Modern Day Ghost Story
at Student Services

By Melissa Bauermeister from true accounts

This isn’t a joke or a made up story just for this special Halloween edition of Facilities Quarterly. This information is from several people with real experiences with something unexplainable. Take it how you will, this is just the story retold.

The first admitted sighting was on a cold evening just before Christmas in 1999. One of the building services crew at the Student Services building was making rounds as usual and was alone that night. Glancing up from the custodial work, a woman with a slight build and paying no attention to anyone else, descended down the atrium steps then navigated the building with great familiarity. The woman walked down the hallway then faced the closed restroom door and took a full step forward where she disappeared. The door neither opened nor closed.

Two years later late one spring night, the woman was again sighted in the same hallway as she was seen before. This time however, the dark, hunched over shape of a woman turned into the Counseling Department at the end of the hall. The door that was only slightly opened slammed behind the figure.

Others have similar stories beginning from around the time of the Olympics but they are afraid of sounding crazy or of bringing on other poltergeists. However, none of the witnesses were afraid or even concerned about the mysterious female figure roaming the hallways and going about her business. Could this be the ghost of one of the building’s most loved and loyal employees? To the west of the entrance is a stone memorial that reads “Suzanne R. Galanti, 3/29/54 – 4/28/94, Ambassador of Student Services, Her caring manner and infectious smile made her a friend to all.”

Do You Remember the Times?
Oh, how times have changed. It wasn’t long ago that...

Remember when parking at Georgia Tech was $10 per year; when the insurance was $35 per month; and when the raises were a standard 11%? It was the early eighties. Those are the part of the good ol’ days when things cost less and the people looked younger. The men had a fuller head of hair that wasn’t sprinkled with gray and the women were a little more bold with the lipstick colors. Some think they have aged gracefully while others have just aged. Take a look at the pictures in this issue so you can decide for yourself who hide from Father Time and those who were smacked by him when no one was looking.
Another year is rapidly coming to a close. It is worthwhile at the end of year to reflect back on the accomplishments of the past year while we look forward to the challenges of the coming year. I think it would be fair to say this year has been one of the busiest facility years ever. In addition to our normal ration of emergencies in the form of flooding building, leaking roofs, utility failures, falling trees etc, we’ve experience an unprecedented growth in the number of facilities we have to maintain.

Foremost, on this list is the expansion of the campus across I75/85 to Midtown Atlanta. This new section of our campus provides a Campus tour with a top of the line Bookstore, a large hotel, Starbucks, several eateries, an ice cream shop, a barbershop and even a Spa. In addition to the fun addition to our campus several of our Institute activities moved to the Technology Square.

They include The College Of Management, Continuous Education, EDI, the GT Foundation and portion of Architecture. The new facilities we have added are not limited to Technology Square. We accepted responsibility for ES&T (GT largest building at 300,00 sq ft), BME, IPST, The renovated J.S. Coon, Bunger Henry, the new Infirmary and the renovated SC, now CRC).

We managed to keep pace with our Preventive Maintenance Implementation Plan in spite of this unprecedented increase in our responsibilities. Along with the new and renovated buildings we’ve also added many new faces to our organization. Look around you and will see we’ve been able to add people to the facilities family over the past year to help meet the challenges of all the new facilities we’ve added to the campus.

Next year will bring us a whole new list of challenges to include more new facilities, to maintain, more emergencies to react to and the day to day challenges of doing our part to continue to make Georgia tech one of the Nations top institutions of learning.

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**FY 2004: Construction Projects Update**

**Completed projects:**

*Yamacraw and ATDC occupies a portion of the Centergy Development, which includes (2) office buildings, a landscaped plaza, and a parking deck. The development includes 218,000 GSF of Lab, Classroom, and Administrative Space for Yamacraw; and 150,000 GSF of "Business Incubator" and Administrative Space for ATDC.

**Current projects:**

*Research Administration Building. Addition. This adds 22,300 gsf on the east end of existing building and does major renovations to the existing building. The addition is currently open and the renovation completion is projected for November 2003.

*Biomedical Engineering Building. BME is a 90,000 gsf Biomedical engineering research and educational facility. It is now 100% complete.

*Football Stadium Expansion. The expansion of stadium to seat 55,000,

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Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.
**ACCOUNTING**

Vickie Clark and her family had a great vacation in Panama City, Florida in August. Everyone was there—her mom, her children (and spouses), and grandchildren. Two-and-a-half-year-old Savannah loved the ocean and the sand after she was finally able to go swimming. The day before departure, Savannah ran head first into a concrete column and busted her head open requiring 6 stitches. She could not swim the first two days of vacation. Seven-week-old Ethan (a.k.a. “Big E”) was bored with the whole thing and slept through most of the vacation. No complaints from him, except he wasn’t happy with sand in his diapers!

Sharron, Mark, and Amanda Harrah had a great time on their vacation in July to Hilton Head. And, if that wasn’t enough, they traveled to Orlando in late September for a great weekend frolicking with the likes of Mickey Mouse, Goofy, Cinderella and all the Disney gang.

Judith Butler had a wonderful weekend retreat with friends from her church. They really roughed it, but, according to Judith, it was worth the experience.

Debbie and David Chandler enjoyed a few days of relaxation in late September traveling to one of their favorite spots—Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The Accounting Department welcomes a new Director of Finance, David Goldfarb. David comes to us from the Georgia Tech Business Office with vast experience and knowledge in all areas of finance. Be sure to stop by and introduce yourself when you have a moment. Welcome aboard, David.

**ADMINISTRATION**

No news reported.

**AREA 1**

Ben Kolb and three other Facilities employees went deep sea fishing and had a blast. They came back refreshed and with great spirit. Maybe next time they will take Rodd and Leonard with them so they can get some of that!!!

Paul Gruendler went on two vacations this summer. He went to Oregon and Chicago. He attended a family reunion, visited an eye doctor, and witnessed a Chicago Cub’s division win.

We want to welcome Harold Childer, HVAC II mechanic. He has been with us for three months. He worked at Emory University and Peachtree Services Experts. He is glad to be here.

After a disappointing loss at our last picnic basketball tournament, Area One went looking for new talent. We found a young man straight out of High School. We bought him new golf clubs and sent him to play at Mirror Lake Golf Course. He shot a 64 beating the course-standing record of 67. Look out Andy Sheffield. You’d better watch out. We have the next Facilities Golf tournament champion. His name is Eric Reese and he is our new maintenance worker I.

Conratulation to Tim Ramey on completing his six months probationary period.

We are saddened to announce the passing of Allen’s mother. Allen Raville’s mother, Mrs. Virginia H. Raville, passed away Oct 4, 2003. After a long battle with Cancer. Our hearts goes out to him and the family.

**AREA 2**

Area 2 welcomes its new employee Ryan Smith (Maintenance). Ryan and his wife are expecting their firstborn (boy) any day now.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Richard Simmons and Dr. Phil struck a deal with Warren Page. There will be a plot program beginning this fall. Area2 have volunteered to “Fight the Fat.” Richard Simmons and Warren Page will hold classes at the Barbell Club on Wednesdays and Dr. Phil will have motivational sessions at Custodial training room.

Grammy winning songwriter/producer (“Riding without a Cowboy”) Larry Copeland has decided to launch a new project. The Grand Opening of “Slippery Ranch” dance studio is set for November. The location site is set for Area2. Owner Larry Copeland has over forty years of experience. Ranging from private adult clubs and various nightclubs over the city. Kickoff party is scheduled for October 31, 2003. Is will be a star studded event. Guest includes: Ben and Jen, P Diddy, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Sponge Bob Square Pants, and many more.

**AREA 3**

Mike Picklesimer went to the North country USA and met some real friendly people especially in New Jersey. Mike Castille purchased a new motorcycle: A Yamaha V Star 100cc with Cobra pipes Zoom Zoom Zoom!! Vladimir Dronzin is taking an English course on Monday and Wednesday. He is also teaching us some Russian adjectives and adverbs. Winfred has been wearing out his Kermit the Frog back and forth to Rutledge Georgia were he calls home. William is still running for his life. Melvin Jones if the proud owner of a new Honda lawn mower. Miller Genuine Draft powers it. Earl, Raymond, Roger and Daniel are still shop players and they still are giving the female population a run for their money. Summer is about over with and the air conditioning folks are preparing for a rigorous winter. William and Dennis are teaching hands on wiring class to any of those people who are willing to participate. These eager employees are very knowledgeable now, and will be even better in the weeks to come.

So long for now folks the Boggs Hogs.

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AREA 4

We welcome our new employees Thomas Wade (MW) and Nicholas Roper (MWI). Congratulations to Tony Blalock. He is now the Multicraft Foreperson.

It is with most sadness, we announce the death of our employee Terry Huff. He passed away while he was in the hospital waiting for a heart operation.

After a long period of troubleshooting the water problem at Bobby Dodd Stadium, Management have decided it is easier to provide a bucket to the fans instead.

Area 4 is saddened to say goodbye to Mr. Smith a.k.a. Danilo Guadmuz and his family. We wish him well. He will be missed.

AREA 5

We have three new people in Area 5.

Milton Halley, Multi-Craft II whose start date was coincidently his 4th wedding anniversary; Micheal Phillips Area 5 Multi-Craft I; and Lee Jarrett, Electrician I.

Area V Birthdays:
Anh Nguyen, ACM I, 10/16
Floyd Rounds, ACM II, 10/21
Terence Fisher MW I, 10/26
Lonnie Ivey ELE I, 10/27

Floyd Rounds’ son, Floyd Jr. graduated from Georgia State with a Real Estate Degree on August 3, 2003 and he has his first commercial job.

Barry and Iya Roberson and big brother, Jaylen are very proud of their little girl, Barioah Elizabeth Roberson. She was born on August 15, 2003. She weighed 7 lb, 12 oz.

Robert Squire’s son, Phillip, 11, is recovering from pneumonia after his hospital stay at Scottish Rite. Phillip is doing well and back in school now.

Craig Harding has been with Facilities for one year. Craig’s daughter Emma turned two on September 8.

Delora Felix is anxiously waiting for her new granddaughter in February.

BUILDING SERVICES

Hubert C. Youngbloog, Custodian zone 7 opassed away October 18th at Northlake Medical Center. He had a heart attach on October 9th. He worked at Tech for Seven years. He was a native of Warrenton Georgia. He worked the third shift. He will be missed greatly.

CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

Correction from last newsletter: contracts in FY03 totaled $37.2 million, not $3.72.

Jim Larkin’s brother-in-law just won an Emmy for Best Actor in a Leading Role in a Comedy Series (“Monk”). Look for Tony Shalhoub on Friday nights at 10 pm on USA Network and is repeated on Mondays at 8 pm.

Bill Miller is retiring from his part-time employment at the end of this month and leaving Capital Projects after more than 10 years at GT, during which he supervised many significant projects that benefited the Olympics here in 1996 and that will benefit the campus for years to come…Wait a minute, didn’t we already do the retirement thing for him? He must like parties. Whoo-hoo! Party on, Bill.

Steve Cseplo went to the American Kitefliers Association Convention in Dayton, Ohio at the National Air Force Museum the beginning of October. This makes his 7th convention trip. Steve took second place in kite making in the Delta/Delta Derivative category in the Grand National competition. He was also the second member of the second place team in the Team Rokkaku battle. Two contests, two prizes—not too bad.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

Vanessa Keel recently participated in a missionary trip to Kisalaya, Nicaragua. She left on September 19th for a weeklong trip to build a church building for the local Baptist congregation. Twelve other church members from various churches in the Noonday Baptist Association accompanied Vanessa as part of an ongoing partnership to minister to the Nicaraguan Miskito Indians. This is a wonderful example of a Facilities employee helping others in need.

Vic Rachael is the new Fire Safety Coordinator for campus. Before joining Facilities, Vic was employed by the

State, and a Fire Science Technology degree from Perimeter College. He is active in the National Fire Protection Association, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, and a past president and Life Member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He has been married to his wife, Wanda for 28 years, and has two daughters and a son. Please give Vic a warm welcome!

One of Lee Zacarias’ hobbies is breeding dwarf seahorses. Congratulations on his latest births. He is expecting more soon. Can you see

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them in this picture?

Estimating
No news reported.

Information Technology
Chuck LaFleur recently began a 9-month professional certificate program for web design.

Landscape Services
No news reported.

Lockshop
No news reported. Really, though, they just don’t want to give away any of their secrets

Motorpool
Eric Lee’s daughter is enjoying her first year of soccer. No sissy girl for Bondo.

Mike Jordan is wearing the white shirt for good this time. Congrats.

Ken Cloud can’t get enough of Florida. Another retirement plan in the works?

Clarence Potter’s kids are doing just fine in school. Proud Papa can’t stop smiling about it.

Glen Byrd wants everyone to know he isn’t “skeered.”

Clarence Potter and Sherrod Prather have weekly basketball showdowns. You’ll have to ask who is schooling whom each week.

Power Plant
Dan Bonney can now claim he’s the fastest chiller tube cleaner at Georgia Tech. Way to go!

Gerald Benjamin completed motorcycle safety training and should be seen on a Harley Davidson soon. Ooh, you are one baaaad man.

Enrique Ramerez passed his one-year mark in September.

The Cash boys are still very busy. H.G. bought his own car—a Mazda Miata Special Edition. He’s working hard for it, though with a full load of classes and a part time job (and doing well at both). Charles chose as his Eagle Scout project to build a gazebo for his church.

Boiler #4 should be up and running by end of November. Cross your fingers, everyone.

Recycling
No news reported.

Staging
No news reported.

Steam Shop
With the help of “Warren-Speaking,” the steam shop is finally making progress on boiler repairs. Ask Warren how his babies are and how much love they need. If he gives you a blank stare at these questions, take it that they’re doing ok.

Brent Minter and David Jordan earned their Class IV Boiler License. Congrats.

Storeroom
Donnie Thompson welcomed his fourth son, Samuel Hunter, on August 16 at 8 pounds, 20 ounces. His wife is doing well and the other three kids are adjusting well.

Utilities & Energy
Kirk Byers is back in hockey season for the V-Factors, who is ranked 39th in the IHF league. So far, he’s scored 2 points and now likes to be called “Wayne.”

Craig A. Fritz has been spending lots of time in Florida. He must be planning his retirement future already. When do we get to start calling him a “blue hair?”

Bruce Crumbley’s youngest son, Hunter, is loving his first year of football. He’s a cute and tough little guy.

Lee Jarrett left U&E and ran to Papa Charlie and the Area 5 group. Lee, you can run, but you can’t hide.

Melissa Bauemeister moved into a new office located at the south end of the King shop. She arranged the move for three offices and now she thinks she’s an interior decorator. Hint #1: Try something other than gray and purple.

Perfect Attendance

Belton, Kelly
Bridges, Jeff
Chandler, David
Chapman, Charlie
Cody, Hugh
Cowart, Michael
Craft, Johnathan
Croy, Ronnie
Crumbley, Bruce
Dillard, Linda
English, Antonio
Hopkins, Mark
Jones, Lee
Jordan, Michael
Lamia, Frank
Larkin, James
Lewis, Catherine
Lyons, Charles
Mason, Charlie
Porter, Marvin
Price, Patrick
Reynolds, J.T.
Robertson, William
Roper, John
Stephens, Willie
Towns, Morial
Williams, Terry
Zabinski, Andy
Zachary, Ronnie

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Controlling pests doesn’t have to be a rat race

By Michelle Short

People use pesticides to control household pests, but often fail to consider long-term solutions to avoid pest problems. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) can be used to control household pests. IPM includes a variety of nonchemical and chemical tactics to control pests and minimize human/pet exposure to pesticides. IPM often includes pesticides, but they should be used judiciously as part of your overall pest management plan.

The Basics of IPM:

- Don’t provide food for pests
- Don’t provide water for pests
- Don’t provide shelter for pests
- Keep pests out
- Mice and Rats

Rats and mice will destroy and contaminate large amounts of food or items in storage, and they carry a number of diseases that can be passed to humans. Additionally, mice/rat infestations can lead to problems with other pests, such as fleas. If you discover droppings or see signs that rodents have chewed into food containers, you should take quick action.

Inside, keep storage places clean, especially in attics and basements. Good sanitation is essential to prevent and control mice and rats. Review the basic IPM principles. Outside, keep grass mowed and do not allow clutter to build up. Rodents look for secure places to hide.

Rats can be excluded from most structures, and exclusion will help to control mice. Seal all entry points around the foundation of your house. Snap traps and glue boards are very effective against mice. They are less effective against rats because rats are stronger and more suspicious.

Mice can usually be controlled without poisons if you act before the population becomes too large, but rats can be difficult to control without rodenticide baits. Be sure that children and pets do not have access to poison baits. Rodenticides should only be used as part of an overall control program that includes sanitation. If rodents have access to ample food and shelter, it will be impossible to control the population with poison baits alone.

If you have a large population of mice or rats, you may not be able to control them by yourself. Likewise, if the problem is a community issue, you will need to consult a professional. Contact your health department for advice.

Facilities Employee Profile

Name: Jonathan Copeland
Title: Custodian Supervisor
I have been at Tech for: 9 months
The most important part of my job: Customer satisfaction as well as having a good working environment for the employees

The most challenging part of my job: Training for the employees

The most rewarding part of my job: Watching my employees grow into good employees

Hobbies: Playing chess and going to the theater

Favorite artist: Blue Magic Group (Jazz)

Place I always wanted to visit: Sidney, Australia

My motto: It is important to do the work and not let the work do you

The best advise I have received: Trust God.

Quick Bit To Think About

Have you noticed that since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFO’s like they use to?

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. Its pay no attention to criticism.

Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.

Doctors can be frustrating. You wait a month and a half for an appointment and he says, “I wish you’d come to me sooner.”

You read about all these terrorists most of them came here legally, but they hung around on these expired visas, some for as long as 10-15 years. NOW, compare that to Blockbuster: you are two days late with a video and those people are all over you. Let’s put Blockbuster in charge of immigration.
Everyone can go through times of feeling down or grieving for a while after having suffered a loss. But for people with the medical condition called depression, feeling very sad or having no interest in activities can go on for a long time. Sometimes, this happens for no apparent reason to people whose lives are going well. **Depression Can Affect Anyone**

More people suffer from depression than you might think. Depression strikes people of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnic groups. It is estimated that about 20 million adults in the U.S. suffer from depression each year, and that up to 25% of all women and up to 12% of all men in the U.S. will experience an episode of major depression some time in their lives. About 1 out of 6 American adults have depression during their lifetimes. Depression is not a sign of weakness or a character flaw. It is a medical condition. **Recognizing Depression**

Depression is a common medical condition with very specific symptoms. The symptoms of depression, as with any other illness, may differ from person to person. Not everyone will have all the same symptoms.

Sometimes, in addition to the symptoms of depression, many depressed people may also complain of physical problems. For example, someone might have chronic aches and pains that just can't be explained, such as persistent headaches, backaches, or stomachaches. Depressed people may also experience digestive problems such as dry mouth, nausea, constipation, and, less commonly, diarrhea. Being constantly worried, anxious, or irritable are also possible hidden signs of depression.

Symptoms of depression vary from person to person. You may have depression if you have five or more of the following symptoms and you have these symptoms almost all of the time during the same two-week period or longer. At least one of the symptoms must be a “sad” feeling that will not go away or a loss of interest or pleasure in most activities. Other symptoms are changes in sleeping patterns, restlessness or slowed movements, fatigue or lack of energy, changes in appetite or weight, feeling worthless or guilty for no real reason, trouble concentrating or making decisions, and repeated thoughts of death or suicide. In depression, these symptoms interfere with your day-to-day activities.

**Causes of Depression**

The exact cause of depression is not clear. No one is sure why some people get depressed and others do not. Sometimes, depression seems to happen because of a stressful event. Sometimes it seems to happen for no reason at all.

Genes may play a role. People whose blood relatives have had depression are more likely to have it, too. However, not everyone who has a relative with depression is going to develop it.

Today, it is widely recognized that depression is a medical condition that may be associated with an imbalance in the delicate chemistry of the brain. If this imbalance occurs, it can affect the way people feel and the way they see the world. It is thought not having enough of a brain chemical called serotonin may play a role in depression. **Depression is Treatable**

Most depressed people can benefit from treatment. In fact, early recognition and treatment seem to decrease the length and severity of depressive episodes for most people.

The most common treatments are antidepressant medicines, psychotherapy, or a combination of both. You and your doctor can work together to decide on appropriate treatment. Antidepressant medicines have been proven effective in treating depression. Today, medicines called selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) are the most commonly prescribed class of antidepressants.

In psychotherapy, patient and therapist discuss the patient's experiences, relationships, events, and feelings to identify and try to resolve areas of difficulty. Working together with a supportive therapist can help you find better ways of dealing with your problems.

If you think you or someone you care about may be depressed, it's important to talk to a doctor. Depression is a medical condition that responds well to treatment, so a good person to talk to is a doctor, especially one who already knows a lot about your or your loved one's history and health. Only a doctor or other qualified healthcare professional can make a diagnosis of depression. Together, you can determine if depression is involved and decide on appropriate next steps.

*This information is provided by [www.zoloft.com](http://www.zoloft.com).*

**Don’t let the blues hang over you**

Don’t let the blues hang over you
Recreation

Winter gardening easier than it seems

By Donna Chronic

On a cold winter’s day wouldn’t it be nice to look out your window and see the beautiful bark of a river birch or the vibrant red berries of a holly or even the graceful seed heads of an ornamental grass blowing in the wind? Most of us don’t think of winter as having too much appeal when it comes to plants, but surprisingly this doesn’t have to be true. It’s just a different kind of beauty and one that you can easily incorporate into your garden plan.

We all know bulbs like daffodils, hyacinths, crocus and tulips can brighten any late winter garden. But winter is also a great time to appreciate other features of trees and shrubs that you may not notice when they are flush with foliage.

Winter is one of the best times to appreciate the wonderful bark features of a tree or shrub. Many trees have beautiful exfoliating (peeling) bark that is best seen when the leaves have fallen in the autumn. Sometimes it’s just an interesting branching structure that you can appreciate. Colorful berries offer welcomed food for the birds but are also pretty to look at in the landscape. Winter is also one of the best seasons to appreciate the value of evergreens in your garden.

Below is a list of some of the trees and shrubs that you might find interesting in a winter landscape.

Trees
- Crape myrtle (Indian names like Natchez, Muskogee, Sioux, Pecos, etc.)
- Coral bark maple
- River birch (Heritage, Dura-Heat)
- Trident Maple
- Chinese Elm (Bosque, Allee)

Shrubs
- Hollies (deciduous and evergreen)
- Witch hazel
- Camellia (japonica and sasanqua)
- Daphne
- Winter Jasmine

Ornamental Grasses (Miscanthus ‘Morning Light’, Pennisetum ‘Hamelin’)

Evergreens
- Cryptomeria
- Hollies (Little Red, Mary Nell, Foster’s)
- Junipers
- Boxwood (Wintergreen, Green Mountain)
- Arborvitae (Hoyt)

Sheila Jackson’s Prize Strawberry Short Cake

Strawberries preparation
- fresh or frozen/ not in syrup
  * 3 pounds - divided 2 lbs. and 1 lb.
  * 3/4 cup + 1/4 cup sugar
  [Reserve a few berries for garnish don’t cut or place in sugar.]

Prepare berries the night before cake is to be made. Thaw frozen berries. Wash and cut fresh berries or cut thawed frozen berries lengthwise. Separate into 2 containers - add 3/4 cup sugar for 2 pounds and 1/4 cup sugar for 1 pounds. In a sauce pan put smallest amount (1 lb.) of berries and heat until it just starts to boil, immediately remove from heat and cool. Cover berries and chill both heated and raw berries in refrigerator overnight.

Hot Milk Sponge Cake
- 1 rectangle cake or 2 - 8” or 9” round layers
- 2 cups sifted cake flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 eggs, unbeaten
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Sift flour, baking powder, and salt together. Beat eggs in large deep bowl until very thick and light -- about 5 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar. Add vanilla. Add flour to egg mixture, a small amount at a time, blending by hand or at low speed by electric mixer. Bring milk and butter just to a boil. Very quickly stir into the flour mixture, blending thoroughly. (Batter will be thin). Pour quickly into a 1 3x9x2inch pan or 2 round layer cake pans - which have been lined with wax or parchment paper, greased and floured. Bake at once in moderate oven 350degrees for 30 to 35 minutes (check at 30) or until top of cake springs back at touch or toothpick comes out clean. Run knife along edge or cake, cool for 10 minutes and turn onto cooling rack if cake to be served in another plate/bowl to cool at least an hour.

Topping:
- Mix heavy whipping cream I pint for small cake or 1 quart for large 1/4 cup sugar, vanilla extract (pure) 1 teaspoon for small or 2 teaspoons for large. Chill bowl 20 minutes in freezer. Just before assembling cake beat whipping cream sugar and vanilla until fluffy and stiff peaks form.

To assemble:
Works well in a truffle bowl. Place first layer of cake (trim bottom and/or sides if to dark or uneven) spoon 1/2 of cooked berries and juice (syrup) on top then 1/2 uncooked berries and juice; then spread 1/2 whipped cream. Add 2nd layer of cake (trimmed if needed) then remainder of cooked berries and syrup, then uncooked berries and juice. Add whipped topping and strawberries to garnish.
Recreation

My favorite vacation on a real “Fantasy Island”

By Bill Halabi

Have you ever wondered what it is like to have a vacation on a tropical island? Well it is as fun as you thought and more.

When the plane approaches the island, you look out of the window and see the clearest turquoise water you have ever seen. Once the plane lands, you get off to the tarmac, and you witness the palm and Plumeria trees. You feel that you landed on a fantasy island. After you get your luggage, you drive to your hotel through a road lined with flowers on both sides. You automatically get a felling of relaxation. You forget where you came from and you forget every problem you ever had at home. The next day you start on a journey to a town called Hana. The fun part of that journey is getting there. The trip is 53 miles which takes you 4 hours or more. That is not because of traffic jam. Remember, this is not Atlanta. It is Hawaii. To get to Hana, you have to go on 54 one line bridges and through 600 curves. The most common phrase you use is “wow.” The high sea cliffs and the green rain forests will amaze you. On the way to Hana, you can stop at several “water holes” where you can take a dip in a pool and have a relaxing massage by mother nature (water fall). You can also take a swim in a cave. You can stop by several fruit and flower stands where you can buy tropical flowers for one tenth of what you pay at home. The road has zero sea cliffs that plunge straight to the ocean. The road is so narrow that it will only fit one car. The road has zero tolerance for mistakes. One mistake and you are in the ocean. Remember, it is an adventure and not a vacation. On that road, you can stop and buy the best banana bread you ever had. At night, you can stroll down the street of Lahaina where you can shop for Art (if you can afford it) or for that Hula skirt you promised your friend back in Atlanta. Day 4 is the day you are scheduled to go on “a whale watching” boat trip. It is a privilege to be able to see those enormous animals splashing in the ocean and nursing their babies. Of course their babies are as big as your boat. The highlight of the evening of day 4 is a Mai Tai and nice dinner on an ocean front restaurant watching the sunset. Or you can always have sunset dinner cruise while watching Hula dancers performing Hawaiian dances. Day 5 is reserved for deep-sea fishing. You depart on the trip early in the morning. Or you can always take scuba or snorkeling trip where you can swim with tropical fish of all colors. If you don’t want to go on a boat trip, you can just lay on the beach in one of many public beach parks. Of course those avid golfers can choose to play golf at many of the best and most famous golf courses in the world. Day 6, you drive to Haleakala, it is a 10,000 feet dormant volcano. It takes about 1 hour to get up there (don’t forget the sweater.) The view going up is like nothing you have ever seen, especially when you get above the clouds. The view down is just as good. Day 7 is the doom day. It is very depressing because you are getting ready to leave paradise and go back to your regular routine. You pack your stuff and head to the airport for your flight home.

This is a typical vacation in Hawaii. You probably are telling yourself, “This is great. It is a dream vacation that I can never in my wildest imagination afford to have.”

Well, you can. It is possible to have it. All you need is a little creativity and a lot of discipline. If you are interested in finding how you can do it, just ask me.
A Stroll Down Memory Lane

Top left going clockwise: Larry Curbow; Late Amos Johnson, Gwen Marks, & Shirley Williams; Bruce Crumbley & Mark Hopkins; Stan Field; Donna Chronic; Vickie Clark; Steve Payton & Earnest Tate; Tony Blalock; Wylene Neil; Gary Fitzgibbon; Micheal Jordan; Steve Price.
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Top Left Down: Joan, Charles, & Sharon; Dennis Price; Ricky Parks; Taffie, Marvin, Christine Smith, Cindy Smith.

Top center down: Brad; Ken; Don; Ron; Paint shop; Donnie & Bob Disney; Jim Priest and Sunny; Ronnie; Willie Wright & Dee.
Accolades

Facilities’ employees often do good work. Even if the customer doesn’t say it, the work is appreciated. Below are excerpts from various letters that we received about our employees.

Dear Cindy Jackson:

The Gamma Tau chapter of Psi Upsilon fraternity would like to offer the sincerest of thanks for the work you have done to remove much of our unsightly solid waste and pour a concrete slab for our dumpster. While we would have eventually disposed of the said waste, it was very kind of you to offer your help in removing the broken cars, the broken laundry machine, and the broken water heater. We are proud to know that such thoughtful and hard-working people are in the Georgia Tech Facilities department. We deeply appreciate your assistance in making both our fraternity and the Tech campus as a whole a more beautiful place. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
The Brotherhood of Psi Upsilon

Dear Mr. Fraker,

On behalf of the Midshipmen and staff of the Georgia Tech NROTC Unit, I would like to thank you and your staff for your support of our Unit.

Sonny Cody, Kelly Belton and Lee Jones’ special attention to detail and quick response to our lock configurations changes was outstanding. We are currently shifting some offices around within our building and the service of those mentioned above as made that process much easier.

Again, thanks for the outstanding service received from you and your staff.

Very respectfully,
B.D. Einsidler
Captain, United States Navy
Commanding Officer
NROTCU Atlanta Region

Ms. Jones,

I was pleased to hear of Sheila’s promotion in our building, but sad to see her go. I must say however, that her replacement, Ms. Lizzie Newsome doing a great job in her place. Thanks for sending us cheerful and capable people!

Wayne Rock
Prof. Wayne J. book
Love, Jr. Manufacturing Bldg

Mr. Page, have you ever met someone and wanted to do something for him or her because they are always so willing to help you out when the need arises? Well, this is how I feel about Michael Jordan.

I am the overseer of Van # 58 in keeping it maintained, etc. Numerous times, upon bringing it to the Motor Pool for maintenance, Michael is there and is always ready and willing to assist. Most times, I don’t have to ask for a ride back to the office because he volunteers to take me back and then when the work is done, he (with the assistance of a co-worker) would deliver the van, provided, of course, he has the time to do so. Most recently, Michael assisted me in cleaning up the van and did an excellent job!

This is to personally commend Mr. Jordan for the care and attention he gives in providing exceptional customer service to those he comes in contact with. Please let him know that his efforts are not going unnoticed and that he is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Carol Maddox
Administrative Coordinator

Dear Gary:

I wanted to write a letter of appreciation regarding one of your employees, Ms. Yolanda Bennett.

After submitting a request for carpet cleaning for all of our offices in the College of Science, Ms. Bennett came to my office to confirm my request and schedule time for the cleaning. She was professional, concise, and very helpful. I requested the cleaning be done in a certain room/hall order and on specific days.

The cleaning was done ahead of time, without any problems or mix-ups. The communication of my request and supervision of the project were handled excellently by Ms. Bennett. Her follow-up to assure that things were done to my satisfaction was an example of her efficiency and focus on customer service.

Please relay my appreciation to Ms. Bennett for her assistance!

Sincerely,
Jan Brown

Taffie,

Patrick Price was part of these events.

Please see the note below from president Clough. Thanks to each of you for making his sessions a success and congratulations on a job well done. It’s the little things like attention to details and customer service that pay dividends in the long run. You should each be quite proud of your efforts. I’m confident that this is only one example of the fine teamwork displayed by each of you. Thanks again for all that each of you do for GCACT.

Sincerely,
Bill Prigge

Sonny:

I just wanted to say thanks for rushing through all our back orders so quickly. I was using an old e-mail address f r Judy, so she wasn’t getting our requests. You guys responded so quickly that we don’t even have anybody mad at us over here!

Thanks again!

Ron Armour and Carlos Rios

I would like to commend the crew of Ron Armour and Carlos Rios on the superb job they did on cleaning the MRDC mailroom floor. It is a high traffic area and always has scuffmarks and dirt, etc. They did and outstanding job, I am very pleased and so is my supervisor.

Thanks,
Dorothy McDuffie-Alexander

Mr. Tommy Little,

My name is Frank Cannella, the Facilities manager for the School of Biology. I wanted to share with you the outstanding effort put forth by Waytha Gordon and the team of custodial professionals that work with Waytha. The Emerson bldg is such great shape; floors cleaned and waxed, stairs wells look like they are new; trash is picked up in a timely manner, etc. Please stop by, as I would like to introduce myself as well as show off the Emerson bldg.

Frank Cannella, Facilities Manager
School of Biology

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