

## Great tidings

Whoever said, "No news is good news," certainly was unaware of all the recent happenings at the Georgia Tech Library

At the May 10th Staff Appreciation Lunch, three **Price's Pride Awards** were given to members of our staff for significant achievement in the Library resulting in contributions to the Institute. One employee is chosen from each of the following Library service areas: Administrative Services, Technical Services and Public Services. Given annually in the Spring, the award is funded by an endowment created by Joseph Mundy in 1996, and includes a cash prize, an engraved plaque, and a certificate. Nominees must be full-time classified Library staff members who have been employed at the Georgia Tech Library at least two consecutive years. Nominees should also have a record of outstanding job performance and achievement to include professional development, and serve as a model employee providing exemplary service to internal and external Library clientele.

The 2002 Price's Pride Award recipients are:



Catherine Cannon



Cynthia Collins



Carolyn Gill

## June Birthdays

Senta Knight 6/3  
Stella Richardson 6/7  
Charlie Bennett 6/12  
Roland Garner 6/21  
Kathy Tomajko 6/25  
Karen Manning 6/30

## 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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## Archives

- From June 25-27, we will have an intern from the Georgia Archives Institute. She is Amy Summerlin from Berry College. Amy is the technical assistant in the archives at Berry College. She is interested in learning more about archival practices all around.
- A little Library history from Laura Hammond Papers, Georgia Tech Librarian, 1905-1924:

Speaking before the Georgia Library Association in 1910, Georgia Tech librarian Laura Hammond shared the following statistics: at the time, as many as 150 students were in the library (25% of the enrollment at that time), with monthly attendance ranging from 3371 to 4781; the book collection numbered 6000 volumes, with an average daily circulation of 21. She went on to say, "...we have endeavored to build up our library on broad lines, for we believe that it must be above all 'a place for directing the student to the one great task of humanity, the task of human development & human betterment,' and that by the Library we are brought into touch with the best that man has done in every department of human activity."

## Information Services

The Information Services Department is pleased to announce that Pat Johnston, Joanne Tobin, and Christian Wanamaker have joined the department. We are all looking forward to working with them in a new capacity

## Systems

We are very pleased to welcome Kirby Johnson as our Library Help Desk manager. He comes to us with several years of experience in software/hardware support and networking. The quickest way to notify Kirby of a problem is to use the Remedy Problem Report form on the Intranet at <http://www.library.intranet.gatech.edu/problems.htm>. You can also reach him through the help line at 4-4191 or his own extension at 5-4119.

## **Other reports...**

### **LWC Update:**

Showing great creativity and vision, Donna Braquet has set up the 'LWC Portal' to share resources among teams. The site will become an even better resource as everyone contributes websites, articles, and team minutes. If you would like to have something posted, please send it to Donna.

<http://www.library.gatech.edu/gtonly/lwcportal.htm>

You will need to set up a GTEL account before you are able to view it. To set up a GTEL account go to the site below, then click cancel on the pop-up box, then follow the instructions:

<http://www.library.gatech.edu/cgi-bin/gtonly/resv>

### **Meeting Minutes from May 1, 2002 Staff Meeting: (submitted by Sharon West)**

#### **Recent Evaluations**

- Overall the implementation of the Evaluation Plans this year went well.
- There is a interest in having more definitive performance measures so that everyone has a clear understanding of what satisfies each level/indicator.

- Staff were assured that the Evaluation Plans would continue to evolve to incorporate more definitive performance standards; Rich has expressed a need to have such measures in place.

#### **Staff Awards**

- Thanks went out to everyone who made this year's process a success- committee members, nominators, nominees, administrative liaisons and financial supporters.
- Everyone was encouraged to consider participating on the 2002 - 2003 Staff Awards Committee beginning in the Fall. Updated guidelines with greater clarity will be placed on the intranet once the committee has been established.
- The selection process was discussed. The committee considered the content of the submissions opposed to the form or the number of nominations received per individual; each committee member read each submission; the Personnel Administrator remained neutral in the voting process but provided feedback on the nominations and the substance of the same.
- Everyone was encouraged to make a nomination next year- one nomination per person but not exclusive to their respective service area i.e. someone in Public Service can nominate someone in either of the three service areas- Administrative, Public, or Technical.
- Concern was voiced about having to submit a narrative which may have had an adverse effect on the number of nominations received. Clarification was given with indication that submissions do not have to be several pages or even paragraphs, but the substance of what is submitted will have an effect on the potential outcome- the award recipients. All nominations should fully substantiate the nominee as being honorable/worthy of recognition for their contributions to the Library, service, professional development, exemplary performance/conduct, etc. The word "narrative" will be substituted with "supporting statement" in the updated guidelines in an effort to alleviate a potential impediment.

#### **Staff Activity Committee**

- Accolades went out to the Staff Activity Committee for the fine lead they have taken in providing opportunities for everyone in the Library to participate in beneficial and rewarding activities.
- The Staff Activity Committee gave details of the Health Fair.

#### **Unit Representation**

- Staff members were informed that the idea of having unit representatives was recommended.
- Staff members raised no opposition to the idea but indicated they do not want unit representation in lieu of quarterly staff meetings.
- It was recommended that unit reps would be solicited and will perhaps meet bi-monthly, and we will continue to have quarterly staff meetings.

#### **ETC.**

- Kirby Johnson was introduced as a new staff member in the Systems Dept.
- Student Assistant recognition rewards were distributed on May 1.
- Process for making training requests briefly discussed- a consistent process is desirable.
- The meeting time was discussed with recommendations to change it to 3pm or alternate between 2pm and 3pm meeting times to allow those who work a later shift an opportunity to attend. It was decided that as a compromise the meeting time would be changed to 2:30 to accommodate those who come in the afternoon and those who leave before 4pm.

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## More kudos...



Rich Meyer is the Blackwell's Scholarship Award winner for his article, "A Tool to Assess Journal Price Discrimination" published in *College and Research Libraries*, volume 62, pages 269-288, May 2001. The award, a citation and \$2,000 scholarship to the library school of the winners choice, is donated by Blackwell's, and is given to the author(s) of an outstanding monograph, published article or original paper on acquisitions, collection development or related areas of resource development. Rich has designated that the \$2,000 scholarship should be awarded to the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

**"...I love that you get cold when it's 71 degrees out. I love that it takes you an hour and a half to order a sandwich. I love that you get a little crinkle in your nose when you're looking at me like I'm nuts...."**

**I came here tonight because when you realize you want to spend the rest of your life with somebody, you want the rest of your life to start as soon as possible. "**  
**- *When Harry Met Sally* (1989)**

Be sure to give **Barbara Walker** a big pat on the back , as she was elected this year's "Outstanding Member" of the Georgia Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. As the winner, she received a lovely crystal peach and a nice cash prize. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!



## And finally... A Little Library Lovin'!

Unless you've been living under a rock (or were hit in the head by a chunk of falling debris from One West) you've probably already heard that our very own



Laurel Crafts and (our formerly own) Tom Auger are getting hitched! The happy couple are in the process of sorting out the details, but grab some rice and stay tuned for registry details! Now we know the real reason Tom left: could YOU get any work done with your main squeeze right down the hall?!

***Congratulations, you crazy kids!***