The 2007 Chili Cook-off was a great success. Everybody had a great time. Building services came in first and second place. Zone 3 won first and Zone 2 won second. Utility and Energy won the “Best Desert” for their strawberry pie which was prepared by Ovida. Best Booth was won by Area 5. They had a fire truck for their booth. To everybody’s surprise, Anjum Khan won the 3 point shoot out. The new setup was so popular that it will be used during the Facilities Carnival in June 2007.

The putt-putt was won by Stamps again. J.T. Reynolds came in first place in the Horseshoe contest.

It takes a lot of preparations to hold a large event for 450 guests. Thanks to Garry Lockerman and Area 5 for coordinating the event. The event couldn't (Continued on page 11)

Warren awarding the first place trophy in Chili to zone 3 of Building Services.

Ovida and Warren Share a smile while Ovida is accepting the first place award for her Strawberry pie.

R: J.T. Reynolds of Landscape came in 1st place of the horseshoe game.

Below: Bill awarding the first place trophy to Stamps.

Deborah of zone 2 Building Services accepting 2nd place award for Chili

L-R: Travis Chatman, Wilbert Batiste, David Alexander, Wendell Phinizee
The end of the school year is always an exciting time. It is a very important time in the life of Georgia Tech because it is the time when around 2,000 young men and women will graduate after several years of hard work. As with so many other important events here at Georgia Tech, this could not happen without the dedicated efforts of Facilities. Although much effort is put in by our Landscape and Building Services folks to make sure the campus looks its best for the thousands of families and friends of the graduate. The Staging folks play the most direct role in supporting graduation. Brandon Ford and his crew put in several long days preparing the graduation sites. Chairs for the 2,000 or so students are placed with precision and the stage is set up with all the trappings and traditions associated with a Georgia Tech graduation.

A less glamorous, but nevertheless a very important event at this time of year, is the “moving out.” Move out is the term used to describe the 10,000 or so students leaving the dorms, fraternities, and sororities to go home for the summer. This usually involves parents or friends coming to help. So you can see in addition to all the folks coming for graduation, we have more coming to support move out efforts. As many of you have seen this creates a huge mess for our Landscape folks to deal with but the good news is that our Recycling folks turn many of the student’s discards into useful items for others.

Kudos to Cindy Jackson and her Earth Day committee for another great Earth Day celebration and to Hyacinth Ide and his folks for the outstanding Tech Beautification Day. Both of these events have become very important events to the student body.

Last I need to mention how proud I am of our latest customer

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Facilities Profile: Area 5

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What is the most unusual service request?

We have had many including Home Park Learning Center asking us to pick up and return diapers for them. As well as request for retrieval of cell phones and keys dropped down the toilet.

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How many total employees on the team and how are they grouped?

We have a total of 26 employees assigned to our team.

- Manager: 1
- Foreperson: 1
- HVAC III: 1
- HVAC II: 4
- HVAC I: 4
- Plumber: 1
- Electrician: 2
- Carpenter: 2
- Painter: 1
- Maint Worker: 8
- Production Control: 1

What is the most challenging aspect of the job?

Each position in our team has their own set of challenges, but if I were to pick one it might be trying to perform as much of our

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Shop News

**AREA 1**

Congratulations to Joe Meadows, who is now our new supervisor. Welcome to Derrick Holmes, our new AC1 who is a native of Detroit and has been in Atlanta for eight years. Derrick says he is happy to be with us and he likes the way all the guys in Area 1 have embraced and welcomed him. John Jackson traveled with his daughter, Taylor, from Killian Hill Christian School to a fine arts competition where she earned a superior award in the duet acting category. Congratulations to Taylor. Paul Gruendler and his daughter are headed to Texas on Memorial Day to "Remember the Alamo". Condolences to Judy Harper for the passing on March 28th of her brother-in-law, George, who lived with her for a while. Unfortunately on the way home, Judy, with her last car payment in hand, pulled out from the bank and was in an accident that totaled the car. She is now recovering from broken collar bone. Judy is still trying to figure what is the lesson in all this. Maja Swann's (Malcolm's daughter) high school girl's track team placed 2nd in the 2007 Regional AA state track meet. They were the defending 2006 state champions. Congratulations to all.

**AREA 2**

Congratulation to Frank Tedder on his future twin grand kids. On March 13, Bill Halabi had “Hole in One”. He was playing at Fox Creek Golf Club in Marietta. He sunk the ball in the hole from 154 yards away. Congratulations to Chuck for catching a 5 pound Rainbow Trout in North Carolina.

**AREA 3**

Ankar and family went on a month long trip to India. They visited many sites including the Taj Mahal. Area 3 is sad to lose Ken Thomas to retirement. Ken was their building manager at Mason CE. He had been here for 30 years.

**AREA 4**

Things are running pretty smoothly these days in Area4. The normal “Hot" & “Cold" calls due to season changes are pouring in. Everyone is freaking out due to “Spring Fever”!

Jo Ann Pittman’s granddaughter is graduating May 26th from Miller Grove High School and is on the Honor Roll. She is looking at several colleges in the field of Nursing.

Todd Bermann has completed Spring semester here at Tech and is thinking of taking the summer for a little R&R! Scott Bates has a look of daydreaming due to the fishing tournaments he is competing in this Spring. Lots of LUCK, Scott, because Area4 is willing to eat whatever is caught. Congratulations to Tim Jesse on his promotion to Maintenance Worker2. Welcome to Area4 as Maintenance Worker I Mr. Kpousso Karka.

**AREA 5**

We wish a quick recovery for Charlie Austin and Ed Lee who are on medical leave.

**Utilities & Energy**

We wish Bobby Burdette a quick recovery from his car accident. Jan is sorry to loose his coworker Terry Reed. His wife was transferred to Tennessee. Ovida is happy to announce that he now has her first niece. Everybody enjoyed Casey’s performance at Earth Day. Casey played a couple of different

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instruments.

CENTRAL SHOP
Revonda Dunn has accepted a position with Housing. We will miss her but we wish her continued success in her career at Georgia Tech. Eric has set the date for his marriage to Kyla. The wedding is April 26, 2008. Everybody is invited.

BUSINESS
The Mayor of the city of Boston has celebrated Ovita’s father’s 105th birthday. Oveta will be visiting her father on Father day in June. When asked about how her Dad got to live this long, she said, he has a healthy lifestyle which included some old Indian remedies such as corn silk tea (good for kidneys) and he never drank or smoked. He did have many women in his life. Congratulations to Genea Shambrea Morris, the daughter of Deborah (FAB) and Pete Williams (area 3) graduated from Tennessee State University with a degree in Political Science. She plans to attend Law school at TSU.

Landscape
Donna “is holding her own” Donna said she appreciate the cards and your prayers.
On a lighter side, Luther Wilkerson has become a grandfather, his grandson Javarus Ke’Juan Scott made his debut on 4/22/07 @ 1:11 a.m. weighing in at 7lb. 8oz and he was 20 inches long.

Building Services
Building Services was awarded the trophy for having THE MOST INFORMATIVE table at the Earth Day Celebration held on April 20th. Tommy Little, Manager of Building Services accepted the award. Georgia Tech Facilities Department and Green Cleaning was the theme for the table. We had vendors from South East Link and RJ Diamond come out and assist us in educating the campus about green cleaning and how it helps secure our environment for future generations. Congratulations to Gwen Ford and Naomi Fields who were promoted to Custodian II.

Judith Minniefield shown below at a surprise baby shower on April 6 given by her co-workers. Judith almost surprised her co-workers by going in to false labor. Judith delivered Dylan on April 12th. Dylan weighed in at 6 pounds 6 ounces and 18 1/2 inches in length.

IT
Anjum and wife are expecting their 2nd baby girl. Pat is attending her stepson wedding in Scotland England. She will try to get some site seeing done too. She is looking for the Lochness monster. Just look around in your office!
Chili Cook-Off 2007

Maxine of Zone 5 receiving 3rd place trophy
Jerome
U & E group

Danny and Warren
Pat and Mike

Mike and Deborah
DJ
Jeff and David
Chili Cook– Off 2007
Art

This drawing were done by Gregory and Olympia Hawk. They are the children of Veronica Hawk who works in Zone 7 of Building Services. Gregory and Olympia are fourth and fifth grade students at Livingston Elementary in Covington, Georgia. Olympia is the floral artist and Gregory is the artist of the house. This piece of art is one of two displayed at the website www.firstartworks.com under these numbers 663252 and 663347. Veronica states that all of her children are good in art.

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survey. This is our seventh consecutive year of continuing improvement. What makes it remarkable is the first year was not bad. Now our scores are well above a three on a scale where the best is a four with the leading category being the quality of work you all provide to our customers. Thanks to all for your dedication and hard work because without it, none of these good things would happen. Have a great summer.

Background Checks & Misdemeanor

There is not an established limit as to how far back background checks retrieve information. A misdemeanor conviction can prevent an offer of employment (and possibly be grounds for termination of employment) in the following circumstances:

1) The conviction is not voluntarily disclosed in the application process (falsification of official state documents).
2) The conviction was not voluntarily disclosed (and on an employee’s criminal record) during original date of hire (Falsification of BOR security questionnaire in personnel file)
3) The nature of the conviction constitutes a danger to the safety of GT student’s, staff, and/or property.
4) The misdemeanor conviction is in direct conflict with a job related duty of the position (example, a GT bus driver applicant with 2 DUI convictions, however an applicant for an accountant position would still get the position if the convictions were voluntarily disclosed and there were no other convictions).

For complete details consult with HR)

Tech Beautification Day 2007
Georgia Tech and particular Facilities maintenance personnel need to be aware of some important changes in GFCI requirements. GFCI protection is now required for all extension cords (temporary wiring installations) that are used during maintenance, remodeling, or repair of buildings or equipment. This would also include activities like cleanup, disaster remediation and restoration. Each maintenance area shall establish a program to replace all existing extension cords with a GFCI protected cord in a timely manner. Simply, do not acquire extension cords without GFCI.

**How the GFCI Works**-GFCI constantly monitors electricity flowing in a circuit, to sense any loss of current. If the current flowing through the circuit differs by a small amount from that returning, the GFCI quickly switches off power to that circuit. The GFCI interrupts power faster than a blink of an eye to prevent a lethal dose of electricity. You may receive a painful shock, but you should not be electrocuted or receive a serious shock injury.

**Testing the GFCIs**-Because GFCIs are so complex, they require testing on a regular basis. Test permanently wired devices monthly, and portable-type GFCIs before each use. All GFCIs have a built-in test circuit, with test and reset buttons, which triggers an artificial ground-fault to verify protection.

The GFCI will *not* protect you from line contact hazards (i.e. a person holding two "hot" wires, a hot and a neutral wire in each hand, or contacting an overhead power line). However, it protects against the most common form of electrical shock hazard, the ground-fault. It also protects against fires, overheating, and destruction of wire insulation. Some examples of GFCI extension cords:

- **Knockout box extension cords**-It's easy to put together an extension cord from a metal knockout box and an electrical cord. Knockout boxes are designed to be mounted on fixed surfaces with metal conduit and for permanent installations, and are not appropriate for unsecured use for these reasons:
  - The knockouts become loose or missing which allows for dirt/debris/tools to connect with live wiring and expose live electrical parts through the knockout holes.
  - Cords may pull out of the box due to lack of strain relief at the cord and box connection.
  - As the box is moved and knocked around, connections inside the box can and do come loose; when the hot lead contacts the metal box the box becomes electrically live.
  - Plastic outlet plates often crack and break, exposing live connections.

**Knockout boxes were designed to be secured to surfaces, please use them that way.**

Examples of Knockout boxes used incorrectly:

*Starting today, DO NOT make or use these extension cords.*
Did you know they passed away? Below is the list of previous Facilities’ employees who passed away.

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**Tribute to Judith Morgan Butler**

Facilities Accounting department will never be the same due to the death of Judith Butler on April 21, 2007. Judith fought a long hard battle with cancer. But she “won” since she is living the rich life in heaven. She was a great co-worker, wonderful daughter, mother & sister, and one could not ask for a better person as a friend. Judith was definitely a “Child of God” and loved to listen to gospel music. She was a very dedicated worker at Georgia Tech as well as at her church “Emmanuel light of the world International Church.” She leaves behind a legacy of reaching out to others and sharing her love for Christ. Her parents, Robert & Elouise Morgan, children, Justin and Alexandria, husband – Edward Butler, sister – Vicky, 2 brothers- Michael & Stanley and other friends and family members will truly miss that beautiful smile and loving personality. Judith started at Tech on April 2, 1992 and was a diligent employee until January 2007 when she had to go on leave. Let’s keep her family lifted up with kind thoughts and prayers.
The Teresa Jimenez Commitment to Honor Award

It has been written, honesty is the best policy. This famous quote is very fitting and reflects well on our core values as a department and Institution illustrated by Teresa Jimenez, Custodial I, Building Services/Facilities. While performing her custodial duties in the Student Services Building one evening in October 2005, Ms. Jimenez was approached by two (2) students offering her money in exchange for access to a secure room in the Student Services Building.

Ms. Jimenez response was “no” and she took the additional step and reported these two (2) students to Georgia Tech officials. The Dean of Student’s Office was so moved by Ms. Jimenez’ high ethical standards; she was nominated and received one of the Institutes’ highest honors.

Now and forever, The Dean of Students Office has established an award to honor Ms. Jimenez. The award is called “The Teresa Jimenez Commitment to Honor Award” which will be given annually.

Ms. Jimenez you have made your department and Institute proud; and we thank you.

Tommy Little

Barbara is looking forward to her trip to Colorado this fall. She plans to go white water rafting, biking, and hiking. Fred is busy working in MSE. The ground and 1st floors of the west tower are scheduled to be completed by the end of July. The other floors will be built as funds become available. The latest project is the ramp reconfiguration of the ramp between EST and MSE tunnel. The work will start in June and should be completed in July. The new setup will enhance safety and moving material. Ron Leroy is working on punch-list items and he is looking forward for the project to be done done. He and Bill Miller are working on the newly acquired Ga State University Olympic village. It is scheduled to be completed by the Fall semester. As far as the “Quad Café” at MSE. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of September. They will serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There will be Einstein Bagels on the lower level and Seattle Best Coffee on the upper level.

What is most rewarding about the job?
Providing a documented level of excellent customer service, even under some difficult circumstances. Our customers show of appreciation of what we do.

What is a typical day like for an employee?
Most of our days are pretty routine, we receive our assignments for the supervisor, and go about the business of accomplishing those assignments. Occasionally we have something that comes up that provides additional challenge either with technical difficulty or most often scheduling. But for the most part our days a fairly routine.
Good Afternoon Todd,
I would like to commend you on one of your employees, Tim Jesse. He is great to work with and has been since he has started here. Anytime I need him for small jobs, if he is available, he does it willingly without a complaint. He has a pleasant personality, he stops by the office to see if everything is okay or if anything needs to be done. I do realize that good work can sometimes go unnoticed, therefore, I am informing you of how much we appreciate having him around.

Antoinette Malcolm
Office of the Registrar

Mr. Halabi:
Efficiency accompanied by courtesy is a rare combination in today’s work world. The professional service and expediency extended to our service request on 2/8/07 by Mr. Ron Maniaci was exceptional. Ron responded to our call regarding no hot water in our service area (ES&T, Room 2221) the same afternoon, within the hour. He investigated the problem, explained the situation to us and rectified it. To our delight we have had steady hot water, where in the past some days we ran the water for 20 minutes and it never got hot.
I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you know what an outstanding job Mr. Maniaci did. He represents your department well. ~Gloria Beale
Administrative Coordinator, ES&T

Dr. Clough and Mike Black commented on how good the Campus looked. Kudos to Hyacinth and his folks.

Bill,
I just wanted to send a note to give thanks to your employee, Larry Turner. We had a slight problem with the ice maker leaking and he came right on down this morning before 7 o’clock to take care of the issue of mopping up the excess water, fixing the problem and being extremely courteous. My hat goes off to him, please pass on our gratitude. Ms. Cheryl A. Taylor

I would like to say thank you to each one of you for all the hard work you have done at the College of Architecture through the years. On the occasion when we have had an event at the college, the landscaping staff has made sure that the grounds around the building were clean, new pine straw put out, and all the cement and stairs pressure washed. I especially want to thank you for the great job you did for the memorial reception for Dean Galloway. The building and the grounds and courtyard looked great.
I can’t begin to tell you how much this meant to Dean Galloway and me to know we could plan an event at the college and the outside areas always looked wonderful.
Thank you again for all the work you have done for the college. With sincere thanks,

Sharon Perry Galloway

Selected comments from our annual customer satisfaction survey:

“Garry Lockerman is always responsive and highly professional.”

“Good to excellent service”

“Please thank everyone from email and phone response to final clean-up— always a pleasure.”

“Thanks for all you do.”

“There has been marked improvement in the area of follow-up and keeping me posted with the work requested. This improvements is greatly appreciated.”

“These are very hard-working employees! Everyone I’ve worked with has been conscientious, polite, and friendly. They need MUCH more recognition and respect for what they do!”

“Todd Bermann is our zone manager. He is on top of all problems, willing to help out when needed and keeps us informed of all anticipated outages well in advance. He is excellent zone manager, very professional. I am glad he’s in our zone.”

“Your staff members are always kind, honest, and clean—we appreciate all they do for us.”

Cindy

Hi, you don’t know me, I teach construction and environmental science in the Building Construction Program. I just wanted to drop a note and congratulate you on the best Earth Day/Week in my memory. Thank you for all you do and keep up the excellent work!

Linda Thomas-Mobley, JD, PhD
Building Construction Program