FROM THE DEAN’S DESK: SPOTLIGHT ON CHERYL DAVIS

The Library and University Alliance are building a partnership of immense value to distance learners and the entire Florida Tech academic community. Two examples illustrate this formula for success that enables us to anticipate rather than simply to react to the students’ information needs. First, Distance Learning Librarian Cheryl Davis helped a humanities instructor to build a collection of images for his class, all from Library holdings. Second, Cheryl has influenced the structure and content of Mastering eLearning to give each student earlier and more direct contact with librarians and with training to use library resources. Together, we open the door soon, open it wide, and keep it open, for distance learners and learners everywhere.

SUMMER 2010 GRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP – DATE SET

The Library’s Summer 2010 graduate research workshop will be held on Friday, June 4, from 1:00 – 4:45 p.m. The registration deadline is Monday, May 31st. More information can be found on the LINK under Library News or at www.lib.fit.edu/pubs/workshops.

During the Spring 2010 graduate research workshops, 100% of all attenders who filled out the workshop evaluation form said that they would recommend it to their fellow students. When ALL ratings for ALL aspects of both Spring 2010 workshops were averaged, the satisfaction score was right at 97%. Graduate students, faculty librarians, and student advisers alike were pleased with the delivery, facilities, and content.

LIBRARY DISPLAYS

A continuing display in the Evans Library is “Complementarity: Growing Knowledge Together - Florida Tech and the U.S. Government.” Its theme, the rich interdependence of Florida Tech research and the federal government, uses the DNA double helix as a symbol. It illustrates the complex ties and intertwining between funding support by agencies of the U.S. government and research of all kinds at Florida Tech, the creation of new knowledge from this research as reflected in government publications and patents by funded researchers, and Florida Tech scholars’ frequent use of government information in writing peer-reviewed articles.

Coming soon is the first installment of the Evans Library’s 2010 – 2011 Research Showcase display series. Featured in April will be the College of Science.