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Facilities Quarterly

2005 Holiday Luncheon



Cindy Jackson



Santa and Mrs. Clause

“ Have A Holly Jolly Holiday.” It was the theme which was centered around a Snow-Man motif. The committee made over 200 Snow-Man figures. The 2005 Holiday Luncheon was the most spectacular ever. Rose White volunteered as Mrs. Clause even though she doesn't work at Tech anymore. Santa Clause was represented by Ed Lee from Area 5. The food was excellent and the decoration was beautiful. The holiday spirit filled the air at Brittain Dining Hall.

It took many volunteers coming together to organize the event. A special “Thank You” to the committee members who worked so hard to put this event together. The Committee was made up of the following employees: Cindy Jackson - Chairperson, Revonda Dunn, Todd Bermann, Steve Cseplo, Donna Chronic, Judy Harper, Jo Ann Pittman, Ron Leroy, Hall Therrell, Chalette Mitchell. Also Thanks to the Master of Ceremony, Andy Sheffield and *(cont. on page 2)*



Santa Clause greeting the crowd



Mrs Clause and Andy.

Warren's Spotlight



Happy New Year! As we look ahead to a new year it is worthwhile to take a moment to look back on the past year. We have much to be proud of, but I'm especially proud of the progress we've made in implementing our Preventive Maintenance (PM) Program. We more than doubled our work order output from FY2002 to FY2004 (41,290). This big jump in work orders reflects the work orders introduced into our system to support our PM Program. One of the benefits of our PM program is reflected in the reduction of the number of response calls we had in FY 2005 (39,337.)

In the last issue we wished Jon Fraker good luck in his retirement and thanked him for his 30 years of service to the State of Georgia Education Systems. In this issue we welcome Patti Stilson as our Central Shop Manager. Patti

comes to us from The University of West Georgia where she was the Associate Director of Facilities. Please take a moment to welcome Patti to Georgia Tech Facilities when you see her.

This is also the time of the year we recognize those among us who had perfect attendance during the last year. The individuals are recognized in another section of the issue. Area III had the best availability again this year. This is the fourth consecutive year they have won. Although this year Utilities and Energy was an extremely close second. Special kudos to the 9 individuals with 5 or more years of perfect attendance. I'll be taking them to lunch at the Georgia Tech Hotels dining room in the near future.

The most prominent newcomer to The Board of Regents is our New

Chancellor, Mr. Errol Davis Jr. He is Georgia's 1st Chancellor from a non-education background. Mr. Davis has been a very successful businessman and Company CEO. It will be interesting to see what new prospective, a man with his business background brings to us.

In closing I want to Thank Cindy Jackson and her team of volunteers for another very successful Holiday Luncheon. I look forward to seeing you all at our chili cook off this March.

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Perry Dewberry who painted the Santa Clause display.

This year, we had more gifts than ever. Thanks to the Athletic Association, Ferst Center, Auxiliary Services, Tech Square eateries, Hair Cuttery, and The Facilities Golf Tournament Committee.

The Luncheon couldn't have been held without the assistance of Sedexo's employees who cooked the delicious food for us. A huge "Thank You" to Todd Schram, Eric Pfannensteil and Bob Neth, and Chef Greg Walker.

Thank You

Starting a new job is usually a very stressful time. However, the Facilities staff has made this transition seamless. Thank you all for your generosity and professionalism in welcoming me to Ga. Tech. I look forward to working with all of you for many years to come. A special thanks to Willie Stephens and Revonda Dunn for "showing me the ropes".

Patti Stilson
Central Shop Manager

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Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.

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Shop News

AREA 2

Area 2 said "Good Bye" to Tonya. Tonya went to work with GTRI Support Services department. Area 2 also lost their



Tonya displaying one of the gifts she received, Bratz doll.

plumber, Steve Marks. He went to Emory Facility department. We want to welcome our two new employees. Rusty Voakes, AC and Brian Stephens, Production Control. Congratulations to Tunji for having another grand-son. His daughter had a healthy baby boy in January. They named him Isiah Ayoola. Ronnie's daughter Tiffany was photographed and featured in her company's promotional pamphlet. She also went on a recruiting trip for her company at the University of Cincinnati. She will also be going on another recruiting trip in February at Tennessee State University. Maxwell enjoyed a great trip out of the country over the holidays.

AREA 3

Hello from zone 3. It has been a good "06." We anticipate many changes and many new buildings to maintain. New year yield new challenges. The entire shop looked well rested. With all the time off, many of the employees had to be retrained. Pete Williams has made his six

months and we long to try out his Chili recipe. The entire shop was saddened by the loss of Glenn Croy who passed on November 25th, 2005.

AREA 5

Anh Nguyen, ACM I, in Area V, went to Vietnam and got married on New Year's Day. Anh will return to work on 1/23/06 and will be anxious for the paperwork to go through and have his new wife join him. Area V welcomes two new employees; James Abbott a new Maintenance Worker. Charlie Austin a plumber we got from Area I. Milton Halley just purchased his first house and he and his wife are happily decorating and enjoying it. They are also the proud Uncle and Aunt of Jaylin Irvin Flight who was born on December 15th. Milton and his wife are driving up to see their new nephew. Welcome to Glenties Jacob who started January 3rd. He is a Maintenance Worker I.

Utilities & Energy

We are sorry to see Dale Donovan leave. He went back to work for a consulting firm. To help with running the Utility shop, Casey is working as the Interim Superintendent. We want to welcome our new AC mechanic, Maxim. We are so glad to have Walter back. Walter spent some time serving our country. We also have a new Fire Alarm technician, Jerry Harris. Welcome to Susan Woldrop, our new Utility Analyst who came to us from GT Housing. In our Steam plant, we have 2 new employees. Steve Stacey and Dave Strickland. They are both boiler operators. Larry Curbow, his wife Linda, and Craig Fritz

had a great time in Las Vegas during the Holidays. They also ran into Vickie Clark. Not once but twice. What a small World!

BUILDING SERVICES

With heart felt sympathy I inform you of the passing of Mr. Phineas "Lawson" Clower Jr., Gregory's father.

E H & S

E H & S welcome Michael Hodgson, who is the Fire Inspector. We are very proud of our staff who participated in the "Toys For Tots" and collected 50 toys during the holidays.

Accounting

Congratulation to Judith Butler. Her son has found the right lady and he has scheduled his wedding for the spring of 2006 in Texas. Mark and Sharron's oldest daughter, Crystal, has finished school and passed her State Board Exams and she is now a licensed Beautician. Crystal and husband Erik are looking for a new home. Youngest daughter Amanda once again has straight A's. Amanda also got a 3 pointer at one of her basketball games which is rare for the girls teams for her age. Middle daughter Holly is doing well in college. Mark, Sharron and Amanda are getting ready for a Disney cruise in April.



L-R: Holly, Amanda, Crystal

Shop News

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Information Technology

We wish Anjum a good recovery from his Knee surgery. Welcome to Pat Ficenc to the IT group. She brings a wealth of knowledge from the University of South Florida.

Landscape

We are sorry for the passing of Rupert J. Tarver, Jr., Cornelius Tarver's father. Mr. Tarver passed away on December 8, 2005 in his sleep. Also George Robert's father, Jack Roberts passed away on December 19th at the age of 80 years old. Mahamed Sheihk lost his daughter (newborn) on January 15, 2006. She was born with spinal bifida and other complications.

We would like to welcome the following new employees: Deonte Cook - GKI, Edward Banks GKI, Marquez Isaac GKI, Ali Libah GKI, Ben Senaya GKI, Alowou Amouzouvi GKI, Bryan Clingman GKIII, Robert (Mike) Vickery Equipment Operator I. Our Condolences to Greg Harris for the loss of his grandmother a week ago.

Happy Birthday - Cheryl Taylor, Jerrell Colvin, and Simmie James. Get well wishes to Rick Buttram who had back surgery and is expected to be out at least another month.

Motor pool

We are glad to have all these new friends who received new trucks. Welcome to Clayton Rice, our new garage attendant. We wish Stanley good luck in Area 4. He went there as a Maintenance Worker I.

Central Shop

We want to welcome our new Manager, Patti Stilson.



Patti Stilson, Central shop manager.

We wish Kelly well and a good recovery. You are all invited to listen to Eric playing the guitar at the student center Common stage on February 17th at 8 PM. He will also play at Earth Day celebration right here on campus. Congratulations to Brandon Ford and his wife Mary Beth. They are expecting a baby in August.

AREA 1

Our condolences go to Laura Santos in the passing of her father in January. Alan Raville will be retiring on March 1st. Party date to be announced. Good luck to Alfred Bryant who has decided to move on and leave us.

Building Services

Condolences go out to Gregory Clower, Zone 9 supervisor whose father, Mr. Phineas "Lawson" Clower Jr. passed away on November 11, 2005. Mr. Clower was a veteran of World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star for attending to the wounded while under intense gun fire on a German battle field.

Taffie Maynard is very proud of her young Nephew Aspen Wilson who was accepted to participate in the " People To

People Student Ambassador" program. He will be going to Britain this summer fro 24 days where he will meet with the British Parliament, learn about England government, interact with other students his age.

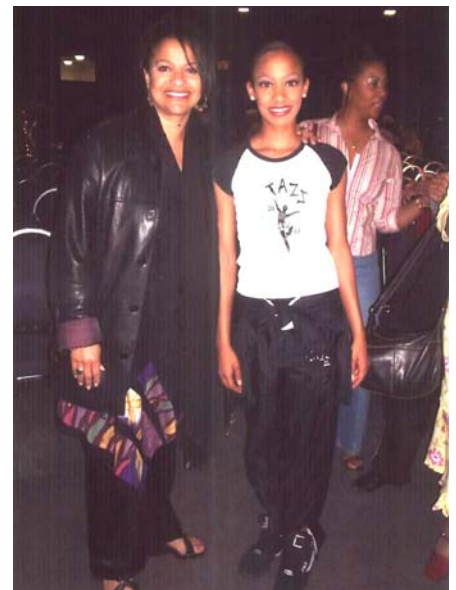
For information about the Student Ambassador program, visit their website at www.studentambassadors.org

We welcome Tyrone Knox and Chalette Mitchell back to work. Both were at a brief stays in the hospital and they are back at work and raring to go.

HAS EVERYONE HEARD? Building services is going to all green chemicals. **NO, not green the color**, but chemicals that are ecologically safe and biodegradable

ADMIN

Oveta's grand daughter Kayla Barber was chosen as the ultimate dancer at Tazz Dance Studio. She also auditioned for THE WIZ production.



Kayla Barber with Debbie Allen of the TV show FAME

Facilities Profile: AREA 4

What are the responsibilities of Area 4 maintenance team? To provide maintenance support for the administrative, research, and instruction space on the south east campus including the Historic Hill / Tech Tower area, Football Stadium Complex, Library, etc.

What is the most common Service request? - Hot and cold calls have to be the most common service calls. We get calls that start out "Can Robbie come over to"

What is the most unusual service request? - We have had a few calls about phantom "strange smells" in areas we can never really trace down. We have had to corner and remove a bird (without injuring it) from Carnegie.

How many employees are there in Area 4 and what are their names and Function?

Gary Fitzgibbon- Carpenter 2 (1992)

Jerry Johnson- Plasterer (1977)

Herbert Hall- Elect 1 (2002)

Roger Humphrey- Plumber 1 (1989)

Floyd Rounds- A/C 3 (2003)

Robbie Rice- A/C 2 (1992)

Scott Bates- A/C 2 (2004)

Phillip Walls- A/C 1 (1992)

Deogratias Babona- A/C 1 (2002)

John Boissiere- A/C 1 (2004)

Nick Roper- A/C 1 (2003)

Donald English- MW 2 (1989)

Deangelo Ivey - MW 1 (2005)

Tim Jessee- MW 1 (2004)

Stanley Tolbert- MW 1 (2004)

JoAnn Pittman- Control Tech. (1978)

Tony Blalock- Foreperson (1986)

Todd Bermann- Manager (2000)

+(3 currently open MW1 Positions)

What is the most challenging aspect of your operation? Keeping on top of the needs of the aging buildings major infrastructure like plumbing, HVAC equipment, and electrical systems. Outside of routine and preventative maintenance, a lot of our major equipment is difficult to maintain and is in need of replacement.

What is most rewarding about your work? We pull together as a team (and a family of sorts) to accomplish our tasks. We feel good as a group when we correct a nagging problem, make an area look better, or help the occupants feel more comfortable about their work environment.

What is a typical day like for Area 4? - Divide and conquer.



THANK YOU

If it had not been for the English Avenue Community Resource Center and their relationship with Georgia Tech, I would not have gotten an opportunity for a job at Georgia Tech. Through the Resource Center and a fellow church member who happens to work at Georgia Tech, I was able to get a job as a custodian working on the fourth floor of the Manufacturing Research Center. The staff at Georgia Tech has embraced me with their kind words and cheerful attitude. A graduate student in the laboratory where I work gave me a plaque that he brought back from Jamaica as a token of friendship. I feel respected by faculty, staff, and students, which makes me love my job and my life.

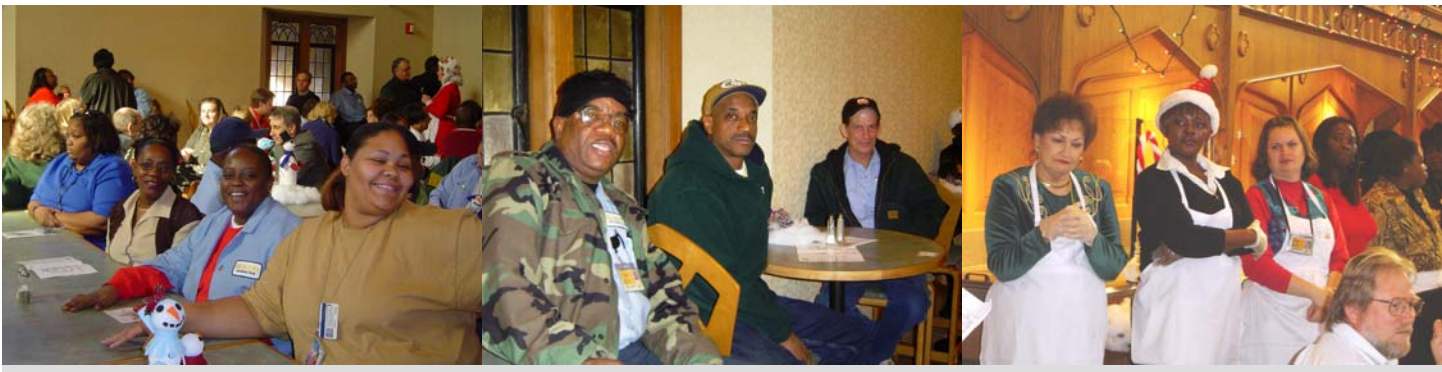
Carrie Lewis
Custodian, Georgia Tech Facilities

Academia Recycling Coalition

Cindy Jackson, Recycling Manager is serving on the Academia Recycling Coalition. The Inaugural meeting was held on December 13, 2005. The new organization plans to address environmental issues, and share recycling ideas with metro Atlanta colleges, universities, and research institutions. Emory, Georgia Tech, CDC, and Georgia State are spearheading the program.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Jackson at 404.894.2004

Holiday Luncheon 2005



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Neil's Garden

Now that it's the middle of winter and trees are bare, people are pruning Crape Myrtles. Taking a little time to learn to prune them properly can prevent what we call in the landscaping business "Crape Murder" and "Crape Rape."

Crape Myrtle, botanical name Lagerstroemia Indica, is a popular type of trees and shrubs including around 50 different species. They range in size from a few feet to over 25 feet tall and bloom in white, red, pink and lavender. Pruning encourages flowering and maintains size and shape. While they are hardy enough to survive most severe pruning, there are proper ways to do it.

Cutting off the branches back to the trunk creates weak branches and unattractive knots in the trunks. Proper pruning is to cut off no more than the previous two years growth and make the cut just above a bud and remove any branches that are growing toward the center or crossing each other. On shrub crape, keep 3 to 5 main stems and allow side branches to remain along the outer sides of the trunks. This will allow it to maintain its rounded shrub shape.

Knowing what variety of Crape you have will help you determine how to prune it. Also, picking the right variety that grows to the size and shape you desire can reduce the amount of pruning you'll need to do to maintain its shape and size.

Perfect Attendance 2005!

The employees below have had perfect attendance for the following consecutive years. All those who have 5 years or more will be treated for a lunch by Warren.

8 Years

Ronnie Croy
Antonio English
Partick Price
Terry Williams

5 Years

Jeff Bridges
Sonny Cody

Marvin Porter
Willie Stephens
Andy Zabinski

4 Years

Michael Cowart
Michael Jordan

3 Years

Bruce Crumbley
Linda Dillard
Catherine Lewis
John L. Roper
Morial Towns
Ronnie Zachary

2 Years

Craig Fritz

Cindy Smith
Isadore Snead
Olatunki Sunmola
Stanley Thomas
Musa Abdullah

1 Years

Craig Harding
Judy Harper
Robert Holloway
James Potts
George Roberts
John N. Roper
Mary Wilson
Onkar Auzla
Todd Bermann
Timmy Blume
Daniel Desaussure

Georgia Tech-Institute Holidays

Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, 2005-Thanksgiving Break
Monday-Friday, December 26-December 30, 2005-Winter Break
Monday, January 2, 2006-New Year's Day observed
Monday, January 16, 2006-MLK's Day observed
Monday, May 29, 2006-Memorial Day
Tuesday, July 4, 2006-Independence Day
Monday, September 4, 2006-Labor Day
Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, 2006-Thanksgiving Break
Monday-Friday, December 25-December 29, 2006-Winter Break
Monday, January 1, 2007-New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 15, 2007-M. L. K. Jr. National Holiday

A Mother's Request

This is my son Shelley of whom I am very proud. He left December 7, 2005 for a year in Kuwait. He joined the Army in 2000, and he re-enlisted early this year.

I'm a praying mother, but I know there is power in intercessory prayer.

Please pray for a hedge of protection around my child.

Gwen Marks





Dear Bill

Q: What is the “Step To Success Committee?”

A: The employee committee provides a forum for representatives from each of our teams to meet with Warren on a monthly basis and share ideas from their team members on how we can improve our operation. In addition it is an opportunity for committee members to get clarification concerning policy and procedures of concern to members of their team.

Q: Are defensive driving classes mandatory?

A: Any person that drives a state vehicles is required to attend a defensive driving class every 3 years.

Q: If an employee is vested in the Teacher Retirement System and quits, can he/she leave the money in TSR and gets the benefits when the employee turns 60 years old?

A: Yes, they would be eligible to draw TRS benefits the first of the month following their 60th birthday.

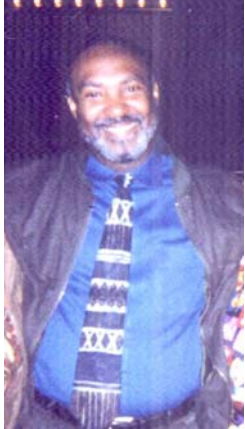
Q: Why don't students have to wear a Georgia Tech ID?

A: Nobody knows.

Remember Them?



Left to Right: Dr. John Gibson, Personnel Manager; Gwen White, Custodian; Charley Chapman, Custodian Supervisor; Vernon Thompson, Superintendent; Lizzie F, Custodian; Leroy Butler, Custodian Manager; Amos Johnson, Custodian Supervisor; John Luster, Custodian; James Johnson, Custodian; Jeremiah Smith, Custodian;



Entertainment

Suicide

A man went into a library asked the librarian if he can check out a book on "How to commit a suicide?" She replied no because you are not going to bring it back.

TWINS

Peter and Paul are twin brothers. One of them (we don't know which always lies.) The other one always tells the truth. I ask one of them:

"Is Paul the one that lies?"

"Yes," he answers.

Did I speak to Peter or Paul?

Answer: I spoke to Peter. If a person always lies or alternately, always tells the truth, he cannot admit that he is lying (if this per-

son were a liar, he would be telling the truth, and if this person were honest, he would be lying). Therefore, Paul could not have answered my question. Peter could answer about Paul without contradicting himself. What we don't know is who the liar is.

Baseball

What is the smallest number of pitches that a pitcher can pitch and still come away with a complete game? (A real complete game; nothing rain-shortened or anything like that.)

Answer: 25 pitches would be enough, in theory-and only on the assumption that the pitcher was pitching for the away team! The

way this could happen is if every batter swung at the first pitch, with 24 out of 25 hitting into an out and the other one hitting a home run. Assuming that the pitcher's team never scored at all, the final score would be 1-0 in favor of the home team, which then wouldn't have to bat in the last half of the ninth inning. (Thanks to "Test your Baseball Literacy," by R. Wayne Schmittberger, for suggesting this little gem.)



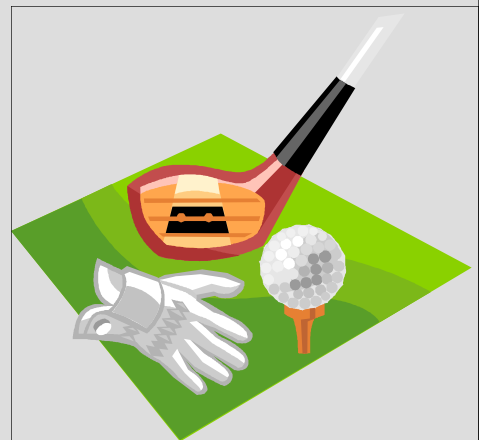
Warren attempting to enter an Air Force ROTC race car at Skiles

Name That Facilities' Employee !



Facilities Golf Outing

Last year The Annual Facilities Golf Outing was a big success. The committee raised \$700 to support the employees Holiday party, the Chili Cook Off, and the Employee Appreciation Picnic. The committee gave away many door prizes and \$700 in cash. We had 68 players and our goal for this year is 100 players. So please get started and form a team. This year Outing will be held Friday April 28, 2006. Shotgun start at 7:30. We ask you to invite friends and family (good or bad golfers.) Every person who has played Golf in the past is expect to golf for the employees at Facilities. The fee is \$50 which includes lunch and range balls. Please call Bill Halabi or Gary Lockerman to sign up.



Facilities' People



Warren presenting "Outstanding Availability" award to Area 3 Right: Alan Bryant, Electrician III, Utility

Tonya Tyner Leaves Area 2



Accolades

Tommy,

I know that I sound like a broken record sometimes, but I just wanted to let you know what a fantastic job the custodial staff did on waxing the floors in the atrium last night. Dean Galloway is hosting a luncheon for the AWPL Development Council and he always comments on how nice the floors look after they have been waxed. I also know it is a challenge for the staff to take care of the floors on a week night because of the traffic that is in the atrium, but they get it done somehow. Everyone that has come in the atrium this morning has commented on how pretty the floors look.

I really appreciate all their help in maintaining the buildings for me. The staff is very important to the college and I just wanted them to get the recognition they deserve. Please thanks **Vickie Legrand and Reginald Barden** for me.

Becky Fitzgibbon
Facilities Manager
College of Architecture

Ms. Jackson,

Good morning. I just wanted to thank you for taking care of my recycling pick up need on such short notice. Your expeditious service is really more of a blessing than you know. Thank you again for your continued excellent work.

Keila President, MSgt, USAF

Good afternoon all,

Well one of our biggest events has come and gone, the Gegenheimer Lecture. The lecture and the Board of Advisory meeting were both a huge success. This was due to wonderful job that each of your departments did the last couple of weeks.

Your whole team made sure that the grounds around the building looked very nice. The inside of the buildings were kept cleaned for all of our visitors. When we asked for last minutes things to be completed you quickly jump on that request. All of the items we requested were at the proper location at the proper time.

Please extend Mechanical Engineering's gratitude for a marvelous job to your entire team. "Together we can accomplish anything"

Thank you

Cary Ogletree
Administrative Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and **everyone of you who gave gifts and donations for the Pediatric AIDS Holiday party.** Georgia Tech faculty, staff and students should be proud that we have helped these families and their children celebrate the holidays. AID Atlanta and their Pediatric AIDS staff asked me to pass on their sincere thanks and appreciation as well.

George Smedberg. OIT

On December 14, 2005, The school of Mechanical engineering had an award ceremony in appreciation for all the work that the Facilities and other services department provide to the school of Mechanical engineering. The school Chairman expressed his and his department gratitude to the management and hard working staff of Area 1, Area 2, Landscape Services, and building services. Award certificates were given to **Rodd Hinman, Leonard Cowart, Bill Halabi, Haycinth Ide, and Tommy Little.**

Mr. Little,

A number of the researchers & staff in the soon-to-be-evacuated-and-torn-down ERB are hoping that as part of the move, we get to take the **custodians John and Joanne** with us, so to speak. They are a dynamic duo and always do a good job, in addition to always having a smile on their faces and a kind word for all of us . They are just plain nice people to see at the end of the day and we are all very fond of them.

We understand that their new work assignments have not yet been generated.

We're hoping that you will consider assigning them to our new GCATT digs - it would be a nice transition from the old facility to our new spiffy digs.

Thanks for your consideration.

Susan Liebeskind
ERB