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Facilities' Holiday Luncheon 2009

The 2009 Holiday Luncheon was a great success. Thanks to Cindy Jackson, Ronnie Croy, and all committee members. It was held at Woodruff dining hall. It was nice to see some of the new and older retirees. Thanks to Joe and Wendy for volunteering to be the Santa and Mrs. Clause. See page 6 and 7 for more photos.



Bobby Burdette Passes Away



Warren's Page

Happy New Year! I guess some things don't change. I looked back at what I wrote for the newsletter this time last year and saw we had some "uncharacteristic cold weather." This year we have had the same thing, only worse than last year. The roads were treacherous and we had a "snow day." Very unusual for Georgia Tech. Even though it was a snow day for most, we had some Facilities folks lend a hand to help make the roads, sidewalks and building entrances possible. We also had significant challenges to keep the campus warm during these cold snaps. Not only we had the cold temperatures, but the scarceness of fuel required careful attention. Because natural gas was in such high demand, our supply was cut off. We expect this during periods of high demands and have alternative fuels in the way of propane, electric boiler and purchasing natural gas from other sources. Hank Wood and Harold Cash did a masterful job of juggling all these options to not only make sure the campus had heat but had heat at the lowest possible cost. We continue to face budget challenges. Unfortunately this year

was not any better than last year. In fact the furloughs many of us had to take resulted in reduction in our income. Hopefully we will have no more furloughs this fiscal year as well as the next fiscal year. As crazy as it sounds if we don't have furloughs in FY2011 it will seem like a raise since we lost pay in the FY2010 furloughs. I do hope FY2011 will be the last bad budget year and we can look forward to getting back to normal in FY2012. In spite of our budget and weather woes, I continue to be impressed with the outstanding way we continue to perform as an organization. The outstanding organizations whose job it is to evaluate the performance of organizations like us continue to recognize us as one of the best operations and maintenance organization. I am sure you all know about the reorganization of Administration and Finance. This reorganization streamlined Administration and Finance and significantly impacted many organizations. The biggest impact to us was EH&S will again be part of Facilities. Our AVP, Chuck Rhode will continue to be one of the five major functions reporting directly



to the Executive Vice President for Administration and Finance. This is clearly recognition of how important what we do is viewed by the senior leadership of campus. Once again we had more than 50 employees with perfect attendance. Fifteen new employees were added to the list this year. The five year club this year included 13 employees who I will invite out for lunch at the Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center.

Also need to thank Cindy Jackson and Ronnie Croy for putting on another very enjoyable holiday luncheon.

I can't close without noting the large void we have in our organization with the passing of Bobby Burdette

Retirement at Building Services

We wish Inez Howard, Joyce Hines, and Sarah Parish good retirement.



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Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.

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Building Services Zone 1



1. How many employees are there in your zone?

20

2.. How many zones are there?

11

3. What area does your zone cover?

Nuclear, Global Learning, O'Keefe, FAB, Klaus, Library,

Admin., Savant, Hinman, Rich. Comp., DCOM, Wardlaw, Boggs

4. What are the names of your employees?

Clarence Jones, George Faust, Brandon Savage, Marie Efemenga, David Kidd, Deborah Dudley, Lolita Ringfield, Glenda Sykes, Warren Freeman, Jaime Gomez, Darrell Craft, Patrick Price, Richard Murphy, Willie Bailey, Dorothy Holt, Bernice Williams, Johnya Lewis, Samuel Gardner, Alice Ward, Keith Furlow.

5. Who is the supervisor?

Mandel Mitchell.

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

The employees in Zone 1 know what to expect. Over the years we have maintained a high standard. I would like to thank you for going above and beyond the job requirement. You are always professional and courteous when interacting with customers.

Our Friend Bobby

The facilities family is mourning the sudden death of Bobby Burdette. He has been at Tech for over twenty years. He started in the Landscape department and moved to become a roofer. For a long time, he was the only roofer on campus. Bobby is missed much by everybody. Here are some of the comments that Bobby's coworkers said about him.

most up beat, positive, can do person I have ever known

A respectful and respected person

He was always so positive

He loved his Mom and always talked about her

He loved hunting

I wish there were more Bobby Burdette in the world

A happy and thankful person

Cold and heat will not prevent Bobby from performing his roof inspection

He was a fisherman. We have had his fish in our cook out

A happy soul (like a baby soul)

He was always upbeat and would do anything for anyone

He loved to help people around him

He never said no to any task given to him

most pleasant, friendly, sweetest guys I have ever met

"He is one of the sweetest souls I've ever met... I will truly miss him. Heaven will be a better place to have him there...very saddened by our loss of Bobby."

He always accepted his tasks with appreciation and joy

He always had a smile and thumb up every time I spoke with him

Bobby was sociable, approachable, enterprising, and most of all showed concern and affection to everyone he came across

One day years ago while traveling down Northside Drive after work, I need to get over to the next lane to make a turn. Riding beside me was Bobby in his truck with the big mud tires. When Bobby saw it was me he stopped the traffic in his lane. He got out of his truck and stopped the traffic in the next lane so I could get over to make my turn. Bobby, being the gentleman he always was, politely bowed to me, blew me a kiss and proceeded to let traffic move. I can tell everyone – if you ever had the chance to meet Bobby, you met a friend for life. I will always carry him in my heart.

There was no one on campus as cheerful about his job, and so thoughtful, kind, funny, and genuinely nice as Bobby Burdette. I remember once he was cleaning leaves off the roof of the MSN Building on Cherry Street, and as I entered the building, he dumped a pile of leaves on me - we both had a good laugh. He was a ray of sunshine to me and a lot of people on this campus.

It's not how he died, it's how he lived his life



Availability Report

Congratulations to Area 3 employees who as a group had the lowest availability rate for 8 consecutive years. They had 0.274. Much lower than our target of 0.600. In 2009, we had 51 employees who did not take any sick leave. It is the same number as in 2008.

Name	Area	Year(s) - Consecutively	Name	Area	Years Consecutively
Belton, Kelly	Central Shops	1			
Bentley, Michael	Area II	1	Amouzouvi, Alowou	Landscape	4
Briard, Marvin	Central Shops	1	Blalock, Tony	Area IV	4
Cheng, Pei-Chun	Area V	1	Cash, Harold	U&E	4
Harding, Wesley	U&E	1	Dronzin, Vladimir	Area III	4
Hineman, Rodd	Area I	1	Jordan, David	U&E	4
Hunter, Brandon	Area IV	1	Lampley, Henry	Central Shops	4
Jackson, Lillie	Bldg Svcs	1	Li, Xi Yu	U&E	4
Karka, Kpouso	Area IV	1	Meadows, Joseph	Area I	4
Martin, Thomas	Recycling	1	Nix, Claude	Bldg Svcs	4
Moad, Zuheir	U&E	1			
Price, Patrick	Bldg Svcs	1	Auzla, Onkar	Area III	5
Roberson, Dwayne	Recycling	1	Blume, Timmy	Area I	5
Steele, Rena	Bldg Svcs	1	DeSaussure, Daniel	Bldg Svcs	5
Ward, Alice	Bldg Svcs	1	Roberts, George	Landscape	5
			Smith, Cindy	Bldg Svcs	6
Byrd, Glen	Central Shops	2			
Calhoun, David	Area I	2	Crumbley, Bruce	U&E	7
Harbour, James	Area III	2	Roper, John	Area III	7
Lee, Gentle	Area II	2	Zachary, Ronnie	Area II	7
Robertson, William	Area III	2			
Sheffield, Andy	Area IV	2	Cody, Hugh	Central Shops	9
Smith, Dennis	U&E	2	Porter, Marvin	Bldg Svcs	9
Walls, Phillip	Area IV	2			
Walsh, Michael	Landscape	2	Croy, Ronnie	Area III	12
Williams, Darryl	Bldg Svcs	2	English, Antonio	Bldg Svcs	12
Wilson, Mary	Bldg Svcs	2	Williams, Terry	Area III	12
Heib, Jason	Central Shops	3			
Moore, Shawn	Area IV	3			
Tchedou, Simfeiley	Area IV	3			

Welcome to Our New Employees

Derrick Riles - 6/11 - Custodian II	Johnny Peters - 8/27 - Custodian II	Michael Swift - 10/22 - Utility Worker
Malcolm Davis - 6/18 - Custodian II	Antonio Johnson - 9/13 - Custodian I	David Long - 10/29 - Maintenance Worker
Lizzie Newsome - 6/25 - Custodian I	Marco Aviles - 9/19 - Roofer I	Micahel Tiabo - 10/9 - Air Conditioning Mechanic I
Willie Atterberry - 6/26 - Custodian II	Demarco Marshall - 9/17 - Utility Worker	Annette Clifford - 1/4 - Production Control Assistant
Robert Damaree - 7/30 - Grounds-keeper II	Douglas Carter - 9/28 - Groundkeeper III	David Poythress Jr - 1/4 - Air Conditioning Mechanic I
Ivan Gyonev - 7/30 - Grounds-keeper I	Shemika Calloway - 9/24 - Custodian I	
Yolanda Harbey - 8/6 - Custodian I	Ruth Driver - 9/24 - Custodian I	
Floyd Mitchell - 8/13 - Custodian I	James Harris - 10/1 - Custodian I	
Jodia Breazeale - 8/20 - Custodian I	Britonia Epps - 10/1 - Custodian I	
Johnya Lewis - 8/20 - Custodian I	Martin Munoz - 10/19 - Groundskeeper II	
	Don Brooksire - 10/18 - Painter I	

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Steve Payton Retires

1. How long did you work at tech ?

28 Years

2. What was Tech Like then and now ?

Georgia Tech changed tremendously since I came here. Georgia Tech Landscape was horrible. There wasn't much plant, benches or trees. There weren't many sidewalks or trails for the students.

3. What positions did you hold ?

I was first hired as bobcat operator, then I was upgraded to a concrete mason I, then a concrete mason II, and then a lead person.

4. What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech during your time here ?

The Olympics was a very memorable time. Being part of that was exciting. I enjoyed meeting people from different countries, and relating to them and their differences. I meet x Stephenson who fought Mohammad Ali. I also met Shannon Miller who won the old medal in Gymnastic.

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

Basically travel and take care of my properties and spend more time with my mother.



Willie Wright Retires

1. How long did you work at tech ?

30 Years

2. What was Tech Like then and now ?

Same just bigger

3. What positions did you hold ?

Custodian I

4. What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech during your time here ?

I am going to miss all these nice people my boss Chalette Mitchell and all my co-workers and friends.

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

All I am going to do once I retire is sit in my rocking chair

6. Last word to your coworkers.

Nice working with you all, and I hope you all have a longer time at Georgia Tech than I did.



Willie Stephen Retires

1. How long did you work at tech ?

23 Years

2. What was Tech Like then and now ?

Georgia Tech has changed a lot.

3. What positions did you hold ?

Maintenance I,II, Foreperson, Acting Manager twice.

4. What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech during your time here ?

Olympics.

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

I am going to spend more time with my father.

6. Last word to your coworkers.

I enjoyed working with them; I am not going to forget them. I will be back to see them. I enjoyed working on all the different assignments (picnic, Chili cook-off and other functions.)



Recycling Receives Two Awards

The Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling, which has been working hard to promote and expand recycling on campus, recently received awards for two of its longest running programs: the annual Student Move-In & Move-Out Recycling/Reuse Drive and the annual Earth Day Celebration. The Student Move-In & Move-Out Recycling/Reuse Drive won a Waste Reduction Award in the schools/youth groups category of the prestigious 2009 Keep Georgia Beautiful Competition. This program was recognized for collecting more than 30,000 pounds of cardboard, Styrofoam, food, clothes, and household goods in 2009 and diverting these materials from the landfill. For thirteen consecutive years the Student Move-In & Move-Out Recycling/Reuse Drive has enabled students to donate and recycle unwanted items as they move into and out of their dorms each fall and spring.



The second award is a Recognition of Excellence, given to the 2009 Earth Day Celebration in the Annual Events category at the inaugural Georgia Tech Gold Tower Awards Ceremony. President Peterson presented the awards, which were created to recognize excellence in communications and Marketing at Georgia Tech. The judges were impressed with the attention given to sustainability at the Earth Day Celebration, and with the results of the event's recycling and reuse efforts, which included 3,248 pounds of electronics, 49 ink and toner cartridges, 500 athletic shoes, and more than \$7,000 worth of office supplies.



13th Georgia Tech Facilities Golf



Place: Browns Mill
When: Wednesday May 19, 2010 @
7:30 AM



Cost: \$50 (Lunch included)
Please sign up with Bill Halabi /
Gary Lockerman



Accolades

Mike

I just wanted to let you know that the steps from O'Keefe that go down to 8th Street (the one we use everyday to walk to and from work) have been looking terrific. They are clear of leaves and debris, they really look nice and are definitely safer. Yesterday I saw **Mr. Meshesha** working in that area blowing leaves. If he's the person who has been taking care of those steps, then he's doing an AWESOME JOB!!!!

Thank you and your staff for keeping GT beautiful. Keep up the good work!

Patricia Ficenc

Hyacinth,

Our Housing Department hosted the Georgia Housing Association annual meeting here this week. The members were very complimentary and somewhat surprised at what a beautiful campus we have, right in the middle of a very large city.

Roz

Tonya

Please extend our thanks to the facilities **Area 2 guys** for working so hard to get the hot water at CRB fixed.

Sharon K. Bishop

Jo Ann-

I wanted to thank **you and Scott** for all your help fixing and regulating our heat last week. Please let Scott know how much we appreciated all his work and help.

He was really wonderful coming by twice a day to take the room temperatures and making sure that the heat was functioning properly.

I'm sure you all must have been swamped with complaints about

not enough heat last week. Thank you for taking such good care of us. It is blissfully warm now. Chris is still stalled in Florida with car trouble, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed you won't be hearing from me about some other malfunction before he returns. Thank you and Scott again for all your wonderful help. Ginger

Ginger H. Amoni

Georgia Tech Alumni Association

Mr. Hyacinth B. Ide,

Congratulations! Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)'s Tree Campus USA recertification application has been approved! This is an accomplishment that shows your true dedication to environmental stewardship on campus and assures your students and administration beautiful and well-managed campus trees.

In the next couple weeks, an official congratulatory letter will be mailed to you and your university president, along with your recognition materials and a press release that can be used at your disposal. You should be very proud of your achievement.

Again, I congratulate you on receiving Tree Campus USA distinction and your dedication to creating a more sustainable world for all!

Mary Widhelm

Program Coordinator
Arbor Day Foundation

Hi Cindy,

I just read that you got another award! Congratulations again, glad to hear you got this one with the new president around. We are doing well, but we do miss all you great award getters at GT!

Robert K. Thompson

James Harbour (Area 3)

On Saturday evening on behalf of all of your colleagues, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to you for your successful efforts to turn off the water and save extensive damage to the Marcus Building.

I wish you a most enjoyable Sunday and look forward to seeing you Monday.

Jim

Antonio Johnson found a wallet with \$1,600 in the MRDC Building. He turned over the wallet to the department and was given a reward by the owner.

Hi Mr. Halabi,

Greg helped to coordinate the moving of the crates from the ES&T to the Whitaker building with Staging, and he kept in touch with me as the transportation, floor cleaning, and table assembly was arranged. **Greg Dumas** accommodated last minute research activities in our lab and got the floor stripped and waxed in preparation for the move.

Maurice Zellner and Greg Prater worked tirelessly to get everything unpacked and assembled. This was no small task: the steel tables were very heavy, and one crate was over 10 feet long! Maurice and Greg kept working until after 9:00pm, and made sure everything was done to my satisfaction. The area was cleaned and swept; the next day, you would never have known that such a massive job had taken place!

Everyone I spoke to during this process was very helpful, and they made sure the work was done right. Many thanks for a job well done.

Eileen Finnegan, Ph. D.