Library staff celebrated at the annual holiday party held on December 16, 2003 in the Ferst Room. Once again, many library associates’ giving spirits showed as they involved themselves with the shelter project. Donations to My Sister’s House were the boost needed for a successful holiday drive. The shelter looks forward to receiving the material, things that are not traditional, but are greatly needed. The gift of reading and being educated is lifelong.

Special thanks to Shirley Dixon (Information Services) for creating the beautiful basket and Stella Richardson (Circulation) for her distribution involvement. Also, congratulations to James Lee, the winner of the ornament contest, and special recognition to Shirley Dixon and Willene Rainey for their participation.

With much regard, the Staff Activities Committee
Congratulations to Kevin Brown and his wife Greta. Greta delivered a healthy baby girl at 3 p.m. on December 16th, 2003. Amber Lauren Brown weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 oz., and was 19” long. The timing was perfect for Kevin to spend some extra holiday time with his family. All are doing well.

The ICM department enjoyed a festive time during the holiday season. Cheer and unity abounded throughout the department as we prepared to wrap up another year.

The Information Services department was saddened by the resignation of Christian Wanamaker. We wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

The Information Services Department held a Strategic Planning Retreat on December 15 and 16 at the Wardlaw Center. The purpose of the retreat was to develop long-term goals and companion action-oriented objectives around four strategic issues for the ISD: Customer Service, Training/Education, Information Access, and Public Relations/Marketing. Lori Critz prepared activities for the retreat, which included some fun “right brain” activities along with the planning work. The two-day, highly productive sessions required an intense and sustained level of participation from all in attendance, and to maintain the pace required to complete our itinerary, Lori acted as facilitator for the lively discussions and decision-making processes. The next steps for the ISD will revolve around the development, and subsequent implementation, of Action Plans for the objectives.
Staff Profile: Trina Holloway

Position: Library Assistant III

Years at Georgia Tech: 11 years

Education/Previous positions: BBA from State University of West Georgia. I am currently working on my MLS from Clark Atlanta University (graduating May ’04)

Favorite aspect of job: I really enjoy the problem solving. Learning the new system, Voyager, has been and still is a challenge. Whenever we as a group or individually find a solution to a problem, it feels great. It makes me feel as though we are one step closer to conquering Voyager.

Hometown: Born in New York City but I consider Georgia my hometown since I have lived here since 1983.

Hobbies: I collect post cards and magnets. Also I enjoy reading, bowling and traveling.

Personal: Married for 6 months to Jamil Holloway and we purchased our first home.

People may be surprised to know... even though I fly often, I don’t enjoy it.

Good books you’ve recently read: Their Eyes Were Watching God, by Zora Neale Hurston; Casting the First Stone, by Kimberla Lawson Roby; The Hundred Secret Senses, by Amy Tan (Selection of the Library Book Club).

Favorite recent music: “I’m Walking” by Donnie McClurkin (Gospel). “You Don’t Know My Name” by Alicia Keys (R&B).
What is corkball?


Corkball is St. Louis’s classic baseball game. Originally played on the streets and alleys of St. Louis, Missouri in the early 1900s, today corkball has leagues formed around the country. It has many of the features of baseball, yet can be played in a very small area. And because there is no base-running, it’s a great game for players of all ages.

Corkball uses tools and materials one can find around the house. Two or more players compete with one pitching a fat cylindrical cork to a batter who holds a rather thin broomstick bat.

The action of corkball is centered around the pitcher, catcher, and batter, with the greatest competition between the pitcher and batter. Corkball is a good summertime game, but is also played during the winter in netted areas in gymnasiums. There is no age limit - corkball players range in age from six to 86. Pitchers throw fastballs, curves, knuckleballs, sliders, and changeups. One swinging strike retires the batter, providing the catcher holds the pitch. Two strikes, either swinging or called, are out, providing the catcher holds the second strike.

Five balls constitute a walk, the equivalent of a hit. Four walks, or four hits, or a combination of four walks and hits scores a run, and each succeeding walk or hit in the same inning scores an additional run.

For complete rules, see www.markwort.com/featured/corkball.asp#rules

Calendar

General Meeting
Rich Meyer

January 13, 2004
10:30 a.m.

January 15, 2004
3:30 p.m.

Budget Issues
(Faculty only)

Congratulations to former staff member Greg Raschke and his wife, Lisa, on the birth of Charles Thomas on December 2, 2003.