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2007 Summer Carnival



This year the picnic Committee decided to expand the event into a carnival. It was very festive and a lot of fun. There were many fun games such as football toss, ring toss, and ping pong dish and others. There was also a talent contest where the contestants performed and played musical instruments. Khris from Recycling came in first place in the talent contest for playing his chello. Shante Heard and Andre Campbell from Area 2 came in 2nd place for Rapping "You Got Have It." We also had volleyball, horseshoe, and putt-putt. Rusty Voakes of Area 2 won the putt-Putt.

Thanks to all volunteers who helped build the game board, set up, clean up and serve the food. Special thanks to committee members Bill Halabi, Patti Stilson, Todd Berman, Challette Mitchell, and Willie Stephen, Mike Noongala, Chuck Sheffield, Kevin Marks, Charles Seamster, Mike Sherwood, Kevin Ellis, Hank Wood, Jerry Young, and Michelle Burger.

Condensation Water Recovery System



Warren's Spotlight

This year's annual picnic took the form of a carnival and proved to be a lot of fun for all. The carnival games our teams put together were not only fun in many cases, but challenging. The prizes added to the fun and made it possible for all to be winners. Thanks to Bill Halabi, Patti Stilson and their committee for coming up with a new venue for our annual picnic. It was a great time.

Speaking of great times, the annual golf tournament we had on May 16, was a great outing. This outing not only provides a good time for those who take part, but also provides us with the additional funds we need to be able to have our annual picnic, holiday luncheon, and chili cook-off. Thanks to all of you who played and special thanks to Bill Halabi and Garry Lockerman for organizing and managing the event.

Many of you have asked about the new neighbor we are going to be having in the E-62 parking lot. Yes the plan is to convert this lot into a softball stadium for the GT women's softball team. Work is scheduled to start this fall after

football season. The need for us to have access to Building Services and U&E shop is being included in the design criteria for the project.

I think everyone has heard we will be transitioning to a new time keeping system called Kronos. It is currently being tested in Area V and is scheduled to be implemented late this summer. This system will eventually be connected directly to Payroll and should make the payroll system more efficient. All work areas will have a training session as part of the implementation phase.

You will be hearing a "big voice" on campus later this year. We are in the initial phase of installing large speakers on seven buildings on campus. These speakers will be located in such a way as to allow a centralized broadcast to be heard all over campus to include Tech Square and the Northside Drive campus locations. The reason for this system is to allow emergency broadcast to be made to the Campus very quickly.

Last, I need to let you know the severe drought and the resulting water



restrictions placed on us by the State and County threaten to put the beautiful landscape of our Campus in jeopardy. Our Area II, Landscape, and Area I teams came up with systems to collect condensate from the air handlers at ES&T and CRC. These two systems provide over 3,000 gallons of water a day each for the landscape crews to place in the innovative tanks they developed to bring water to the plants. The result of this outstanding teamwork is our campus continues to look great.

Thank you for all you do to keep this campus operating and have a great summer.

Student Move Out 2007

The Office of Recycling recovers various items left from the students before they leave the dormitories for the semester. The items recovered are kept from going in landfills and diverted to Atlanta Food Bank and other organizations. Below is a list of items recovered:

- Mixed office Paper 4.3 Tons
- Electronics 0.38 Tons
- Food & Non perishable 0.42 Tons
- Clothing & Household 0.9 Tons



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Facilities Profile: Area 3



Back Row L-R: Ankar, William, Dennis, Marr, Terry
Middle Row L-R: Pete, Mike P, Johnny, Kevin, Vladimir, James H, James F
Front Row L-R: Charlie, Mike C, Andy, Melvin [not pictured: Ronnie, Charles, Mukhtar.

What are the responsibilities of Area 3 shop?

Area III is responsible for approximately 1.5 Million square feet of clean-room, laboratory, classroom, lecture halls, auditoriums, and office space, including over 2,400 pieces of equipment to be maintained in our Preventative Maintenance Database.

What is the most common service request?

The most common service requests received in Area III are heating/cooling issues. Usually these are easily remedied by a simple change in temperature, but some tend to be-

come "thermostat wars" when the people occupying the space cannot agree on a temperature. This is when we avert to "temperature mediation", a skill well known to Area III Maintenance workers.

What is the most unusual service request?

During the recent 2007 RoboCup Competition, proudly hosted at Georgia Tech, Area III had the pleasure of contributing by building a couple of "robot arenas" that were used for the competition. A request that we are sure is highly unusual since this was the first time, in the history of the event, that it was hosted at a college university.

How many total employees on the team and how are they grouped?

Area III employs a total of 21 people that fill the following positions:

Manager: 1
Foreperson: 1
HVAC III: 1
HVAC II: 1
HVAC I: 6
Plumber: 1
Electrician: 2
Carpenter: 1
Painter: 1
Maint Worker II: 1
Maint Worker I: 4
Production Control: 1

What is the most challenging aspect of the job?

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Shop News

AREA 1

After Malcolm convinced Soloman to run the Peachtree road race (in less than one hour), he finished second behind the Kenyans. Soloman is looking forward to next year with a goal of finishing first. Jabri (Soloman's son), attended the 10 day Lead America Conference for young leaders of tomorrow at Pace University in New York City. At age 13, Jabri was the youngest of 200 selected students. John and his wife (the new Dr. Jackson), Taylor, and Tya vacationed in Orlando, Fl. The highlight of the trip was a visit to Universal Studios. Paul Gruendler's middle son, Louis Mark (a contractor), plans to wed a very nice nurse on September 29th and settle down in Birmingham, Al. Best wishes to the couple.

AREA 2

Greg and wife enjoyed a trip to Las Vegas where they did not loose much money. Chuck enjoyed a few days in Amsterdam especially the "Red Light District." Bill and his wife had a great time in Alaska. Congratulations to Robbie's oldest son who recently graduated from high school.



Terry Williams with Kadie.

AREA 3

Mike Picklesimer just took an 8-day trip to Rochester, Minnesota to celebrate/remember the 40th anniversary of the Vietnam War. On the way there and back Mike made his way through 7 states. Quite a trip! Welcome to our new Summer intern, Kadie.

AREA 4

Things are running smoothly in Area 4 these days. We've had the usual influx of hot/cold calls since the season has changed. So we'd like to say "Welcome Aboard" to Brandon Hunter, who was promoted to HVAC 2. Brandon comes to us from U & E and is a very welcome addition to Area 4. Jonathan Graham has completed his six-month probation (I haven't figured out how!!) and is a recent graduate from Atlanta Area Technical School in Air Conditioning Technology. Congratulations go out to Bob and Alice Babone on the birth of their new daughter. Little Miss Esther Babone was born May 28, 2007 weighing 7 lbs. 3.5 ozs and 19 1/2 inches long.



Esther Babone.

Gary and Becky Fitzgibbon are new grandparents. Their new granddaughter, Addison Brooke Fitzgibbon was born June 7, 2007, weighing 6 lbs, 13 ozs and 19 inches long.



Gary and Becky Fitzgibbon's latest granddaughter.

Tim and Rossanna Jessee just returned from a trip to California to attend a friend's wedding. And, Todd Bermann and family are visiting his parents in California. We hope he gets lots of rest.

Recycling

The Recycling Dept at GA Tech has new faces and is continuing to grow to keep up with the campus' increasing need for recycling. We are still anchored by Manager Cindy Jackson; Foreman Chris Johnson; Admin Assistant, Michelle Burger; Lead Worker Shun Howard; and Utility Worker I, Khris Johnson. Also pictured is Justin Hartmann, student assistant from the University of Chicago.

The Recycling Department won two of the four trophy events at the Facilities Summer Carnival 2007. Kris Johnson won the Talent Show with an astonishing performance on the cello, and Shun Howard won the Basketball

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event against some tough competition.



Congratulations to Shun Howard on the birth of his son. Marshall Shun Howard who was born April 19, 2007 weighing 5lbs 6ozs and he was 19 inches long. Congratulations to **Nick Sherman** son of Cindy Jackson who graduated from Georgia Tech on May 5th with a degree in Chemical Engineering. They celebrated with a Hawaiian luau in honor of Nick's birthplace.



Cindy Jackson's son Nick Sherman.

CENTRAL SHOP

We sorry to see Revonda leave. We wish her luck in her new job. Happy birthday to Donny Thomson on his 40th birthday. The work on the 71 Impala is in progress, Cedric said. He will let

everybody know when it is complete.

Landscape

Simmie James lost his sister 7/6/07. Yuri Cleland lost his father, Ali Libah lost his brother. Please keep them in your prayers. Donna is still holding on and appreciates your prayers. We ask that everyone continue to keep her in their prayers.

IT

Congratulation to Anjum and wife on the birth of their new daughter, Zaara. She was born on Friday, June 15, 2007. Now, if you see Anjum with his head on his desk you know why.



Zaara Khan.

D & C

While Fred Dolder is enjoying a nice vacation in Germany, while Ron Leroy is playing nurse and helping his wife recover from a knee surgery. Congratulations to Ron Leroy and his daughter, James Larkin, Gary Petherick and his wife Ann who ran the Peachtree Road race. Bill Miller is working on our new North Avenue Apartments. He is trying to get them ready to open by Fall Semester. He is also working on the demolition of Area 2 dorms.

Gary is working on his next major building, a Women softball stadium. The stadium will be located off Fowler street where O'keefe parking lot is today. Mike Patterson enjoyed a trip to Florida to celebrate his mother-in-law 95th birthday.



Mike Patterson and family.

Adminstration

Oveta Perry is looking for a rich husband so she can quit working. Vickie Clark has started her count down to retirement. Her last day is October 31, 2007.

Building Services

Condolences go to Carolyn Farmer Zone 2, in the passing of her brother Joe Wilkinson and Brenda Norwood, Zone 3 in the passing of her brother Elder Glen Norwood.



Samuel Gardner of Zone 1 is shown here with his new bride, Gail and his friend and co-worker Daniel Desaussure. Sam and Gail were wed on April 20th. Sam has been seen smiling a lot lately and he attributes that to marrying Gail, the love of his life.

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The Facilities' "Family"

The first year of my college days was spent at the University of Georgia and as a freshman it was the best time of my life. Three and a half years later I found myself wearing the uniform of the U.S. Navy as a seaman on voyages taking me from one end of the globe to the other. I visited exotic places, such as, Japan and famous resorts like Waikiki beach Honolulu, Hawaii and the French Riviera. During this seven year tour I still had a desire to finish my degree. I had started many years ago, so I maintained and gained more discipline, by reading and exercising a lot to prepare me for the return to college. It took me more time than I imagined, but I eventually graduated in two thousand four from Mercer University. I changed my major from the Environmental Health to Human Services. I chose Human Services because it involves helping people with social welfare and family problems. I am hoping to help people to deal with economic and stressful situations that may prevent them from being productive and independent. I graduated with a 3.58 GPA in my major and a 3.75 GPA in my minor "Criminal Justice". I made the Dean's list four times and the President's list once (all A's). I strongly recommend to anyone who has been to school and didn't finish, including high school, to return. Georgia Tech has the STRAP program which is a reimbursement benefit for full time employees and Building Services has restarted its GED program for employees seeking to get their high school diploma. I would be glad to talk to anyone about the STRAP program and I can help tutor anyone for the GED test.



L-R: Antonio's cousin Michelle, his mother Joyce, Antonio, his father Johnny, his aunt Glorese

Antonio, Building Services

Vickie Clark Retiring October 31th.

How long have you been working at Tech?

23 years

What positions did you hold?

I started at a receptionist and after 6 weeks I was promoted to Administrative Assistant for the Physical Plant Director Jim Priest. Then when Deloris Wadick retired, I became the contracting Officer.

What was the campus like 23 years ago and how does it compare to today?

I can't believe the growth. Just as you think there is no room to build a building, another one gets built. We were more like a close knit community. Now we are not as close as we used to be.

What is the most memorable thing about Tech?

I have been blessed by being at the right place at the right time.

What are you planning to do in your retirement?
Travel.

What advise would you give your co workers?

Hang in there. It is worth it. Some time you may feel like "throwing in the towel," but don't. I have considered resigning then I thought to myself, "I am not going to let the "situation" ruin the thing I had [retirement



plan.]

Last Word!

I certainly will miss my co workers. I came in time when I was a single mom and struggling. There were a lot of friends around when I needed them.

People at Work

Hyacinth and Mark:

I would like to pass something along to you regarding your employee, **Jerome Swanson**.

Most days I ride one of the Express buses into mid-town. The bus drops me off at 5th Street and West Peachtree at 6:15 a.m. From there, I walk to my building on Fowler Street. On one particular day, as I was walking along the 5th Street bridge; a gentleman drove up from behind me and stopped. He was to attend a meeting in the GLCC and was asking directions. Unfortunately, being a child growing up in the 50's and living in a "Mayberry" community, I sometimes forget about the dangers of the society we are now living in. I did not hesitate to walk over to the man's car, stick my head in the window, and point him in the right direction. What a stupid thing that was. Luckily for me, this person was not a threat at all. Since I was the only person on 5th Street at that time of the morning, he could have easily driven away with me; and no one would have known. However, on that day, someone was watching. Several blocks away Jerome was going about his duties of cleaning up our streets. Unbeknownst to me, Jerome was watching me all that time. As soon as the man in the car drove away; and I had started walking again, I looked up to see Jerome heading my way. I don't know how high the gears go in that street sweeper; but I have no doubt Jerome had it in the highest! When he came up to me he stated that he just wanted to make sure I was all right. I told him I was fine...and that the man just needed directions. Jerome repeated that he wanted to make sure I was OK. I can't tell you how surprised I was. Not surprised at Jerome's thoughtfulness, as that is the person he is; but surprised at the concern he exhibited about my safety. I see Jerome quite often in the early hours of the day; and he has always shown such friendliness and genuine care for other people. It makes me feel somewhat safer to know that whenever Jerome is nearby during my walk to work, he is keeping a keen eye on me. You are fortunate to have this man as one of your employees; and the rest of us are fortunate to have a co-worker who exhibits the kindness and compassion that is becoming less visible in our everyday life. Thank you, Jerome, for your friendship.

Vickie Clark / Office of Facilities



"Hussein Warsame is a model employee" said Greg Clower, his supervisor. He came from Somalia Africa in January 2006. He started as a temporary Custodian and he moved quickly to Custodian II. Hussein has a very positive attitude and he has a very good influence on his fellow employees. He is always willing to fill in for his co-workers. That is how he became so familiar with the various machines. He has learned so much more than some people who have been here for a long time. He started with nothing in his new adopted country and he has accomplished much because of his attitude.



People at Work



PBB (Pete Baked Beans)



Brain Teaser

Two cars that are traveling on Buzz Street each just passed Ramblin' Wreck Road when they had an accident. Remarkably, both cars sustained damage to their front fenders. The two cars were the only cars involved in the accident and they hit each other. How is this possible?

See answer below.

2 large onions
2 large bell peppers
2 shakes cumin
Sauté peppers & onions with olive oil
(let peppers & onions sauté)
1 can (small) tomato paste
2 tablespoon coffee or tea
Chipotle pepper powder as desired
2 gallons of beans
Submitted by Pete Williams, Area 3

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There are many challenges in Area III, but our biggest challenge is maintaining

the research facilities. It takes an immense amount of coordination to make sure that clean-rooms always stay pressurized, fume hoods be maintained, etc, without interfering with the research that is taking place.

What is most rewarding about the job?

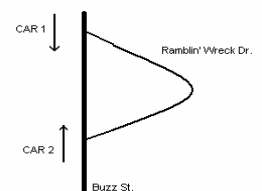
We work very hard in Area III and the biggest reward for our hard work is the satisfaction of our customers. When the occupants of the buildings are impressed by the work that we accomplish, that is the greatest reward.

What is a typical day like for an employee?

Most days consist of a basic routine, with the employees receiving work requests to accomplish throughout the day. But frequently problems arise, it is then that the skills of Area III are tested to innovate the best way to solve the problem. And no matter the day, it is always a pleasure working with the high caliber employees that make up Area III.

Brain Teaser Answer:

Redington Road intersects with Warren Street in two different places (i.e. it's a sort of loop road) and the cars had a head-on collision.



Safety

EXTREME WEATHER

Reprinted from the EHS Summer 05 newsletter

As we stay outdoors to work or enjoy the warm weather, be aware of your risk of injury (or even death) during severe weather. Do you know what to do to protect yourself and your family from the following weather hazards?

Thunderstorms

Typically, thunderstorms include high winds, rain, hail and lightning. The most dangerous aspect of a thunderstorm is lightning. More Americans are killed annually by lightning than hurricanes or tornadoes. It's no secret that thunderstorms may also spawn tornadoes. Be aware of possible flooding conditions and use extreme caution when crossing bridges or streams during heavy rainstorms.

Tornadoes

A *Tornado Watch* means tornadoes are expected to develop. Stay aware of the current weather conditions in your area by listening to the radio or television. Be prepared to move to a safe location immediately.

A *Tornado Warning* means a tornado has been seen. **TAKE SHELTER NOW!!** Seek shelter in the basement or in the interior corridors, stairways, or rooms on the lowest floors of buildings. **STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS.** Don't try and watch the storm from a window since sudden high winds and pressure changes can shatter the glass. Additional protection is obtained by getting under a desk or heavy table. Do not seek shelter in large rooms with wide, free-span roofs, such as gymnasiums or auditoriums. In homes, seek shelter in the basement or in closets or rooms in the center part of the house. In open country, move away from the tornado at a right angle to its path. If this is not possible, lie flat, face down, in the nearest depression or ditch. **DON'T STAY IN VEHICLES.** Above all, stay calm and alert until the storm passes.

Lightning

If you are outdoors and cannot seek shelter in a large building or house:

Stay away from open water, outdoor equipment, and small metal vehicles;

Do not stand underneath tall isolated trees or telephone poles;

Avoid hilltops or open areas; and

Stay away from wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes and railings.

Hurricanes

Steps can be taken to preplan before your home is in a projected hurricane path. First would be to prepare a personal evacuation plan. This includes identifying locations to evacuate too, if needed. Organize telephone numbers of your evacuation places, as well as road maps of your locality. Assemble a Disaster Supply Kit if a hurricane is likely. Information can be regarding your supply kit can be found on local tv news websites, or on the Redcross, FEMA, or NOAA websites.

A *Hurricane Watch* means hurricane conditions are *possible* within the Watch area within the next 36 hours. Listen to the local radio or TV stations for up-to-date storm information. Prepare to cover all windows in your home. Fill your car's gas tank. Check batteries and stock up on canned food, first aid supplies, drinking water, and medi-

Floods

A flood *Watch* means a flood is possible in your area. Move your furniture and valuables to higher floors of your home. Fill your car's gas tank, in case an evacuation notice is issued.

A flood *Warning* means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area. Listen to radio and TV stations, if told to evacuate, do so as soon as possible.

Accolades

Bill

I will let the President know what a great job you **and your guys in Area 2** did thanks again

Larry Curbow

Good morning sir, hope things are going along good for you these days. I wanted to send you a note about **Rod Hineman and his Area 1 crew. These folks always take such great care of us in IE**, it's really a daily thing to tell the truth. There was something that happened about a week ago in the Annex Building that really impressed me. We had a quick power outage, there was a generator that did not come back on line... it was fried as they say. Anyway we had no power for the 4th floor. I called Rod to let him know and of course he had his electrician **Kevin** come over right away. Kevin did what he could do to help, he determined what the problem was and contacted Rod. Now, this is right before the 4th holiday, I figure to get a generator and a contractor to replace it would be at best 2 to 3 days. Rod came by, took a look and said he would get back to me. About 30 minutes later he calls and says he will have a contractor here with a generator in about an hour or so and should have power back on in about 4 hours. 4 HOURS, not 4 days. Rod even showed up to help unload the thing, which weighs around 400 pounds. **That was awesome service from start to finish** and I thought you should know about it. **These folks ALWAYS do a great job for us and I really appreciate all of them. They do a lot for us and I don't say thank you enough myself.**

If "Mr. Mapp" is referring to **Hal**, he is a much needed asset to the Klaus building. His professionalism, consistency, initiative and response is above par. He comes by to inquire about what is happening, he sees issues and is proactive in addressing

them, and he is pleasant and agreeable. I applaud you for retaining someone of his caliber of expertise and assigning him here.

Thanks

Area 4 and Facilities would like to give special "THANKS" to **Ryan Halabi**. He is a student assistant that is proving to be a vital and very important asset to us all. Not only does he fill in for office staff when needed in Area 4 and Area 3, he has also assisted with the major campus wide floor plans for GT Police and GT Homeland Security. He is assisting Utilities and Energy with the AutoCAD and campus pole lighting surveys. In addition, he has assisted in compiling carpet floor plans and irrigation maps. Always smiling and eager to help, he is a fine, intelligent young man that will go far.

Mr. Little

My name is Julia Whitfield and I work in the Office of Success Programs. We have a new Director starting next week and I requested to have his office cleaned. Almost immediately I received not a phone call but a visit from **Courtney Stinson** who is the supervisor for our building even with a already busy schedule he stated that he would get to my job by this past Tuesday (and he did) he and his team did a exemplary job.....over and beyond what I requested..... also a special note to **Patsy Johnson** who is new to our building and is doing an outstanding job in keeping our Building clean

I want to thank you **Mr. Little** for hiring such outstanding people who seem to really care about the quality of work that they present and Kudos to Courtney Stinson and his team for representing facilities in such a manner.

Sincerely,
Julia Whitfield
Administrative Coordinator
Success Programs

Yolanda,

Could you pass on to **your staff** that they did an excellent job on cleaning the carpet in the IBB Seminar room(1128) on the evening of Tuesday, June 19th?

Thanks,
Allen Echols
IBB

Hi Tommy:

I just want to tell of the good job Gregory Dumas is doing in the MSE building. The floor in the shop is well maintained and shiny.

Thanks
Bill Halabi

Tommy:

I would be remised if I did not acknowledged how appreciative I am for all of the help and support given to the RoboCup event and the success

it enabled us to showcase the facility and all of its beauty. I am especially pleased with how well everyone rolled up their sleeves willing to "step up to the plate" and provide excellent and noteworthy service during the event. It is comforting to know that you and your staff went beyond the call of duty to ensure that the CRC was able to operate under such stressful and demanding conditions while remaining flexible and tolerable of the chaotic conditions associated with the event.

Please share my warmest gratitude with the staff. It's an honor knowing that each of you played an important role to the success of the event!

Great job!!!!!! And a **BIG THANK YOU!!!!!!**

Respectfully,

Jonathan Hart

Assistant Director of Campus Recreation