2007 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award

On April 10, the Library held a celebration to honor the staff and students who helped the Library win the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award. The festivities included an appearance by the Georgia Tech Marching Band, the Ramblin’ Wreck, and Buzz himself. Remarks were made by Rich Meyer, the Dean and Director of the Library; John Laraway, Regional Sales Manager, Blackwell Book Services; Brett Vogt, graduate student and Library Student Advisory Council member; and Dr. G. Wayne Clough, Georgia Tech President. The Award was presented by Pamela Snelson, President of ACRL. Free hot dogs, sodas and gifts were handed out to the celebrants. Additional pictures from the day may be found on Flickr at http://tinyurl.com/2pbbsv.
Acquisitions is very busy right now.

Due to the book budget being almost doubled, the Monograph Unit has been busy ordering, receiving and submitting payment for a much larger amount of books than usual.

In a fairly recent development, virtually all invoices are being paid for by purchasing card which results in quicker compensation for vendors and reduced overhead for the Library and the University. Soon, we will begin implementing the ability to process electronic invoices much like we already do with electronic ordering.

On a bit of a different note, the Monograph Unit is in the process of acquiring for the Library's rare book collection, signed copies (in many cases first editions) of all books written by President Carter.

The Electronic Resources Unit is not only maintaining the SFX database, the primary means of access to the Georgia Tech Library's electronic journals collection, but is also part of the project team for MetaLib, a federated search product. This initiative is being headed up by GALILEO and Georgia Tech is supplying leadership for two of the teams involved in the process. In addition, we are leading an ERM Working Group in the evaluation of commercial electronic resource management systems (ERM) which will offer greater access to an increased amount of information about our electronic resource collection.

The Serials Unit, along with other departments in the Library, recently completed a shelf shifting project to combine two Reference collections on 2E and 2W into one combined collection. In addition, they are responsible for the LOCKSS project functions (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe) a method of collaboratively archiving and providing "back up" access to certain journals. The Serials Unit, too, will soon be moving to the electronic invoicing function.

And, finally, the Acquisitions Services Department has captured the “best Halloween display” award for the last two years. We look forward to maintaining our iron grip on that title this coming October.

The Acquisitions Services department is staffed by Jeff Carrico, Tom Fisher, Gail Ajayi, Isolek Ambidwile, Jacqueline Boyd, Cynthia Collins, Rubye Cross, Angie Juenemann, Anna-Marie Soper and Elizabeth Winter.
Congratulations to Julie (Digital Initiatives) and Ryan Speer who were married on March 10, 2007!

With the departure of Kathy Brackney from the Architecture Library at the end of May, Cathy Carpenter has been asked to take over her duties in the interim. This selection was made administratively to accommodate the accreditation requirements of the College of Architecture. Accordingly, the Library had to appoint someone holding an MLS and preferably holding some discipline expertise. Cathy has academic credentials in the arts along with her MLS. At the same time, Cathy will maintain her leadership role with the technical reports team. Please give Cathy your support through this transition.

Retirement Receptions for Crit Stuart, Kathy Brackney and Jean Hudgins

The Library will celebrate Crit Stuart’s retirement at a reception in his honor on Tuesday, April 24, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Ferst Room, 7th floor East.

The Library will celebrate Kathy Brackney and Jean Hudgins’s retirements at a reception in their honor on Monday, May 21, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Ferst Room, 7th floor East.

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Classic Deviled Eggs

6 hard boiled Eggs (large)
3 tablespoons mayonnaise or salad dressing
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon mustard (honey mustard is great!)
1 teaspoon vinegar
salt & pepper to taste
paprika (optional)

To boil eggs, place eggs in enough cold water to cover completely, bring to a rolling boil over high heat.

Reduce heat to a lower MEDIUM BOIL and cook an additional 12 minutes.

Promptly chill eggs so yolks stay bright yellow.

Remove shells from eggs, and halve lengthwise with a knife.

Carefully remove the yolks, and place in a medium bowl.

Mash yolks with a fork, and add remaining ingredients.

Very carefully spoon mixture back into the egg white halves. Garnish with a light sprinkling of paprika (optional).
For Georgia Tech, ACRL Award Validates Collaborative Approach

The academic library is changing, and no library has embraced change more enthusiastically or effectively than the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) Library and Information Center, winner of the 2007 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Excellence in Academic Libraries award in the university category. Selected for its "impressive five-year transformation into the heart and soul of the community," the Georgia Tech library has become both a symbol and a new standard for the next generation of academic libraries. In announcing the award, Frances Maloy, chair of the 2007 Excellence in Academic Libraries Selection Committee, notes that Georgia Tech drew on its students and faculty for its transformation.

"We report to the students," Georgia Tech library director Richard Meyer told the LJ Academic Newswire. While many libraries have shifted their spaces and services toward "undergraduate support and a more collaborative approach," Georgia Tech has truly embraced that philosophy. "What may stand out at Georgia Tech is an across-the-board adjustment to accommodate changes in user emphases and academic program shifts," Meyer noted. "Every unit in the library helps us collaborate with most of the academic components: tutoring, advising, writing instruction, and technology use. Those collaborations are influenced more by student needs and expressions than by any other component and that engagement has helped us get the program as 'right' as may be possible at any given time."

Excerpt from Library Journal Academic Newswire (http://tinyurl.com/ytgfu8)

Christine de Catanzaro, Access Archivist in the GT Archives, will take on the duties of Subject Librarian for the GT Dept. of Music, effective June 1, 2007 (upon the retirement of Kathy Brackney). Christine has Masters and PhD Musicology degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill.

All of the Subject Librarians look forward to working with Christine!

Bonnie Tijerina was the subject of a blogger's cartoon (above) after she spoke at the ACRL 13th National Conference, "Sailing into the Future - Charting Our Destiny".

http://tinyurl.com/2cp2t6

Congratulations to Ross Singer and Brian Mathews for being "Movers & Shakers" in the March 15, 2007 issue of the "Library Journal". Their articles may be found online at: http://tinyurl.com/22q7of (Ross) and http://tinyurl.com/2345r3 (Brian).
ACRL Conference Showcases GT Library’s Excellence

The recent Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference held in Baltimore, MD demonstrated Georgia Tech’s continued excellence in libraries. In addition to being honored for our Excellence in Academic Libraries Award at a reception at Camden Yards, six Library staff contributed to the professional development of academic librarians by actively participating in conference sessions. Here are some of the areas where GA Tech Library contributed:

Panel Sessions

“E-book Evolution: The New Chapter of Electronic Resources” - Panelists Heather King & Bonnie Tijerina

Roundtable Discussion
“Critical Consideration for Building Your Library Commons: Financing, Constructing, and Collaborating Your Way to Student Success” – Bob Fox

Workshop
“Knowledge Management in Academic Libraries” – Crit Stuart

Contributed Paper

Technology Talk (Cyber Zed Shed)
“Mobile Librarians: Insight in the Portable Web” – Brian Mathews & Bonnie Tijerina

Staff Appreciation Brunch

On May 9, the Staff Appreciation Brunch will be held in the Neely Lobby (1 West) from 11:30-1:00pm. Volunteers are needed to serve food and help with the clean up. If you are interesting in helping, please contact Kathy Tomajko.

Customer Service Training

If you are interested in participating in the Customer Service Training, offered through the Office of Organizational Development (OOD), please relay your interest to Bob Fox. Information on the six-course program is available at: http://www.orgdev.gatech.edu/training/?page=currdesc&ProgramID=19.

Recent Additions to SMARTech

The Haunting Histories of the Female Body
A one-day symposium, film series, and exhibition on the visual, historical and political nature of the reproductive female body. http://www.smartech/handle/1853/13516

African Societies in Development: Critical Challenges and Successes: A Panel Discussion
In celebration of Black History Month, panelists spoke on topics including “Critical Economic Development Issues for Africa in the 21st Century” by Dr. Ruth Uwaifo Oyelere, “Information Technologies and Development Change in Africa” by Dr. Michael Best and “Challenges of Managing Change in Support of Development in Africa” by Jumbe Sebunya. http://hdl.handle.net/1853/13570

Inside the Black Box
Georgia Tech Professors Pete Ludovice (Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering) and Bill Hunt (Electrical and Computer Engineering) host Radio Sandy Spring’s Science and Technology Show, which discusses science and technology for the technically challenged. http://www.smartech/handle/1853/13667