As part of Georgia Tech's RATS Week events, the Library and OIT hosted “Game Night & More” at the Library on August 21, 2004 from 6:30 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. The night of games, food and entertainment was a great success thanks to the efforts of the Planning Committee (Crit Stuart; Lori Critz; and Tony Gilmer, Joel Linderman, and John Blevins, all from OIT) and the efforts of many other Library staff, OIT staff, and UAs who volunteered their time for the evening. Dottie Hunt captured the excitement of the evening in both video and still picture and both will soon be available on the Library website. Special kudos need to be extended to Tom Grice, who almost single-handedly attended to all facility needs, and to Yolanda Strayhorn, who as Floor Manager for the evening, somehow flawlessly managed to get everyone to the right place, at the right time. (continued on page 4)

ORGT's rafting antics in the fountain delighted the crowd!

On Tuesday, August 10, the Library participated in the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning's (CETL) New Faculty Orientation. There were approximately 35 new faculty members and 12 Library staff in attendance. Rich welcomed the new faculty and made opening remarks. Crit, pictured below, gave an overview of Library services and resources and answered questions. The second half of the meeting was an opportunity for the Library's Subject Librarians to meet and talk with new faculty members from their respective departments.
Circulation

Carolyn Gill will join the Circulation team as a Library Assistant on September 9th. We are all excited and welcome Carolyn to the department. We know you all will miss her smiling face at the Security desk, but remember, she's not that far away. Once again, we welcome Carolyn to the Circulation department beginning September 9th.

Digital Initiatives

SMARTech, or Scholarly Materials And Research @ Georgia Tech (http://SMARTech.gatech.edu), is the repository for the capture of the intellectual output of the Institute in support of its teaching and research missions. SMARTech connects stockpiles of digital materials currently in existence throughout campus to create a cohesive, useful, sustainable repository available to Georgia Tech and the world. Susan Parham, Susan Coleman, Larry Hansard, Catherine Jannik, and Tyler Walters have been working on this project for over a year and the response on campus over the last few weeks has made all the hard work worthwhile. SMARTech is currently in beta release but will go into full production this month.

Information Procurement

Please join the Information Procurement Department in welcoming Leila Renee Turner into the world. Tammy Rabideau gave birth to her on at 4:23 a.m., Thursday, August 12. Leila weighed 4 lbs., 2.8 oz., and was 17.5 inches long.

Security

If you’ve not already done so, please stop by the security desk to welcome Tamichael Slaughter, pictured at right, who joined the staff in August.

New Hires: Bing Wang

Please welcome Bing Wang to the Information Services Department. She joined as an Information Services Librarian I - with a subject focus of Chemical Engineering, on August 13, 2004. Bing earned her master’s degree in Library & Information Science from San Jose State University. She also has a bachelor’s degree in Chemistry from Jilin University, People’s Republic of China and a master’s degree in Chemistry from University of California, Riverside. (continued on page 6)
Staff Profile: Laurel Crafts

**Position:** Digital Project Specialist

**Years at Georgia Tech:** 6

**Education/Previous Positions:** Rhode Island School of Design and Atlanta College of Art. I majored in photography, but spent a good deal of time in a lot of different departments: illustration, painting, screen-printing, bookbinding, graphic design and sculpture. While in school I worked in a lot of restaurants as a chef. I liked working as the pastry chef at Veni Vidi Vici the most.

**Favorite aspect of job:** Working with all sorts of images, color and fun fonts to create graphics, brochures, flyers, presentations, and signs.

**Hometown:** While I was born on Guam, my family moved to Atlanta when I was four. I have lived here ever since, so I consider Atlanta my hometown.

**Hobbies:** Working on our 104 year old house (it is a never ending project) which involves a good bit of carpentry – building shelves, refinishing furniture, refurbishing antique door and window hardware, sanding floors, putting down flooring in our attic, running some minor electrical. I love spending time in the garden (attempting to weed around our cats who like to camp out right where I am weeding); reading; walking with our dogs, stopping all along the way to meet and pet neighborhood dogs and talk with their moms and dads; sewing curtains, quilts, and am learning to make clothing. I have just learned how to knit. I am not good at it but I really like it. I collect magnets, Asian art, old funky furniture and antiques.

**Personal:** As many of you know, Tom Auger and I got married last June. We met here at the library, actually in the parking lot the day of his interview for the job here at Tech. We are super happy living in Candler Park with our two dogs and four cats.

**People may be surprised to know...** Tom and I are adopting a baby girl from China. We are about half way done with all the mountains of paperwork. It will be another 6-9 months before we will know when we will be making our trip. We are both ridiculously excited and can’t wait for the day we receive a letter from China!

**Good books you’ve recently read:** Most recently, lots of parenting magazines! *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*, *Staggerford*, *The Lovely Bones*, and currently reading *The Lost Daughters of China*.

**Favorite recent music:** The Streets, Peter Gabriel, any Big Band (Louie, Ella, Billy, Count Basie etc.)
The main event of the evening was the Unreal Tournament LAN Party. Although turn-out was lower than expected, 93 very enthusiastic freshmen students competed - and most participants entered multiple rounds throughout the night. The OIT staff, under the direction of John Blevins, held four 30 minute rounds of play, followed, at midnight, with a play-off round to determine the ultimate challenger. The grand prize to the top scorer was a 20 GB iPod. Semi-finalists received 256 MB SanDisk Flash Drives and Tournament t-shirts. The Tournament was displayed on giant screens mounted in the LWC by Steven McDaniel (OIT) and several student assistants, and the visual effect was extraordinary. Without exception, players whole-heartedly endorsed a repeat event. Other events held throughout the evening were very well-attended, with up to 250 students attending one or more events over the course of the night. Along with several food stations, offering hot dogs, Papa John’s Pizza, popcorn, and soda, several campus organizations contributed to the festival-like atmosphere. The Alpha Phi Omega service organization and the Omega Phi Alpha service organization provided extraordinary assistance at all the food stations. Outdoor Recreation Georgia Tech (ORGT), a student-run organization that provides instruction, trips and equipment for students in a variety of outdoor activities, were on hand to answer questions about the program and show examples of gear available for kayaking, rafting, caving, climbing and more. Their rafting antics in the fountain delighted the crowd! WREK provided music on the Library plaza until well past midnight. The programming consisted of special programs from the recent past, including WREKroom Renaissance (hip hop), 54-46 (old school), Electronic Dance Music Soundsystem, and a set from WREK's Alumni Weekend called “Illegal Music.” The station's student general manager and a DJ kept the music and lively banter active throughout the event.

Inside the Library, several campus groups entertained our students. CampusMovieFest and Anime Club co-hosted 4 hours of films in the Neely Lobby. The CampusMovieFest featured award winning films from the annual student film festival, and Anime O-tekku: the Official Anime Club, featured half hour presentations of some great anime films including Gravitation, Black Heaven, Macross 7 and Full Moon Wo Sagashite. The A Cappella Club performed an exciting variety of men-only (Sympathetic Vibrations), women-only (Nothin’ But Treble) and mixed a cappella music arranged by student members in the rotunda. Game night attendees as well as passers-by were drawn to their outstanding performance. Additionally, DramaTech Theatre’s improvisation troupe, Let’s Try This!, staged 20-minute improvisational performances in the Presentation Rehearsal Studio. Their out-of-the-box stage show delighted audiences all evening long. Kevin Pittman (OIT) also provided on-the-spot entertainment with his various costumes and pantomimes, and even performed a one-man comedy act during the evening.

The event was a wonderful way for us to welcome freshmen to the Library, and certainly was successful in presenting the Library as a welcoming, exciting place that offers far more than just books, magazines, and quiet study space! —Lori Critz
Capping off a busy week at the library, the 2004 Library Welcome Event was held August 24-26. The event gives us an opportunity to meet and greet students and faculty as they come in and out of the Library, familiarize them with their subject librarian, answer questions, and provide candy/snacks.

Joanne Tobin, top, and Cathe Cannon, above and left, answer students' questions.
The Library Book Club will meet next on Wednesday, September 29 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Wilby Room. We’ll be discussing *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman, “a masterpiece that transcends genre. It is a children’s book that will appeal to adults, a fantasy novel that will charm even the most hardened realist.”—Amazon

Bing has been doing two internships while studying for her LIS. One was in the Gleeson Library at University of San Francisco, where she provided reference services, designed and delivered instructions in chemistry information searching, and assisted with the chemistry collection development activities. Most recently Bing did her second internship in Swain Chemistry and Chemical Engineering Library at Stanford University, where she was deeply involved in the chemistry and chemical engineering journal collection development project, participated in instructional classes, and designed supporting materials for instructional sessions.

Bing is originally from the central part of China. She is very good at Chinese cooking but only cooks occasionally. She loves reading and listening to music. She also enjoys watching movies in her spare time.

Here is my plug for South America! I just returned from a trip to South America, where I visited Argentina and Brazil for a study abroad program. The focus of the program was on the economic challenges that area of the world faces. I recommend SA to everyone; it has spoiled me for every other coastline now. One of the highlights was a helicopter flight I took down the coast, near the “Sugarloaf.” These are just a few of the pictures from that trip. It was really amazing. I’m currently investigating language schools and promised myself I would learn Spanish next year.—Alison Valk

Above is an aerial shot of coastal Rio. At right, a cat naps in the Argentine cemetery where Eva Peron is buried.