" into the environment.

I love this product! The new floor looks great! -Submitted by Katherine Norris



Happy Birthday!

Jody Thompson
Patty Phipps, Bonnie Tijerina
Susan Parham
Rich Meyer
Susan Coleman
RaeAnne Forrest
Martha Saghini

Jan. 4
Jan. 12
Jan. 21
Jan. 22
Jan. 23
Jan. 24
Jan. 29

ADMINISTRATION

Kathy Tomajko

ARCHITECTURE

Kevin Quick

ARCHIVES

Kirk Henderson

CIRCULATION

Stephanie Morris

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

Matt Frizzell

DIGITAL INITIATIVES

Katie Gentilello

ICM

Karen Manning

INFORMATION DELIVERY

Katharine Calhoun

ACQUISITIONS SERVICES

Isoke Ambidwile

INFORMATION SERVICES

Crystal Renfro

LWC

Cari Lovins

MAILROOM

Jamil Holloway

SECURITY

Sean Cuff

SPECIAL FORMATS & MAPS

Vincent Thorpe

SYSTEMS

Beth Thomas

New Faces in the Library



Jon Bodnar

Jon has joined the Library as the Information Services Librarian for the Humanities on January 2, 2007. His office is on the 4th floor East of the Library. Jon received both an MLS and an MA in the History and Philosophy of Science in 2006 from Indiana University, Bloomington. In addition to being a student, Jon most recently worked as a reference assistant at Indiana University. Welcome Jon!

Mandie Mitchell

Mandie has joined the Library as a Records Coordinator for the Archives and Records Management Department. She has a bachelor's degree in fine art and philosophy and enjoys painting. She had previously worked as a Tech Temp with the Archives department and Distance Learning. Welcome Mandie!



Departmental Highlight - Circulation



The Circulation Department has undergone many changes over the past few years. Physical changes were made to our space during the 1 East renovations. Karen Glover designed the layout of the floor space in the department and also served on the Renovation Committee that designed the Commons area. We now have more space for the multitude of behind-the-scenes services that we provide. We are happy to finally be able to provide each desk assistant with a cubicle, a sorely needed enhancement to our department.

Other changes in the Circulation Department involved the reclassification of two positions to help facilitate new services in the East Commons. Joey Fones is now a Library Associate II and Charlie Bennett's position was reclassified to a Library Associate III. Charlie is the East Commons Coordinator, while Joey provides key assistance for Commons projects. Thomas Teshome was promoted to Circulation Supervisor when he assumed the evening duties that Charlie had previously held. Duties for both Library Associate positions continue to evolve as we gain a clearer sense of how the new space in the Commons can be used to provide various services.

Overall, there have been significant philosophical changes over the past years. We stopped charging regular overdue fines about 4 years ago and it has worked well, allowing us to expand our services to include circulating laptops, multimedia equipment such as cameras and camcorders and providing needed supplies such as blank DVDs and CDs. The Circulation Department that once held little visual appeal is now a beautiful space filled with customer service experts who take pride in their work and service to the Georgia Tech community.

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Andy Blakely recently announced his engagement, so the Circulation department (as well as the whole library) wants to send out a warm CONGRATS to Andy and Michelle on their upcoming Summer 2007 wedding!



Joey Fones and his wife are now the proud parents of an 8 lb., 15 oz., 22 inch baby boy. Baby Jack was born on December 12, 2006. Congratulations to the Fones family!

Condolences to Rob Luck and his family for the passing of his wife, Elizabeth. In lieu of flowers, Rob asks that donations be sent to the following organizations:

Advocates for Self-Government
The Liberty Bldg
213 South Erwin St.
Cartersville, GA 30120

House Rabbit Society
3013 Barcelona Way
Conyers, GA 30012

Good Mews Animal Foundation
736 Johnson Ferry Rd
Suite A-3
Marietta, GA 30068



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

White Bean Chili

1 pound dried navy beans
5 cups chicken stock
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter
1 tablespoon minced garlic
3/4 cup diced onion
1 1/2 cups chopped green chiles (fresh or canned)
1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, finely chopped
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1 tablespoon dried oregano
1 to 2 teaspoons ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon white pepper
Pinch red pepper flakes
1/2 bunch cilantro leaves, chopped

Rinse beans well, cover with cool water, and soak for 2 hours. Drain. Place beans in large pot with chicken stock and bring to a boil over high heat. In a saucepan, heat butter over medium heat. Add garlic, onion, and chiles and saute for 5 minutes. Add chile mixture to pot with beans. Add chicken, cumin, oregano, pepper, white pepper, red pepper flakes, and cilantro. Lower heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, for approximately 1 1/2 hours. Serve with cornbread, if desired.

Notable Birthdays in January

3 - Drinking Straw's Birthday (patented 1888)
5 - Bozo the Clown's Birthday
8 - Elvis Presley's Birthday
15 - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
17 - Ben Franklin's Birthday (Born 1706)
26 - Television's Birthday
28 - Sesame Street's Ernie's Birthday
31 - Jackie Robinson's Birthday (Born 1919)

Library Kudos

Karen was interviewed by the Chronicle of Higher Education in regards to her article on Distance Learning Degrees that appeared in Library Journal a few months ago. The interview is in the January 5th issue, which we have already received. The article begins on page A28 and includes a nice photograph as well. Please take a look.

Christine de Catanzaro and Jody Thompson had their presentation proposal accepted for the Society of American Archivists 2007 Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 29-September 2. The title of the presentation is "The Archivists' Toolkit: Testing, Implementing, and Next Steps." Christine and Jody will be presenting with archivists from Harvard University, Bates College, and an Archivists' Toolkit principal developer.



Congratulations to Shedonna Williams our 1st place winner in the ornament contest! Nanette Dooley and Jennie Law were our other winners. Thank you ladies for your efforts and beautiful ornaments!



Tyler Walters had an engaging Fall season full of professional activities, including involvements at:

- "New Collaborative Relationships: Academic Libraries in the Digital Data Universe." The workshop culminated in the report, "To Stand the Test of Time: Long-Term Stewardship of Digital Data Sets in Science and Engineering" (n, DC: ARL, 2006) and is available at: <http://www.arl.org/info/frn/other/ottoc.html>.
- Emory University's Sustaining Digital Libraries symposium in October, where he presented, "'Digital Sustainability: Weaving a Tapestry of Interdependency to Advance Digital Programs."
- The International Conference on the Preservation of Digital Objects, where he presented with Robert McDonald, "Organizational Challenges and Approaches to Sustaining Distributed Digital Preservation Networks." The conference was held in October at Cornell University.
- Attended the National Science Digital Library annual meeting and gave a poster session on using distributed digital preservation networks for NSDL collections.
- "The Collaborative Services of Libraries and Campus Units," Coalition of Networked Information, with Dean Rich Meyer
- "A Practical, Working and Replicable Approach to Digital Preservation," with Gail McMillan, Aaron Trehub, and Martin Halbert.

Tyler also published one article:

- "Strategies and Frameworks for Institutional Repositories and the New Support Infrastructure for Scholarly Communications" in D-Lib Magazine, October 2006. <http://www.dlib.org/dlib/october06/walters/10walters.html>.

NEWS WORTHY

The GA Tech community now has access to more than 200,000 technical papers from SPIE Journals and Conference Proceedings from 1990 (Full coverage from 1998 to the present) through SPIE Digital Library <<http://www.library.gatech.edu:2048/login?url=http://spiedl.org/>>. The collected papers and research articles covers topic such as optics, photonics, electronic and biomedical imaging, sensing, communications and fiber optics, and micro- and nano-technology. More than 17,000 new technical papers are added annually.

GA Tech Library now offers access to Xreferplus, a unique reference tool. Xreferplus is an online collection of encyclopedias, dictionaries, thesauri and biographical sources, with a range of subject-specific titles covering everything from art to science, medicine, literature and law. Each book (100 titles) will also be listed individually in the library catalog. You can access it by going here: http://www.library.gatech.edu/search_locate/databases.php?/db/2887

The Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities invite applications to a new digital humanities grant competition sponsored by the two federal agencies. The grant program, "Advancing Knowledge: The IMLS/NEH Digital Partnership," is looking for innovative and collaborative humanities projects using the latest digital technologies for the benefit of the American public, humanities scholarship, and the nation's cultural community....

<http://www.imls.gov/news/2006/122006.shtm>

Institute of Museum and Library Services, Dec. 20

To learn about the numerous miscellaneous benefits available to Georgia Tech employees including:

- Half price Atlanta Thrashers and Atlanta Hawks tickets
- Discounts on Ford and General Motors vehicles
- Relocation services provided by the Talbot Group
- Discounted banking services from Wachovia and Bank of America
- Specialty benefits provided by You Decide
- Discounted Marta passes available via pre-tax payroll deduction

<http://www.ohr.gatech.edu/content.asp?breadcrumb=Benefits&pagetitle=Miscellaneous%20Benefits>

The annual Administrative Service Award and Outstanding Staff Performance Awards will be presented at the Faculty and Staff Honors Luncheon on Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE AWARD

Each year the Administrative Service Award is given to honor an individual for making an extraordinary contribution to Georgia Tech in an administrative capacity. This award complements teaching and research awards given to faculty members. A \$2,500 award and a plaque will be presented at the Faculty and Staff Honors Luncheon.

Please see attachment for eligibility requirements. Nominations must be submitted no later than January 19, 2007, to Pete Dawkins, College of Engineering, Administration Building, Mail Code 0360.

OUTSTANDING STAFF PERFORMANCE AWARD

The Outstanding Staff Performance Awards were initiated to recognize classified staff members who render outstanding performance in support of instructional, research, or administrative activity. Five \$1,000 awards and plaques are presented each year at the Faculty and Staff Honors Luncheon.

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A series of Pre-Retirement Meetings will be held by The Office of Human Resources Benefits Section. Each session is designed for employees who are within ten years of retirement. You will hear a presentation and have an opportunity to ask questions about your retirement.

To register for any of these free courses, you will need to log on to the <http://www.trainsweb.gatech.edu> website and register online. Prior to registering you need to make sure course space is available (check the master calendar).