Hello and welcome to the new issue of ConneXus!

My name is Katie Gentilello (pronounced like gentle-jello, without the 'J'). I am excited about being the new editor of ConneXus. My goal is to catch up on all the library news and developments that have taken place over the past year.

As you can imagine, this issue is chock full of content, such as current library news and information, as well as some additional features, like a mystery photo and recipe section. Also, for all the new staff that have joined the Library over the past year, you will all be highlighted in future issues, so please send me your information so you won’t be left out!

I look forward to getting to know all of you in the next year. Also, I would love to hear your comments about the newsletter. Please forward them to me at katie.gentilello@library.gatech.edu.

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New Faces In The Library

In an attempt to catch up on all the faculty and staff that have joined our team during the past year, ConneXus will be highlighting several individuals per issue and will continue to do so until everyone gets covered. You will be receiving an email from Katie Gentilello, Editor to schedule your photo.

Bob Fox joined the Library on September 1st, 2005 as Associate Director for Library Administration. His office is in the 4th floor Administration area. He came to Tech after 14 years at Clayton State University where he was the Director of Library Services and liaison librarian to the music department. Prior to Clayton State, Bob held two positions with the U.S. Treasury Department and worked at the Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center. He has served as chair of the GALILEO Steering Committee and is the current president of the Georgia Library Association and chair of the COMO Steering Committee.

Bob earned a BBA and MBA in finance from the University of Georgia and a MSLS from Clark Atlanta University. He is an avid walker and a servant to two cats.

Elizabeth Winter joined the library on June 21, 2006 as the Electronic Resources Coordinator in Acquisitions Services. She received her B.A. in English from Furman University and her M.L.I.S. from Florida State University. She comes to us from Georgia State University where she previously held the position of Electronic Resources Librarian. Prior to that she lived in Boston, where she worked at Harvard Law School Library and developed a chronic Red Sox habit. She is married to Tony, a law student at UGA. When not working she enjoys cooking, reading, and watching sports.

Sean Cuff joined the Library on October 6, 2005 as a security officer working the evening shift. Sean and his family relocated to Atlanta from Brooklyn, NY where he spent the last 17 years working various positions in security, customer service and electronic equipment repair.

Julie Griffin joined the Library on August 8, 2005 as Digital Initiatives Librarian. She participates in collection development activities for SMARTech and investigates open access publishing opportunities on campus. She previously held a library position at the Digital Library of Georgia, University of Georgia. She holds an M.F.A from Indiana University and an M.L.I.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi. Outside work, cooking, drawing, painting and traveling are her favorite things to do!
September 14 is National Cream-filled Donut Day

Black Bean and Papaya Salsa

In a large mixing bowl, combine all the ingredients and mix together well. This salsa will keep, covered and refrigerated, 4 to 5 days. This Caribbean-inspired salsa is great with grilled fish. It is also very good by itself, as a spicy summer-salad-type course.

Yield: about 2 cups

1 cup cooked or canned black beans
2 ripe papayas, peeled, seeded and diced small
1/2 red bell pepper, diced small
1/2 green bell pepper, diced small
1/2 red onion, diced small
3/4 cup pineapple juice
1/2 cup lime juice (about 4 limes)
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
2 tbsp ground cumin
1 tbsp minced red or green chile pepper of your choice
Salt
Fresh cracked black pepper

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

On August 14th, the Library hosted a movie crew shooting a film called, One Missed Call, starring Ed Burns and Shannyn Sossamon. Here's a few shots of the crew, stars (and library staff) in ACTION!

Special thanks to Dottie Hunt for the photography.

The film crew setting up for a shot through the first floor window.

Actor Ed Burns at the Reference Desk.

The library's own Brian Mathews with actress, Shannyn Sossamon.

September is National Papaya Month!

Book Swap

The Library will be sponsoring a trading collection of popular books in the rotunda called 'Book Swap'. If you have some books (paper or hard back) that you would like to donate, please place them on the rack in the rotunda. Let's get the rack filled and begin trading!

Please contact Nancy Simons if you have comments, suggestions or questions about this project.

Mystery Photo

Can you guess what this is a picture of? Email Katie if you know! The first person to guess correctly will be mentioned in the next issue!
Promotions and Reclassifications

Heather King has been reclassified as Program Manager for Web Services. In that position, she will provide oversight of our web presence, as well as leadership for usability initiatives. She is also responsible for developing and implementing an improved communication model for web services that will facilitate collaboration within the Library.

David McDuffie has been promoted to Department Manager – Library Desktop Services. In this position, David manages the Library’s personal computer hardware and software services by leveraging advanced technologies such as Altiris. He is also responsible for evaluating service area needs and developing sustainable computing policies and procedures.

Charlie Bennett is the new East Commons Coordinator and it is his responsibility to provide oversight and management in the Library East Commons to support productivity and academic engagements of Georgia Tech students, faculty, and staff. Not only will he manage the space, but he will also have a curator function to his job, which includes contacting artists and intellectuals about displaying art and research, as well as "booking" programs in the theater. The East Commons space is focused on "refreshment" of the body and of the mind and Charlie will focus on facilitating that goal.

Joey Fones was upgraded to a Library Associate II. In addition to his many responsibilities in the Circulation Department, Joey will continue to maintain our multimedia equipment collection as well as work collectively with Charlie in the EC. Joey will assist Charlie to meet the needs and requests of end-users, such as manipulating use of the Library East Commons space and reporting problems and suggesting possible solutions and/or modifications, as well as setting-up physical displays and modifying the physical appearance of the theater.

The winners are Kirk Henderson and Larry Hansard of the Technology and Resources Services Division and Glenna Barney, Shirley Dixon, Runae Knight and Martha Saghini of the Public Services Division.

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The awards were presented at the May 10th Library’s Employee Appreciation Breakfast.
Library CeLIBration for RATS Week 2006

The library once again participated in the RATS Week festivities offered for new students at Georgia Tech. On Saturday August 19, the Library hosted a Welcome CeLIBration! This event was a huge success — our best yet! We had between 500 and 600 Georgia Tech students join us for free food, music, movies, live performances, Speed Dating and games of various flavors (ranging from Ninja Tag to retro video gaming to old-fashioned board games)! Several campus units also helped with the festivities – including ORGT (Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech) with live demos and exhibitions of equipment on the patio, a WREK DJ spun electronica music tracks, and DramaTech’s improvisation troupe, Let’s Try This!, who delighted attendees with original skits and improvisations.

Special thanks go to the CeLIBration Planning Committee who made this possible: Mary Axford, Cathy Carpenter, Lori Critz, Tom Grice, Julie Griffin, Lisha Li, Brian Mathews, and Bonnie Tijerina.

Other dedicated volunteers for the evening included Bing Wang, Yolanda Strayhorn, Kathy Tomajko, Stella Richardson, Shirley Dixon, Katie Gentilello, Isole Ambidwile, Crit Stuart, Bruce Henson, and both Michelle and Stephen Grice, and - last but not least - our incredible security staff for the evening - Darrell McClure, Tamrat Mello, and Sean Cuff. I also want to thank Terrance Hines, Brian Franklin and Dean Meyer and Claire for coming and supporting the event! Submitted by Lori Critz.

Pictures from the event are located on the next page.

The Library East Commons opened to the public on Monday, August 14th, after months of construction. The refurbished 1st Floor East still has Jazzman’s Cafe and the Circulation Department (with a beautiful new space) and now includes a cutting-edge lighting system designed by Herman Miller, Inc., group computing facilities, and a presentation space. We expect to see more new furniture arrive over the next two weeks, and student art will be displayed throughout the floor.

The grand opening of the LEC, Celebration Week, is the week of September 18th, and will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, presentations and performances by students and faculty, and film viewings in the festivities. Submitted by Charlie Bennett.

The Library will have a Library / OIT Celebration Week of events and performances the week of Sept. 18-22.