Test Your Knowledge

- About how many student organizations exists on campus?
- Who is Mark Price?
- What does UNC Charlotte strive for with the Noble Niner Honor Code?

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Atkins News

Mentoring with Music

Giving Back through “Girls Rock!”

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Chesney Klubert is all about helping others, but when it comes to working with girls who remind her of her younger self, that desire to help turns into passion and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others. And through her volunteer work, Klubert is doing just that as she gets involved with Girls Rock Charlotte, a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to empower girls through music education.

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Concept of girl power through support and rock–n–roll music. According to Girls Rock North Carolina, “girls attending workshops and camps have the opportunity to strengthen their confidence through creative expression and collaboration. Designed as more of a mentoring and songwriting program, campers focus on writing songs together and discussing aspects of the creative process (lyrics, melody, structure, subject matter, etc.). In addition, there are workshops exploring in-depth topics like recording, image and brand

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Happy Holidays! I have an assortment of announcements to share this month since we did not have an All-Staff meeting.

Holiday Party
Thank you to the Staff Development and Activities Committee (Denelle, Wade, Pam, Linda, Rita, Jeff, and Sophia) for putting together a festive and relaxing Holiday Party on December 10. And thank you to everyone who brought a side dish or dessert for our enjoyment. We clearly have the holiday spirit in Atkins! Rita Johnson organized a fun Happy Hour that evening at the Flying Saucer, which we hope will become an annual event.

Intranet Task Force
Thank you to the Intranet Task Force for the extremely inclusive process they conducted to create a tool we can use as an information and communication portal to enrich and improve our work life. The participants of the Intranet Task Force were Maggie Bailey (chair), Derek Norton, Liz Siler, Lula Hart, Susan Pardue, Melanie Sorrell, Nikki Thomas, Rachael Winterling, Rita Johnston, Shelly Hypes, Brad Spry, and Tina Wright. We look forward to seeing the results of their planning in early 2016.

Anniversary
I’ve been with you for six months as of December 8. Thank you for making me feel welcome and for helping me adjust to Atkins, the University, and the local community. I’m still working my way through the one-on-one meetings. If I haven’t met with you yet, don’t give up, it will happen! Please stop in or ask for an appointment if you want to talk at any time. I welcome your suggestions or concerns as they result in improved service and/or environment.

Personnel Changes
Our reorganization and the change of titles of the AUL’s to AD’s was approved on December 16 and begins immediately. However, it will take a period of time for all of the budget coding, position description updates, and title changes to be processed.

Several new employees will begin early in the New Year. We have struggled with the new NinerTalent, but the next searches should be quicker and easier. Please welcome the new Executive Assistant, Marquita Smith, when she starts work on January 4. Marquita previously worked at Fayetteville State University, but moved to Charlotte recently. We have advertised for an Arts & Architecture Librarian and will advertise for the Associate Deans for Special Collections & University Archives and Public Services very early in 2016. Those search committees are already working.

We are sad to say goodbye to Sara DeWaay as she moves across the country to the University of Oregon and the land of rain, farms, and flowers. We will miss you, Sara!

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development/promotion, and merchandise.”

Being willing to dedicate a week of her time in the summer for the Girls Rock camp which holds final performances at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, and committing to monthly workshops at the Behailu Academy in NoDa, it's evident that Klubert is passionate about the organization. One can describe Klubert's initial involvement with Girls Rock simply as "being ready for an opportunity.”

“When the program director, Shannon Bauerle, instructor in the Women’s and Gender Studies program at UNC Charlotte, sent out a call for volunteers I responded and was selected to be a part of the organization. I was excited about working with the organization because I would be given a chance to make an impact on girls’ lives,” says Klubert.

For Klubert, the organization's emphasis was a perfect combination. She had a desire to reach out to young girls in a mentoring role and she was able to provide leadership in a teaching role as her eight years of piano lessons earned her a pretty impressive position.

Klubert says, “I've been working with the organization since its beginning in 2014. I started as a band manager, which involves assigning tasks for all the group members and keeping them on track for their performances. My piano experience helped me in this role because I was able to provide musical insight as the girls developed their performances.”

Although Klubert’s role translates into her “giving back”, she is actually “getting back” something in return. Girls Rock Charlotte, founded by local mom Kelly Finley, is a 100% volunteer-run community organization that provides opportunities for volunteers to gain experience in leadership, teaching, facilitation, and production. Klubert is definitely taking advantage of enhancing her professional skills as she has already been promoted to another position.

“Just recently I was asked to take on the role of volunteer coordinator where I'll assist with the monthly workshops. I'll help with orientation, facilitating activities and just getting the word out and being an advocate for the Girls Rock Charlotte organization,” says Klubert.

Chesney Klubert at Girls Rock monthly workshop at Behailu Academy in NoDa.

Test Your Knowledge Answers:

- 350
- Former NBA-All-Star and UNC Charlotte’s 10th Men’s Basketball Coach
- Nobility, Scholarship, Compassion, Honor, Accountability, Integrity, Respect, Dignity, Character

Birthdays

November
5 David Hill
7 Michael Winecoff
8 Denelle Eads
9 Chuck Hamaker
13 Brad Arnold
15 Ann Davis
23 Tina Wright

December
6 Dornette Scott
6 Liz Siler
11 Marilyn Schuster
15 Nancy Reynolds
25 Katie Dickinson
Collection Development and Electronic Resources

- Sophia and Liz are reviewing the current continuing resources budget and making projections for upcoming years.

- Charlotte Initiative Grant Working Group had their first teleconference to discuss next steps for the project.

Collection Access and Outreach Services

- Barry, Rachael and Abby are designing focus groups to assess roaming project.

- Job descriptions were created for the Director of Access Services, Head of Assessment, Usability Coordinator and Assessment Assistant.

- Brad Arnold presented a brief introduction and demonstration on Sustainable Collection Services.

Digital Initiatives

- Derek, Brad, Maggie and Reese made changes to internally-built applications, patches to Drupal applications, and fixed any other problems the team identified in order to get the Library Website up and running on AWS.

- Derek completed installation of ArchivesSpace on Development Server and successfully migrated the data from Archivists’ Toolkit.

- Met with Student Union IT staff and shared workflows, ideas, and solutions. More collaboration to come.

Information Commons

- Abby joined YALSA Morris Award Committee for 2016.

- Annette and Abby worked with circulation and technical services to create a new location for some CIMC items.

Library Administration

- Worked on reorganization including title changes and position descriptions

- Donna is partnering to submit a Smart and Connected Health NSF grant with colleagues in COAA and CIS.

Special Collections

- Working with Collection Services on reassigning some Charlotte Chamber of Commerce documents from general to local docs and moving some from local docs to rare books.

- Digitized a picture of Frederick Douglass from a very rare early printing of Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass.

Technical Services

- Pulled designated Popular Reading books from stacks, relabeled and changed the location in catalog.

- Started using the New Books location in the catalog for newly purchased items that would previously go to General Collections.
Welcome to Atkins Library, James

I started as a part-time employee at the Circulation Desk in August and on December 7th I became full-time as a Library Technician in Brad’s unit. I am very excited to work in an academic environment and to be working with college students.

I'm originally from Takoma Park, Maryland, which is right outside of Washington, D.C. I worked for the Federal Government for ten years prior to moving to Charlotte last January for my wife's job. She is a professor on campus. After moving to the area, I worked for Habitat for Humanity before joining the library. I had essentially two careers with the Federal Government. At first, I was a Contracting Specialist for the Navy and I eventually became a Staff Information Specialist, government talk for Librarian and Records Officer, for the National Security Council (NSC).

I went to Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland for my undergraduate degree in Business and I received my MBA at the University of Baltimore.

Chancellor Visits Library Exhibit

The J. Murrey Atkins Library, under the leadership of Science Librarian Melanie Sorrell, hosted an exhibit and competition, Visualizing Science: Microscopic Images from UNC Charlotte. The exhibit highlighted the important role of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in scientific advancement.

All faculty, staff, students, and alumni were invited to submit research images or “scientific art” produced with any type of microscope. The exhibit featured digital images from the interdisciplinary Nanoscale Science Ph.D. program and the departments of Biological Sciences, Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Kinesiology, Physics and Optical Science, Chemistry, Bioinformatics and Genomics.

The digital images were displayed on the first floor of the Atkins Library from November 11 - December 9, 2015.
Committee

- Library Safety & Disaster Response Committee
  - reviewing fire evacuation plans and procedures for library
  - discussing plans to restore emergency response procedures for staff

- Staff Development & Activities Committee
  - planning social and team building events for library staff

- Public Services Committee
  - reviewing several policies including the current course reserve policy, the study room booking policy, and the public service desk security response

- Assessment Committee
  - The Library Student Advisory Board starts in January
  - Published the results of the LibQual Survey

- Popular Reading Committee
  - plans for moving the bookcases and magazine/newspaper shelving are underway
  - Advertising for the collection being reviewed; Facebook, Read Posters, Twitter, Library Newsletter and Bookmarks are being considered

- Web Advisory Group
  - The intranet survey as well as the mock-up have been sent out to the library
  - The intranet design has moved into the development phase

This Just In!

Marilyn Schuster Wins Golden Nugget Award

The Golden Nugget Award, sponsored by the Staff Council, is an award given to staff members who deserve a little extra gold in their sluice pan for going above and beyond the call of duty, and representing UNC Charlotte in a manner of which the university can be proud. Our very own Marilyn Shuster has received this very prestigious honor.

Marilyn was nominated by Brenda Shue in the Chancellor’s Office.

“I contacted Marilyn Schuster for assistance in gathering information for a wall of recognition plaque for former UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees. Marilyn dug through hundreds of historical documents from 1972 on that involved many long hours of work. Marilyn went above and beyond her normal duties to provide valuable documentation that will be used to honor the many trustees who have faithfully served UNC Charlotte. It is with great pleasure that I nominate Marilyn Schuster for the Golden Nugget Award.”

- Brenda Shue
Holiday Luncheon

Photos courtesy of Sharon Reichard
Current and Future Project Update

We are hopeful of receiving the new furniture for the First Floor early in the spring semester. We hope to deploy Digital Display monitors in some locations in the building in the spring as well. We will be ordering the monitors soon and the Communications, Marketing, & Signage Committee has already selected locations. We will begin planning for a major weeding project in 2016. We are also beginning plans for technology services on the Second Floor. We have a Scope & Budget for the Visualization (Ideation) Lab and hope to obtain funding in late January to complete it.

Departmental Reports

These are just a few of the projects in the planning stages. The Departmental Reports that are created each month through the Steering Committee provide the details on the amazing activities of our staff. The reports are stored in the Steering Committee folder on Google Drive until the Intranet is ready to house them permanently: https://drive.google.com/a/uncc.edu/folderview?id=0B9yoeVn5jPcaM1FGajBtQnlmWXM&usp=sharing

Miss Bonnie’s Shovel

Don’t forget to check out the YouTube video Miss Bonnie’s Shovel: Mining the Past, Present, and Future starring our very own Dawn Schmitz along with John Cullum, Director of Planned Giving and our Advancement representative. What a great story! Miss Bonnie’s bust is now in Atkins Library as well.

Enjoy the break!

Happy New Year 2016!

—Anne