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DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES

# Facilities Quarterly

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## Happy Holidays



Thanks to Irene Earl and the Holiday Luncheon Committee for a great event. The venue was moved to Woodruff Dining Hall. Everybody had a great time. There was plenty of food and door prizes. About 300 employees attended. The extra food was donated to local homeless shelters.



## Water Conservation at GT

Since Governor Perdue mandated for all state agencies to conserve water, the Facilities Department has been implementing an aggressive conservation program. All areas and U&E have been taking inventory of water using equipments / fixtures. The water conservation team has been meeting on a regular bases to determine the most feasible approach to save water. The committee has setup new standards for restroom sinks, water closets, urinals, and shower heads. Thanks for you all employees involved in the implementation of the new standards. Below is the number of fixtures that have been retrofitted as of press date (excluding GTRI, Housing).

**Sinks: 1118**

**Water Closets: 232**

**Urinals: 336**

**Showers: 107**

## Warren's Page

Happy New Year! The new year is off to a rousing start with the promise of a year full with opportunities. The cold weather and possibility of heavy snow got our attention for a while, but the challenge for the coming year promises to be keeping up with the water restrictions caused by the drought and other sustainability issues. To help us meet the water reduction goal set for us by the Governor, we have established a program to replace all water fixtures in our buildings with ones meeting our standards for low flow fixtures. This along with the wells we dug and put into operation to support our two chiller plants has helped the Campus be on track to meet our reductions goals. In addition, all of us can help here and at home by treating the water as the scarce

commodity it is during the drought. This is also the time of the year we get our organizational report cards from Sightlines and our customers. The Sightlines report has not been finalized yet but all indications are we will continue to be one of their top performing schools. This again reflects the continuing outstanding efforts of the Facilities Team. My congratulations and appreciation to all for helping make this happen.

Again this year we had more than 50 employees with perfect attendance. In addition to the over 50 with perfect attendance, we had ten with perfect attendance for more than five years. In fact, three had ten years. Equally remarkable is Area III's capturing the Team Award for



best attendance for the sixth consecutive year.

I couldn't end without mentioning this year's highly successful Holiday Luncheon. We held the event in a new and better place with outstanding support from Dining Services' team. Thanks to Irene Earl and her committee for all their hard work. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Chili Cook-off in March and the Annual Golf Tournament in May.

## Atlanta Habitat for Humanity

(By: William Tandongfor)

Atlanta Habitat for Humanity is changing lives out there through their Home Ownership Program. They partner with low income families, sponsors, and communities to build affordable quality homes and provide support services that promote successful home purchase and ownership. Many employees from Georgia Tech community including me have benefitted from this program.



William Tandongfor's house

Buying a home is a wise investment that allows you to build savings and plan for the future. When you purchase a home through Atlanta Habitat for Humanity you make a positive change that affects your whole life. Can you imagine a person living in a four bedrooms brand new house in the heart of the City of Atlanta and making mortgage payments of only \$475.00 per month without interest! This is unbeatable and does affect an individual's whole life especially those of

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Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.

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## ***Facilities Profile: Staging***



L-R: Jerrick Eberhart, Brandon Ford, Alphonso Benson, Derrick Jones.

### ***What are the responsibilities of the Staging Shop?***

To provide event and commencement setups, office moves and catalog distribution to the whole campus.

### ***What is the most common service request?***

The most common is tied between single office moves and outdoor events. It really depends on the time of year.

### ***What is the most unusual***

### ***service request?***

To offload rockets that are mounted on F16's fighter jet.

### ***How many total employees on the team ?***

I have 3 right now Jerrick Eberhart, Alphonso Benson, and Derrick Jones and I use employees from Tech Temp service when I need them.

### ***What is the most rewarding aspect of the job?***

To know that the last thing the

student see before they leave campus is my commencement setup.

### ***What is the most challenging aspect of the job?***

To schedule all the office moves with the customers and the phone company and then someone tell me their job is more important than others It is challenging to work with all of campus to schedule everything at once and make it work.



# Shop News

## AREA 1

We want to wish Paul good luck in his future journey. Paul met his mate and he has accepted a job in Florida. He is planning to get married soon. Area 1 had a party for Paul in January. In "his last GT will" Paul left all his possession to his coworkers. We want to welcome Deonte Cook, our Maintenance Worker. He is a native of Atlanta. He is looking for a new home, any ideas?



Area 1 at Paul's going away party.

## AREA 2

Kyla Johnson is finalizing her wedding plans from invitations to the honeymoon and everything in between. Area 2 had a surprise birthday cake for Bill on his birthday in December. Bill and everybody enjoyed the cake, but they did not get to go home early as they wished.

## AREA 3

Welcome to our new employees, Lawrence Farquhaeson and Donnie Alaking. Glad to have them on board!

Vladimir's son, Jacob, is stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He is a proud Navy recruit and Vladimir is also proud of his young active "seaman". Kevin is back in college and Dennis spent most of his holiday season with a case of pneumonia, but it is all gone right now. Mike Picklesimer

spent his holiday in Las Vegas, at the casino and at the marathon they hosted. His time in the marathon was 4 hrs. and 41 min. He is recovering from a root canal the size of Panama! Kevin Marks is looking forward to launching his kick a?? chili at the 2008 chili cook off. Congratulations to Matt and Leeana Ryll on the birth of their daughter Addison Brooke on November 27th. She weighed 6 pounds 12 ozs and measured 18 inches. Finally, good luck to all with the Krono's time clock!



Addison Brooke Ryll

## AREA 5

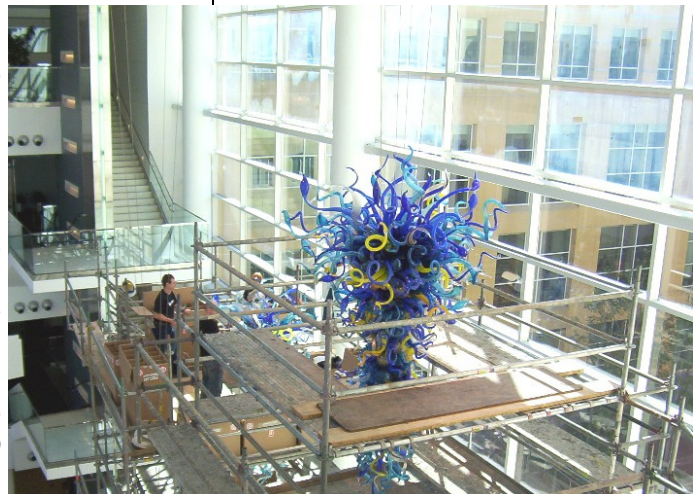
Area 5 welcomes Clifford Callaway, and Dwayne Devezin to the team, we also want to wish a speedy recovery to Stanley Thomas and Danilo Guadamuz. Stanley was involved in an auto accident and



Terry Williams' new addition to his family, 8 months old Tanis and Talise.

suffered a broken leg and other injuries. He is recovering at home. Dany injured his shoulder on the job and he had to have a surgery to repair a torn rotator cuff; He is recovering at home and he is doing some very demanding physical therapy as well.

Area 5 would also like to invite you to visit the College of Management Atrium when you have time and see the Chihuly chandeliers which are currently installed in the atrium. These are going to be a nice addition of art work for the campus (see picture below)





# Shop News

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## CENTRAL SHOP

Welcome to our new Locksmith **Robert Black**. Robert will be a new dad in a few weeks. Expecting a baby boy. Jason and Kelly working very hard and spending time with family away from work. Sonny is a beginner golfer and is enjoying it very much. He still has a lot to learn, but it is fun. His wife told him years ago he should start playing and he said after he could not play softball or basketball, he would take up the game. Loosing quite a few balls and playing on the other fairways.

## Landscape

Danna Chronic is getting much better. She is planning to come back to work soon. Mark Harrah is proud of his three daughters, Holly, Crystal, and Amanda. He calls them Mark's Angels.



## Administration

We are glad David Goldfarb is recovering well from his recent surgery. Congratulations to Sharron's daughter Amanda. She made straight A's.

## Building Services

Congratulations to Chalette

Mitchell and her son Hiram on the birth of Asia Zkyra (aka Cutie Pie) arrived November 9, 2007 and weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces.



Asia Zkyra

## AREA 4

As we begin another year Area 4 would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous year. It didn't take long for us to get back in the groove of things after the holidays. Todd Bermann is back in school and doing very well. We are all proud of him and his grades. Jo Ann Pittman is back after an illness that required 2 hospital stays, but she is doing fine now. Area 4's Bob Babone, HVAC Tech 1, spent a month in Africa in the Congo. Bob finally got to see his mother, Marie Nyunda, after not seeing her since 1975 (yes, 32 years without seeing his mother). It was beyond words how excited his mother was to see her son after so long. They visited various areas in the Congo: Rwanda, Burundi, Gomo, Bukavu, Wolunzu, and Kaniolo.

He is already planning his next trip. Jonathan Graham, HVAC Tech 1 visited North Carolina with his kids over the holidays and was actually able to leave on his accord (no police escort!!!). He



Marie Nyunda, Bob Babone's Mother

has also signed up to go back to school and study Industrial Air Conditioning and Refrigeration.

## U & E

Congratulations to Casey Charepoo on birth of his first grandson, Justin Amin. He was born on January 28th. He weighed 8 lb 7 ozs.



Casey's grandson, Justin Amin



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## Facilities' People

**Deborah Williams** – is a member of Georgia Tech. Techmasters which is a group of faculty, staff, graduate and undergraduate students that meet once a week. The mission of Techmasters is to provide a mutual support and positive learning environment in which every member has the opportunity to develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth.



Deborah is very active in Techmasters she was elected secretary for the 2007-2008 sessions. She has given eight speeches and has received five Best Speaker awards. She credits her good speaking skills to growing up in the church.

She states that while growing up in the church she participated in Christmas/Easter speeches, performing in skits/ plays and singing in the choir; and not realizing that she was preparing then for public speaking because all of these events were performed before an audience. By being a part of Techmasters she is developing her leadership and communication skills because as a Techmaster you have to volunteer for a different role at each session.

Georgia Tech's whistle and Tobbs Gay were profiled in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on October 10, 2007. Tobbs is a maintenance worker at the power plant. His job during Tech football game is to blow the whistle when Tech scores and when Tech wins.



Tobbs Gay

### Stan Fields Retires In January 2008

Stan Fields retired on January 31st, 2008. Stan has been at Tech for more than 30 years. He started in the engineering department as a mechanical designer and



moved to Operations and Maintenance in 1997. Stan plans to have Knees surgery then he wants to travel. We wish him good luck in his retirement.



Mike Bentley working on the exhaust fan at BME



Employees from Area 2 who had perfect attendance in 2008.



## Retirees Come Back for Holiday Luncheon



RJ, retired from Landscape Services in April 2005.

Mark Hopkins and JC Staton (retired April 2005 and Jan 98 respectively)

L-R: Ronnie Bourroughs,( retired as Area 4 Manager in October 2000, and Don Alexander.

### **2008 Georgia Tech Facilities Golf Outing**

**Place: Browns Mill Golf Club**

**When: Wednesday May 7, 08 @ 7:30 AM**

**Who can play: GT Employees, Friends, Relatives**

**Cost: \$50-18 holes w/cart & Range Balls, Lunch**

**Please sign up with Bill Halabi / Gary Lockerman**

us at the low income level.

I have been motivated, inspired and encouraged by the whole program and I thought it is wise to share with those who don't know about this blessing. The application process is simple and within the reach of any person.

The requirements are as follow:

- I. Must be a first-time homebuyer.
- II. Must have a family of two to eight people.
- III. Must have lived or worked in Fulton County or City of Atlanta for the past two years.
- IV. Must show proof of a steady income for the past two years.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is located at:

519 MEMORIAL DRIVE, SE

Atlanta, Ga. 30312

Tel 404 223 5180

[www.atlantahabitat.org](http://www.atlantahabitat.org)

I encourage every one who qualifies to apply as this would probably change your lives and that of your families.

Respectfully,  
William Tandongfor.

## Building Services Ranks 2nd



Front Row (l-r) Taffie Maynard, Marvin Mosley, Stanley Smith, Judith Minniefield, and Yolanda Bennett. Back Row (l-r): Tommy Little, Samuel Stamps, Antonio English, Chalette Mitchell, Waytha Gordon, Annie Jones, Courtney Stinson, Gwen Marks and Daniel De'Saussure.

The Building Services department ranked 2nd in the nation by American School and University magazine for its green cleaning program. Green Cleaning is defined as “cleaning to protect health without harming the environment”.



Berikisu Osere, cleaning window.



Gregory Dumas, cleaning the floor.



# The Right Tool for The Right Job

On November 16th, Grainger sponsored a safety training for the Facilities Department. Harold Galvez of Grainger and Greg Nickels of Stanley Proto Tools conducted “**The Right Tool for The Right Job**” seminar. The main focus of the session was on “not to use short cuts”. **Use tools for what they are intended for.** Below are the issues that we all should consider when working with tools whether it is at home or on the job:

- When pulling tools toward you, keep away from eyes.
- Swing hammer on side of your head.
- Never bring things toward your face.
- No “cheating bar”
- No “lock-in extension”
- Inspect your tools
- Never alter your tools
- Use crescent wrench properly.
- Cut toward your body.
- Have a sharp blade in your “blade”
- Wear anti cutting gloves on the guiding hand.
- Use safety knife (retracting blade).
- Don't place tools in pockets. Tuck them firmly in tool pouch.



## Perfect Attendance 2007

Congratulations to the following employees who had perfect attendance for the number of years indicated. They did not take any sick leave during that period.

### 10 Years

Croy, Ronnie  
English, Antonio  
Williams, Terry

Abdullah, Musa  
Fritz, Craig  
Smith, Cindy

### 3 Years

Auzla, Onkar  
Bermann, Todd  
Blume, Timmy  
DeSaussure, Daniel  
Roberts, George

Cooke, Charles  
Craft, Jonathan  
Dronzin, Vladimir  
Harrah, Mark  
Jones, Derrick  
Jordan, David  
Lampley, Henry  
Lee, Gentle  
Li, XiYu  
Mason, Charlie  
Nix, Claude

Heib, Jason  
Jackson, Lillie  
Marder, David  
Meadows, Joseph  
Moore, Shawn  
Ndongala, Magloire  
Prater, Gregory  
Pressley, Ann  
Ramzan, Mukhtar  
Reeves, Ovida  
Ringfield, Lolita  
Stedman, Soloman  
Sunmola, Olatunji  
Tandongfor, Scholastica  
Tchedou, Simfeiley

### 5 Years

Crumbley, Bruce  
Roper, John L  
Zachary, Ronnie

### 2 Years

Amouzouvi, Alowou  
Blalock, Tony  
Butler, Sandra  
Cash, Harold  
Chime, Kingsley

### 1 Year

Barkley, Gary  
Belton, Kelly  
Bennett, Yolanda  
Frazier, James

### 4 Years

## Accolades

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Todd,  
I missed **Eric's** last name - what was it Casteel? He was most courteous and helpful.

Thanks...

Charlie Brown

Dear All:

First let me wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Without all your attentiveness and efforts throughout the year, we would not have a comfortable and clean working environment to spend our days.

Recently, we had construction on the 2nd Floor of A. French, and it was a major dust bowl up here for two weeks. I asked if the cleaning staff would help us out by cleaning the glassed-in areas of the dust that coated every millimeter of surface to include office equipment and the glass walls of the central office areas.

Wow! When we came in this morning the West Wing of the 2nd Floor sparkled! Ms. Lilly came through last week to talk about what she would try to arrange, and she came through for us. Please let **Lilly and all others** who made this happen overnight know how very much we appreciate all that the Building Services Team does for us--and with a smile.

Sincerely,  
Susan Paraska  
Director, Program Review and Accreditation

Tony:

I wanted to compliment a couple of your employees. I work in the Administration Building, 3rd floor and we struggle quite a bit with the air condition/heat in our area. A week ago **Phillip and Brandon**

responded to a request we submitted to area 4, and did an extremely thorough job of trying to correct the problem rather than mask the problem. Their attitudes were very positive and both were extremely helpful. It is employees such as these that make a difference at Georgia Tech.

Thanks,  
Lisa Cox

### **Sonia, and all of the staff in Area 5;**

"we say thank you for always providing OHR with excellent service". On the recent job request to adjust the back door, everything was done to our satisfaction. As always, we rate your work **and** customer service with a "big satisfied star".

Thank you  
Rachel & all in OHR

Warren,  
**To you and your entire team** I extend a hearty "Thank You!" for the tiling in the College of Computing commons area. It looks great and was done with an absolute minimum of disruption to our operation. You have made a big difference in the quality of this central area in the life of the College. Please pass this on to everyone involved in making this happen: All of us in the College of Computing appreciate your continuing support in making Georgia Tech a better place to work.

Sincerely,  
Tom Pilsch  
Assistant Dean of Students, COC Colleagues,  
**George Faust**, our daytime building custodian was kind enough to clean the microwaves in the 4th

floor break area. He was not ask to do this.

We appreciate the kindness and willingness of George as this is not a part of his job description. George is not a day event custodian.

Please take a moment and thank George for going beyond the call of duty to make our work environment a little nicer.

George Faust we appreciate your efforts!

Thank you,  
Yavonne Jones  
Sr. Facilities Manager  
Global Learning Center

Cindy,  
Thank you so much for taking the time to come out and speak with us today. I could tell from the number of questions raised that our staff appreciated learning more about the things *we could do better in terms of recycling and I thought that it was great that there were so many "myths" you were able to confirm or debunk. It'll be interesting to see what kinds of changes we can make around here to be more conscious of **what we are doing.***

Thanks again  
Kara Tillman  
Director, Change Management  
OOD

Just a note to thank **"Area 4"** for always going beyond the call of duty. Anytime the guys are out on the loading dock and see we need help moving stuff in or out, unloading cars, of whatever, someone always volunteers to help! This means so much! Thanks for all you do!!! Kristy and the School of AP