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Prof. Jarrett

The Library began the Fall 2007 semester on a sad note, having just learned of the passing of one of the original Library faculty

members: Professor Gladys W. Jarrett.

Professor Jarrett had a long career before beginning at York College in 1967 as a charter faculty member. She was a Cataloging Librarian, and then became Head of Public Services. After the first Chief Librarian left, she was Co-Acting Chief Librarian (1971-1972), then Acting Chief Librarian (1974-1976), and finally Chief Librarian (1976-1985).

Professor Jarrett was held in such high regard by her colleagues that she was elected President of LACUNY (the Library Association of The City University of New York) for 1972-1973. After planning the Library's move from the temporary campus on Jamaica Avenue to the permanent campus on Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, she retired at the end of the Fall 1985 semester, never working in the "new" Library that she helped to design.

Based on our research, we believe that Professor Jarrett was the first African-American woman to be a Chief Librarian in The City University of New York system. She passed away peacefully on July 25, 2007, at the age of 91.

*Prof. John A. Drobnicki
Acting Chief Librarian*



Prof. Stiegelbauer

Also during the Fall semester, the Library was saddened to belatedly learn of the passing of our former

colleague Professor Alyce A. Stiegelbauer, who died on Dec. 22, 2006, at the age of 79.

Professor Stiegelbauer had a long and varied career in the Library, having begun working for us in 1971 as a College Assistant. After earning her MLS from Queens College, she was appointed an Instructor in the Library in 1978, and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1982 upon completion of a Master's degree in English, also from Queens College.

During her York Library career, Professor Stiegelbauer served at various times as an Evening Librarian, Head of Cataloging, Head of Circulation, Head of Public Services, Systems Coordinator, and then Deputy Chief Librarian. She retired in 1988. There are still several people in the Library who worked with her, and who can attest to her very hard work, impeccable character, and sense of humor.

*Prof. John A. Drobnicki
Acting Chief Librarian*



Mrs. Shy

For more than eight years, Gladys Shy volunteered her time and talent, primarily in the Serials and Microforms Divisions, compiling

and recording the statistical usage of our periodicals and microfilm collection, as well as assisting with the shelving and maintenance of the periodicals stacks.

She joined in these activities at York College to fulfill a community need by making social contacts. She continued her dedicated service at the Library up to the end of the Spring semester of 2007. In the summer she became ill and was laid to rest on August 16th, 2007.

Gladys loved to travel, and she was blessed and privileged to have visited many countries. She enjoyed sharing the excitement of her trips with the library staff and was a fun-loving volunteer who had a good sense of humor. She was also a very devoted and faithful member of her church.

We will continue to cherish her memory and the good times spent working with her here in our library.

*Prof. Hope E. Young
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