

## Milestones and memories...

Several Georgia Tech Library employees were honored for their many years of dedicated service at a university luncheon last month. Those who have worked at GT for 10 years received a certificate, while those who have been here for 25 years received the coveted golden "T." From left to right, Cathe Cannon (10 years), Kathy Brackney (25 years), Nannette Dooley (10 years), Tom Grice (10 years) and Brenda Bell (25 years). Not pictured are Trina Ford, Brian Franklin and Laurie Judd, all of which have been at GT for 10 years. Congratulations, one and all!



*You are cordially  
invited...  
to a reception honoring  
Mr. Tommy Klemis and  
his fiancé Miss Lis Bragg  
Friday, May 17, 2002  
4:00-6:00pm  
Presidential Suite  
Student Success Center  
RSVP by May 6  
Glenna.Thomas@grad.gatech.edu*

## May Birthdays

**Andy Blakely 5/2**  
**Anna-Marie O'Rourke-  
Soper 5/8**  
**Christian Wanamaker 5/13**  
**Leslie Madden 5/16**  
**Jackie Boyd 5/28**

## LWC Team Updates

Sponsors for the Library West Commons Project met with all team members on Wednesday, April 17 from 2pm to 3pm in an informal project update meeting. Overall, reports indicated that the LWC project is moving along as well as expected, though there have been some challenges. Issues are being identified quickly, and resolved accordingly....

### Team 1: Furniture/Workstations

Team Leader Kevin Pittman (OIT/ET) stated that the Furniture/Workstation Team is experiencing a "time crunch" as the somewhat unrealistic May 1 deadline approaches to order furniture. He reported that once the selection is made, the team will be back on track. Kevin stated that the last few days have been filled with vendor meetings and visits to furniture showrooms. Kevin reported that the "workstation" side of the project is moving along smoothly, and there are currently no issues to report.

### Team 2: Server & Hub Electronics & Software/ Equipment Repairs & Maintenance

Team Leader Susan Coleman (Library) and Facilitator Craig Outlaw (OIT/ET) reported that all activities are

## Your Reporters

**Administration**  
*Susan Griggs*

**Architecture**  
*Kevin Quick*

**Archives**  
*Yen Tang*

**Circulation**  
*Michelle Green*

**Copy Services**  
*Richard Holland*

**Government Info**  
*Barbara Walker*

**ICM**  
*Karen Manning*

**Information Delivery**  
*Shirley Dixon*

**Information Services**  
*Mary Axford*

**Mailroom**  
*Jamil Holloway*

**Security**  
*Carolyn Gill*

**Serials & Acquisitions**  
*Jeannie Downey*

**Systems**  
*Sean Porter*

**Tech Resources**  
*Joanne Tobin*

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### **Circulation**

Congratulations to all graduates:

- Karen Glover from Georgia State University on May 11
- Erica Richardson (Stella's Daughter) from Marist High School on May 25th. She will be attending the University of Florida in the Fall on a FULL Scholarship.

### **Government Information**

- Barbara has returned from successful surgery of the cervical spine. She is still getting a weekly 'work out' in Physical Therapy. Her recovery is going well. (By the way, have you noticed her new look? We thought for a moment that she was Monica Kaufman, minus the neck brace.)
- Pat Johnston is on military leave until...! She is currently at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, but has no idea if she will remain at Bragg or be shipped elsewhere. She sends her best regards to all.
- Staff continue to work diligently to make for a smooth transition to their new home on 2E.

### **ICM**

ICM is working hard to increase desktop access to our core materials. In the last few months, we have added URLs to catalog records of 2,629 IEEE proceedings. Another 729 URLs have been added to Lecture Notes in Computer Science records. Proxy server addresses, which allow our users to have access from remote locations, have been added to many journals titles (American Institute of Physics, Institute Physics, EBSCO, Springer) that were originally cataloged prior to us having a proxy server.

### **Information Delivery**

- As most of you should know by now, the Interlibrary Loan / Document Delivery Dept. and Corporate Research Services have combined to form one department called Information Delivery (also known as Lends).
- Katharine and Shirley attended a workshop on ILL Management on March 10. We talked about the proper procedures of how to order from and supply other institutions with material needed by their patrons, the right software for the institutions needs, the do's and don'ts of ILL, and also discussed a little about copyright.

### **Technical Resources**

- Where or where can it be?! Technical Resources has shifted the general reference held on 2 East so that the stacks run parallel to the elevator cube on the east side. In doing this the volumes slated for general reference on 2 West were merged into the general reference collection on 1 East. This includes the building codes and standards, the Boiler/Pressure Code and other codes and standards that are in print format.
- As we are beginning the merge with Gov Docs, we have moved from 3 East to 2 East: the ASI indexes, the Federal Register (print), and the US Statutes at Large into the general reference collection.
- Keeping up with former employees: Some of you might like to know that Greg and Lisa Raschke will be moving to Raleigh, NC in July. Greg has accepted a position in collection management with North Carolina State University Library.

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running smoothly within their group, and that they were on track. Project Sponsor Jim Consuegra asked for the names of those selected to assist with the selection of software for new machines. Craig provided a list, and after a brief discussion, added Instructional Technologist Teshia Roby to the software group.

### **Team 3: Staffing/Services Provided/Customer Needs/Measures & Assessment**

Team Leader Linda Cabot (OIT/CS) was unable to attend the meeting, however, updates were provided by team members. The team held its first meeting on Tuesday, April 16. The team reported facing two challenges, the team size (which consists of 30 participants), and the task at hand (staffing and services). As a result, the team was divided into several subgroups – each with specific tasks.

Current objectives are centered on staffing and services, including ADA compliance, policies and budget, cultural integration (merging services), and career paths. A suggestion was made to invite Jim Roland (OHR) to the table to assist in developing career paths.

### **Team 4: Leadership/Management/Internal Communication**

Co-team Leader Crit Stuart (Library) reported that this team is waiting on other pieces to fall in place before taking any definite steps.

### **Team 5: Consumables/Expendables**

Team Leader Tony Gilmer (OIT/ET) reported that this team is on track. The team has identified many of the products/supplies that need to be purchased. Also, they are working to establish procedures for paying for the products/supplies. He stated that the system they've put in place to date is working well, and constitutes meeting one of their milestones.

### **Team 6: Public Relations**

Team Leader Theresa Harvard Johnson (OIT/Comm) stated that the PR team is on track. To date, the team has met several milestones, which include scheduling two ribbon-cutting ceremonies and organizing a photo opportunity for the project sponsors. The team is also developing a detailed communications plan and a web-based archival system for documenting the LWC project. Donna Braquet developed a simple outline of how the project can be documented through research conducted over the past few weeks.

### **Team 7: Construction**

Facilitator Kate Norris (Library) reported that the construction team is on track. She stated that the team has worked to ensure that invoices are passing through the proper channels, and the project is emerging within the expected cost range.

Sponsor Rich Meyer stated after the LWC project is completed, the Institute will have less than a year to gather any significant information that can be used to assist with the development of the a much larger campus project – the “Innovative Learning Resources Center.” He stated that the renovation of the existing Library buildings is now considered a necessary component of building the ILRC. The project is in its planning stages.

Sponsor Jim Consuegra stated that ET had arranged to have some demo computer systems set up for review by attendees following the meeting. The machines on display were products from Dell, Gateway, and Macintosh. He stated that the team is also looking at support issues like ease of maintenance, portability, etc. when considering whether or not to select particular machines. He asked those in attendance to provide feedback concerning the demo systems.

Jim also stated that aggressive negotiations are underway with vendors. He said funding streams look good, and quotes are coming in lower than anticipated. Costs have moved from an estimated \$1.2 million down to \$ 860,000. As it stands, the project is \$100,000 away from its goal.

*Way to go, Donna!*

*We've all heard it said  
that you can't win if you  
don't play. Well, Donna  
Braquet proved it at ALA  
Midwinter when she  
dropped her business  
card into a fishbowl at  
the John Wiley Exhibit  
Booth and won a parcel  
of books for the library  
totaling \$2,259!  
(- Tom Fisher)*

**"Hotels are  
the only  
proper places  
for lecturers.  
When I am ill-  
natured I so  
enjoy the  
freedom of a  
hotel where I  
can ring up a  
domestic and  
give him a  
quarter and  
then break  
furniture over  
him... "  
- Mark  
Twain (1835-  
1910)**

## **At New York's Library Hotel, books are hip**

By AMY LAUGHINGHOUSE (For the Journal-Constitution)

The signage is discreet. An elegant gold plaque and a small white slab provide the only indications of what lies within the narrow brownstone presiding over the corner of Madison Avenue and 41st Street, a block from Manhattan's Grand Central Terminal. "Library Hotel" reads the unassuming lowercase script, arranged beneath a simple icon that, upon close inspection, represents the splayed pages of an open book.

Anyone who missed these subtle clues might wonder, as they passed through the imposing Gothic arch that serves as the entrance to this 60-room boutique hotel, if they had found their way into yet another book repository along New York's Library Way. The New York Public Library, with its grand Corinthian columns and carved lions standing guard over Fifth Avenue, is visible just one block west. And the Morgan Library, featuring rare manuscripts, handwritten scores by history's greatest composers and drawings by the likes of Degas and Rubens, rises over Madison Avenue five blocks south.

Granted, most libraries don't have a bellhop to greet you at the door. But then again, most hotels don't feature a lobby dominated by a monolithic monster of a card catalog and 10-foot-high mahogany bookshelves. Most hotels don't pay New York's renowned Strand Bookstore \$85,000 for 6,000 books covering everything from Edgar Allan Poe to erotica. And there is probably no other hotel in the world where rooms are themed and numbered according to the Dewey Decimal System.

Each of the floors at the Library Hotel, which opened in August 2000, is devoted to a general subject, such as History, Literature or Religion, and each room on that floor is filled with books and artwork related to a specific sub-subject that falls within the broader category.

My room is the Journalism room (1000.005), located on the 10th-floor General Knowledge level. Black-and-white photographs of key figures in the news, like the late, great Edward R. Murrow, hang on the wall above the padded leather headboard. A narrow bookshelf beside my queen-size bed yields several dozen books, including a biography of Ted Turner, a book of famous front-page headlines from the New York Times and "One Hundred Fairy Tales" by the Brothers Grimm – either a misfile, or someone's clever comment on the state of journalism today.

Public gathering spaces are designed to accommodate a variety of functions and moods. On the 14th floor, a sunny solarium outfitted with breezy wicker chairs leads to a terrace overlooking Madison and 41st Street. Inside, past a curving granite-top bar, lies the Writer's Den, where dark green club chairs around a fireplace beckon guests to settle in with a favorite dog-eared novel and a glass of wine.

(FYI: Regular rates for a queen room start at \$395 per night. File that under 520 for Astronomy because, even for New York, those rates are out of this world!)