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24th Annual Chili Cook Off



“How many ways can you cook chili ?” That was the theme for this year’s chili cook off. As in previous years, it was a big success. We were entertained by DJ Touch (Laura Santos) of Area 1. Recycling and Solid Waste came in first place in Chili Cook off. Congratulations to the cook, Dewayne Robertson and his helpers Roderick and Tokiki.

Marla Stephens was the cook for the 2nd place winner, Zone 6 of Building Services. Third palce award went to Robin Jernigan of Zone 2 in Building Services. Sandra Campbell of Buildings Services won the best desert and Robbie Crowe of Area 2 had the best Booth.

Alphonso Benson (Lo) won the basketball 3 point shoot out while Charlie Austin (non Golfer) showed all golfers off by winning the Putt Putt. James Greshan (zone 10) and Eddie Gates (zone 4) won the Horse Shoes contest.



“3 Point shoot out” winner “Lo”



DJ Touch (Laura Santos)

Warren's Page

Last year about this time, we were wishing Dr. Clough farewell as he left Georgia Tech to accept the position as Secretary of the Smithsonian Institute and wondering who would be our new President. This question has been answered with the arrival of Dr. Bud Peterson. He comes to us from the University of Colorado where he was the Chancellor. Don't be surprised if you see him as he moves around campus, if you haven't already. He believes in management by walking around.

In addition to the excitement of the arrival of our new President, the spring has been filled with Facilities and campus activities. Foremost among these was Earth Day. This event gets bigger and better every year. Considering this was the 12th Annual Earth Day, it is a challenge to make it better. Although Cindy Jackson and her folks are the driving force behind

this event, all of Facilities is very much involved in making it happen.

Similarly this year's Tech Beautification Day was the best ever. In past years we generally had 500-600 students involved. This year we easily doubled this number. Our new President, Dr. Peterson, was actively involved in this event and personally thanked not only students of their involvement but Hyacinth Ide and many of his folks for their help in organizing the event.

Added to the campus events was our own chili cook off. Garry Lockerman and Chili cook off committee put on a great event again this year. The event highlighted by Georgia Tech's head football coach, Paul Johnson, being one of our judges. Look for the names of all the winners in this issue of the newsletter.



I must add special thanks to Garry Lockerman and Bill Halabi for organizing this year's golf tournament. This is not only a fun event for those who played, but also generate funds we need to support our Facilities annual events.

Have a great summer and looking forward to seeing everyone at our Employee Appreciation Picnic on June 19.

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Georgia Tech honored many of Facilities' employees at a luncheon on April 15, 2009. The following employees were recognized for their employment at Tech:

25-years

Earl, Irene
Lee, Eric
Chronic, Donna
Corbin, Michael
Hollis, Eddie

Ford, Gwendolyn
Gomez, Jaime
Ide, Hyacinth
Jernigan, Robin
Lester, Algerine
Lofton, Marilyn
Picklesimer, Michael
Walker, Barbara
Williams, Dorothy
Burnett, Howard
Khan, Anjum
Spiro, Gregory

10-years

Brooks, Shondra
Delossantos-Lopez, Jose
Dillard, Linda
Farmer, Carolyn



Donna Chronic is receiving her 25 years pin from President Peterson.

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Building Services

Zone 10



1. How many employees are there in a zone?

Average 25

2. How many zones are there?
11

3. What area does your zone cover?

MRDC 1, MRDC 2 LOVE, ISYE, CRC, MARC, STUDENT SERVICES, NANO TECH.

4. What are the names of your employees?

Gloria Andrews, Sandra Campbell, Roderick, Crawford, Linda Dillard, James Gresham, Ross Jackson, Teresa Jimenez, Patsy Johnson, Sarah Jordan, Kimsherrian Lewis, Deborah Miller, Dawn Montgomery, Tony Murray, Claude Nix, Johnnie Peters, Angel Powell, Mildred Saunders

5. Who is the supervisor?
Courtney Stinson

6. What would you like to say to Facilities employees?

Whenever you do anything always give all you have, and good thing will come your way.

Awards:

Zone 1 is the winner of Customer Achievement Program Award for July 2008, October 2008, and March 2009.

Shop News

AREA 2

Congratulations to Sly on his recent marriage. During his recent trip to Nigeria, Sly got married. Another congratulations to Kyla and Eric. There are expecting their first baby in January.

AREA 4

Stanley Tolbert is anxiously awaiting the birth of their 3rd child. The pool for the correct date is getting larger. The doctor predicts June 4th. Philip Walls is growing his own vegetables now. He is like the rest of us and is trying to recover from this economic enigma the state and nation has thrown. He suggests deodorant soap around the gardens perimeter to keep un-invited guests from sampling the veggies before he does. Gary Fitzgibbons wife, Becky, is still recovering from right foot surgery. She's back to work and will be dancing with the stars in no time. Scott Bates ten pound test line was broken by something HUGE (jaws junior) and was close to winning six hundred dollars at a bass tournament, if it hadn't. Simfily has been tutoring Dennis and Nick in French lessons. He taught French professionally in Western Africa prior to his arrival in the states years ago. Como Say Vat?—Cest Tres Interessant. Zone 4 was extremely shocked when they heard the official announcement of Mr. Jerry Johnsons retirement. Mr. Johnson has been employed at Tech since 1976. He is a very talented indivisual. He not only is considered a great painter and a master finisher however he learned the skillfull trade of repairing plaster through his years at Tech. He studied under a fellow named Willie Walters and became as adept in the trade as his mentor. Not only is

Tech loosing a very skilled individual, we are also losing a good friend and confidant. Jerry will be greatly missed by all and we will him the best of luck in the years to come. We hope to see him at all the Tech functions in the future. At this time myself, the guys and JoAnne are trying to talk him into hanging around a little longer. Nick Roper will also become a new daddy; word has it Johnny and Barbara will soon be grandparents. Good luck to the Ropers!

U & E

Congratulations to Eric Denison and his wife they welcomed their 1st child (baby boy) Noah Preston in MAY 2009



Welcome to our new employees, Zuheir Moad ,Preventive Maintenance Contract Manager (EE Grad of GT); Doug Sims ,Utility Analyst (CE Grad of SPSU – Dec 2008); Paul Wiley, Utility Analyst (EE Grad of GT).

Congratulations to Sanford Fong and his wife on their first baby . He was born in October. They name him Bryan.

Business

Congratulations to Oveta Perry, Her dad turned 106 on May 14th. Oveta enjoyed a week of laying by the pool and in the Jacizi in Desert Palm in California. Sharron Harrah's daughter Amanda is volunteering in Newnan hospital this summer. Congratulations to Quinae on her new addition to the family. Her new baby Domino. He was born on January 4th, 2009 so he recently turned 5 months. And is now a healthy 7lbs, which is his full weigh. He is very energetic and has lots of personality. He is a joy!



Quinae's Domino

AREA 5



Sonia of area 5 with her kids. Sonia holding 2 years old Ze'Lyn-Niari ,and 15 years old Jasmin

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Shop News

-Area 3 would like to welcome Chuck Sheffield to the shop.

-David is taking over for the retired Charles Cook.

-Joe Meyer's wife is due to have a baby boy in mid September.

-Mike Picklesimer is still alive after running his 40 mile ultra marathon which turned into 43 miles total.

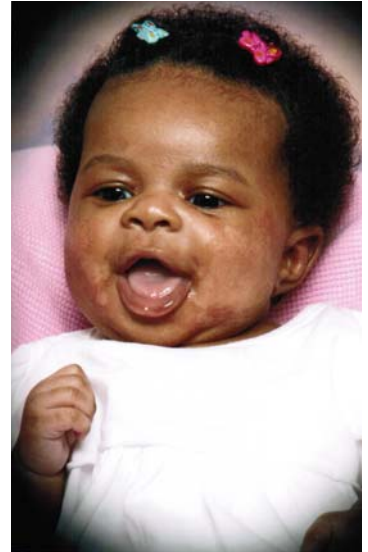
- Terry William's daughter Kadie will be graduating

from high school.

- - Congrats to Kevin Marks on his engagement.

- Area 3 has officially moved into our new shop which is still in the Boggs building several feet from the old shop.

Congratulations to "Lo" on his new baby Azariah "Elise" Benson who was born February 12, 2009. (photo to the Right)



12th Annual Earth Day

Lead the Way, Tomorrow is Today: Georgia Tech Celebrates its 12th Annual Earth Day Celebration.

April is not only the time for celebrating the arrival of summer, but at Georgia Tech it's the time to celebrate going green. Our Earth Day celebration is the largest in the southeast, featuring live entertainment, informational booths, recycling opportunities, free giveaways and more.

Cindy Jackson, manager of the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling, chairs a committee of students, faculty, and staff from across campus to brainstorm and plan innovative ideas that make each year bigger and better than the previous.

This year, Think Green Week began on Monday, April 14th with Earth Day on Friday the 17th. On Monday, we hosted a new event, the Green Rally as a

kick off for the week. President and Val Peterson spoke in the Student Center as attendees collected "green" giveaways to jumpstart a green lifestyle. Then, on Tuesday, Bud Johnson from Recycling took part as a model in the Sustainable Fashion Show at the Campanile. Throughout the week, the Recycling crew alongside volunteers from other Facilities departments worked together to set up tables, chairs, and to accommodate the participants. At Earth Day, Skiles Walkway was covered with over 70 informational booths and thousands of people. In efforts to make the event zero-waste, 2000 reusable water bottles were given away instead of bottled drinks.

Recycling was a huge success this year. The Office Supply Exchange saved Georgia Tech \$7800 in binders, cartridges, paper, and

more by reusing them from other departments. Shoppers were also given a reusable tote bag, donated by Coca Cola, to carry their items. Atlanta Recycling Solutions collecting 3,248 lbs of electronics to recycle. People donated 49 used toner and print cartridges to be recycled and re-filled. Attendees also came by the Shoot the Shoes booth to try out their basketball skills while we collected over 500 pairs of shoes to be recycled. Thanks to all Facilities employees that helped out and attended this year.



Chili Cook Off 2009



Chili Cook Off 2008



Lee Zacarias Retires

How long did you work at Tech?

Worked at Tech for 20 years.

What positions did you hold?

Laboratory Safety Officer, Interim EH&S Manager, Environmental Health Manager, Biosafety Officer.

What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech?

The Olympics.

What are you planning to do in your retirement?

I plan on opening up a shop, specifically a science shop. The primary customers I hope will be home schooled kids, but I hope anyone interested in science will stop by.



Charles Cook Retires after 37 Years

How long did you work at Tech?

37 years

What was Tech like then and now?

The campus has grown from a few buildings to a bustling town within a city.

What position did you hold?

Clerk III, Project coordinator, production control assistant

What is the most memorable thing you have seen at tech ?

- 1996 Olympics
- Shaking hands with president Clinton

What are you planning to do in your retirement?

Shoot Skeet, ride horses, fish, travel and volunteer work.



Tech Beatification Day

In April, Georgia Tech campus celebrated “**Tech Beautification Day**”. It involved a lot of plant and volunteering by student and Landscape staff.



Student Move Out a Success

(By: Maria Linderorth, Recycling)

Each spring when Georgia Tech students move out of their dorms, they leave behind thousands of pounds of food, clothes and household items that they no longer need. For 12 years in a row, the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling has provided students with the opportunity to donate these items to a worthy cause.

In years past, collection stations have been set up at the 11 outdoor recycling sites in campus Housing areas. **This year, 29 Sororities and Fraternities volunteered to host collection sites, and donation bins were also placed in the lobbies of 30 residence halls.** This was a significant program expansion from 2008, and the result was a huge success.

A total of 4,476 pounds of non-perishable food were collected, compared with 590 pounds in 2008, as well as 68 boxes (1,329 pounds) of clothing, bedding and household goods. It took the Recycling team several days to collect and sort all of the donations!

The donations from Student Move Out benefit several local charities, including the Atlanta Community Food Bank, the Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children, and the Atlanta Union Mission.



It feels great to lend a helping hand! Here the Recycling team delivers Student Move Out donations to the Atlanta Food Bank. Left to Right: Tom, Karl, Nelson, Bud, Michael, and Rodrick.

Facilities Held Its 13th Golf Tournament

The Facilities department had its 13th Golf tournament. It was held at Browns Mill Golf course where 72 players enjoyed themselves and raised money for the employees events. Thanks to Bill Halabi and Garry Lockerman for their work in coordinating the tournament.

Larry Beckwith and his team won with a score of 13 under Par. Garry Lockerman and his team came in 2nd place with a score of 10 under and Ronnie Croy and his team placed third with a score of 9 under.



L-R: Max Escher, Mark Hajek, Larry Beckwith, Thomas Toberts



L-R: Eric Reese, Bryan Croy, Ronnie Croy, Harry Beck.



Facilities Stories

Hello Tommy,

I just wanted to say that we have a great group of custodians working in the DM Smith building. **Marvin Porter** turned in a wallet yesterday that had over \$200 in it along with all his personal cards. This is not the first time he has found items and turned them in. In this day in time when people are struggling he could have easily walked away with the money. I will personally thank him but I wanted ensure that I let you know what an honest individual you have working for you.

Thanks,

*Karen M. Halstead
School of Public Policy
DM Smith Building*

Cindy,

Just a quick note to say thanks for having me over on Monday for the kickoff of Earth Week, for the tour this afternoon and for the shirts and water bottles for Val and me, delivered yesterday.

I appreciate all you have done to make Earth Week such a rousing success. I have not had a chance to talk to her, so I am not sure if she made it, but after our walk this afternoon, I called Val and told her she needed to go by and see all that was going on.

Many thanks!!

Regards,
BP

G.P. "Bud" Peterson, President
Georgia Institute of Technology

In March **Judy** attended a classes about "Building Your Professional Presence" at Connecticut School of Broadcasting where she met Cory Thompson, he was an anchor for Fox 5 News here in Atlanta. He does a lot of training classes/seminars and teaches at the School here in Atlanta. The training class that was offered to the participants of the Mentor Tech Program she attended with my mentor.



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Bill,

I wanted to let you know what a great job **Abe and Wakim** are doing on the A/C in 430 South Bldg. 2nd floor. The air was unusually cool in my office but okay in other areas so they have checked thermostats and duct work to find the problem and correct. In the 12+ years I have been at GT we have had many people come to check out offices being too hot or too cold only to spend about 5 minutes looking at the thermostat and say nothing is wrong or "blow us off" by saying you can't keep everyone happy. So far we are all comfortable but even if the situation cannot be resolved these two men have definitely tried hard to make it right and you are fortunate to have them as your employees.

Thanks,

Kelly D. Goad
Accountant II
GTRI Accounting

Warren,

On behalf of Dr. Nerem and the GA Tech administration, **thank you and your staff** for the awesome services that you provided to us in preparation for IBB's Ten year celebration. Your staff assisted us in every way, i.e. **the polishing of the terrazzo, patching and spot painting of various areas**, going above and beyond in providing numerous **extra cleaning touches, policing and trimming the shrubbery** in our court yards, **beautifying the exterior of IBB by pressure washing mildewed areas, introducing new plants and providing fresh pine straw**. We certainly do realize that much of this was done outside of Facilities' regular schedule and we greatly appreciate your staff's willingness to comply with many of challenging requests. As you are aware, our events were attended by academic and industry leaders from around the world and Saturday night's event was attended by GA Tech's new president, "Bud" Peterson and Parker H. "Pete" Petit, the major donor and namesake for IBB. This was President Peterson's first visit to our building and he was genuinely impressed with the facility. Much of this can be directly attributed to the work done by your professional staff. Again, thank you for all of the preparations and please pass along our sincere thanks to your entire staff.

Assistant Director

Accolades

Bill,
I want to let you know, **Michael Bently and Tunji** are two assets to your staff. They have been very helpful with assisting us with our heating issues, and today, they were more than exceptional when they removed the air conditioner from my supervisor's window. If other technicians have the same work ethic as these two, I'm sure other staff members are just as pleased to have them make repairs in their departments. They should be an example for other facilities technicians.

Charlie Drummond
CATEA

Good Afternoon Tony, **Mr. Big (Al) Bryant** was my point of contact last Friday afternoon when the power went out at the Wardlaw Center. I don't know his supervisor, but I would like to get a message to him or her about how professional he is, and what great customer service he gave to me and my work colleague Mark Sanders. I also want to thank all of the facilities staff who came in and did trouble shooting that afternoon and evening.

Thanks,
Arthur Hughes

I want to second Arthur's comments. I know that it was at least a 12 hour day for **Al** on Friday and I left for home when it was determined to be a Georgia Power issue and he had it under control.

I was back in the building the following morning at 7am and restored our servers (Development) without an issue.

Thanks again for your team's efforts to resolve our problems.
Mark H Sanders

Garry
would like to say that the Facilities

Department is great to accommodate any need(S) the GLC may have. I truly appreciate the quick response that the **Facilities staff** does in resolving any issues that we encounter.

Thank you.

Barbara Duke
Concierge GLC

Garry,
I just wanted to pass on my appreciation for the service I received from one of your guys on a problem we were having at 250 14th Street a server room air handler went down and **Jeff Bridges** was very instrumental in assisting us on getting it back online. I appreciate the extra step he took in putting the Spot cooler in place to ensure the room stayed cooler while the repairs were taking place. After the repairs he stuck around to monitor the temp and because of the excellent customer service Mr. Bridges provided there was no disruption to service in that server room and we are very satisfied customers, so I thought you might enjoy being a pleased service provider. Would you pass on my Thank to Mr. Bridges.

Thank You,
Herbert L. Stokes
Administrative Manager II
Support Services Department, GTRI

Thank you to **Area 4 team**, I just wanted to say a "Big Thanks" for the wonderful job all the guys did to get our conference room up and running, this morning. We've got the best Zone on campus!

Thanks,
Lisa Cox
Administrative Manager
Dean's Office, College of Engineering

Dear Mr. Halabi:

This is a short note to commend **Shante Heard** on a good job she has been doing in the UA Whitaker Building. Ms. Heard has a positive attitude on a daily basis. Thank you for her service.

Thanks,
Sheyil

Hey Bill, I'm just emailing you to let you know that everything has been handled well in the building in a timely fashion. But **Shante, and Gentle** have been doing well.

Thanks.
Bill,

I want to let you know, **Sly and Mike** were great ensuring our air-conditioning units were ready for the upcoming summer months. They cleaned the filters and unfortunately they notified me one unit needed repairs. Our department is ready for the upcoming hot summer months. Thanks for having committed and dedicated staff to ensure the entire campus can operate at an optimum level.

Charlie Drummond
CTEA

Warren,
Fyi. After several days of 60 degree AC in our area on Mezzanine floor in GCATT, the building manager contacted Facilities. The AC system in our area was malfunctioning. Last week **James Cheng** from Facilities came over and spent at least a day plus working on getting the AC working properly. That he did.

And James came over today to check and see if all was working well.

That's customer service!
Thanks.
Frank