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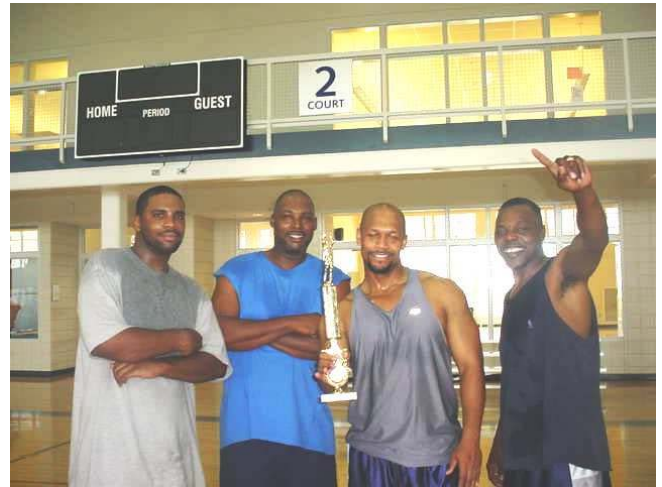
DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES

# Facilities Quarterly

## 2005 Employee's Appreciation Day

The 2005 Employee's Appreciation Day was a great success. The food was good and the entertainment was fantastic. Thanks to **Tommy Little**, the Chairperson of the event and to all the volunteers for their help in making it successful. Thanks to **Larry Curbow and the team of Beach Crew Barbeque** and Catering who did a great job preparing the food. Don't hesitate calling on them for your special occasion. As always, everybody was excited about the sport competitions. For the second year, Stanley Smith's team of Building Services won first place in Basketball. The players were **Stan Smith, Ross Jackson, David McCullough, Sahardid Ahmad, Calvin Hailes, and Vance Manning**. Landscape Team

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1st place Basketball team; L-R: Vance, Calvin, Stan, Ross.



2nd place Basketball team;



### Warren's Spotlight

The past few months have been bursting with all kinds of activities and challenges. First on the list has been the impact of Cindy and Dennis on the campus. First Cindy came and flooded several of our buildings and before we got a chance to breath Dennis was on top of us with even more rain. Atlanta's metro area is now over 10" above its normal rainfall. As I have come to expect, Facilities was more than a match for the challenge. Even though the flooding was a problem for some of our customers, I heard nothing but praise for the way we responded. Our Building Services folks were all over the campus wet vacuuming the water, our Landscape people were unclogging drains and picking up debris while our Area Teams searched for ways to stop the water from intruding into our buildings. Our next challenge is

to develop an after action plan to make repairs to help us be prepared for the next storm.

Even though I was very proud of the way everyone responded to the demands of the storms, we have had some good times. Foremost was our annual picnic. Tommy Little and his committee did an outstanding job of putting on this year's picnic. These events just keep getting better. Speaking of good times, we need to thank Bill Halabi and Garry Lockerman for organizing a very successful Facilities' golf tournament. Not only did everyone involved enjoy an afternoon fresh air, exercise, and companionship but the tournament's proceeds help make our annual picnic possible. While I am on the topic of good things, make sure you take a look at the summer edition of the



Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine. This edition showcases the efforts of our Landscape Team and features beautiful photos of the flowers, trees, and shrubberies on our campus. The article also includes a photo of our Landscape Manager, Hyacinth Ide, as well as numerous quotes from him, Donna Chronic and Steve Payton. It is great to see the Landscape Team's hard work appreciated.

In closing I hope everyone is enjoying the summertime and taking some time off to spend with family and friends.

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#2 came in second and Central Shop Team #2 came in third place.

The other hot contest was volleyball. Utilities and Energy came in first place. The team was made up of **Mike Leasure, Clarence Smith, Andy Sheffield, Craig Harding, Nicole Slaughter, Bruce Crumbley, Shawn Moore, and Robin Blackburn**. The team of Area 2 and Recycling came in second place.

In Putt Putt , **Bill Halabi** won the competition hands down.

### Earth Day Celebration

As Cindy does every year, she coordinated Georgia Tech Earth Day celebration. There were many booths and earth related activities.



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# Shop News

## AREA 1

Area 1 would like to welcome **Jason Dunn** back. Once a GT employee, he is now back from Ohio. Now living in Atlanta. He says it feels good to be back.

Congratulations to Zavion and Towana Brown. Zavion is **Willie Brown's** baby son. He was married June 17, 2005 in Port San Joe's Florida. At the beginning of this quarter Area 1 went through some difficult times.

**Charlie Austin**, our plumber, fell ill and has not returned yet. Jason is fill-in for him. We wish Charlie a speedy recovery. Shortly after, that our manager, **Rodd Hineman**, had heart problems. He's back now and looking healthier and stronger than ever. In his absence. Mr. **Ronnie Croy** managed our shop. We thank him for his insight, patience, and a new way to approach things on a day-to-day basis. Thank you Ronnie. After 25 plus years in a relationship with Mr. Work Work **Raville**, his girlfriend decided to call it quit and move away from Atlanta. We asked him if he was heartbroken. Raville responded with his favorite line "One moves out, another one moves in," with nothing but a big smile on his face

## AREA 2

Area 2 welcomes its new employee **Karen Kendall** (Maint. worker I). **Ryan Smith** (Maint. worker I) left Tech to pursue his dream of becoming an auto mechanic. Good Luck to Ryan!!!! **Gentle Lee** and his wife Connie performed missionary work in Jamaica. They spent a week on the mission. **Mike Bentley** visited beautiful Canada. He vacationed

for a week. **Frank** enjoyed a week in Charleston. Frank's new "Cash Three" number is "216." **Maurice** is enjoying his new apartment. **Gregg** is trying to settle in his new house. **Steve's** son new music store was profiled in "Business 2.0" magazine. **Bill Hargrove** said "To Hell With Georgia." He finally became a Tech fan. He has downloaded the Rambling Wreck tune for his cell phone.

## AREA 3

Yeah we know that it is hot! But there will be some rain with all of the hurricanes brewing down south. As of this date the two latest are Cindy and Dennis. Who can tell what they will bring. Our two Peachtree road runners **Mike P.** and **William** took the year off this time. William's sponsor "Home Depot" had withdrawn and **Mike Picklesimer** was still enjoying his fourteen day vacation in Alaska. **Melvin Jones** has gone and purchased a 2003 Explorer recently and can't wait to try it out in rush hour traffic. **Greg Prater** (Area 2) has been helping out Earl, Charlie, Ankar, and Andy. Bill also has loaned his son **Ryan Halabi** to help with office type details. **Roger Humphrey** is on loan indefinitely to Zone 4 until their plumbing status improves! Way To Go Roger! **Tim Rodgers**, **Shirah Gaydon**, **Vladimir Drozin** and **Melvin** have increased their staff by the hiring of **Pete Williams**. Welcome Aboard and Best of Luck. **Dennis** and **Candy** had a sick kitty for a while. However, a thyroid operation was a success.

## AREA 4

**George Trice's** family wishes to thank everyone for the kind words

and actions expressed upon his death. George was one of our most beloved employees. George will forever be missed in the shop for the wonderful fishing stories, bargains, and that ever present smile that would light up your day. We would like to welcome **Roger Humphrey**, Plumber, to our shop. There is never a dull moment with Roger around!! Congratulations go out to **Scott Bates**, who was promoted to A/C Mechanic 2. **Philip Walls**, was also promoted to A/C Mechanic 1. **Tony Blalock** is looking "younger" and rested after a long overdue vacation to North Carolina to spend time with his brother. **Todd** went to California with his two oldest boys to visit his parents. Playing "Mr Mom" made him glad to return to work. They visited the Bay area and the coast. **Todd's** seven year old son lost his first tooth. We're glad to have **Philip** back after a brief illness. **Floyd Rounds** youngest son graduated this past spring and he will be attending Georgia Southern University this fall. The guys have been very busy with several renovations projects. The Old Civil Engineering is looking very good. The Energy Conservation project at Skiles building is nearing completion, and the Lighting Retrofit Energy Conservation project is nearing completion as well. In Area 4 we are conserving energy in every way we can. Now, if only the employees can conserve enough energy to make it through this HOT, HOT summer, we will see you this fall.

## AREA 5

**Delora Felix's** husband retired from the Air Force after 24 years,



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eight years active duty, and the rest in Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves. He is still employed at Dobbins by Lockheed in a civilian position. **Delora** says now that he has more time at home she is adding to his honey-do list. **Gary** new baby grand daughter, Catelyn Ashley Parrish tuned one on July 14th. Happy Birthday Catelyn!

## Utilities & Energy

Considering all the rains, **Bobby** is doing fine. He just bought him a pressure washer. If you have side job for him, He is ready. Welcome to our new Superintendent, **Dale Dunovan**. He starts on August 15th. We are excited about Dale. He is a licensed Electrical Engineer. He studied at Southern Polytechnic University. He has Fourteen years of experience in the utility industry. He has worked for Marietta power, Virgin Island power, and Florida Power. We are sorry to see Howard leave. He is going to Arizona with his wife. She is getting a post Doc position in Arizona. We Are sorry to see **Charles Lyons** leaves too. We are glad to report that **Walter** is back in the U.S. He is in Dover Maryland. He should be back at Tech in 5 months. We are glad to report that **Melissa** is officially a nurse. She started her job on July 18th. Welcome to our new Boiler Operator Steven Stacey. Congratulation to **Bruce Crumbley** for his promotion to Electrician III. Congratulations is due to **David Jordan** for his promotion to Steam Mechanic III. We want to welcome **Ronnie Whitehead** to the steam shop. He came to us from Area one.

We have already loaned our new Plumber II, **Robin Blackbull** to the steam shop to assist in the Student Center project. Despite loosing Melissa, the Utilities and Energy group won first place in the volleyball tournament.

## BUILDING SERVICES

**Antonio English**, supervisor of Zone 7 made the Dean's List for Spring Semester. He is pursuing a Batchelor of Science in Human Services. Jerolanda K. Stephens, the daughter of **Sheila Stephens**, Custodian,II Zone 3 graduated from Ronald E. McNair High School. **Jeroland** plans to enter college next year. **Marla Scott**, Utility Worker I completed her GED and has her mind set on furthering her education by attending college. Danielle Desaussure, the daughter of **Daniel Desaussure**, supervisor of Zone 1, graduated from Arroyo High School. She maintained a 3.71 GPA for all four years and took all honor courses. Danielle was president of AVID, and was inducted into the National Honor Society. This Fall Danielle will enter San Diego State University to major in Biology with an emphasis on bioengineering. **Zone 6**, Building Services won the Quarterly Services Achievement Award. This is their fourth one. They state that the secret to winning is having great team spirit. All employees and vital support that work for Building Services at Tech Square attended a **Hospitality Training Class** on July 11 and 12. It was a two day class designed by the Office of Organizational Development for Building Services. Instructor Franci Mcale was very informative and kept the class energized. All participants

left the class with a better understanding of customer service in the hospitality environment.

## E H & S

**Anna Hawkins** took several vacations this summer, one to visit family in Denver, and one trip to tour the northeast. **Amanda Stefanakos** visited her husband, who has taken a summer internship in Boise, Idaho, several times this summer. **Debbie Wolfe-Lopez** visited family in Arizona **Vic Rachael** visited his daughter and fiancé in Kentucky. **Vanessa Keel** is the proud aunt to twins, Eli Thomas and Savannah Grace Keel, born June 3. **Ed Pozniak's** daughter, graduated from Edinburgh, in Scotland. **Ed Pozinak's** other daughter graduated with a masters degree from Cambridge, England. Ed is glad to have both daughters back in the States. **Michelle Short** is almost a homeowner. She plan to purchase a home in Tucker.

## Accounting

**Judith Butler** and daughter, Alex enjoyed a recent trip to Alabama for a most joyous family reunion. There's nothing better than kicking off your shoes and chatting with relatives. **Sharon Harrah's** daughter Amanda has straight A's on her last report card and she received a math achievement award. Sharon is busy getting her ready for entrance into middle school. It seems like only yesterday that Amanda was a little baby – and now she's off to school with the big kids.

**Vickie Clark** and her Mom have

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### *Facilities Profile:* MOTOR POOL

**What is your official name?**

Motor Pool.

**What are the responsibilities of the Motor Pool's employees?**

Service and maintain 687 vehicles.

**What are the most frequent service calls?**

Dead battery, flat tires, oil change, starter, and alternator.

**Who is on the team?**

Michael Jordan, Eric Lee, Glenn Byrd, Henry Lampley, and Stanley Tolbert.

**What is the hardest aspect of your job?**

It is hard to do our job when people bring their vehicles in and explain the problem then they say, we can't leave them. Also It is hard to work with new vehicles. They are hard to troubleshoot. Working on propane powered club carts. "The older you get the harder it gets."

**What do you like most about your job?**



L-R: Perry Steiner, Jim Potts, Martin, Manish, Hank Woods,

We like it that we get along like a big happy family. It feels good to solve people's problems and it feels good to make them happy. We take pride in solving somebody's problem. We appreciate their business and we want to thank them for taking care of their vehicles.

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### **Stanley Smith Recognized by Good Will Industries.**

**Stanley L. Smith** was again recognized by the Good Will Industries for his work in helping to support their mission. Several years ago the Building Service Department forged a partnership with Good Will Industries. By way of training, this partnership has made it possible for the Institute to offer much needed job opportunities to members involved in this worthwhile organization. Stanley has been the architect in this endeavor. He has employed more individuals from the Good Will Industries than any other employer in the state.

Stanley was awarded a plaque during their April 13, 2005 banquet and a member from the Good Will Industries Corporate office visited Stanley at Georgia Tech on April, 2004 for a possible story in the newspaper.



*Stanley displaying the plaque awarded by Good Will Industries.*



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## Neil's Garden

### How do You Plant A Tree?

First saturate the root ball with water. If it is burlapped cut away at least the top half of the burlap to expose the soil around. Dig the roots. Dig hole twice as wide as the root ball, but to the same depth as the root ball. Place the tree in the planting hole making sure it is kept straight. Backfill, keeping the hole and break up any soil clumps. The top of the root ball should be level with the soil surface. Pack the soil to remove air pockets. Fertilize with 10-10-10 or 13-13-13 and water deeply.

### What Are Examples of Organic Pest Control?

Organic pest control refers to a wide variety of pest control practices which don't use don't involve using man-made chemicals. Examples are using compost instead of fertilizer, taking care of plants carefully to prevent pests and pulling weeds by hand instead of spraying pesticides.

### Do Ants Hurt Plants?

Species found in our area do not. The problem with ants on plants is that they can be unpleasant to humans. Sometimes they can even be helpful because ants eat aphids which do harm plants.

If you have a gardening question, you may submit it to Neil's Garden and Neil will try to answer in the next issue of "Facilities Quarterly."

## Working People



Perry Dewberry of Area 2 painting the floor at BME penthouse.



Claude Lining the street.



Landscape employees preparing for spring planting.



Bill and Lee testing the new lift.

## Molecular Science and Engineering Building



## Tech Beautification Day

Every spring in mid-April, in conjunction with the National Youth Service Day, Tech students, youth groups, and Landscape employees participate in Tech Beautification Day. There usually are around five hundred persons. Tech students have fundraising events throughout the year. They decided what area of campus they wish to work on. If you are interested in volunteering, Please talk to Donna Chronic.



George Roberts assisting student in planting a tree



# Dear Bill

## Q: Why can't employees take the discarded seasonal plants?

A: They are considered trash and employees are not allowed to pick up trash not even good items from dumpsters and recycling bins.

## Q: Why can't employees buy surplus items?

A: Employees can't buy surplus items from GT, but they can purchase them through DOAS auctions. You can phone bid, seal bid, or go to scheduled public auctions. You can be added to their mailing list. Check DOAS web site for more information: [doas.georgia.gov](http://doas.georgia.gov) then select Surplus Properties.

## Q: Do parking employees get tickets?

A: Yes.

## Q: When an employee retires, can he/she keep the supplemental life policy?

A: They keep the \$25,000 at no cost and they can retain \$15,000 of the supplemental (based on hire date.) The cost is dependent on age.

## Q: When an employee retires, can he/she keep the medical insurance?

A: Once an employee retires, he/she can keep the policy at the same cost until Medicare takes effect. Then he/she will pay a reduced supplemental rate.

If you have a question, please email it to [bill.halabi@facilities@gatech.edu](mailto:bill.halabi@facilities@gatech.edu) or place the question in campus mail, Facilities /OM mail code 0350. Inquiries will be kept confidential.

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been busy moving into a new house. Vickie thought it was time for Mom to come live with her, so they sold both houses and bought a brand new one in Temple, Georgia. For those of you who don't know where Temple is, it is sometimes called "L.A." (lower Alabama). Vickie is looking forward to the family's annual vacation with her children and grandchildren. Their plan is to spend a week in Panama City in August - IF that nasty hurricane Dennis didn't wreck too much havoc! **Debbie** and **David Chandler** have been busy renovating their basement into a cool family room. It takes a lot of hard work, but having an extra room has its benefits - (it means one more room for Debbie to have to clean!). Rumor has it there will be a pool table going in, so we may see one of them on TV soon trying out for the 8-Ball competition. Another tough fiscal year end close out is behind us, and Accounting Director, **David Goldfarb**, is counting the days until he and his family get out of town and enjoy sun and fun on the beaches of South Carolina. The smallest family member, Nicholas, will surely have a great time. Sunshine and sand castles make a great vacation.

## Administration

**Deborah Williams** received a kidney from her daughter on June 17, 2005. The operation went well and she is recovering at home. Deborah says she feels fine and can't wait to get back to work.

## Information Technology

**Steve Sywak** and wife are excited about their new house. They are about to buy a big house in Marietta.

## Landscape

Grounds recently hired several new employees and promoted others. The new Groundskeeper I are: **Larry Cloud**, **Deonte' Harris** and **Johnston Minettee**. **Michael Vickery** is the new Equipment Mechanic and **Kevin Ellis** is our new Tree Surgeon. Welcome Aboard! **Claude Edwards** was promoted to Groundskeeper III from Groundskeeper II and **Yuri Cleland** was promoted to Groundskeeper II from Groundskeeper I. Congratulations! Check out the article featuring Landscaping Services in the summer edition of the Georgia Tech Alumni Magazine.

## Motor pool

Welcome to **Henry Lampley**, our new employee. He is glad to be here at Tech. **Stanley** is excited about the planned marriage to Crystal on August 12, 2006. **Ken Bennett** stopped by to tell us that he is enjoying his retirements and he recommends it to everybody. He said "if you have 30 years, there is no need to get a second job."

## Design & Construction

Congratulation to Design and Construction for winning two awards for the design of CRC for Best in the Southeast and Best of the Best.

**Don Alexander** and wife Barbara went out west. They went to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and Yellowstone where it snowed on them. They saw a lot of wild life and breath taken landscapes. They took about 900 digital picture. They had a great time. Instead of chasing hurricanes, **Bill Miller** was running away from one. Bill went on the paddlewheel steam boat "American Queen" from New Orleans. The hurricane was at

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# In Memoriam

## In memory of our Friend, George Trice

(AREA 4)

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### ROAD LESS TRAVELED

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth

Then took the other as just as fair  
And having perhaps the better claim  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear  
Though as for that, the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same

And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet, knowing how way leads onto way  
I doubted if I should ever come back

I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence  
Two roads diverged in a wood  
And I took the one less traveled by  
And that has made all the difference

### Condolences go out to these Building Services employees

Wilhemenia Andrews, Zone 8 father Mr. Clemmie Willis  
Rena Steele, Zone 3 father ,Mr. Alex Smith  
Gwen Walter, Secretary, mother, Mrs. Helen Kimbrew  
Tommie Little, Manager of Building Services, father, Mr. Willie Little

We offer our sympathy to Larry Curbow for the passing of his mother, Francis Curbow.

Sorry to announce the passing of Alton Chin-Shue's father on May 8th.

It is with deepest sympathy that we announce the passing of Alan Raville's father.

## Crossing the Bar

Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no moaning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell;  
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crost the bar.

Afred, Lord Tennyson

## Facilities Golf Tournament

Facilities held its first fundraising golf tournament. The proceeds will be used to supplement the cost of various employees' events such as Employee Appreciation Day in June, Holiday Luncheon in December, and Chili Cook-off in March. We had sixty Two players from all levels. There were first time players such as Cindy Jackson and semi pro player like Jim Ruppert. Everyone had a great time and we are excited about the next tournament which may be held In October.



Mike excited about his cash.



Warren riding around.



Cindy Jackson and Team.



Bill awarding cash to Gerald.



Bill awarding cash to Jon.



Ronnie Croy and team.



# Summer Seafood Recipes

## Hot Crab Dip

1 pound jumbo lump crabmeat, free of shells  
1 cup grated pepper jack cheese

3/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan  
1/4 cup green onions, minced, optional  
5 to 6 roasted garlic cloves or 2 cloves minced  
3 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce  
2 tablespoons fresh lemon or lime juice  
1 teaspoon hot pepper sauce  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

Combine all of the ingredients in a casserole and gently stir until thoroughly mixed. Bake for 40 minutes. Serve hot with crackers or toast points.



## Scalloped Oysters

(Paula's Home Cooking)

1 quart shucked oysters in their liquor  
2 cups coarsely crushed saltine crackers  
1 cup dry bread crumbs  
3/4 cup melted butter  
1 cup cream  
Nutmeg  
Salt and pepper  
Celery salt, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Pick oysters free of any shells.

In a deep buttered casserole, mix together crackers, bread crumbs, and melted butter. Place a thin layer of crumb mixture in the bottom of the casserole. Cover it with half of the oysters. Season cream with nutmeg, salt, pepper and celery salt (if using). Pour half of this mixture over the oysters. On the next layer, use the oysters, 3/4 of the remaining crumb mixture and cover that with seasoned cream. Top with the remaining crumbs. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until lightly browned.

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## Melissa Departs

The Utilities and Energy group, as well as everybody at Facilities is saddened by Melissa Baurmeister's departure from Facilities. We are glad to hear that she just passed her exam and she is now working as a nurse in Arizona. Good Luck Melissa! In May, many of her Facilities friends and co-workers stopped by to say good bye to Melissa and to wish her luck.



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their heels, threatening to make landfall somewhere between New Orleans and Destin. The captain steamed full speed heading north on the Mississippi for two full days to avoid the hurricane. They stopped in Vicksburg and then turned around and made stops at Natchez, St. Francisville, and Baton Rouge on the way back to New Orleans. The weather turned out to be beautiful the entire seven night trip. They were able to dodged the bullet-heavy rains, and flooding in

Atlanta!

**Barbara Essinger** went on a cruise to Alaska. She had a wonderful time.

### Central Shop

We are glad **Revonda's** husband is doing much better. Revonda enjoyed having her grand son who was visiting from Ohio. He stayed with her for a month. **Brandon** enjoyed some time on Myrtle Beach this summer. **Jon** picked a good week to be away from all the rain in Atlanta. He and the family

went to Saint Simon Island for a week of relaxation. Congratulations to **Stanley, Cedric, Brandon, and Hiram** for coming in third place in the basketball tournament.

### LOCKSHOP

Welcome to **Eric Reese**. **Sonny** continues playing softball while **Kelly** and his wife are getting ready to go to Birmingham for flee market shopping.

## Accolades

Bill,

I want to thank **your guys in Area 2** for the extra help they provided with removing the hand rail in the elevator and assisting me with moving the freezer to the third floor. This involved removing the lid, a corner panel along with a wall panel and a cork board to move this freezer into the lab. Thanks for the extra help!!

Allen Echols  
Facilities Manager  
Institute for Bioengineering & Bioscience

Last night Turner Construction crushed a 1.5 inch ball valve on the chilled water supply line. I was contacted at 5:30 p.m. by Rick with Turner. **Jeff Bridges** was contacted by G.T. Police and was on the site quickly to resolve the problem. I also wanted to say A BIG THANK YOU to Mr. Ricks with the steam shop for coming out also to make sure all was taken care of properly.

Thanks Facilities your the BEST !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sincerely

Mark  
Mark L. Smith  
Facilities Manager  
ES&T Building & BME Building

Tommy,

Just a quick thank you. A while back the custodial crew that takes care of the hazmat building stripped and cleaned the floors in the admin area. It looked so much better, that I asked **Yolanda Bennet** if she would do the same for the laboratory in the building - not in your normal area of responsibility. She went out of her way to get a crew in and handle this extra request. It looks a lot better. Thank you.

Bill,

I know most of the time all facilities receives are complaints. This time I want to express my thanks for completing the tile replacement in 2 areas of the 3-A wing as we are having the lab wing stripped and waxed this weekend. Pass this on to **Jeff Payne** as the replacement looks good.

Thanks, Allen

Donna,

First, I'd like to thank you and the rest of the **Facilities team** for helping us out so much with Tech Beautification Day.

Without your help, there would be no TBD. I know that myself and everyone else on the TBD Exec team, in addition to all the students that enjoyed themselves Saturday, appreciate how much you've done for us.

I've heard so many good things from people that participated, especially about their Facilities leaders. They all talk about their "new Facilities buddy" that they talked to the entire time and how helpful and nice they were to the students. TBD was truly successful this year.

Thanks again for all your help. Personally, one of the things I look most forward to each year with TBD is working with Facilities. Your dedication and friendship to the students is something that never ceases to amaze me.

Have a great week,

Paul

Please relay my appreciation to the rest of the **Facilities team!**

### Mrs. Phyllis Beckford Retires

Mrs. Phyllis Beckford Custodian I retired June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Beckford had worked at Building Services for 10 years. Her supervisor and co-workers fondly called her "Miss Phyllis". At her retirement breakfast, Miss Phyllis said that she really enjoyed working at Building Services and is thankful that she was able to retire while still in good health. She lauded the department for having people in leadership that make employees feel like we are one family. Miss Phyllis is an Elder in the Seventh Day Adventist Church, A poet and a caregiver. She plans to travel to her native Jamaica and other parts of the globe.

