Picnic Precedent Set

By Melissa Bauermeister

The 2002 Facilities Picnic in the Glade turned out to be an event-stuffed day with the sure-bet makings of a great summer picnic: sunny weather, plenty of food and refreshments, a variety of music, and games from high energy basketball to more relaxed ones.

Prizes, such as GT apparel, GT insulated mugs and cash, were raffled off while Facilities personnel—past and present—consumed six large roasting pans of homemade baked beans, 120 pounds of potato salad, and nearly 400 hamburgers and 540 hot-dogs cooked on the barbecue grill. All that was washed down with ice-cold sweet tea, lemonade and water—about 55 gallons combined.

As if all that food wasn’t enough, this year’s picnic committee set a precedent with two official tournaments—volleyball and basketball. Volleyball matches advanced Building Services to go head to head with Design and Construction, leaving Landscape Services and Infrastructure to vie for third.

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New Tourney Games Highlight 2002 Picnic

By Jack Maxwell

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My role during the Sept 11th Events

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**AREA NEWS**

**ACCOUNTING**
In early June, Accounting Manager Jim Dysart and his wife Dottie traveled to Las Vegas for some fun and lots of sightseeing. Not only did they take in the night life, Jim daringly went to the top of the Stratosphere hotel where he rode a breathtaking ride called the “Hot Shot.” Rumor has it that Jim claims he could see all the way to Georgia on that thing!

Sharron Harrah and her family enjoyed a great vacation in April touring the sights of Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. They had a great time taking in the sights.

In June, Judith Butler sailed out to the island of Nassau on a cruise. All reports indicate she had a great time. She certainly looked rested and refreshed when she returned to work.

**ADMINISTRATION**
Deborah Williams has been through testing is eligible for a kidney transplant. She and her doctors are hoping she will be matched in September.

Genea Morris, daughter of Deborah Williams, made a 4.0 GPA in her junior year and made the Principal’s List once again. She also made the All-Star Drill team at Clarkston High School. She must be a busy girl.

**AREA II NEWS**
Richard Messer has cut off his ponytail of ten years.

Mike Bentley went deep-sea fishing in Florida.

Bill Halabi has resigned from the Al-Qada.

**AREA III NEWS**
Howdy folks! Greetings from Skiles basement. We are still trying to beat the heat and the mosquitoes. Half of the bugs seem to just attack Roger.

Roger Humphrey is just getting back from a deep-sea fishing trip in the Gulf. The only sharks he saw were Pool sharks and Loan sharks.

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Safety Committee is sponsoring a monthly Safety Slogan Contest. Prizes will be awarded each month. Turn your entry in to Chuck Sheffield at Area II.

Please be sure to secure your vehicle and the belongings in it. A couple cars were broken into this year near the King Building.

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**Terry, New Dad of 4-Legged Boy**

By Dennis Price

In the wee hours of the morning Friday, April 12, 2002, a commotion from the barn woke Terry Williams up. Terry’s horse, Little Bit, went into labor shortly before 6:00 am and “I do mean LABOR,” Terry said. The mother and father were successfully greeted with a 40-pound colt Terry and family named Blaze. Five more pounds and Terry would have had a new Colt 45!

Welcome to the new world, Blaze, and we hope you don’t ever get caught with that tongue of yours in the wrong place, like Terry’s amber refreshment that comes in a bottle.

Blaze shows off what Terry taught him.
Area News

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Mike Picklesimmer is still running for his life.

Winfred Whitehead is still working on his new house that he built from the ground up in Rutledge, Georgia.

Johnny Roper is still working all the time, but he still has time for his jet-skis.

William Robertson has been really enjoying his newly purchased home. A Players Paradise!

Dennis Price and his wife just refinanced their five-year-old home at a good rate.

Michael Castillo has been out West for over two weeks visiting Arizona and New Mexico.

Vlaramir Dronzin is still learning our American ways and is trying to teach us Russian. Genga Da Roberto Nyet!

Doug Matthews is still in command of maintenance, but he still sweats a lot. We can't understand why?

Daniel Chambliss has a new flame but no wedding bells, yet.

Felix Harper is still the rookie but we are glad to have him. His family has actually founded their own line of clothing that threatens to kick Tommy Hilfiger’s behind. See his website www.felixmeuon.com.

Charles Cooke has celebrated his thirty years of completed service, so be careful what you say to him or it is “See ya later, Alligators!”

The entire shop was proud to see Jack Maxwell carrying the flag as the Air National guard was

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Amateur Radio Operators to Complete Tower Renovations

By Dennis Baggett

I will be completing the renovation and installation of the Atlanta Radio Club's Chestnut mountain repeater site later this summer. This site is home to our 145.35MHz and 444.45MHz VHF/UHF amateur radio repeaters. The equipment is located on the Fox 97 broadcast tower near Chateau Élan. The equipment platform is about 1450 ft. above the ground, and the antennas are actually located below the equipment platform, but still more than 1/4 mile above ground level.

Amateur radio operators often provide emergency communications during natural disasters, and communication for charitable and non-profit events. Many amateur operators are also involved in the SKYWARN storm spotter program. The SKYWARN program reports real-time "ground truth" weather information to the National Weather Service forecast office in Peachtree City.

These repeaters operated by the Atlanta Radio Club are used to extend the range of amateur radio operators using low to moderate power radios and "line of sight" VHF/UHF frequencies. This location will have the capability to be linked to our downtown site on the Bank of America building, and will extend SKYWARN capability all the way to the South Carolina state line.

You can visit the Atlanta Radio Club's website at www.w4doc.org.

Anyone up for a climb?
The pictures show the tower from the ground (left), the equipment cabinet, (below-left) and looking down through the equipment platform floor (below) about 1450 ft. above the ground.
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Ms. Gwen White, who retired from Building Services Department, passed away on June 4, 2002. She worked at Tech for 15 years as a Custodian I. Her funeral service was held on Saturday the 8th of June and was attended by many former co-workers and friends.

Deepest sympathy goes out to Ms. Bernice Nolan, Custodian I, whose mother, Mrs. Eunice Dudley passed away.

Picklesimer, Tech’s Own Running Man

By Dennis Price

While attending Howard Smallwood’s retirement celebration, some words were directed at our Zone III plumbers for achieving champion lap master runner up status. Around these parts, these awards are highly considered and deserve notoriety. Nevertheless, you folks probably don’t know that Roger’s partner, Mike Picklesimer is now in training for his thirteenth Atlanta Marathon race held every Thanksgiving Day. The marathon race consists of running 26.2 miles and the entry fee is $40. I’m sure that the money is put up in advance so if you don’t make it, they won’t get jilted. The Boston marathon gains more notoriety than the Atlanta Marathon. However, the Boston Marathon entry fee is $140. It must be because of the quality of the tee shirts.

I asked him how he got into running. He said it started with high school football and then when he joined the paratroopers, “it really took off.” He said, “If your drill instructor had a set of wings on his shirt, you were going to run and run and run and run.”

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Khara Shanae Lyons daughter of Linda Dillard, Custodian I and Dennis Lyons Sr. graduated from Greenville High School, Greenville Mississippi. Khara received scholarships to many colleges, but chose to enter Mississippi State University this Fall. Hats off to Khara!!!

Rayketta S. McCurtis, the granddaughter of Addie McCurtis, Custodian I, received many awards during her May 23rd graduation ceremony.
The picnic this year was a great success with lots of food, prizes, games and fellowship. Our picnic committee and picnic volunteers lead by Ronnie Croy are to be congratulated for putting on such a great event. They certainly set a high standard for future picnics.

As most of us should know we recently completed our fourth annual customer survey with excellent results. We have shown continued improvement each year with several of our scores being over a 3 on a 4 point scale. Again two of the highest ratings by our customers were in the area of “employee professionalism image” and “quality of work”. This is direct reflection on the quality of our work force and the key ingredient in our ability to satisfy the requirements of our customers.

As we look ahead, we have some key objectives we want to strive for during this next year. At the top of the list is continuing to improve the service we provide our customers. Closely following this is imperative—our preventive maintenance program. We are about to complete the first phase of our three phase implementation program with our goal is to have the program fully implemented by the Spring of 2004. This is a major undertaking for us and one we need to complete to continue to lay claim to being a world class maintenance organization.

**CONSTRUCTION**

Welcome aboard to our new program manager, Frank Lamia. Not only is Frank working on our regular projects, he has been assigned to handle our Task Order contracts. He’s doing a great job and we’re glad to have him as part of our team.

Todd Bermann and his wife Jaimie welcomed Tige William on June 22nd. The 8 lb. 11 oz., 20.75 inch boy was delivered in just 51 minutes. Congratulations!

Rayford Mills had a great vacation in April; traveling to South America to visit relatives.

Jim Hummel and his son, Matthew, took off in June to visit Jim’s mother in Fort Myers, Florida. To Matthew’s surprise, they stopped off in Orlando to see Matthew’s favorite rock group, Chicago, in concert.
Chuck LaFleur just finished his first year at the beginning of June. His one and only grandchild, Madeline Claire, turned one in May. Hey, you have something in common!

Anjum Khan was in his brother’s wedding in April. Amer Khan, a Georgia Tech 1998 Electrical Engineering graduate, married a woman from Virginia Anjum only knows as “Pink.” There’s nothing like a close-knit family.

LOCK SHOP

The Lockshop received the highest customer satisfaction ratings on the 2002 Facilities Survey.

Russell Brown (student), Kelly Belton and Sonny Cody are going into their Men’s Church softball team 8-1. Good luck!

Chad Cody, son of Sonny Cody, heads into high school next year. He graduated Jr. High with As and Bs. Atta boy!

Kelly Belton, Russell Brown (student) and Sonny Cody are going against the “college kids” in GT intramural softball. Hang in there, men.

William Alphabet’s son, Kelsey, is advancing to high school next fall. Kelsey & Sherrie, 11, are honor roll students at Sutton Middle School in Fulton County. Where do they get it from?

MOTORPOOL

Jerry Turnbull attended his sister and brother-in-law’s 50th anniversary this month.

Eric Lee vacationed in Panama City for three days with his family. He plans on going to North Carolina with them in June. That’s what summer is for!

Ken Cloud took a fishing trip in Panama City for a week in June and fished four out of five days. He’ll be back in July to do more of his favorite hobby. I guess you could say he’s “hooked.” Ba-dum-bum.

Michaela Byrd, daughter of Glenn Byrd, graduated from first grade at Arbor Springs Elementary in Newnan County. Baby steps are a thing of the past.

PAINT SHOP

Jerry Johnson had his 25th anniversary at GT in April. Almost there!

POWER PLANT

H.G. Cash, son of Harold Cash, graduated from Adairsville High School (Bartow County) and was awarded a four-year scholarship to Reinhardt College. That’s an Eagle Scout for ya.

Butch Applying is the newest boiler operator at Holland Plant. He comes to us from Lucent Technologies. If you want to meet him, you’ll have to wait until the 2nd shift begins. Welcome, Butch!

RECYCLING

Nicholas Sherman, son of Cindy Jackson, is a 2002 high school graduate and will be attending GT for chemical engineering in the fall.

STAGING

Derek Jones learned to drive a forklift here at GT. Derek has been with Facilities since April 2nd and hopes to become a permanent employee soon.

Harrison Sheats is back at GT. This Alabama-native is proud of his two children, Kameron Montel Sheats, 4, and Harrison Devonta Sheats IV.

David Taylor’s daughter, Shaniya, turned one in November.

Lopez Dozier’s daughter, Andrea Dozier, turned three on February 26.
Facilities’ Own Wins Poetry Award

Phyllis Beckford, Custodian I, Zone 7, received the 2000 Publishers Choice Award for Poetry. She has published and copyrighted two poems. Her poem "Springtime" won her the Award. The other one "Something to Think About" she would like to share with us.

Something To Think About

God puts the rainbow in the sky,
The sunshine, the flowers, and even the butterfly,
His stars light up the darkest night
And his Holy Angels guides you all right.
Bring to him all your pain and fear,
He knows just how much you can bear.
He is kind and understanding too;
He only ask so much of you.
To you he will be true,
Trust in him you want be blue.
When the burden of life seems hard to carry,
Give them to him and don’t you tarry.
Start your day with a prayer and a song,
whatever awaits, you’ll never go wrong.
Look to him, for He’s keeping each moment you start anew;
He hears the feeblest prayer though the words sometimes be few.
Take God’s hand as He leads you down the winding road,
He’ll never leave or forsake when you are under the load.
The smile you share with others will brighten someone’s day
And you will see the benefit when He leads the way.

Richard Harden has 31 years at GT and is still proud to be a Bulldog. Bow wow!

Terry Farmer is back in the hospital from complication of his liver transplant surgery. He is doing better, please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We are waiting for him to come back soon.

STEMINER OPTIONS

Bonnie Stephens, daughter of Les Baggett, received a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Applied Biology from Georgia Tech. Bonnie will pursue her doctorate degree at Georgia State University specializing in genetics, infectious diseases and inherited diseases. Get rid of those little critters.

Emily Hopkins, daughter of

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Technology

Laptop Computers on the Move!

By Chuck LeFluer

Did you know that laptop computers have legs? Since January 2001 there have been 101 laptop computers stolen on campus. We’ve had 3 laptop computers stolen in the Facilities Department within the past 6 months! Mike Pearson, our Physical Security Specialist with the Georgia Tech Police Department, states that your laptop computer is the #1 item thieves are looking for—if they can’t find an unsecured laptop to steal, then they’ll take your purse or backpack instead.

It’s very easy for a thief to slip unnoticed in and out of your office or cubicle to grab your laptop and leave the premises, particularly if you leave your laptop computer in a visible area of your unlocked office or cubicle when you’re away from your desk. Please be mindful of the risk, and take appropriate steps to mitigate that risk.

You may have more at risk than you realize. Sure, the computer itself is at risk—but what about all of your data stored on the computer? Do you regularly backup your data files—at least once per month? If not, the theft of your laptop computer may cost you several months of “lost work.” The lost data, and loss of productivity while you rebuild the lost data, frequently outweighs the loss of the computer itself!

Laptop computer manufacturers know that the portability of their products puts your computer and data at risk, and in recent years they’ve incorporated an “eye,” as in “hook and eye,” into the design of their computers. The eye is usually located on the back of the laptop computer, but it’s sometimes located on the side. There are anti-theft devices consisting of a cable that you glue down to a surface of your desk or other heavy object, and a quick-disconnect locking ring that attaches to the eye and secures the laptop to the heavy object. Please consider using one of these devices if your laptop has the eye built into its case.

Contact your computer support team at 385-TEAM (8326) for assistance with acquiring and installing these anti-theft devices.

Work Request Tips

By Anjum Khan

Update . . .

As an update to all our users, I would like to mention some recent changes with AEC. AEC is now known as Facility Focus and has been bought by a company called Maximus. We are currently on Maximus' latest release, Facility Focus version 3.7 which we upgraded to in early March.

Did you know . . .

In Facility Focus, you can email a Work Request. To do so you have to follow these steps:

1. On the Work Request Management screen click on the Send button which also is used for printing.
2. Check the email box under Contractor/Address Code/Contract and click on OK. This will bring up the Mail screen.
3. Click on the To/Cc button. This will bring up your local email address book. From this list you can select the person/persons you would like to email the Work Request to.
4. After inputting the email addresses, click on the Send button. This in effect will send the Work Request as an attachment to your recipients.

AREA NEWS

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Mark Hopkins, contributed points to the Georgia Tech Women’s Track & Field team that won the 2002 ACC Indoor Track & Field Conference Championships. Emily competes in the high jump (personal best 5’4.5”) and javelin (117’8”). Emily tied for 5th place in the conference championships this year. Emily red-shirted her outdoor season because of broken toes.

Mike Leasure earned his first black belt in Taekwondo. Mike has been practicing martial arts for 10 years and is very enthusiastic about it. He trains under Master Hayes with Sam Chong Sa Martial Arts. (www.samchongsa.org) Hi-yah!

Melissa Bauermeister has been accepted to the nursing program at Kennesaw State University. Let’s hope she won’t be giving any shots. OUCH!

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FAQs About Food Safety and Terrorism

What is the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) doing to protect the food supply against terrorism?

Over the last few years, FDA has worked with food safety agencies at federal, state and local levels to significantly strengthen the Nation's food safety system across the entire distribution chain -- from the farm to the table. The main results of this cooperation -- more effective prevention programs, new surveillance systems, and faster foodborne illness outbreak response capabilities -- have already enabled the agency to protect the safety of our food supply against natural and accidental threats.

In addition, since the September 11 attack, FDA has increased its emergency response capability by realigning resources for possible use to counter terrorism, and by reassessing and strengthening its emergency response plans. The agency also continues to work closely with other federal, state, and local food safety authorities and with regulatory agencies abroad to maximize coordination of efforts to protect food and to respond rapidly to evidence of threats to the food supply.

All of these provisions and systems can be employed to prevent or respond to a terrorist assault on our food supply.

Does FDA cooperate with industry in the defense against food terrorism?

FDA is working with a broad spectrum of industries that has formed the Food Security Alliance, a group dedicated to strengthening the physical security of industrial food production. With help from the industry, FDA is developing a Food Security Guidance that food producers can use to improve the protection of their products against tampering or terrorist actions. The guide will be primarily focused on the management of food security as it applies to the plant, employees, raw materials, packaging, and finished products.

Is anything being done to intensify the FDA surveillance of food imports and food production?

The Administration has asked Congress for increased FDA resources to build up its food surveillance of both domestic and imported foods through these major actions:

- it will hire 210 additional import inspectors to monitor food as it enters the United States;
- add 100 inspectors to survey points that are critical for product safety in the domestic food production and distribution system;
- add 100 technical analysts to multiply the number of food samples tested for possible contamination.

In addition to a request for increased resources for surveillance, the Administration is seeking further authority to strengthen FDA's oversight of food in the case of an emergency. The increased authority will allow FDA to require information from food producers that will enable the agency to rapidly address possible health hazards by quickly tracing the source and distribution of both domestic and imported food.

What can consumers do to protect themselves and their families from food tampering or other kinds of food contamination?

Consumers are the final judges of the safety of the food they buy. The essential step for their protection is to check whether the food package or can is intact before opening it. If it has been damaged, dented or opened prior to purchase, the contents should not be used. Consumers need to be alert also to abnormal odor, taste and appearance of a food item. If there is any doubt about its safety, don't eat it. If the food appears to have been tampered with, report it to one of the authorities listed below.

What should consumers do if they suspect a food product has been contaminated or tampered with?

If the suspected food product does NOT contain meat or poultry--such as seafood, produce, or eggs--consumers should notify the FDA 24-hour emergency number at 301-443-1240 or call the consumer complaint coordinator at their nearest FDA District Office. (See list below.) If the food product DOES contain meat or poultry, call the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555.

Should consumers take antibiotics for protection against contaminated food?

Antibiotics should not be taken preventively unless prescribed by a physician. Although antibiotics can be effective against some bacterial contaminants, they are not effective against viruses, chemicals or radiological substances.

What food handling practices should consumers follow on a day-to-day basis to help prevent foodborne illness?

Consumers can protect themselves by following basic safe food handling practices:

Wash all raw food products such as fruits and vegetables before eating them to help eliminate bacteria that may be on the food. Wash hands, cutting boards, knives and utensils in hot, soapy water before and after handling each raw food item and before touching another food or a surface that will come into contact with food. This will prevent bacteria from spreading and contaminating other food. Separate raw foods such as meat, poultry and seafood from foods that are ready-to-eat. Cook foods thoroughly to kill harmful bacteria that may be present. Refrigerate foods promptly. Cold temperatures keep most harmful bacteria from growing and multiplying.

(2002, FDA website)
**SPORTS TRIVIA QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Pete Maravich, in 1977
2. Orlando Cepeda with 379. (Norm Cash hit 377 homers.)
4. The A.L. Boston Pilgrims defeated the N.L. Pittsburgh Pirates, 5 games to 3, in the first World Series in 1903. There was no World Series in 1904; John McGraw's giants refused to play the Pilgrims.
6. Paul “Bear” Bryant, Glenn “Pop” Warner, and Amos Alonzo Stagg. (The reason that Eddie Robinson is not listed is because most of his victories came when Grambling was in Division I-AA.)
8. Mike Schmidt - 313.
9. Floyd Patterson, who regained the title by kayoing Inge-mar Johansson to whom he had lost the crown.

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**Rate Your Safety Sense**

Measure your accident-prevention power. How would you prevent an accident in these situations?

1. You see water on the floor in a poorly lit area of the stockroom. Do you:
   - (A) clean up the spill immediately?
   - (B) Make a mental note to clean up the spill later?

2. You see a new employee run down the aisle and around the corner. Do you:
   - (A) explain that rules against running are designed to prevent slips, trips, and falls?
   - (B) Mind your own business since you're not the boss?

3. You see a machine with no guard over its moving parts. Do you:
   - (A) immediately report the missing guard and make sure no one uses the machine until the guard is back in place?
   - (B) use the machine without the guard, since your job will only take a minute?

4. You come across a container without the label in a hazardous materials storage area. Do you:
   - (A) report the missing label to your supervisor immediately?
   - (B) Open the container to see what’s inside?

Your safety sense should tell you that the answer is always A. Simple acts can prevent big accidents!

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**Movie Review**

**The Brotherhood of the Wolf**

By The Anti-Critic

My latest pick is called, “The Brotherhood of the Wolf”. The movie takes place in France and gives you the impression it is a werewolf movie, but it isn’t. Everybody says no to the movie because it is French and subtitled in English, but don’t let that stop you. It is a beautifully visual movie with sweeping vistas of France. Even the fight scenes are artsy. One, in particular is done in the rain in slow motion and you can almost see the individual raindrops falling. See it and be amazed. My wife says, “the Indian fighter is beautiful and a main reason for women to see it. It has some nudity. The Anti-Critic can find some good in all movies, but this movie has a lot to offer.

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**My Role**

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some troops were needed to guard the airports in the state. After receiving FAA training, I volunteered to secure the Atlanta airport with a detachment of troops commanded by the Army. Another soldier and I were selected to carry our nation’s flag at the closing ceremony in Atlanta. I also received the Army Achievement Medal for my military service. It was an honor to aid our country in this tragic event. I would like to thank the staff, managers, and fellow co-workers of GA Tech for their unwavering support during my departure.

Thanks to all of those who have served and are serving in the military to defend our freedom.

Let all of those lost from this year’s heinous deeds be remembered this July 4th.
Building Services proudly took the first place trophy, leaving second place to D&C and third place to Infrastructure.

Volleyball has been a part of the picnic for years, but basketball is a new event. It roused the competitiveness within Facilities. Then it amplified when teams were formed within the different shops. Bold teams gave themselves an official name like Area 4 Superstars and Area 1 Players.

The real taunting began four weeks before the picnic when the pool brackets were distributed. Managers and technicians alike were heard voicing their team superiority complexes. Some predictions were made.

Ronnie Zachary, Area 2 Foreperson, said either Landscape Services or Building Services would take the tourney because the players are young and fit. "They play every day," he said. "They will just need to play together."

Bill Halabi, Area 2 Manager, said Central Shops had a good shot at the championship because the players are "intimidators." He thought Infrastructure had a good chance of placing second. Mike Jordan, Motorpool, said, "I guarantee Central Shops will win."

"No other team has Michael Jordan playing for them, “ added Jon Fraker, Central Shops Manager.

Just days before tip-off, a glitch surfaced when the players of the D&C team had to withdraw, leaving the area desperate for replacement players.

Game Day, Friday, June 21, 2002, finally arrived. Only a few of the players were interested in devouring the feast laid out in the shade from tall, full trees. Those who ate talked of the game and their own game-day predictions. But the players had one thing on their minds. That was the big shiny trophy that had “1st Place” boldly printed at the base. They wanted to own it. The only way to own it was to win it.

Eight of the nine teams in three pools began play at 1:30 pm in the SAC gym. After 20 minutes per game, just two teams from each pool advanced to the quarterfinals. Landscape Services defeated Area 4 16-7, and Area 1 defeated Infrastructure 50-27.

In the semifinals, Landscape Services struggled to overcome Building Services 19-18 and fatigue showed in the 32-6 Infrastructure loss to Central Shops. The semifinal tallies pointed to Building Services for third place.

The last dance had a huge crowd shouting instructions to the players. “Shoot it. Shoot!” Central Shops substituted rested players in attempts to wear down the Landscape Services team. Smooth moves got the ball close to the basket and thrilled the crowd but ultimately it was the shooting that determined the game. The skills of the Central Shops team could not be surpassed that day. Central Shops handed Landscape Services a 33-12 loss and second place.

“Next year!” resounded in the hallway after the game. Allegations of pooling players for Central Shops were made but did not stand. Then the first place trophy disappeared for a couple of days. It has since been returned to the rightful owners—the ones who implemented their strategy and tuned their basketball skills.

Next year, the areas will know what to expect. Next year, Central Shops can count on being challenged. Next year, a new team may emerge as the victors. Next year.

Special Thanks

The 2002 Facilities Picnic in the Glades Committee Members would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped with the picnic. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

The committee would also like to thank GT STUDENT SERVICES, GT DINING SERVICES, GT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION, SAC’s Butch Stanphill and staff, and Dan Hazlett and Jake Rosiek of SAC’s Intramural Office.

The Committee members are Ronnie Croy (chairperson), Melissa Bauermeister, Jonathan Cummings, John Darby, Allen Daugherty, Judy Harper, Rodd Hineman, Forest Hewatt, Jodine Miller, and Willie Stephens.