The 2005 Facilities 20th Annual Chili Cook-off went well. There were so many positive responses from all over Facilities and we are proud to say there were no significant gastrointestinal injuries reported from the event.

We are so grateful to GTAA for letting us use the Coliseum again this year. The weather was great and everyone had a good time.

Building Service Zone 2 and Recycling tied for 1st place (Chili)

We had 20 teams compete in the Chili Cook-off and six individuals competed in the Dessert Contest. The Chili Teams included Area 1, Area 2, Area 3, Area 4, Area 5, Central & U&E, U&E Steam Shop, U&E Power Plant, EHS, Recycling, Facilities Admin & IT, Landscape had 2 teams, Building Services had 7 Teams.

results for the Chili Contest were:
1st – (Tie) Building Services A & Recycling
2nd – (Tie) Building Services Team C and Building Services Team G
3rd – Power Plant

The results for the Dessert Contest were:
1st – (Tie) Cindy Jackson (Recycling) & Michelle Short (EH&S)
2nd – David Bowman (D&C)
3rd – Teri Russell (Recycling)

As for the games, Sonny Cody (Lock shop) won 1st Place in the 3-Point Shoot Out. Waytha Gordon won the Putt-Putt contest. Area 2 made the Putt-Putt game for the event and it worked great.

Our thanks also go out to the dedicated event Judges. For the Chili contest, they were Michael Edwards, Bob Furniss, Robin Cubbage, Greg Goolsby, and Charlie Brown. We checked on them later that day and they all survived sampling 20 different chili concoctions in a 10-15 minute period. The Dessert judges were Captain Thomas, Deborah Covin-Wilson, Doc Hill, and Scott Schroeder.

Sonny is proudly displaying his 1st place plaque in the 3 point shoot-out.

Recycling is proudly displaying their 1st place plaque for Chili and Cindy’s 1st place plaque for desert.

Michelle Short (EH&S) proudly displaying her 1st place plaque.

Cindy Jackson Tied Michelle Short for 1st place (Dessert)

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Another academic school year is about to end, we in Facilities can all be proud of our continuing role in supporting the teaching and research missions of Georgia Tech. Many member of the Facilities family have been here to see many school years go by and this spring we saw the retirement of a man who had been a key link in the Facilities chain for 30 years, Mark Hopkins. I for one hated to see Mark go, but you can be assured Mark will be part of Facilities folklore for many years to come.

Speaking of Facilities’ traditions, our 20th annual chili cook-off was a great success. We only get a few opportunities each year to come together as an organization and it is great to see everyone enjoying themselves. Kudos to all the winners and much thanks to Todd and his committee for working so hard to make an event we could all enjoy.

Speaking of working hard, the springtime of the year is one of the busiest for us. The Landscape folks are all busy brightening up the campus for summer while on the inside we are doing spring cleaning and making sure all the air conditioning systems are ready for the summer heat. While we are all busy getting our jobs done, please keep safety in mind. Our campus is a very busy place with lots of vehicles and pedestrians traffic. Often times, the people walking and driving on our campus are visitors or students. We need to be watchful for both as we drive from job to job because the visitors often time are not as attentive as they should be because they are lost and students often have other things on their mind. For the most part, I am proud of our driving record but we can always improve. Please keep the following in mind:

The sidewalks are for people to move about the campus. We should not make people walking uncomfortable or keep them from walking because we are driving a vehicle on the sidewalk.

Our vehicles detract from the beauty of such areas as the Campanile and the Hill areas. When you need to get materials, equipment or tools into high visibility areas drop them off quickly during low peak time (like early in the morning or between

Ben Kolb Retires February 28, 2005

After 33 year at Tech, Ben Kolb decided to retire. Ben is really enjoying his retirement. He recommend it to anybody with 30 years. Ben said that he takes home more money than when he was working.

Q: What positions did you hold during your career at Tech?
A: I started in the AC shop as an AC mechanic. When they asked for volunteers to create a steam shop (it was part of the plumbing shop,) Rickie Parks and I volunteered. Then I was promoted to Steam mechanic II, Steam shop Foreman. When we had the reorganization, I was put in the plumber position.

Q: What was the campus like then and now?
A: I got to watch the campus grow. I remember when the grounds department was where CRC is now. I watched the expansion of all the dorms on west campus. MARC, MRDC I, MRDC II, SREB, and Paper Institute.

Q: What is the most memorable event you had at Tech?
A: I remember getting 10% raises for about 3 years. Of course I will never forget the Olympics.

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Many thanks go out to all those who assisted with the publication of this newsletter. We would not have the great things to publish without your help.

Please send any contributions for the newsletter to Bill Halabi.

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Area 1 welcomes its new plumber, Charlie Austin, who came to us from Area 4. He fills the shoes of Ben Kolb who retired last month. Charlie is a proud father of two sons who are serving in Iraq. Larry Taylor who makes his home in Atlanta for the past 20 years is our new HVAC mechanic. He has 16 years of experience and he is thrilled to be here. Paul (Radio Personality) Gruendler would like everyone in the military community to know that he continues his travel to shows and meetings about the Vietnam War. He has trips planned to Texas, South Carolina, Missouri, and Kansas. Allen (Work, Work, Work) Raville has taken a new turn in his last year at Tech. He has proposed to his girlfriend of 25 years. No date has been set yet. Raville has somehow misplaced his car, a 2004 Green Toyota Camry. If you see it, please call Area 1.

Area 2 welcomes back Darren Smith (Wakim). Chuck Sheffield won the “Battle of the Sexes,” AREA 2 cook-off. His award winning meatloaf swept the competition (Tonya and Talena.) Chuck and Talena will battle off in a game of twenty-one. The game will be announced later. Congratulations to Tunji who will be celebrating his daughter's marriage in May. We are all happy for Ryan Smith. His wife is expecting their second son in July. Welcome to our new Maintenance Worker, Karen Kendall.

Johnny Roper is suffering from the 400 blues. William is styling in his Silverado LT. Lately his new ride has been surrounded by the Van Lear sinkhole. Mike Picklesimer bought a new shotgun, and is trying to find the time to shoot it. Shirah and Mike Castille have been seen on the Hiram Express. Shirah can cook some mean chillaso. Charlie and Earl welcome the arrival of Ronnie Richardson, AC I. His help is greatly appreciated. Vladimir is still trying to comprehend our famous Georgia weather and why we received seven and a half inches of rain in March! Darned if anybody can figure that out. Dennis has been trying to find a good deal on an oil well! That's the one way to beat gas prices. Dennis went to Huntsville to welcome back his nephew, Corporal Justin Jacobs back in the country. He has been with Kilo battalion in Iraq for 6 months. Terry and Ronnie are still driving the ship. Ta Ta for now. Have a great spring.

Welcome to our new Maintenance Worker, Kary Satterfield. We the worker in area 4 are happy as we can be.

Terrence Fisher will be playing at the Midtown Music Festival. Edward Lee celebrated his first wedding anniversary on 3/7/05. Dani Guadamuz's daughter is expecting a baby boy in May. Dani will be a first time Grandpa. Anh Nguyen came back from a visit in Vietnam November 6. Delora Felix's granddaughter Madeline Grace Atkins celebrated her first birthday on February 3. Eating part of her birthday cake, more cake was on her than in her mouth.

Utilities & Energy
Melissa is starting her new journey. She is graduating in April and she already has a job lined up with Arizona Medical Center. She is excited about her new career and about being close to her family. She is leaving the Utilities group in good hands. Nicole Slaughter is her temporary replacement. Craig's wife is coming back from Kuwait. She is leaving for good. Remember Walter! He communicated with GT. He is still in Germany “working like a dog.” He can't wait to come back to Tech to rest some. Thank You Walter for serving our country. We want to welcome several new employees. Jim Potts, our new Emission Compliance Engineer. Jim will make sure that we are meeting our new and complicated Title V application requirements. Also welcome to Casey Charepoo, our Preventive Maintenance Project Manager. Susan Wardrope, is our newest employee. She comes to us from GT Housing. She is our Utilities Analyst. Congratulations to several of our students who graduated this semester. They are Amalesh,
Sang-Hoon, Vilas, Nupur, Martin, and Manish.

BUILDING SERVICES

Heartfelt sympathy to these employees:
Julia Floyd, zone 3, whose husband Larry passed away on March 11, 2005.
Marla Scott, zone 1, whose sister Kimberly Thornton, passed away on March 24, 2005.

Congratulations to Zone 5 of Building Services on their winning their 7th Quarterly Service Award.

E H& S

Duane Slack has changed positions. He is now the Chemical Management Information Specialist. Also, Vanessa Keel has just returned from another missionary trip to Nicaragua. Her group went to Kokal, Nicaragua which is a small remote village located on the Waspuk River. The group traveled about 5 hours on land from Was Pan where the missionaries live, to the Coco River. The village was another 6 hours up the river. Vanessa’s responsibilities were to cut the siding and to make the shutters. The church building was completed in about 2.5 days - a record for them (the blocks were laid when we arrived.)

Storeroom

Donnie wishes Rodney good luck in his new job. James is celebrating his birthday on May 2nd by going to Vegas. If you see him, wish him a happy birthday.

Administration

Chuck Rhode is a grandpa. His daughter delivered a baby girl on Thanksgiving day. She was named Alyce Rose Boucher. We are very happy to announce that Deborah Williams’ daughter Genea is donating a kidney to Deborah. The transplant is scheduled for June 2005.

Oveta grand daughter is competing in a dance contest which will be judged by Debbie Allen of Fame.

Welcome to Marcia Kinstler. She is our project Director for the implementation of Chematix, Georgia Tech chemical Management Inventory System. Sharron is happy to have her husband back at work. Welcome back Mark. Vickie Clark is shopping for a house.

Information Technology

Congratulations to Mike Sherwood for becoming a permanent employee. Anjum and family just came back from a visit to DC.

Landscape

Congratulations to Sheryl Taylor for completing the Mentor Tech program. She highly recommends it to everyone.

Motor pool

Michael Jordan is very proud of his daughter, Nikoye who is graduating from Mundy Mills high school. She plan to attend Georgia Perimeter College to study to be Hygienist.

Design & Construction

Have you seen Fred Dolder lately! Fred lost 35 pounds since last summer. When asked you how he did it, He said “swimming.” He swims regularly, and he eats less food.

Central Shop

Revonda’s husband is doing much better. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Recycling

Congratulations to Cindy Jackson for completing both the Management Development Program and the Mentor Tech Program. We want to welcome Terry Russell, our new Administrative assistant.
Facilities Profile: ENERGY GROUP

What is your official name?
Utilities, Allocations, and Air Emissions group.

What are the responsibilities of the group?
We are responsible for Title V. It is an operating permit to run any fuel burning equipment such as a boiler. Jim Potts is our compliance engineer. We also have the allocations section where we receive the utilities bills, process them for payment and allocate them to the various departments on campus. Another branch which has been very active lately is the energy conservations one. We have been working with the area teams to fine tune our systems to run the building as efficiently as possible. To support us in the above tasks, we have 8 part time students.

Who is on the team?
Hank Wood, Jim Potts, Perry Steiner, Jun, Manish, Chiradeep, Lindy, Yusef, and the graduating are Sang-Hoon, Vilas, Nupur, and Martin.

What is the hardest aspect of your job?
Preparing the allocations of utilities around campus and verification of water and sewer bills.

What do you like most about your job?
The people on campus. Everybody that I deal with is cooperative. They all want the thing done correctly.

Georgia Tech Facilities Showcase at "Best Practices Challenge"

In order to facilitate sharing of knowledge, Georgia Tech is implementing "Best Practice Challenge"- an initiative to acknowledge the creative and innovative ways departments are improving processes, using technology, motivating people, and encouraging the sharing of that knowledge between departments. GT Facilities Design & Construction group had an Architectural and Engineering Design Standards for Building Technology that was showcased at the best Practice Challenge. The design provides a direct Internet access to the Campus design Standards. Also GT Information Technology team was featured at the show for “Software License Management” project. The project was headed by Chuck LaFleur and it was designed to reduce our chances of being fined for violations of software licensing agreements.
Facilities’ Chili Cook– Off 2005

Ronnie sampling the last bit of Area 4 Chili

Harold & Steve (Power Plant) / 3rd place Chili.

L-R: Capt Thomas, Deborah Wilson, Scott, Doc.

Charlie, Ben, and Massage

Dennis and Cindy.

Enjoying the Party.

Greg, Bob, Charlie, Mike.

L-R: Vanessa, Maxine, Vicky, Sandy, Vernicer

The Crowd.

Landscape.
Retirement Party For Mark Hopkins

Mark Enjoying the food with his wife Betty

Ben Kolb, RJ Phillips & Taff Washington Are All Retiring

Ben Kolb.

RJ Reynolds Leaving w/ 10 yrs

L: After 33 year at Tech, Ben receives a gold commode seat.
R: RJ & Taff at their retirement party.
L: Ben’s friend saying goodbye.
R: Taff and Revonda.

Mike Leasure presenting Mark a Plaque.
Mark and Ronnie sharing good memories
Right: Michael giving KC a gift.

Michael presenting KC a plaque.
Dear Bill

Q: Dear Bill When will we be getting our Football tickets application?
A: In April.

Q: Who do you complain to when you get a bad service from your medical service provider?
A: The first step should be to call the Customer Service number for the plan and file a complaint/appeal. If that does not work then you can send John Grovenstein an email and he can forward it to the Board of Regents group representative for assistance in resolution.

Q: If you leave a 40 watts light bulb on 24 hours a day for 365 days, how much does it cost?
A: Assuming a cost of 7 cents a kilowatts an hour, it would cost $24.46.

Q: What is a true leader?
A: A true leader is a person who can motivate the employees to do their best to perform their work as efficiently as possible without much supervision. (suggestions are welcomed.)

Q: How come employee’s appreciation day cost $5?
A: We can’t spend state money on the employees events. We can only rely on donations from the foundation. The donations have not been able to keep up with inflation. Therefore, we plan to have our own fund raising events such as the Facilities’ Golf Outing in April.

Q: Why Can’t employees evaluate their supervisors?
A: Can the buggy pull the horse? (haha)

If you have a question, please email it to bill.halabi@facilities@gatech.edu or place the question in campus mail, Facilities /OM mail code 0350. Inquiries will be kept confidential.

(Continued from page 1) check up on their condition after the event.

The committee was great this year, their teamwork and dedication made it all happen. That list included Mike Sherwood (Fac IT), Michael Haren (Area 1), Perry Dewberry (Area 2), Shirah Graydon (Area 3), Jo Ann Pittman (Area 4), Michael Morse (Area 5), Challette Mitchell (Building Services), Alice Ward (Building Services), Revonda Dunn (Central Shops), Willie Stephens (Central Shops), Cornelius Tarver (Landscape Services), David Richmond (EH&S), Warren Jameson (Steam Shop), and Brandon Hunter (U&E).

Jo Ann Pittman made arrangements for the Massage Therapy Student Clinic to come out to do some messages. Everyone really enjoyed that. The Area 1 Plumber, Charlie Austin, has an extensive message background and showed the clinic students and teachers a thing or two about massage therapy.

(Continued from page 2) classes) and move the vehicle to a vehicle parking space.

As our campus becomes more densely populated with new buildings and we close roads on our way to becoming a more pedestrian friendly campus, we will be challenged on how we can do our jobs in this changing environment. We will find ways to do this over time, but it will require us to change with the campus.

Until the next time, try to forget the pollen and enjoy the beauty of springtime in Georgia.
Congratulations to the following employees who did not take any sick leave in 2004. Area III Maintenance Team had the lowest availability:

- Musa Abdullah
- Jeff Bridges
- Hugh Cody
- Charles Cooke
- Leonard Cowart
- Johnathan Craft
- Ronnie Croy
- Bruce Crumbley
- Linda Dillard
- Antonio English
- Craig Fritz
- Mark Hopkins
- David Jordan
- Michael Jordan
- Catherine Lewis
- Chikezie Okornkwo
- Marvin Porter
- Patrick Price
- John L. Roper
- Cindy Smith
- Isadore Snead
- Willie Stephens
- Olatunji Sunmola
- Malcolm Swann
- Stanley Thomas
- Morial Towns
- Terry Williams
- Andrew Zabinski
- Ronnie Zachary

Two cannibals were eating a clown for lunch. One looks at the other and asks: Does this taste funny?
Heath Bar Cake
By Michelle Short
1 box chocolate cake mix (or 1 box white cake mix + 1 cup cocoa) oil for cake mix eggs for cake mix water for cake mix 7 oz condensed milk 6 oz caramel topping 1 container cool whip 1 package instant chocolate pudding milk for pudding mix 5 heath bars-frozen (very important)

Cook cake mix according to directions on the back of the box. While cake is cooking, combine the condensed milk and caramel topping on low heat. When the cake has finished cooking, poke holes all over the top of the cake. Then pour the milk/caramel mixture evenly over the cake. Let sit until completely cooled. It must be completely cooled for the next steps!

Prepare the chocolate pudding mix according to directions. Spread the pudding evenly over the top of the cake, there may be extra pudding left over. Let this set for approximately 20-30 minutes. Then, spread the cool whip over the pudding mixture using a gentle hand. While this sets, chop up the 5 frozen heath bars using a food processor. After the bars have been crushed, sprinkle the contents over the cake. Can be served immediately or refrigerated to let the flavors blend.

Italian Crème Cake
By Cindy Jackson
CAKE
1 stick softened butter ½ cup oil 2 cups sugar 5 egg yolks 1 cup buttermilk 1 tsp vanilla Mix together and set to side

2 cups flour 1 tsp baking soda 1 can shredded coconut 1 cup chopped pecans Mix together and set to side

Now mix both bowls together
Whip 5 egg whites then Fold into mixture
Place in three nine-inch cake pans Bake at 350* 25-35 minutes

ICING
8 oz crème cheese softened 1 stick butter softened 1 tsp vanilla 1 box powdered sugar I tripled the icing recipe for my cake

Sprinkle with minced pecans

OIT Implement Password Web Site
Since implementing the new TECHWORK program for accessing the employees’ benefits, there has been an increase in the frequencies of employees using their GT passwords. OIT has implemented a new password web site where employees can reset their forgotten or expired password (TECHWORK password.) To be able to use this feature, you must log in to the new password web site and create three password hints. Then if you forget your password, or it expires, you can reset it without having to contact OIT support. To sign up check the site: www.password.gatech.edu [you must have your user ID and password.]

Then select the second option from the left “password hints”
WELL DONE !!!!!

Just wanted to say thanks to your employee, Larry, Tunji, Talena, Maurice, and Lee for vacuuming up around 80 gallons of water that flooded a lab over the weekend in BME. All of you in area 2 make me look good, so I just wanted to say Thanks to all !!!!!

Mark L. Smith
Facilities Manager
ES&T Building & BME Building

Steve Marks has demonstrated the knowledge, and the ability to evaluate correct, and install the new water softener piping in the ES&T Building. From the planning of the new layout and working with the Steam Shop personal until testing was complete, Steve has demonstrated that every job is to be completed to a standard that reflexes well upon himself, and others. He is a great asset to his department. Job Well Done!

Warren Jamerson
Steam Mechanic II

Leonard and Rodd
The job to repair the chiller has been completed. I just want to say thanks for the great job that Malcolm and Albert did in this repair. It was a difficult repair and saved money over having the repair done by the manufacturer’s rep. Malcolm and Albert kept me informed as to the progress of the repair and conducted themselves in a very professional manner. Thanks to all for a job well done! Thanks,

John W. Graham
Machine Shop Manager
George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering

Ms.Schoonmaker,

Two weeks ago I was in Atlanta for Techno Led Economic Development training. I was very impressed with the facilities.

I was equally impressed with the cleaning staff’s ability to keep the classrooms and break areas clean and organized. I was particularly impressed with one employee - Naomi Fields. Her interpersonal skills over the two days I was there were exceptional. She was very helpful and highly attentive to my needs and those of my classmates. I enjoyed her so much I asked for her name, so I could follow up. Could you please be sure that my compliments are relayed to your supervisors and to Ms. Fields direct supervisor. Thank you in advance.

I am sure as a leader at Georgia Tech you understand the importance of great employees and positive feedback. Kudos to you and Ms. Fields for helping to provide a wonderful overall learning experience.

Regards,
Margaret M. DelPlato
Senior Planner
Economic Development & Revolving Loan Fund
Genesee/Finger New York

Dear Ryan Smith

I would like to express my appreciation for your help in moving the furniture, etc. out of O’keefe Building on February 14 and February 15. Thank you for being part of our team on those two days and know that without team effort, we would not have accomplished the task set before us.

Sincerely,
Brandon Ford
Staging Foreperson

Facilities Statement of Values

- To Support the institute’s teaching, research, and public service mission
- To provide excellent customer service through teamwork, continuous improvement, and a spirit of innovation
- To treat students, faculty, and fellow staff members with respect
- To develop employee skills to the fullest potential
- To aspire to excellence both personally and professionally
- To conduct our duties with integrity, accountability, and dignity
- To utilize sound business practices and customer friendly administrative processes
- To provide access to information that assists campus community members in successfully performing their jobs