From the Dean’s Desk: Tom McFarland Retiring

Tom McFarland joined the Library on August 13, 1984. Unless we can change his mind, Tom will retire on January 12, 2007. The Library staff bade Tom farewell on November 29. MC Rodd Newcombe offered a gentle ‘roast’ complete with baby pictures and a picture of Tom that could be Clark Gable. Tom’s gift from the Library was an 1863 steel engraving of Florida. His wife George received a Janet Finnegan photograph of flowers, with thanks for sharing with us twenty years of Tom’s life. Tori Smith offered a Grammy-quality rendition of “Tommy,” a Cabaret song with original lyrics. Every staff and faculty member wrote a poem for poetry-loving Tom, all collected in a special issue of American Poetry Review. In short:

When Tom leaves the library
So much leaves with him
Good cheer and friendliness
History and knowledge
A presence on campus
Hard to replace

Stay tuned for date and location of the campus-wide farewell for Tom.

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

Brand-new to the Library is a third-floor government publications display on “U. S. Patents”. Featuring congressional hearings, a task force report on intellectual property, the United States Patent and Trademark Office Information Technology Plan, and much more, the display offers a wide variety of information on utility, design, and plants patents.

LATEST AND GREATEST

Visit the LINK’ (www.lib.fit.edu) Library News to find out about the latest materials and Internet sites that have been added to library collections.

DID YOU KNOW?

Among the Dean of Libraries and the three library directors, there are over 64 years of Evans Library experience.

Google has 4,430,000 sites related to “Santa Claus”.

“Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897

“We take great pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

‘I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, “If you see it in The Sun, it’s so.” Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?”’- Virginia O’Hanlon

Read The Sun’s reply.