FROM THE DEAN’S DESK

The Evans Library is a place – now 20 years old – for people. On September 24, the faculty and staff of the Applied Computing Center, the Academic Support Center, and the Library welcomed President Catanese, Provost McCay, Melbourne’s Mayor Buckley, many faculty, students and members of the local community to the 20th birthday and re-dedication of the Evans Library building. Re-dedicating the building, we re-dedicated ourselves to the people whom we serve: the faculty and students of Florida Tech.

President Catanese spoke of the place of the Library at the heart of campus scholarship and academic accomplishment. “[R]ecognizing architectural design of enduring significance, conferred on a project that has stood the test to time, . . .” the American Institute of Architects offers a Twenty-Five Year Award. Florida Tech will seek that award for the Library in 2009. Dr. Gary Wells, Professor and Department Head for Biological Sciences, recalled his work on the building planning committee and the university’s commitment to ‘do it right’ with the Library building. He noted, with pride and pleasure, that dialog between the Library and the faculty is the hallmark of decisions about critical information resources. Tom McFarland recalled moving the Library’s contents into the new building in 1984. “Think of us librarians like Janus, the god of doors and gates,” he said. “We live in the present, but have one face looking back toward history and the other looking forward into the future.”

Celebrating Evans Library 1984 - 2004 - ∞, the foyer display, recalls the past, celebrates the present, and promises no small future for the Library. In the words of President Catanese, the Library shall MAKE NO SMALL PLANS.

FALL 2004 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – DEADLINE – MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

The registration deadline for this semester’s graduate research workshops is Monday, October 18. The workshops are being offered on Thursday evening, October 21, Friday afternoon, October 22, and Saturday morning, October 23. Geared toward the research needs of graduate students, especially those preparing theses and dissertations, these three identical sessions will involve three distinct one-hour modules - 1) research essentials, 2) LINK features, resources, and services, and 3) subject-specific break-out sessions. For more information or registration, graduate students who are interested may contact Joanne Savage, Instructional Programs Technician, at jsavage@fit.edu or at x7656. Reservations should include name, the last four digits of the Florida Tech ID number, Florida Tech email address, phone number(s), date of requested workshop, and student’s program of study. An online registration form is available on the Library’s LINK under Library News.

DISPLAY CELEBRATES EVANS LIBRARY’S PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

Continuing in the Evans Library is the multi-faceted display, “Celebrating Evans Library: 1984 → 2004 → ∞”, that recently debuted at the September 24th anniversary open house. Featuring materials, equipment, biographical information, and archived data, this display not only fills two cases but spills over to a computerized depiction of Evans Library’s current research resources and services, a mission mobile, a “consulting head”, and more!