

More accolades for the LWC



A small reception was held in the Neely Lobby on the first floor west on Friday, October 25 to give Library donors and various key campus figures the opportunity to experience the Library West Commons for themselves. Representatives from ICPA, student government and other departments also attended. President Clough said a few words to the group, expressing his excitement over the success of the project and his anticipation of future success, i.e., expansion of the LWC and the Academic Commons. At left, Rich is pictured giving a personal tour of the LWC to Beverly Blake of Wachovia.

Slipping into the Holidayze...



Isn't it crazy to see the department stores putting up their Christmas decorations earlier and earlier every year? How can people possibly be thinking about the holidays so soon?



On that note... the staff **holiday party** is set for Thursday, December 12, from 3pm - 5pm. Invitations will be going out in early December, but this will serve as an early heads-up. The Staff Activities Committee has decided to step up the festivities a bit this year by inviting staff members to volunteer to showcase their talent at this year's party. Singers, dancers, musicians, mimes, whatever – please contact Karen Manning at 894-4523 if you are interested.

Also, the committee is about to kick off the second annual **Santa's Shelves** book drive. For our new employees who are unfamiliar with this project, it is the Library's effort to build a mini-library for My Sister's House, a local women and children's shelter. We got off to a great start last year and intend to continue building their collection this year. Notices will appear in the Whistle and Technique, and flyers will be distributed. Festive receptacles will be placed in the rotunda, on the wall adjacent to the Security Desk and at the holiday party.

The tree will go up in the rotunda the week after Thanksgiving, so feel free to personalize it with your own ornament. Crit Stuart and Kathy Tomajko also had the great idea to invite each department contribute an ornament on behalf of its staff, to be hung on the tree at the party. So put your head's together and get creative!

Nov. Birthdays

Jackie Dankins 11/1
 Brenda Bell 11/2
 James Lee 11/2
 Ted Bazemore 11/3
 Bruce Henson 11/8
 Casey Bowens 11/10
 Marilyn Glasper 11/20
 Jenita Billups 11/22
 Katharine Calhoun 11/22
 Carol Feagan 11/22
 Trina Ford 11/24

Your Reporters

Administration
Susan Griggs

Architecture
Kevin Quick

Archives
Yen Tang

Circulation
Richard Holland

ICM
Karen Manning

Information Delivery
Shirley Dixon

Information Services
Mary Axford

Mailroom
Jamil Holloway

Security
Carolyn Gill

Serials & Acquisitions
Jeannie Downey

Special Formats & Maps
Joanne Tobin
Barbara Walker

Systems
Sean Porter

Archives

- The Neely Room and Lobby are open Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm for the public to view two exhibits: Tech Traditions and Rare Books and Medals.
- Jessica Smith, a third-year Electrical Engineering major, is our new student volunteer. She is working with a broad sample of the archival collections - manuscripts, rare books, and photographs.

Acquisitions and Serials

I would like to tell everyone about my experience with the Aids Walk, I must say it was one of the most awesome experiences I've had in quite some time. We had an opening ceremony, guest speakers and Stephanie Mills entertained us with a song. Aids Atlanta made sure we had all the water and nourishment we could possibly need for the walk. We had a lot of encouragement, people pushing us all along the way, everyone seemed to be very appreciative of what we were doing and that made the miles just slip by!

It was a 6.2 mile walk starting from Piedmont Park, through the Midtown Neighborhood and ending up back at the park. Into the last mile of our trek, it started raining. By the time we got back to the park, everyone was soaked, but we didn't change our pace at all, and no one seemed to mind. When 10,000 people are all wet together, who cares!!! (- Isoke Ambidwile)

ICM

- Some of you may have noticed a change in periodical and serial bibliographic records. The holdings information has been moved to a different area of the record. Karen Manning and Jackie Dankins of the ICM are now using the **MARC FORMAT for HOLDINGS STANDARD** to input holdings information. This should allow for easier migration to other systems if necessary in the future. This will include the input and revision of over 50,000 records.
- Windy Scott and Sonia Roy were given a list of the most common misspelled words in library catalogs. Sure enough, our catalog was victim to some grammatical blunders. In some cases the mistakes were obvious and were identified, but in other cases books were retrieved and changes were made. This effort deserves an A+.

Information Services

Update from the Big Easy: My brother is now doing better and has been transferred to a rehabilitation center where he is undergoing therapy and my mom's house is now being repaired. I am overwhelmed by the gifts from anonymous friends throughout the library. My heartfelt thanks goes to each of you. I would also like to thank everyone for their care and concern over the past few months. I wish health and happiness to each of you and your families. (- Donna Braquet)

Special Formats and Maps

- On November 7, 2002, Clark Atlanta University (CAU) Library School government documents class will be visiting the Special Formats and Maps Department. Barbara Walker will lecture the class on “Recent Trends and Developments at the Government Printing Office” (GPO).
- In addition, Barbara Walker recently attended the annual meeting of Federal Depository Librarians in Arlington, Virginia, October 20-23, 2002.

From the Director's desk...

As of August this year, GIL became our official catalog for access to our physical and some virtual collections. While we are temporarily retaining GTEC under the BRS search engine, it is not being regularly updated. In fact, holdings and similar information is being removed as that content is updated in GIL. The new content will assist library staff, students, faculty, and others in determining journal/serial locations; e.g. that a journal may have 4 locations — electronic journal (internet), storage, general collection, and on 1 East “current shelves.” GIL also includes bindery and “current issues” receipt information. Although the interface and capabilities of GIL sometimes require changes in the way we operate, in the long term it is essential that we migrate. In fact, we have been informed by the Board of Regents that we must make this change. They even require that our catalog be exactly the same as all the other state institutions in its look and feel. You will recognize the advantages that this presents to students who find it necessary to use libraries other than the one at their home institution. And, of course, you can see the advantage to the State of Georgia as it attempts to promote its economic development outside the State.

Similarly, we are making changes in GTEL and our web pages. The library contracted with MacQuarium to re-design our entire web presence. You are likely aware that the campus pages have been greatly improved by the work MacQuarium did under a contract with the Institute Public Affairs Office. As a result of our work with MacQuarium, Heather and a team including Yen, Donna and Tim are revising our entire site. It is a major undertaking involving over 5,000 static pages that won't be completed until next summer. When it is ready, the opportunities for you to contribute content directly through templates will make maintenance easier for you. In the meantime, it is important that we hold changes to our current web pages to a minimum. Therefore, please do not ask for changes unless they are essential. I have authorized the web team to forego changes you request if the longer-term project will eventually accommodate them anyway.

You should also be aware that GTEL is changing as well. For many years, the library “loaded its own.” That was a pioneering effort when it was initiated and has been a powerful way to provide access for

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Turkey Day Trivia



-- The Pilgrims who sailed on the Mayflower were members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). Seeking a better life, they negotiated with a London stock company to finance the voyage to America. Most of those aboard the Mayflower were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Puritans.

-- The Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. By fall, they had lost 46 of the 102 people who sailed on the Mayflower. In 1621, the remaining colonists decided to have a feast to celebrate their first harvest. The celebration included 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive. The Pilgrims would not have lived through the year without their help.

-- The feast was a traditional English harvest festival that lasted three days. Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. We don't know if they ate turkey since "turkey" meant any kind of fowl. We do know they didn't eat pumpkin pie. They ate boiled pumpkin and made fried bread from corn. There was also no milk, cider, potatoes, or butter. There were no cattle for dairy products, and the newly discovered potato was thought to be poisonous. The rest of the menu was made up of fish, berries, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison, and plums.

-- On June 20, 1676, the council of Charlestown, Mass, proclaimed June 29 the day for thanksgiving. In 1863, President Lincoln changed it to the last Thursday in November. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was made a legal holiday observed on the fourth Thursday in November.

(source: hicards.com/thanksgiving)

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our users to timely research information. However, with the emergence of live URL's in the indexes of licensed products and related technology changes as well as cross searching with Galileo, we are gradually shifting away from local loading. More importantly, Galileo is considering a consortia purchase of SFX or similar software to facilitate connectivity between scholarly citations. If Galileo isn't able to make this purchase, we will endeavor to find a way to add this improvement ourselves. It is important that we simplify the process of accessing the growing collection of scholarly content in the digital world.

All of these initiatives are inter-related and very important to improving our services. They require us to make some changes, but they are for the better. I hope you understand and will continue to be supportive. If you find yourself wondering why something has happened to an information tool or system you use a lot. Ask your supervisor or me to explain. Thanks. (- Rich)

Hoping to find homes for a litter of Spaniels? Got a Honda you want to sell? Looking for some "gently used" parachuting equipment?

Well, you've come to the right place. Starting next month, the conneXus will start running your classified ads. Have your submissions in by the deadline set in the monthly email and let the commerce begin!

"Whoa,
take 'er
easy
there,
Pilgrim."

-- Tom
Doniphon,
a.k.a.
John
Wayne,
from "The
Man Who
Shot
Liberty
Valance"