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# Facilities Festival 2008



DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES

## Facilities Quarterly

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It was another fun carnival. As it was last year, there were several games. Everybody had a great time. With popular demand, the group Electric Brandy came back and entertained the crowd. We also had Laura .. DJ'ing. She had a large number of followers. We also had a best booth contest. The winner was the IT group with their "DUI" tester. Thanks to the many volunteers from various areas of Facilities who made it possible.



# Warren's Page

Summer is rapidly fading away, and it seems like it just got started. One of the highlights of our summer was the annual carnival. I guess we can call it annual since this is the second year in a row we've replaced the picnic theme with the carnival theme. It was a fun event with lots of activities and prizes. We are all in debt to Bill Halabi's Area II team, Ronnie Croy's Area III team, Mike Leasure's U&E team, and the committee with representatives from all areas for the hard work they put in to make the carnival a huge success.

Most of you continue to see the changes being made to the O'Keefe area as the Women's Softball Stadium comes out of the ground. It's made getting in and out of the shop area behind O'Keefe very crowded. This wasn't helped by the flooding of O'Keefe, we experienced a few weeks back when a pipe broke. The result was several hundred thousand dollars of damages.

The Army ROTC area, Staging, and U&E were the hardest hit. Speaking of being hard hit, go see how the Area I team is having to live. I'm sure they'll be happy when they no longer have to step over ditches to go from one place to the other.

I am sure all the budget cuts talk is on your mind. Hopefully all of you are taking advantage of the very active role our Interim President, Dr. Schuster, has taken in communicating with us. The town meeting he held was very informative as are his blogs. For those who didn't make the town meeting, our AVP, Chuck Rhode, sent out a copy of Dr. Schuster briefing for all to see. Also Dr. Schuster blog site is [www.gatech.edu/blogs/president/](http://www.gatech.edu/blogs/president/) check it out to see what Dr. Schuster has to say. I think you'll find it interesting and informative. As the budget picture gets sorted out over the next weeks we can expect to have fewer resources to



do our important work. Our challenge is to look for ways we can do our jobs more efficiently. In the meantime we need to press ahead.

I recently read Fareed Zakaria's book The Past American World. In it he talks about what he sees as America's best industry, higher education. This made me feel proud because we work in higher education at an Institute that is not only a part of the best industry but a leader in higher education.

Have a great rest of the summer do your part to help make our student's experience here at Georgia Tech the best it can be.

## Open Enrollment October 6th.. November 7th

## Historical Moments at Facilities

- February 98—started using AEC [10 years]
- October 1998 We start the zones structure [10 years]
- June 1999—1st issue of the revived Facilities Quarterly previously called News & Views.
- June 14 1999 —Landscape moved to new location.
- October 1999—1st Facilities Golf Tournament.
- December 1999— Add placed in the newsletter to revive the Chili Cook off.
- June 2000—Job opening in Facilities: 36 custodians, 33 landscape, and several others.

## Facilities Quarterly Editorial Staff

### *Publisher/Editor*

Bill Halabi

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Heart

Many thanks go out to all those who assisted with the publication of this newsletter.

Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.

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# Facilities Profile

## Landscape



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

We, at the Landscape Department, are responsible for Landscape and hardscape, i.e., maintaining the entire campus. We pick up trash & cigarette butts, blow the sidewalks, provide trash cans for events, repair sidewalks, walls, make signs, street sweeping, planting, watering, fertilizing, pesticide applications, parking decks, repairing equipment, digging... and a list of other duties. We also perform tree maintenance, digging, irrigation repair, street sweeping, equipment repairs, and traffic signage. We perform lawn care, weed control, disease and insect control and leaf pickup, and Pine Straw placement. We maintain East campus, west

campus and housing.

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

Most of our work is scheduled tasks. It is made up of 58 work tasks, including: trash & cigarette butt pickup, weed control & pulling, mowing, tree pruning, watering, traffic safety, equipment repairs, sidewalk repairs, etc.

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

To relocate of birds nest.

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

We were allowed to hire 58, but we only have 49 full time and 2 temps, a total of 51 employees.

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

To see the results of what we have done in front of you. What we do is very visible for all to see and not just the supervisors.

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

Managing people with different backgrounds.

### **What would the campus look like if the Landscape department was here?**

The entire campus would look like a jungle and only very few people would like to work in that environment.

# Shop News

## AREA 1

Sandra is very proud of her Daughter, Deven Jones whose Cheerleading team of Chamblee High school won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the cheerleading competition AAAA Division on Saturday at Mill's Creek High School. We would like to welcome our new employee, Stephen Liecht HVAC I and Sandra Garvin.

## AREA 2

Jeff will be out for 6-12 weeks to have surgery to repair his trigger fingers. Lee enjoyed a trip to California to see his brother who is on leave from the service. Congratulations to Kevin Earl and Billy Naromore for completing their 6 months. Scott went on a hunting trip to south Georgia with nephew from Minnesota. He killed a 100 lb hog. Perry Dewberry is still overseas with the military. Abe enjoyed a trip back to Morocco to see his family.

## AREA 3

Happy birthdays to the Mike Castille 7/22; Ronnie Croy 9/3; Melvin Jones 9/10;

We welcome our new employee Joe Meyer an A/C Mechanic. Joe and his wife Ashley moved here from Columbus, Ohio. Melvin Jones moved into his lovely new home in the Pine Lakes subdivision of Stone Mountain. Welcome Melvin to the MOUNTAIN. Johnny Roper took a trip to Florida and he had such a great time that he is ready to go back. Dennis Price has a new recipe for making bratwurst using apple juice. I know that is some good stuff. Mike Picklesimer and William Robertson participated in the Peachtree Road Race; what a



Nano Technology Center is ready to open.

way to go! The crew in Area 3 was having lunch one day and one of the employees choked on his food. Thanks to Charlie Mason for taking the CPR course because he was able to assist his coworker. Laurence Farquharson and his wife celebrated their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Donnie King and his wife Deborah are the proud grandparents of a baby girl, Austin.

Tim Rodgers gave the crew some apples from his mother-in-law's apple tree and we did not let them go to waste; we made apple pies. Umm-good. His wife also made homemade fig preserve; again, Umm-good.

Pete and his wife Deborah were blessed with a new granddaughter – Gya Lanese – she weighed in at 6lbs. 20 oz. Oh what a Joy!

Matthew Ryll and Kevin Marks are both working in the Nano bldg. Good luck to James Frazier

and Mukhtar Ramzan "Moto" who resigned last month.



Deborah and Pete grand daughter, Gya

## AREA 5

The Area 5 Team would like to welcome three new A/C Mechanics. We have Mr. Juan Rodriguez who started in April, Mr. Pei-Chun Cheng (James) and Mr. Charlie Harris who both started in August. Welcome all!

We would also like to congratulate Dwayne Devezin on the arrival of his new baby girl born on July 9, 2008 weighing at 7lb 1oz.

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# Shop News

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## Staging

Congratulations to Low. He will be a father in four months. Welcome to Rod Barron to the staging shop.

## Landscape

Donna Chronic is back and doing well. Thank you all for your prayers and well wishes!! Keep them coming. If you see her around campus, don't forget to say hello. Cheryl's granddaughter Kyla is now in her terrible 2 year stage. She is growing like a week and talking up a storm! Truly grandma's joy!!

## Building Services

Alice Ward is back at work and free from pain. Alice was out for eight months due to knee replacement surgery. Alice states that the surgery was a success and a very good thing



Cheryl Grand daughter, Kyla.

as she is no longer in pain. Alice works in Zone 1 and is shown here with her co-workers Lolita Ringfield and Gwen Walter. Welcome back Alice.



Darrell Craft

## Employees at Work



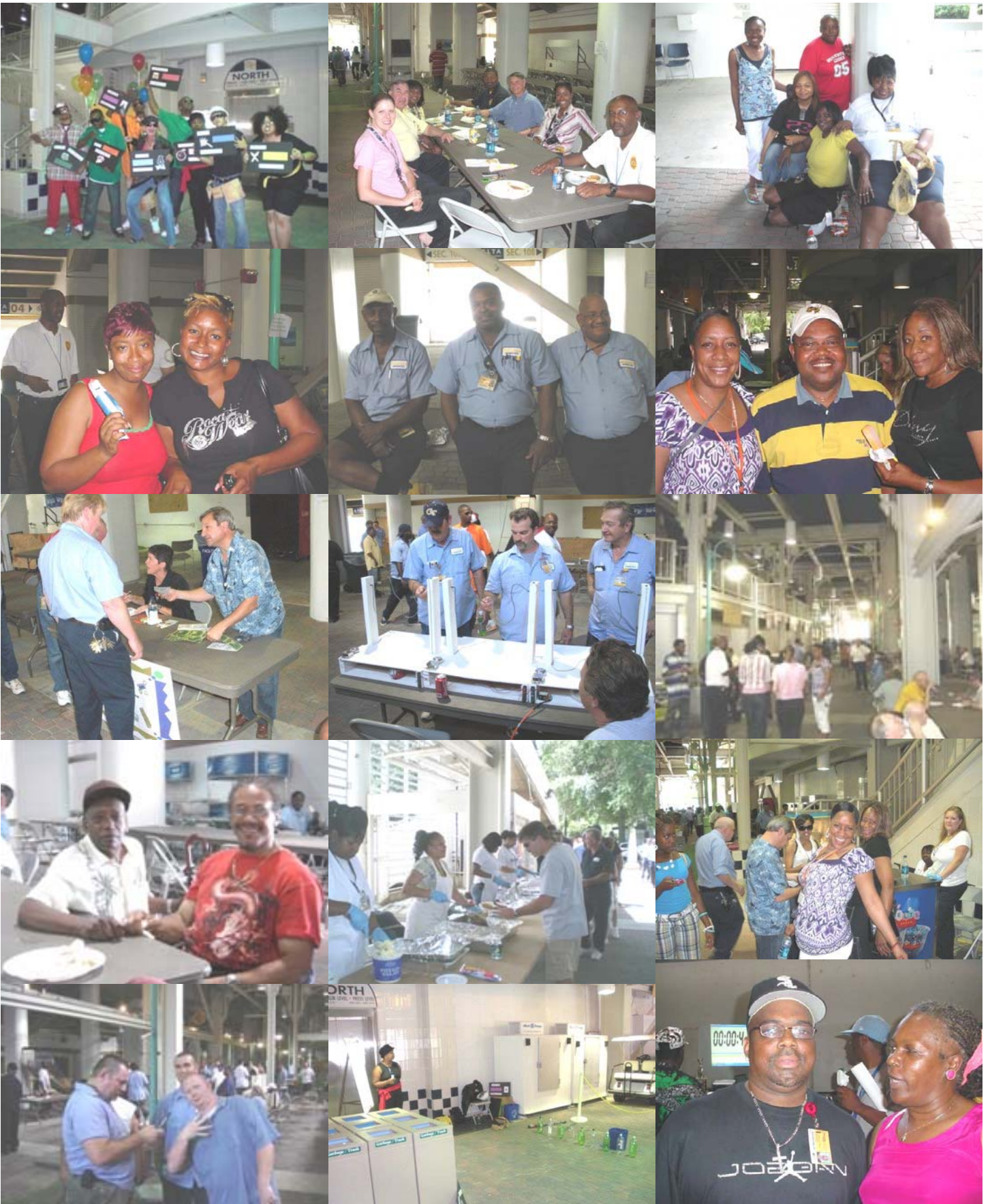


# 2008 Carnival





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# Construction Update

## New Women Softball Stadium



Atlantic Drive will Close Soon



Future Site of Clough Innovative Learning Center.



Site of the Water Reclamation Tanks at EST





# Welcome to Our New Director of Design & Construction



We would like to welcome our new Director of Design and Construction, Scott Jones. Scott is a 1978 Tech graduate with a bachelor degree in architecture. He is a registered architect in Georgia with extensive experience in construction management. Please help welcome him to Facilities.

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We are saddened to announce the sudden passing of Sheila Jackson, our Architecture Designer. She had been at Tech for 13 years. She suffered a pulmonary Embolism [ blood clot in the lung.]

## We would like to welcome our new employees who have been hired in the last few months.

Garvin, Sandra Kaye	Production Control Asst
Leicht, Stephen David	Air Conditioning Mechanic I
Meyer, Joseph K	Air Conditioning Mechanic I
Martin Jr., Thomas L	Grounds Foreperson
Cheng, Pei-Chun	Air Conditioning Mechanic I
Harris Jr, Charlie W	Air Conditioning Mechanic II

Mensah, Emmanuel D	Custodian II
Banks, Jason J	Custodian II
Donald, Anya M	Custodian I
Osekre, Rockiea A	Custodian I
Williams, Joseph E	Custodian I
Furlow, Keith A	Custodian I
Barden, Charles E	Custodian III
Bray, Terrence B	Custodian I
Fonjungo, Esendegeh R	Custodian II
Arnold, Corliss L	Custodian
Andrews, Myiecha Nicol	Custodian I
Dexter, Brian N	Custodian II
West, Alan A	Custodian II
Redding, Ashley	Custodian I
Harrish, Adrian J	Custodian I
Jordan, Shaneiqua Q	Custodian II
Lewis, Kimsherrian	Custodian II

Andrews, Everett C	Custodian I
Marshall, Gary A	Custodian II
Watts, Crystal Geneva	Custodian I
Davis, Malcolm A	Custodian II
Harris, Kevin Vincent	Custodian III
Riles, Derrick A	Custodian II

Brown, Kimberly Margar	Project Manager
Jones, Darrell S	Dir-Fac Design & Const

Hester, Frank D	Grounds Keeper I
Dzegah, Kodzo	Grounds Keeper I
Meshesha, Belay Beyene	Grounds Keeper I
Harvey, Jordan S	Grounds Keeper I
Nowell, Ricky A	Grounds Keeper I
Blodgett, Matthew Alle	Grounds Keeper III
Curtis, Jason L	Horticulturist I
Jones, Nicholas D	Grounds Keeper II
Sparti, Amanda Paolina	Grounds Keeper II
Gyonev, Ivan A	Grounds Keeper I

Graves, Gregory L	Welder II
Zarate, Michael T	Steam Equipment Mechanic II

## Ed Guida Goes to Texas

### **How long did you work at Tech?**

9 1/2 years

### **What positions did you hold at Tech?**

I was the director of EHS from February 1999 to April 2006. Then I served as senior Environmental Engineer from May 2006 to August 2008.

### **Where are you going?**

I have accepted a job at the University of Texas at Arlington. It is close to my wife's family.

### **How did GT change over the last 9 years?**

I have seen EHS grow to meet the needs of growing research community on campus. I appreciate how the great improvement that EHS has done over the years under the leadership of Chuck Rhode.

### **Last word.**

I have enjoyed my time with EHS and facilities coworkers. I wish everyone continued success.



## Todd Berman Leaves Ga Tech

Area 4 held a going away party for their beloved Manager Todd. Todd accepted the position of director of Facilities at Delanoga college. Todd will be missed by his customers, coworkers, and employees. We wish him good luck.





## No Comments



## Georgia Tech Football Games Are Getting Green

The Recycling department had their second Game Day recycling on Saturday September 20 with 1.15 tons of plastic bottles, aluminum cans and glass recycled.



## Area 1 Holds a Retirement Party for Judy Harper



## Accolades

Bill

Just wanted to let you know that **Jeff and Billy** done a great job installing the counter top at the Chiller Plant.

David Jordan

Special thanks to **Mr. Simfeley Tchedou** for his prompt and courteous job well done yesterday in the Library; I was inspecting the custodial closets in Rich when originally meeting Mr. Sim. He efficiently replaced the bulbs in rooms #307, #410, #502, & #703 before I proceeded to the next building. Working together as a team to care for our customers is one of the most rewarding aspects of my job.

Sincerely,  
Naomi Fields  
Building Services Inspector

**Garry:**

I just wanted to take a minute to express my appreciation **to you and your team**. The Academy looked fantastic last night and the event was a great success thanks to all of you. Each request was addressed timely and in a very professional manner. Pat Wichmann of the Foundation was

very impressed with the attention to detail and willingness of your team to do everything possible to enhance the facility.

Our partnership at the Academy is wonderful and I look forward to working with you going forward.

Thank you again,  
Kim D. Harrington

To all **Landscape Staff**

I asked Jerome Swanson from Landscape to take care of parking deck trash; he called me back within 10 minutes letting me know that the trash has been removed. Cheryl, please tell Jerome thanks for responding so quickly.  
Daniel *Desaussure*

**Hyacinth**

would like to thank everyone for responding so fast yesterday to help with the fallen tree limb at the president's house. The team work was very impressive. All the guests arrived not knowing the gate and path had been blocked just hours before.

Carol Hogan  
Assistant to the President

Dear **Bill, Mark,**

Thanks very much for adjusting the air flow and temp in L1205 so quickly. The room is much better now and the students are no longer complaining about the stuffiness of the lecture room.

Thanks again,  
Patty

Mr. Croy,

I would like to thank **Mr. Donnie King** for his support of the College of Computing over the past six months. His hard work has made a noticeable difference in our facility.

I further appreciate Donnie's commitment in helping us prepare for the fall semester. He worked diligently to complete all requests in a timely manner. I have received positive comments from both faculty and staff regarding his job performance.

We are fortunate to have Donnie working with our maintenance team and for providing us with consistent, dependable, and efficient help.

Sincerely,  
Russell J Poole,  
College of Computing  
Director of Technology Services

## Recycling Department Wins Second Award

Georgia Tech's Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling was recently awarded the Outstanding College or University Program from the National Recycling Coalition's (NRC) 2008 Annual Awards Program. This is a prestigious, national award which continues the track record set by the Recycling Department earlier this year when they won the American Forest & Paper Association's University Recycling Award.

Cindy Jackson, Manager of Solid Waste Management and Recycling attended the NRC's Annual Congress & Expo in September and accepted the award on Georgia Tech's behalf.

