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"A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken." -James Dent

## Congratulations to This Years Award Winners!

### Jackie Boyd, 2005 Price's Pride Award Winner

Jackie has demonstrated leadership skills and encouraged departmental cohesion. She has taken advantage of numerous opportunities to improve and develop her computer applications expertise, facilitating resolution of departmental computer issues/problems. When departmental leadership is away, she steps in to support the department's agenda. She's kind, helpful, cheerful and humorous. Outside work, Jackie is active with volunteer activities on several levels. At the Library Employee Appreciation Lunch, Rich added that "Jackie embodies the spirit of the Price's Pride award."



### Karen Manning, 2005 Price's Pride Award Winner

Karen Manning is another staff member who has contributed to the Library and community in a gracious effort to do more than a fair share. She contributes substantively to the work of her department and contributes above and beyond through

constant participation in volunteer activities. She goes the distance to assist co-workers with the use of technology and related systems and also boosts morale and helps meet the needs of many financially stressed families. At the Library Employee Appreciation Lunch, Rich added that "Karen embodies the spirit of the Price's Pride award."

### Crit Stuart, 2005 Kaiser Award Winner

Rich stated: "There is no way I can adequately convey the substance of the document extolling the merits of the current [Kaiser Award] winner. So I'm going to extract a few sentences from the memo of one librarian endorsing this winner to the committee. It says 'I would add a few of my own personal insights as one who was supervised by and worked closely with Crit for a period of 10 years. During that time, there were two characteristic trademarks of Crit





## Award Winners Continued

that emerged time and again, and which shaped the direction of his focus as an administrator. These are 1) his intense commitment to customer service; and 2) his penchant for creative innovation.'" Rich continued "The submitted nomination does indeed make reference to both of these qualities, but it is my sense that these characteristics are at the heart of Crit's contributions to Georgia Tech over the years."

Additional statements from Crit's nomination include: "His job performance and accomplishments are exemplary. He is a respected administrator, team member and colleague in the Library, on campus, throughout the state, and nationally. Crit demonstrates an exceptional ability to facilitate the interactions of Library staff and other collaborators and to lead major library initiatives and projects. His management skills have facilitated the successful planning for his divisional reorganization, the Library West Commons, and technology-enhanced group study areas. His significant efforts to shape the LWC, in collaboration with many others, are indicative of his leadership style and effectiveness. Much of his success results from his passion for his work, his dedication to customer service excellence, his skill at thinking broadly and 'outside of the box,' his optimism even in difficult times, and his superb facilitation and relationship-building skills."

*The first Monday in June is one of the public holidays in the Republic of Ireland; in the Irish Calendar the month is called Meitheamh.*

*The solstice called the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere and the winter solstice in the southern hemisphere occurs around June 21.*

*Midsummer is celebrated in Sweden on the third Friday in June.*

*Father's Day is celebrated in Belgium on the second Sunday in June and in the United States, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands and Canada on the third Sunday in June.*

*Gay pride celebrations in many countries in honor of the Stonewall riots.*

*The majority of the Portland Rose Festival occurs.*

## June Birthdays



JUNE 1 - Jamil Holloway  
JUNE 2 - Darius Cobbs  
JUNE 3 - Runae Knight  
JUNE 4 - Kathy Brackney  
JUNE 7 - Stella Richardson  
JUNE 10 - Dottie Hunt  
JUNE 12 - Charlie Bennett  
JUNE 21 - Roland Garner  
JUNE 22 - Oro Tate  
JUNE 26 - Kathy Tomajko





## Archives

The Archives & Records Management Department has a new employee, but she is not new to the Library. Yolanda Strayhorn is now working in the Records Management program as the new Records Coordinator II. Welcome, Yolanda.

## Circulation

Please congratulate Karen Glover, who has been promoted to Librarian I, Assistant Head of the Circulation Department. The promotion was effective May 1st. Karen manages the daily operations at the circulation desk and supervises three desk assistants. She graduated last fall from Florida State University with a Master's degree in Information Studies. Karen has already shown what an asset she is to the department and the library. We are fortunate to be able to take advantage of Karen's many talents.

## Information Delivery

Congratulations to Martha Saghini on receiving her Office Professional Certificate from OOD!

## Information Services

Brian Mathews co-presented "Listen to Your Patrons with LibQUAL+(tm)" at the GIL Users Group Meeting on May 19th.

ISD participated in Summer FASET on May 12th, introducing over 30 transfer and new students to library resources both at the library's information booth and during the library tours conducted during the afternoon.

Members of ISD participate in many different local and national professional organizations. Congratulations to those who have been elected and those recently appointed to new committees and responsibilities for the coming year:

- Lori Critz: Chair of the LIRT Liaison Committee  
Treasurer-elect/Treasurer for LIRT  
Co-Chair of the STS Organization & Planning Committee.  
Member of the 2006 STS Nominating Committee.
- Bruce Henson: Member at Large for ULS
- Patty Kenly: Member at Large for BRASS (business reference section of RUSA)
- Leslie Madden: Member at Large for ULS  
Member of the Policy & Planning/By-Laws committee of ULS
- Brian Mathews: Member of the STS – Assessment Committee  
Member of the Distance Learning Section – Statistics Committee
- Crystal Renfro: Virtual member of STS – Membership Committee  
Member of NMRT Mentoring Committee

Jay Forrest's position has been reclassified to reflect additional responsibilities he has assumed. His new title, effective, June 1st, is Information Associate III.

The ISD will greatly miss Yolanda Strayhorn, who accepted a position in the Archives Dept. beginning May 16th.



## Information Services (continued)

James Lee is leaving the GT Library to move to Boston, where he has accepted the position of Information Technology Coordinator at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He will continue pursuing his MLS at Florida State Univ., where he plans to finish summer 2006. He and his fiancée, Heidi, plan to be married this August in Wenham, MA. James previously worked in the Reserves unit of the Circulation Department, in the Circulation Department, and as a Student Assistant in the Information Delivery Department. Altogether, he has over 8 years of experience providing various services at the Georgia Tech Library. Congratulations James!

RaeAnne and Jay Forrest will be celebrating their first wedding anniversary on June 12.

## Security

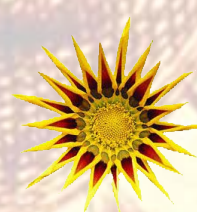
Please welcome Clarence Gwanbobmuga, our newest security officer. Clarence joined the Library Thursday, May 5. He transferred from Facilities where he had been employed since October 2003. Clarence was born, raised and educated in Bali, Cameroon, which is located West and partially Central Africa. He holds 2 Associates degrees, one in Math and Science, and the other in Computer Science. Clarence enjoys hiking, studying nature and traveling. He will be working 1st shift. Please stop by the front desk and say Hello.

## Special Formats & Maps

Joyce Craft's position has been reclassified to reflect additional responsibilities she has assumed. Her new title, effective May 26th, is Library Assistant II.

Aisha Craft, the daughter of Joyce Craft graduated May 26, 2005 from Shiloh High School. Please join our department as we wish Aisha all the best in the future. Way to go to the Craft family!

Please join our department in congratulating Brian Franklin. Brian graduated from Georgia State University May 2005 with an undergraduate double degree, let's all send our best wishes to Brian Franklin. Brian also has a degree from Georgia Institute of Technology.



*Our sun is expected to last about 5 billion more years. It has already been in existence about 4.5 billion years.*

*The Earth is actually closer to the Sun during the Northern hemisphere's winter (when the weather is colder), and further away during the warm summer months!*

*The sun contains 99% of all the mass in our solar system.*

*A cosmic year is the amount of time it takes the Sun to revolve around the center of the Milky Way, about 225 million years.*

*Lightning is 5 times hotter than the Sun.*