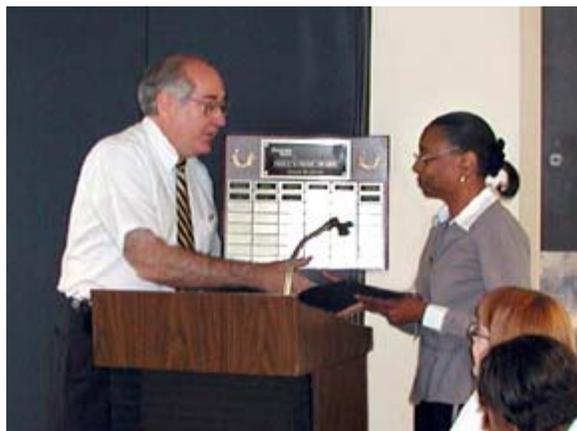


Staff Appreciation Lunch



At the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 8, 2003, Dean Rich Meyer congratulates winners of the Price's Pride Award, Rubye Cross for Technical Services (left) and Brenda Bell for Administrative Services (right).

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Luncheon a success!

MAY Birthdays

MAY 8
Anna-Marie Soper
MAY 12
Tom Fisher
MAY 13
Christian Wanamaker
MAY 16
Leslie Madden
MAY 24
Yen M. Tang
MAY 28
Jackie Boyd



A bemused Barbara Walker accepts the Frances Kaiser Award, which recognizes a significant professional achievement in library and information science resulting in contributions to Georgia Tech.

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Archives

Stop by the Archives to see our latest exhibition, "Seeing Red: the fear of communism at Georgia Tech in the early 1960s." Curated by Yen M. Tang, the exhibit features correspondence, photographs, and news clippings, primarily from the President Edwin Harrison Papers, relating to the controversial visit to Georgia Tech by former Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren. The administration's decision to invite Warren, whose court had ruled in favor of integration in *Brown v. the Board of Education*, to speak at Georgia Tech as part of the 75th anniversary celebration in 1963, incensed both Georgia Tech alumni and Atlantans. Harrison received scores of vitriolic letters. A copy of an Employees' Loyalty Oath Form, required of all Georgia Tech faculty and staff in the 1950s and 1960s, is also exhibited.

Also, if you have not already done so, visit "50 Years of Women at Tech" in the Neely Lobby!

Information Services

Tim Daniels attended the Computers in Libraries Conference, and says, "The conference was well attended by a diverse group of librarians (Academic, Public, Special), and many of the sessions centered around the ways in which libraries are using technology to improve their service and streamline their work flows. Topics included Open Source, Wireless, Devices (Palms, Laptops, and Tablets), and of course the always present discussion of the future."

Bruce Henson, Cathy Carpenter, and Patricia Kenley attended the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) conference. Bruce "attended the ACRL Conference in Charlotte and participated, as the Chair of the ULS Membership Committee, in a Welcome Reception for first time ACRL attendees sponsored by the ACRL Membership Committee." Patty attended several interesting programs, including topics such as the freshman year and the preservation of digital documents.

Congratulations to Ted Bazemore and Jay Forrest! Ted graduated on May 3rd with an MLS from Florida State. Jay graduated on May 3rd with a Master's in City Planning from Georgia Tech.

With special thanks...

to Heather Chritton for design improvements, and to Laurel Crafts for photographs and technical assistance.



Staff members enjoy a game of bingo at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

Library Veterans

Congratulations to Glenna Barney, Marilyn Glasper, Susan Griggs, Lucy Grosko, and Lisa Macklin on achieving ten years service to the library! All were honored at the Georgia Tech Faculty/Staff Honors Luncheon on April 9th. Lucy, Susan, and Lisa are pictured below.



Clandestine Literature in the Library

On March 18, the Library Faculty Organization, Professional Activities Committee (LFO PAC) sponsored a program titled, "Let the Book Talk: How the Study of Clandestine Literature Advances the Field of Bibliography." Speaker Haven Hawley, a Ph.D. candidate in History, Technology and Society (HTS) at Tech, led an interactive presentation which included a discussion of 19th century printing techniques, slides with examples of printing and illustrations from that era, and a hands-on segment in which participants examined books and almanacs published in the United States during the 19th century. Haven's doctoral research focuses on American publishers of indecent books from the 1840s to 1890s, but because most of these works were published clandestinely, many have misleading publisher imprints or are absent from publisher records. Haven has developed a new technique for analyzing imprints to trace various publishers, and she shared that information with the participants during her informative and interesting presentation.

The LFO PAC is interested in sponsoring more faculty and graduate student research presentations in the future. If you have ideas about speakers or topics, please contact Leslie Madden at 4-1394.

Get Caught Reading Month

Get Caught Reading is a nationwide campaign to remind people of all ages how much fun it is to read. Although May is Get Caught Reading month, the campaign is promoted throughout the year.

Rich Meyer announced the following promotions at the Staff Luncheon. Bruce Henson and Leslie Madden were promoted from Librarian I to Librarian II, and Crit Stuart and Mary-Frances Panettiere were promoted from Librarian II to Librarian III. Congratulations!

The Best (and Worst) of Tech

The April 18, 2003 issue of *Technique* recognized the Library West Commons as one of three "best changes" on campus during the 2002/2003 academic year. The article states, "Since August, this has been one of the premiere spots on campus. Ok, ok, so maybe it is not something that strikes excitement into most students, but you have to admit the changes to the Library West commons area are among the best renovations in recent memory." The LWC is also designated the "best computer lab."

Unfortunately, the library also made the list for the "worst bathroom," with the adjectives appalling and cramped used to describe our facilities.

LibQUAL+ Survey Update

The Library conducted its first LibQUAL+ Survey from March 17 to April 3 (see February 2003 *conneXus* article or www.libqual.org for more details). A random sample of 900 undergraduates, 600 graduate students, and 600 faculty members were invited via email to participate in the survey. We had a good response of approximately 24% (507 responses of 2,100 invitees). A complete analysis of the numeric results, which I will share with you, will be received in June.

316 libraries, throughout North America and several foreign countries, participated in the LibQUAL+ Survey project this year and as of late April, over 120,000 responses had been received. Although the Georgia Tech survey ended on April 3rd, nationally the survey is available until May 9th.

Prior to receiving the full numeric analysis mentioned above, comments from students and faculty that they made in conjunction with their survey responses are available to us.

Please contact me if you want to see the survey comment spreadsheet (it was distributed to all Library staff on April 23rd to library.news@gatech.edu). We feel fortunate in that 46% (231 students and faculty members of our 507 respondents) took the time to make comments.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Kathy Tomajko (x4-4527 or kathy.tomajko@library.gatech.edu)

New Hires

Patty Phipps joined ICM on April 1. She comes to us from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio. She worked there since 1987, first in The Marian Library, a special collection known for its print and non-print collections focusing on the Blessed Virgin Mary. She then moved to the main library's Bibliographic Control department, where she cataloged and performed database maintenance for over four years. In May, Patty earned her MLIS from Kent State University.

Patty and her husband, John, are originally from Kansas. John has worked in the automotive parts manufacturing industry as a buyer and metallurgist. Patty's mother, Maxine, lives with them in Tucker. Although sidetracked while studying for her master's degree, Patty hopes to soon get out her pens and ink to pursue her interest in calligraphy. We are pleased to have Patty as a member of our staff. Please stop by and say hello.

--Jean Hudgins