"50 Years of Women at Tech"

Exhibition honors anniversary of GT going co-ed

Dates: February 7 – October 31
Location: Neely Lobby
Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9am - 5pm; Sunday, Noon – 5pm

Women were officially admitted to Georgia Tech in 1952. Before that time, they held roles of importance on campus and attended the evening school. Others combined their efforts with one of Tech’s presidents to overturn the statute that kept them off campus. Who were these women and what were the contributions they made? As the population of women continued to grow on campus, how did Tech change? What was it like to be some of the first women on campus? Through a series of timelines, images, profiles and memorabilia, these questions are explored in the exhibition hosted by the Library and funded by a generous grant from the Office of the President.

Kirk Henderson and Yen Tang from Archives begin constructing the exhibit

The major players in the exhibit are:
Office of the President of GT, Sponsor; Tammy Tuley, ICPA; Yvette Upton, Women’s Center; Marilyn Somers, Alumni Affairs; Betty Dowling, Archistecture; and Kirk Henderson, Laurel Crafts, Jody Lloyd Thomson, Yen Tang, Marilyn Williamson, Anne Salter and Susan Illis of the Library Staff.

Feb. Birthdays

Cathe Cannon 2/2
Shirley Dixon 2/2
Celena Beasley 2/15
Mohsen Mahdavi-Hezaveh 2/14
Barbara Walker 2/26

Happy Valentine’s Day!

Valentine's Day is believed to have had its beginnings in a Roman festival called the Lupercalia. The early Roman men often wore the names of the girls who were to be their partners during the Lupercalia pinned to their sleeves. And thus came the saying "wearing your heart on your sleeve."
**Acquisitions and Serials**

Over 1,400 journal records now display the current issues received in the GIL catalog. Binding information for all journal volumes sent to the bindery is also available in GIL. Finally, as part of the migration process to Endeavor, ICM is updating the holdings records. For an example of a completely updated journal record which includes current issues on 1EAST, specific bound volumes in stacks and storage, and electronic access, see Journal of physics D: Applied physics.

**Circulation**

We’ve FINALLY replaced our old analog photocopy machines. The new, digital ones are now in place. There is one located in the northwest corner of the first floor LWC near the big window. There are two located near the Circulation desk on 1E. The other three are located in the Southeast corner near the wall on 1E. We have retained the book edge copier and it is also in the southeast corner on 1E. These are now the only copy machines in the Library. The Architecture Library also has two new digital machines.

Contact Richard Holland or Stella Richardson if you have questions or would like some instruction on how the new machines operate.

**Digital Initiatives**

Please welcome our new Digital Initiatives Manager, Catherine Jannik, to the GT Library. She will initially be involved in the e-theses and dissertations and Office of Sponsored Programs e-reports projects. There will be many more to come as we make the case for, and build, an digital institutional repository of GT intellectual content. Catherine will reside for some time on the fourth floor, next to Sharon West’s office.

Catherine holds a Master of Arts degree in History and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Government from Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Virginia. In addition she holds certification as a paralegal from the Denver (Colorado) Paralegal Institute. She was previously assistant archivist and special collections librarian at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, Louisiana and most recently a reference and special collections librarian, and later, digital projects coordinator at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Catherine is the oldest of four daughters of John and Nina Jannik and she grew up in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

**Information Services**

Please welcome to the Library Lori Critz, who is the Information Consultant to the School of Physics and the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. Lori, whose office is on the 6th floor East, previously served as a Physical Sciences librarian and a member of the Science-Engineering Team at the University of Arizona. Lori’s responsibilities included serving as Project Team Leader for the Information Commons Team, which developed the training modules/materials for reference, technology (software/hardware) use and maintenance, and customer service. Lori later became the primary trainer for the technology modules and served as a member of the Information Resources Council.

Lori has a BS in biology from the University of West Florida, a MS in biology (microbiology specialization) from Southern Connecticut State University, a “Fifth Year” certification in secondary education from San Diego State University, and an MLIS from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to her tenure at the University of Arizona, Lori processed military collections at the Naval Historical Archives in Newport,
Rhode Island; was a reference intern at the Naval War College Eccles Library; taught mathematics at the secondary level in Fairfax County, Virginia, and El Cajon/San Diego, California; and was a special lecturer/technician for the microbiology department at Southern Connecticut State University.

On a personal note, Lori has lived in 9 cities over the last 15 years, including San Diego, California; Norfolk, Virginia; Newport, Rhode Island; Washington, DC; and Tucson, Arizona. Also, Lori has a college-age son who is currently on ‘sabbatical’ from the University of Connecticut, but will hopefully be rejoining the Huskies in the fall.

**Special Formats and Maps**

The Special Formats and Maps Department, would like to welcome back our colleague Mrs. Cathe Cannon who has been “missing in action” (foot surgery) during the first few weeks of the new year. Welcome back, Cathe!!

*Ironically, this was submitted simultaneously...*

My sincere thanks to all who sent cards and made calls during my recovery from foot surgery. The progress will be slow, but I am progressing nicely. Thank you all again, Cathe Cannon

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**Georgia Tech Library’s Participation in the ARL LibQUAL+ Survey in Spring 2003**

In spring 2003, the Georgia Tech Library will be participating in a large-scale, user-based assessment of library service effectiveness developed by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) in collaboration with Texas A&M University. This survey initiative gives us the opportunity to participate in a project which uses Internet-based survey techniques to gauge library users’ general attitudes toward Georgia Tech’s libraries, as well as their overall level of satisfaction with the libraries’ services. The survey uses a random-sampling technique of each academic community, such that 900 Georgia Tech undergraduate students, 600 graduate students, and 600 faculty will be invited to participate. The actual survey instrument will take 10-15 minutes to complete (there are 25 questions). The survey is strictly voluntary; however to encourage as full a participation as possible, several emails will go out to the random sampling groups to ensure a good response rate and there will be incentive prizes. Individual responses of participants will be strictly confidential. Kathy Tomajko is serving as the LibQUAL+ Survey Liaison.

This is the fourth year that LibQUAL+ survey has been offered and the first time that the Georgia Tech Library and Information Center is participating. In the four years of its existence, the LibQUAL+ survey has served as the first opportunity for North American academic libraries to assess the returns on their annual investment in terms of user evaluations of service quality. It is an effort to measure library service quality and identify best practices. It is also an opportunity for us to compare and benchmark ourselves with other academic libraries. Once the data is collected, it is reported back as aggregate mean score data. We plan to use the data and what we learn to identify what the Library is doing right and what we need to improve upon.

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Punxsutawney Phil and the origins of Groundhog Day

(source: www.pagroundhog.com)

The thousands of fans who show up in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania every February 2 may not know it, but they are celebrating a custom that traces its roots back as far as the early days of Christianity in Europe. Like many other winter festivals, the sun (or lack of it) plays a key role in the celebration. Candlemas Day was, for the early Christians, a day for clergy to bless and distribute candles — a key to survival during the dark, chilly winter. A legend developed that clear skies on Candlemas Day meant an extended winter. A Scottish couplet read:

If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there’ll be two winters in the year.

The legend spread to Germany, where an animal was added to the tradition. The Germans concluded that if the sun shone on Candlemas Day, then a hedgehog would see his shadow — forecasting six more weeks of winter weather. The German immigrants who settled in Pennsylvania brought the custom with them — and, since hedgehogs don’t live in Pennsylvania, they chose the plentiful groundhog as their prognosticator.

In 1887, a spirited group of groundhog hunters from Punxsutawney dubbed themselves “The Punxsutawney Groundhog Club.” A member of the club was an editor of Punxsutawney’s newspaper. Using his editorial clout, he proclaimed that Phil, the Punxsutawney Groundhog, was the one and only official weather prognosticating groundhog.

In 2000, over 20,000 people made the early morning trek to Gobbler’s Knob, the tiny hill outside of Punxsutawney where Phil makes his prediction. Media from around the globe report the results, which are also entered into the Congressional Record. Music, fireworks and the sounds of celebration fill the air from midnight until shortly after dawn, when Phil makes his annual appearance.

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The Library will send out the invitations to participate in the survey in mid-March and the survey will be available for 2-3 weeks through early April (the exact dates are yet to be determined). The incentive prize at the national level is a Palm Pilot, provided by ARL. The Library plans to provide several GT bookstore gift certificates as local incentives.

Library staff will be asked to test the instrument so that we can work out any bugs, etc. prior to sending it to the random groups. Please accept our appreciation in advance for your participation in the survey. If you want to know more about LibQUAL+, please consult www.libqual.org. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Kathy Tomajko.