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DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES

Facilities Quarterly

Chili Cook Off 2011

Congratulations to Utilities and Energy for taking the coveted 1st place trophy in the 2011 Chili Cook Off! Pictured on the right with Warren Page are the chefs-David, Clarence, and Wayne.

Thanks goes out to our judges: Lisa Sills, Teresa Crocker, Scott Morris, Jim Kirk, Pat McKenna. And a very special thanks to our **First Lady, Val Peterson**, who judged the booth, dessert and hat contest.

Area 2's cook, Peppé (pictured on the right), came in second in the contest of chili cooks. Also, in Area 2, Annette Clifford and Peppé won Best Table Decoration.



The current Putt-Putt Champion for 2011 (left), Andy Sheffield, had a swinging good time this year! **Courtney** (pictured above right) from Building Services won the horseshoe contest.

Warren presents **Lolita** from Building Services with the 3rd place trophy in the Chili Cook Off contest.



The winner in the 3 point shoot out was Harry Hannah, (pictured on the right).

Warren's Page

The end of the school year and with most of the students leaving for the summer it leaves the Campus a little like a deflated balloon. I miss the energy the students bring to the Campus but do have to admit the change of pace is not bad. Also, the summer gives us the opportunity to do some things to our buildings and grounds not possible when the Campus is so busy.

You may have noticed we've made some changes in our organization. The Lock Shop, Staging and Storeroom are now a part of Building Services and we have a new energy group. The energy group will focus on finding ways for us to conserve utilities by making us and our facilities more efficient. The shops and operations in U&E have also been consolidated into Utilities Maintenance function. The organization chart is available on our Facilities website.

We have experienced lots of changes in the way we do things this past year. We have the new Buzzmart Purchasing System, new job classification system, new

travel management system, and new employee evaluation system. A lot for us all to grasp at one time but we seem to be working our way through it all. I do want to comment on the new evaluation system. We all just finished being evaluated on our performance for the past year to include being evaluated on how we did with our goals for the first time. The next step in the evaluation process is for us to establish our goals for the coming evaluation cycle (April, 2011 – June 30, 2012) with our supervisors. We are to have at least two goals established with our supervisor prior to October 30, 2011. Attaining our individual performance goals is going to be an increasingly important part of our evaluation process so it is very important for us all to give careful consideration to the goals we establish for ourselves for the coming year.

The Clough Building is on schedule to open for business the fall semester. This is an exciting new building with many challenges for us. We will be assuming



responsibility for maintaining this 24/7, 365 days, high energy building in June. The completion of the Clough Building, the restoration of the Green, and the return of the Campanile to operation will restore some normalcy to the center of our Campus.

Again this year The Chili Cook Off was a good time for us all. In addition to having opportunity to have some VIP Judges visit with us. Thanks to Garry Lockerman and his team for putting this event together for us the third consecutive year.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Employee Appreciation Picnic this summer and wish you all an enjoyable summer.

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

The following employees have been employed at Georgia Tech for 10 years:

Holloway, Robert	Facilities
Goldfarb, David	Dir-Financial Admin II
Lafleur, Charles	Dir-Info Tech I
Ford, Brandon	Staging Foreperson
Gilbert, Marie	Custodian I
Harrison, Lillie	Custodian III
Jimenez, Teresa	Custodian I
Rucker, Yvonne	Custodian I
Lamia, Frank	Associate Director
Goss, Stanley	Grounds Keeper III
Li, Xi	A/C Mechanic II
Sywak, Steve	IT Support Prof II

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

The following employees have been employed at Georgia Tech for 25 years:

Harrah Lorrie	Accountant I
Blalock Tony	Multi-Craft Foreperson
Maynard, Taffie	Bldg Services Superintendent
Woodard, Chester	Custodian I
Crumbley, Bruce	Electrician III

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Spotlight on Zone 3



1. How many employees are there in your zone?

We have 18 employees in zone 3.

2. What area does your zone cover?

Our zone covers the following buildings: Daycare, Baker, C.R.B. ,490 tenth street , 505

Tenth Street, Police Station, 250 14th Street , Exp. House .

3. What are the names of your employees?

The employees in Zone 3 are Sheila Stephens, Rena Steele, Sandra Glass, Sandra Butler, Brenda Norwood, Barbara

Ferguson, Myiecha Andrews, Joy Manning ,Reginald Schell, Oscar Cosby, Deadra Lester, John Harp Jonathan Craft, Marie Gilbert, Lewis Taylor, Ebony Pearson.

4. Who is the supervisor?

Our supervisor is Cindy Smith.

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<http://www.facilities.gatech.edu/newsletters/>

In the Heat of Hotlanta



Drink Plenty of Fluids

During hot weather for those of you working outdoors you will need to increase your fluid intake. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink plenty of water!



Know the Symptoms of Heat Related Illness

Heat-induced illness can cause a person to become confused or lose consciousness. When working in the heat, look out for each other, and take action when there are signs of dizziness, disorientation or profuse sweating. The first step is to get the worker out of the heat and get emergency medical attention immediately.

Photos of Landscape Employees- M'Nere, Ricky & Abo- 3 (above left), Jason Curtis (above) staying in the shade. Below - Marco climbing up to the hot roof. Abdikadir M'Nere from Landscape drinking plenty of water on the job!



Summer Weather Hazards

As we transition into summer, be mindful of the North Georgia climate and the traditional weather hazards experienced by Atlantans. Our severe weather threat changes in the summer, with much of the threat coming from isolated and scattered afternoon thunderstorms and showers. While most of these storms are not severe, they often produce frequent lightning and heavy downpours. Hail and severe wind gusts are possible, but the tornado threat is typically low.



Typical Summer Weather Hazards in Atlanta

- Afternoon/Evening Thunderstorms
 - Lightning
 - Heavy Rain (Urban Street Flooding)
 - Gusty Winds
 - Hail
- Extreme Heat

What You Can Do

Stay Informed

This is the most fundamental step in all emergency preparedness. Know the forecast for today and tomorrow and do not get caught flat-footed.

Go to www.weather.gov/atlanta for the latest area forecast.

Follow the GT Office of Emergency Preparedness on Facebook or @gtpdalerts on Twitter.

Recognize threatening weather conditions

Lightning can strike well-before a storm has fully matured. Lightning flashes, thunder, cool wind gusts, and darkening clouds are good indicators of threatening weather. Seek shelter!

Communicate to others

Don't be shy about warning others of the threat. If you see others outdoors, advise them of the danger and encourage them to seek shelter.

Plan outdoor activities with safe shelter

Always have a safe place of refuge in mind, especially in the summer with the lightning threat.

Stay hydrated

Atlanta is definitely hot and proper precautions should always be taken to prevent heat-related illnesses. Take time to properly acclimatize to the heat and stay hydrated.

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News



Area 2

Annette's daughter, Katie, is studying abroad this summer in Verona, Italy. She has visited London, Munich, Salzburg and Venice with plans to visit Florence and Rome before she returns home.

Bill's grandchild, Alexander, is now 4 months old!

Area 3 - Our condolences go out to

Melvin Jones and Charlie Mason for the recent loss of their mothers. Congratulations to Andy Zabinski on the arrival of his second grand baby, Irena Elizabeth Martin. She weighed 6 Lb 10 Oz and was 18 1/2 inches long. Mama and baby are doing fine.

Area 4 - is excited about the new Clough Building which will be occupied in mid-August. This building is filled with new technology!

Stanley is enjoying his vacation with his family in Disney World.

We wish Tim Jesse good luck back in Maryland and we welcome new employee, Gerald Hunter.

Area 5 - We are proud of Andy for being the Putt-Putt champ in Facilities.

Gary is excited about the upcoming arrival of a new grandchild. We are happy Sonia is able to live the high life while her kids are in Boston!

We would like to welcome William Hardman and Randy Dunn to our area.

Lock Shop

Jason is excited about his upcoming adventure of a **3,700** mile trip to Michigan, Mount Rushmore, Oklahoma and then back to Atlanta.

Building Services

Congratulations to Abraham Majak for making the Dean's List with Honors during the Spring Term! Congratulations to William Tandongfor for completing the requirements for a master degree in educational leadership. William would like to thank all those who helped him achieve this great milestone in his life. We welcome our new employee Roosevelt Bryant.

Energy Department



Happy Birthday to Sophia Del Risco, Federico's daughter, who just turned 2!

Sanford's son, Bryan, is finally potty trained. Sanford will use the extra money for a vacation!

Recycling

Recycling welcomes two new employees: Nick Giles and David Pina.

Business

Sharon's daughter Amanda is considering attending North Georgia College next year. She received the Georgia Certificate of Merit for being in the top 5% of eleventh graders in Georgia.

Scott's younger son is starting kindergarten in the fall, his middle daughter is excited about starting 2nd grade and his oldest daughter will be starting middle school.

Utilities Maintenance



Eric Denison's daughter, London Marie Denison, was born March 18th and was 9lbs 1oz. She is 3 months old now and sleeping through the night drinking 8oz of milk.

News



Welcome Donald Hamilton

I am pleased to announce that Donald Hamilton (photo on left) has accepted the position of Building Services Supervisor for Zone 12 (CULC).

Mr. Hamilton is a retired Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army and has spent the last six (6) years at Grady Memorial Hospital as an Operations Manager.

Please join me in welcoming Donald to the Building Services Department.

Three Generations of Tech Family



The Roper's family started at Tech back in October 1960 with Ralph Roper who started in Facilities as Carpenter and worked there until he retired in 1990 as a sheet metal worker. Then his son Johnny started in 1985 as a carpenter in Facilities and he is still employed in area 3. Nick is Johnny's son. He started as a maintenance worker in area 4 in 2003 and was promoted to AC Mechanic and he still works in Area 4.

Fred Dolder Retires April 30, 2011



When did you start at Tech? August of 1993

What brought you to Tech? To support the Georgia Tech Olympic/Paralympics effort in establishing the Olympic and Paralympics Villages and venues on campus.

What kind of projects were you involved with? Curran Street Parking Deck, City of Atlanta's Orme Street Trunk Relief Sewer, Structural Engineering and Material Research Lab, Ford Environmental Science and Technology Building, U.A. Whitaker Biomedical Engineering Building, Molecular Science and Engineering Building, the Football Indoor Practice Facility, the Tennis Center Expansion, and many, many others!

What would you like to say to your coworkers at Tech? It's been a pleasure and a privilege to work for Georgia Tech and contribute to the changing face and improvements on campus. I could not have achieved what I have without the help of the Facilities "team" and my colleagues in Design & Construction. Thanks for your help!

Building Services Won Ice cream from Majic 107.5/97.5 radio station



Retirement Luncheon For Sam Gardner

Samuel Gardner's tenure at GA Tech began on January 9, 1992. He was hired by Robert Jackson to work on the Project Crew.

Samuel was assigned to the Night Crew, better known as the Graveyard Shift. His duties were to keep the floors stripped, buffed, and mopped. Over the years Samuel's duties have varied. He was a very knowledgeable and flexible employee. He was the employee you would go to when you were challenged with how to remedy a situation with a bad floor or floor finish. He was the one who was always willing to assist you with anything that needed to be done without complaining. He kept us on our toes and laughing during his entire time here while continuing to get the job done.

Samuel worked in Building Services for his entire tenure. His supervisors were Joseph James, Taffie Maynard, Charley Chapmen, Daniel Desaussure and Mandale Mitchell. His Superintendents were



Henry Alston, Tommy Little, Gregory Flamer, Vernon Thompson, Patrick Johnson, Bill Perkins, Taffie Maynard and Daniel Desaussure.

"Sam", as we at Building Services call him, states that he doesn't know what he will do with all his time during retirement but he knows that his wife, Gail, will not allow him to be idle.

Sam wishes to thank everyone in Facilities for the opportunity to work in a department that made him feel like family.

Accolades

Warren,
I wanted to take a moment to commend someone, under you, that I think is doing a fantastic job. I wanted you to know that **Kyla Reese** has been very professional and courteous. It is very different since Kyla has been in the driver's seat, in her field.
In my role, I count on her for all my vehicle needs, and concerns. She is very prompt, and has been a life saver many times! She has, and is, making ME look good, for goodness sakes! She has quick, knowledgeable answers when I need them for my director, and bosses.
I don't freely write compliments for just anyone, but I think Kyla is

really top-notch. Excellent hiring decision!

Thank you,
Sam Pierce Harrell, III
GTRI

Bill,
I want to thank you and your guys for the fantastic job that was done to prepare for the outage and for the onsite monitoring during the process. **Ozzaer Maxwell** extended himself to communicate with each lab and kept me in the loop, as to the status of the work. He is a real pleasure to work with and highly consistent with his level of professionalism.

Gregory Prater was onsite from the

start to the finish and did an outstanding job of letting me know of any delays and their impact on the completion time. He too, consistently raises the bar when asked to interface with multiple parties, like contractors, engineering, myself, and occupants. He has always shown great perseverance in his work and we are lucky to have him in Area 2 as well.

Bill, Thanks again for all the cooperation. Your efforts are very appreciated.

Jeff Curtiss
Facilities Manager

Accolades

Dear Ms. Hammett,
Through the day we bombard you with requests and complaints. Thought I would take a moment and say Thank you to **you and the whole group of Area 4** that help keep this building running.
Again Thanks, Rudy

Garry
I just wanted to commend your group on the great customer service in their response to our HVAC situation yesterday. We noticed an issue with one of our AHU's yesterday morning and diagnosed that the VFD was dead and needed to be replaced. Your group was contacted and quickly responded and had a new VFD ordered, installed, and completely operational before the end of the working day. I am impressed with how well our groups not only worked together to get this issue resolved but how seamless the process seemed to the residents of the area as well. This is truly an example of how facilities maintenance is done right and I wanted to make sure that everyone involved is recognized. **Jeff Bridges, Curtis Burnett, and Andy Sheffield**
Thanks again for your partnership.
Will Roddy
Associate Director Support Services

Hi Christena and Tony,
We wanted to send a thank you note to the guys for all the work they've done in addressing the problem with one of our employees air vents. They really went above and beyond what was asked and we are so thankful. It seems that a long-standing problem has been resolved. Would you please let me

know **who is the supervisor** for the two A/C guys who normally work in Coon? Thanks, Jane

Warren and Team,
This is way overdue, but please pass my belated thanks to your crew for the fast and professional response to my request. They had the hole patched almost immediately and left a very smooth roadway.
Thanks, folks, for taking care of a significant hazard and headache in such good order!
Tom Pilsch
College of Computing

I often work until eight or later so I tend to have more opportunities for interaction with the custodial team than many of my counterparts. I want to take a moment to let you know that the **ES&T team** has been doing an amazing job this semester. Under Alfonzo's leadership, they have been excelling in all areas. Everyone deserves a very big thank you for a job well done! I do not know everyone by name and I am sure that by listing individuals, I am overlooking someone who also deserves recognition. However, the following individuals stand out:

Greg has continued to be an amazing leader. He always makes an extra effort to notice areas that need additional attention. **Marilyn** has done an amazing job ensuring that the floors are sparkling. They have not looked this good since we moved into the building more than eight years ago. **Melody** continues to be an incredible team player and hard worker. She is an invaluable asset to the team and always pitches in to help others. **Anthony** is a quiet and dedicated

worker. He is never idle and is always eager to provide assistance if needed. **Sheila**, who is a relatively new member of the team, has already impressed us with her attention to detail and dedication. She always makes sure that our offices are kept vacuumed and dusted, which were two tasks that needed improvement before her arrival. **Alfonzo, Greg, Marilyn, Melody, Anthony, and Sheila** also maintain the ideal worth demeanor by exuding both friendliness and professionalism but conducting their daily responsibilities with minimum intrusion on the operations of the building occupants.

Thank you, Josie

As I'm looking out my office window, I can see your crew putting out fresh pine straw. It looks 100% better with the pine straw instead of that old mulch that was put out a couple of years ago. Please tell **the guys at Landscape** I appreciate them improving my view with their great work
Becky Fitzgibbon
Facilities Manager

Thanks to all for your hard work!
Warren,
I have waited too long to express my appreciation for the job that **Sonny Cody and his crew** do for the Chemistry Department, and beyond that, to the campus as a whole. I've not experienced as smooth and efficient a work group as this one. They are a "perfect storm" of excellent management, technical expertise and great work ethic. I can truly say, working with these gentlemen is always a pleasure. Even when they tell me something I don't want to hear! Great job guys!