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# Founders Keepers

## Upcoming Events

- April 30 Friends Ice Cream Social
- May 1-7 Extended Library hours
- May 4 & 6 Dogs visiting Founders
- May 8 Interim hours begin
- May 24 & 25 Library closed

## Friends of NIU Libraries Annual Meeting & Ice Cream Social

Thursday, April 30, 2015, 3:00-5:00 pm

Rare Books and Special Collections, Founders Memorial Library 4th Floor

Featuring frozen custard and homemade hot fudge

from Ollie's!

**This event is free and open to the public.**



## The Dogs are Returning!

Newfoundland retrievers Shurlee and Gladus will be visiting Founders Memorial Library again during finals week. They will be in the area of the book sale on the 1st floor on

Monday, May 4, 5-6:30 and on Wednesday, May 6, 2:30-4. Although their visit is meant as an enjoyable study break for students, faculty and staff are also welcome to

visit with them. Some of you remember Shurlee from her visit in December with Esther. This time Shurlee is accompanied by Gladus, giving you the opportunity to make a new canine friend.

## “Sounds of Austronesia” Exhibit, by Joanna Kulma

This month the Southeast Asia Collection is showcasing musical instruments and artifacts from the region of Austronesia. The exhibit, titled *Sounds of Austronesia*, was curated by Antonie Tumpag and features various examples of boat lutes, zithers and nose flutes along with books and CDs. Also featured are textiles, jewelry, sculptures and other artifacts from the region.

Austronesia encompasses much of maritime Southeast Asia (Malaysia, East Timor, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Brunei) as well as Madagascar and Oceania.

Antonie Tumpag is an M.A candidate in Anthropology at NIU. He is passionate about collecting musical instru-

ments and artifacts from various countries in Southeast Asia as well as Madagascar. The exhibited items are from his private collection. This is the second time items from his collection have been showcased; he previously curated an exhibit titled *Ancestry Transcending Oceans* which featured items from Madagascar.

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## Getting to Know...Sara Richter

*Editor's Note: This is the first of a new column which will profile the faculty and staff of University Libraries.*

I have worked at Founders Memorial Library for five years. I started in Technical Services and now I work in Reserves Processing. I enjoy working with the professors, helping them get the books and movies on reserve for their students.

When I am not here working I am tutoring all ages in many subjects, building classic tweed guitar amps, or road crewing for various area bands. Through building the amps I have met

many talented musicians, some playing in national acts like REO, Jefferson Starship, and Brother Trouble or area bands like Back Country Roads, Billy Croft and the 5 Alarm band, and Maxell Mojo Blues band.

I am willing to read just about anything but I enjoy mysteries and romances the most. To be able to suggest books on the correct level for my students to read, I do a lot of reading of juvenile and young adult books. I have a dog that is a Yorkshire terrier and poodle mix named Remington Steele and yes, he is just as cute/

handsome as Pierce Brosnan. We have fun trying to teach our dog new tricks to wow the daughters when they come home to visit.

I have two daughters, both graduates from NIU. Stephanie has a BS in Education, Masters in Instructional Design, and is working on her EDD. Shelly has a BS in Liberal Arts and Sciences with an emphasis in Sociology and Special Education. Stephanie is Assistant Director of the Facility Development and Instructional Design Center at NIU and Shelly is Assistant Director at Shining Stars

Development Center in Algonquin.

Though I like to eat out, I have a lot of fun preparing meals with Gene. During the week he cooks—including my breakfasts and my lunches. On the weekend I cook unless I decide he wants to grill the main course. We enjoy growing the ingredients for salsa, bruschetta, and marinara sauce and preserving them for use all winter.

Sara Richter

## New Library Assistants in Tech Services, by Jana Brubaker

Technical Services was pleased to welcome new employees Joseph Reilly on April 6 and Michele Hunt on April 13. Please stop by to meet them!



## University Council Meeting Highlights, by Jana Brubaker

University Council met on April 1.

William Pitney updated the members on program prioritization. 72 people have been nominated for the academic programs task force so far, with all colleges represented except for the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology. For the administrative programs task force, all divisions have representatives nominated except for Athletics, International Affairs, Market, and Advancement.

Pitney also told the council that he had sent a letter to the provost documenting the recent motion approved by Faculty Senate urging that there be proportional faculty representation on the Task Force Selection Committee. [As a result, subsequent to the University Council meeting, the coordinating team modified the selection group. It will now consist of a nine-person group including only two senior administrators: the executive vice president/provost and the vice president for administration and finance. The other seven individuals in the group will include four faculty members (the Faculty Senate president/University Council

executive secretary and three additional faculty members chosen by the Faculty Senate), one SPS member (chosen by the SPS Council), one Operating Staff member (chosen by the Operating Staff Council) and one student (chosen by the Student Association).]

President Baker updated members on the search to fill the position of Interim Vice President for Research. Leslie Rigg, former VP for Research, took a position at the University of Calgary. He hopes to have a person in place by the end of the semester.

Lisa Freeman informed members that two deans will be leaving NIU. Dean Richard Holly (Visual and Performing Arts) and Dean Jennifer Rosato Perea (Law) will be moving to other institutions. It is too late in the academic year to begin external searches to fill these positions.

Al Phillips, the new Chief Financial Officer, gave a fairly lengthy explanation of the recent findings by the Auditor General's office, which found that NIU was not in compliance in some areas. A transcript of his statement is on page 5 at this URL:

[http://www.niu.edu/u\\_council/agen-das\\_minutes\\_transcripts/2014-2015/UC-04-01-15-transcript.pdf](http://www.niu.edu/u_council/agen-das_minutes_transcripts/2014-2015/UC-04-01-15-transcript.pdf)

The BOT's Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and Personnel Committee approved the proposed B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management degree program. This program will be housed in the School of Family, Consumer and Nutrition Sciences within the College of Health and Human Sciences. They also approved the B.S.Ed. in Middle Level Teaching and Learning degree program. This program will be housed in the Department of Literacy and Elementary Education within the College of Education.

There was a first reading of a proposed bylaw change to merge two existing committees (CIUE and CUAE) to form the CIUAE (Committee for the Improvement of the Undergraduate Academic Experience). Combining them streamlines the policy recommendation process and facilitates communication among members. It is essential to retain all present aspects of the review process, and the Academic Policies

Committee discussed these issues, concluding that these concerns can be addressed with the single committee.

There was a first reading of a proposed change in the bylaws, merging CUC and APASC, and eliminating UCC, which would become the Baccalaureate Curriculum Council. This parallels the Graduate Curriculum model.

There was a first reading of proposals to eliminate the UC Minutes Committee and to merge the UC Rules and Governance Committee and the UC Elections and Legislative Oversight Committee to form a joint committee with the same two committees on Faculty Senate (where a merger was also proposed).

There was a second reading of revisions to Article 9 of the UC bylaws that would make sure the Supportive Professional Staff was embedded throughout the language under the duties of the Faculty and SPS Personnel Advisor. The vote was postponed because there were not enough members still present to get the necessary two-thirds vote.



## The Last Word

Happy National Library Week! “Unlimited possibilities” (ALA’s theme this year) certainly exist in academic libraries today! Libraries have changed significantly in my lifetime, and academic libraries seem to have changed the most. There was a time when I had to explain to my mother that my work as a librarian was more than checking books out. The idea that I was teaching research skills was really beyond her comprehension. Now I’ve noticed that people who hold college de-

grees act quite impressed if I say that I am an academic reference librarian (I never start with my being an administrator), and they almost inevitably remark on the amount of change seen in libraries in the last two decades. When I was a high school librarian, I purchased the first computer for student use, and NONE of my own work was done on a computer. When I became an academic librarian, we had a bank of computers in the reference room that each had its

own periodical index title on CD-ROM, and the OCLC terminal was a stand-alone workstation. I remember Gopher, Mosaic, Archie, and Netscape. We used an overhead projector for instruction and had no student computers. How far we have come! And still, libraries are about bringing users and information together in a supportive environment. We’ve been about that for a very long time. Enjoy the week and brag a bit about what you do. It’s important work!