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## LIBRARY CREATES STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Library has taken the unprecedented step of creating a Library & Partners Student Advisory Council to provide an important link with the GT student body. In Fall 2004, several students approached the Public Services division with the offer to assist us with enhancing the literature / fiction collections. Together, we realized that a structure was required to support and sustain this collaboration. More significantly, we understood that a student group could assist us with other critical initiatives related to the renovation of Library spaces, initiatives that also involve our important partner, OIT. And so the Student Advisory Council was born.

The Student Advisory Council, appointed in January, is comprised of 9 students representing key majors at Georgia Tech. One of the individuals is a graduate student. Several of the students have strategically important responsibilities on campus. As leaders, they bring a wonderful energy and commitment to the Council.

The Council is facilitated by Crit and Linda Cabot (OIT). Rich is an ex officio member of the group, and other Library and OIT staff will join the group from time to time to assist with the Council's agenda.

The Council is currently involved in two tasks:

- to identify strategies and options for students to contribute literature / fiction resources to the Library (this fiction / literature task force of students is working with Nancy Simons and Leslie Madden), and
- to assist with programming Library spaces to be renovated (this subset of students currently is assisting Crit and Linda in the renovation of 1<sup>st</sup> floor East, joined by Katherine Norris, Karen Glover, and GT faculty person, Pete Ludovice).

At the end of Spring semester, the Student Advisory Council will review its work and create a task-based agenda for the new academic year. We expect the Council to persist into the future, assisting us with space renovation, resource development and other Library initiatives in which students have a stake.

Our Council may be a logical sounding board to turn to if you and your team are working on an initiative to benefit GT students. Just let Crit know if you have such an opportunity.

### MARCH Birthdays

MARCH 7  
**Catherine Jannik**  
**Willene Rainey**

MARCH 9  
**Jay Forrest**  
**Joanne Tobin**

MARCH 15  
**Ruby Cross**  
**Patty Kenly**

MARCH 17  
**Christine**  
**de Catanzaro**

## Your Reporters

**Administration**  
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**Mailroom**  
JAMIL HOLLOWAY

**Security**  
BRIDGETTE  
WESTBROOKS

**Special Formats  
& Maps**  
VINCENT THORPE

**Systems**  
BETH THOMAS

## Administration

The Library's Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be held on Thursday, May 12, noon - 1:30pm in Press Room A of the Success Center (same location as last year). Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

## Circulation

Karen Glover has assumed the responsibilities of Interim Assistant Department Head. Her main focus will be managing the circulation desk and desk assistants. She will act on my behalf in my absence. Richard Holland will continue his duties as manager of copy, financial, and buzz card services. He will also assist with desk management as needed. Both Karen and Richard are important cogs in the wheels of the Circulation Department. Please continue to support them as they adjust to this change.

## Information Services

Joanne Tobin received positive press in the February issue of Points North Magazine for her work as Patent Librarian. The magazine highlighted our Patent Library in their "For More Information" box which accompanied an article on "Atlanta's Enterprising Spirit".

The "T-Paper" debuted in bathrooms across the library this month. This newspaper is one of several outreach efforts being launched by the Information Services PR Group to attract and educate patrons on the resources available in our library. The first issue has received positive comments from students and received a "What's HOT" recommendation from the Technique during its first week. Look for the second issue of the T-Paper to arrive on March 1st in library bathrooms near you.



The first Tuesday Talks was held in the Wilby room to a standing room only crowd on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd. Dr. Steve Potter of the Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, spoke on: **Hybrot: Using Cultured Neurons to Control Robots & Study Learning**. If you missed Dr. Potter's stimulating talk on the cutting edge research taking place in the Biomedical Engineering Labs, you still have a chance to check it out. A copy will be posted to the SmarTech depository in the near future.

The Information Services PR Group would also like to ask you to mark your calendars for the second Tuesday Talks on March 29th. Professor Irfan Essa of the College of Computing will be presenting: "Aware Home: Sensing, Interpretation, and Recognition of Everyday Activities" His talk will "concentrate on the sensing and perception technologies that can enable a home (residential) environment to be aware of the whereabouts and

activities of its occupants." He will "discuss the technological, design and engineering research challenges inherent in this problem domain and on our focus on awareness to help maintain independence and quality of life for an aging population." Don't miss this fascinating topic.



## Special Formats & Maps

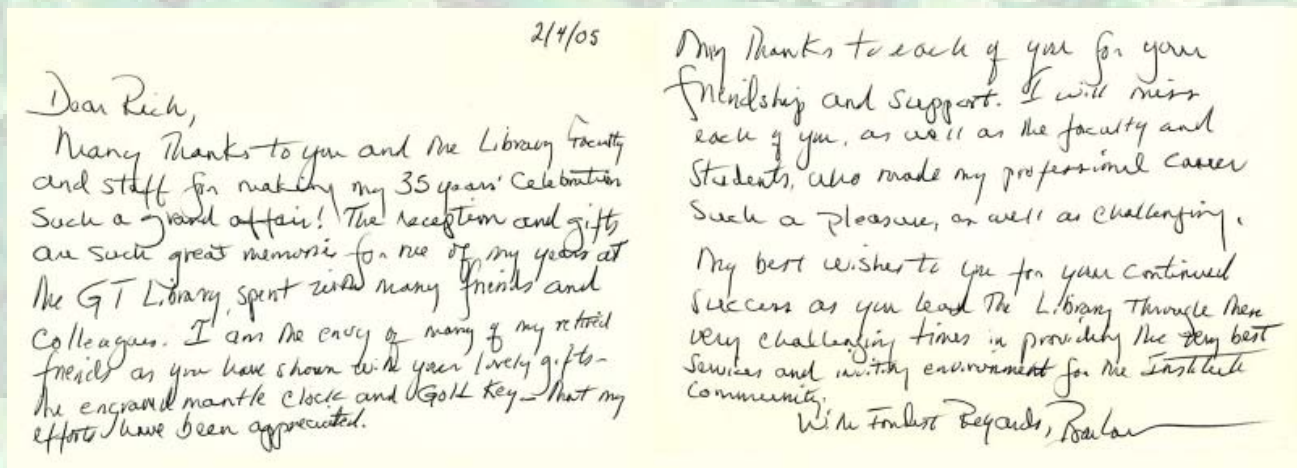
The Special Formats and Maps Department members would like to welcome Patty Kenly on board as the library's "Interim Government Depository Librarian." Our department would also like to congratulate Bruce Henson in his appointment as "Acting Head of Special Formats and Maps Department." Please join us in giving these candidates a warm welcome!

Please join the Special Formats and Maps Review Committee in a Library Town Hall Meeting to discuss the organization, initiatives, and leadership for the department. We will send you background information as the meeting time gets closer but we wanted to reserve a time in advance so that many of you will be able to attend. The meeting is from 2 - 3:30 PM on Monday March 14 in the Wilby Room.

Sincerely,

The Special Formats and Maps Review Committee:

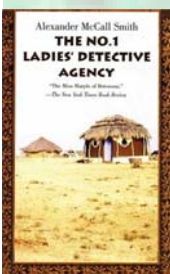
Katharine Calhoun, Cathe Cannon, Joyce Crafts, Brian Franklin, Bruce Henson, Mary-Frances Panettiere and Vincent Thorpe



## Enhancing Teaching and Learning @ GT: An overview of CETL services

Please join staff from the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) for an overview of instructional development, support, and assessment services CETL offers to faculty, instructors, and teaching assistants. The first half of the session will serve as an introduction to the resources and services CETL provides. The last half of the session will be devoted to practical teaching and learning tips and trends in instructional technologies. Time will be reserved at the end of the session for Q&A and informal discussion.

Thursday, March 24th from 10:00 am - 11:00 am in the Wilby Room



The Library Book Club will meet next on Tuesday, March 8 from noon to 1pm in the Wilby Room. We will be discussing *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith, "the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, who is drawn to her profession to 'help people with problems in their lives.'"