

Staff Awards



Congratulations to the 2004 library award winners, announced at the Employee Appreciation Luncheon on May 5. Jean Hudgins received the Kaiser Award. Price's Pride awardees were Jeannie Downey, Oro Tate, and Felecia Henderson. Felecia and Oro are pictured at left. For a photo and profile of Jeannie, please see page 3.

Happy Retirement, Pat!

Congratulations to Pat Johnston, who looks forward to having more time for hiking when she retires on June 30 after fifteen years at Georgia Tech. Here, Pat (second from right) is shown on a recent hike to Table Rock, SC with fellow members of the Georgia Appalachian Trail Club.

JUNE Birthdays

JUNE 3

Senta Knight

JUNE 4

Kathy Brackney

JUNE 7

Stella Richardson

JUNE 12

Charlie Bennett

JUNE 21

Roland Garner

JUNE 22

Oro Tate

JUNE 26

Kathy Tomajko

JUNE 30

Karen Manning



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Information Procurement

JEANNIE DOWNEY

Information Services

MARY AXFORD

LWC

TONY GILMER

Mailroom

JAMIL HOLLOWAY

Security

CAROLYN GILL

Special Formats & Maps

VINCENT THORPE

Systems

BETH THOMAS

Circulation

Laurie Judd's daughter, Lauren, graduated from Douglas County High School and will attend Spelman College in the fall. Congratulations to Lauren.

ICM

Congratulations to Windy Scott on her completion of the Office Professional Certificate, administered by the Office of Organizational Development.

Security

Bridgette Westbrooks' son, Talvin Eugene Westbrooks, graduated from kindergarten to first grade at Mount Zion Christian Academy.

Electronic Thesis and Dissertation (ETD) Usage Statistics

As of May 19, 2004, usage of Georgia Tech's ETD Collection was as follows:

There were 18,022 viewings of ETD pdfs since the site went live in the Fall semester 2003, an average of 2,250 viewings per month and an average of 30 viewings per ETD. For the 2 years prior to the ETD program, the most any Georgia Tech paper thesis or dissertation had circulated was 9 times.

There are currently 161 Georgia Tech ETDs from the fall 2003 semester and 435 IPST ETDs (through 1998). The spring 2004 Georgia Tech ETDs had not yet been released by the Graduate School as yet.

The individual ETD with the most viewings had 1639. It is an Aerospace Engineering dissertation by Caihua Cao entitled *Damage and Failure Analysis of Co-Cured Fiber-Reinforced Composite Joints*. Eight ETDs were viewed over 500 times each. The two highest viewings for IPST ETDs were 161 and 141 times.

The ETD website can be accessed at: <http://etd.gatech.edu/>. The opportunities for growth in the use of this collection are stunning when you look at the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) data at: <http://gwaihir.caltech.edu/statistics/etd.html>. Their ETD database has been available since summer 2001 and contains 1,256 titles. The total accesses are 926,862, averaging over 26,000 views per month.

The major aims of ETDs and the NTLTD (the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations): <http://www.ndltd.org/> are as follows: 1) for graduate students and universities to learn about electronic publishing and digital libraries; 2) for universities to unlock the potential of their intellectual property; 3) for graduate education to improve through more effective sharing; 4) for technology and knowledge sharing to speed up, as graduate research results become more readily and completely available; 5) to help universities build their information infrastructure; and 6) to extend the value of digital libraries.

Staff Profile: Jeannie Downey



Years at Georgia Tech/Background: I've worked at Georgia Tech for a little over 5 years. I came to Tech from the University of Alabama Serials Department. I taught and did research for a while at the University of Alabama and Auburn University. I've also worked at Auburn's library in both monographic and serials acquisitions. I have a bachelor's and master's degree in Communication. I am currently in library school at Florida State University.

Hometown: I am originally from New York. I have lived in Phoenix, and Sydney, Australia, and various towns in Alabama. I graduated from high school in Sydney. It was a wonderful experience to live in another country.

Personal: My husband, Mike, is an engineer at Panasonic. He will soon be traveling to China to set up a new factory. I am owned by five cats, who think they rule the roost. I am an avid cross-stitcher. I enjoy the level of detail it takes to create the pieces. I also enjoy playing with various threads. I've been cross-stitching for about 10 years now, and love to stitch big pieces.

People may be surprised to know...that I collect cross stitch threads and dolls. My doll collection includes dolls from Portugal and England.

Favorite Books: The *Outlander* series by Diana Gabaldon, *The War of the Flowers* by Tad Williams, *Pride and Prejudice* and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy. I am also in the Library Book Club.

Favorite Music: Includes hard rock, classical, and new age.

My favorite aspect of my job is the constant change in electronic resources. I handle quite a bit of detail and thoroughly enjoy it. I work primarily with SFX and a homegrown Access database called TERMS. An aspect of my job that is a blessing is the department in which I work. The people in the Information Procurement department are a very special group of people.

*Summer afternoon-
summer afternoon;
to me those have
always been the two
most beautiful words
in the English
language.*

Henry James, 1843–1916

Book Club
Reminder

The Library
Book Club will
meet on
Thursday, June
10 at noon in
the Wilby
Room to
discuss *The
Moonstone* by
Willkie Collins.

Election Results

During the LFO/CAPCR Election on May 12, 2004, the following three individuals were nominated to be voting members of CAPCR (Committee on Appointment, Promotion, and Cumulative Review):

Tom Fisher
Jean Hudgins
Nancy Simons

Non-voting member of CAPCR:
Susan Coleman

The proposed slate of candidates for LFO was approved during the election.

Vice-President/President Elect:
Catherine Jannik
Secretary:

Susan Wells

Members-at-Large:
Tammy Rabideau (one-year term)
Nancy Simons (two-year term)

In addition, the LFO constitution was amended to include archivists as well as librarians. To see the full text of the constitution, please visit:

[http://intranet.library.gatech.edu/policies/
lfo_const_info.htm](http://intranet.library.gatech.edu/policies/lfo_const_info.htm)

Submitted by the Nominating Committee:
Cathy Carpenter, Patty Phipps, Kathy Tomajko

Flag Day

source:
www.usflag.org/flag.day.html

The Fourth of July was traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the flag is believed to have originated in 1885. A Wisconsin schoolteacher, arranged for pupils to observe June 14, the 108th anniversary of the official adoption of The Stars and Stripes, as "Flag Birthday."

Encouraged by local patriotic groups, the Superintendent of Public Schools of Philadelphia, directed that Flag Day exercises be held on June 14, 1893 in Independence Square. School children were assembled, each carrying a small flag and singing patriotic songs.

On June 14th, 1894, under the auspices of the American Flag Day Association, the first general public school celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held, with more than 300,000 children participating. Adults, too, participated in patriotic programs.

Inspired by these three decades of state and local celebrations, Flag Day — the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 — was officially established by the Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916; however, it was not until August 3rd, 1949, that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.