By Melissa Bauermeister  

One of Facilities most talked about events was, of course, a huge success. This event is the incomparable Facilities Employee Appreciation Day, a.k.a. “The Picnic,” held in the President’s Glade on Friday, June 27.

Each year, the committee tries to outdo the previous year’s committee. Thus far, it’s worked. Not only was the menu a little different from recent years past with barbeque pork and chicken, beans and slaw, the games were taken to a new level—complete with “trash talk” in the name of fun. Contestants were forced to choose just one event in which to participate so the games could be finished and winners announced before the end of the day.

The games that drew the most spectators and the most scandalous chatter were the basketball match ups. One brave, un-named supporter sent an email the week of the games accusing zone players of being…ahem “sissys” and said, “It’s on like popcorn!” to try to arouse some pre-game excitement. It must have worked because ball players were dressed and ready to go at the start of the picnic like jittery racehorses waiting for the gates to open.

There was no stopping any of them once the games began at Curran Street Parking Deck. Area 1 knocked Building Services out of round one, as did Landscape 1 to Warren’s Team, Central Shops to Area 3, and Landscape 2 to Allen’s Team. Area 1 and predicted Central Shops made it to the finals. When the last buzzer sounded, it was Central Shops that kept their title as basketball champions. Their trophy case was updated and promptly displayed on Monday.

Some jawing also went down at Alumni Park in the volleyball games. U&E barely took out defending champions D&C in the first round. Building Services stuck it to the Student team while Landscape took the forfeit from EHS/IT. Building Services and U&E had quite a match up in the finals, but it was the tired U&E team that redeemed their last year’s runner up status to this years volleyball champs.

Other less strenuous competitions—horseshoes, putt-putt, and the ever-popular dunk tank—also drew many participants. The horseshoe competition was, well, a walk in the park for Terry Huff and Robbie Rice. The putting strip, designed and built by Area 2, was new this year. Several players sunk the ball but one person had the skill to be the winner. The putt-putt title goes to Bill Halabi. Controversial, maybe. The dunk tank may not have been so (Continued on page 3)

What picnic would be complete without juicy watermelon as the finale? Ben Roble serves it straight from the ice bucket while Pat Favors takes orders for more.

Central Shops and Area 1 battle for position to get a possible rebound in the final game. Referee Anjum Khan looks for foul play.

Picnic Goers Jump Around for Food, Festivities, Fun at Employee Appreciation Day
An informal committee emerged to offer her a retirement party. Wylene said she wanted to be at the place where she called her second home for so many years—the King Building. A large crowd attended the luncheon on May 17 to show their respect and appreciation of her work throughout the years. Wylene’s family was at her side when she was presented with tokens of gratitude and touching words of how she affected so many both inside and outside of the Facilities Department. Admirers, including current and former employees, spoke of her dedication and reputation for being a go-to gal for information or to point lost ones in the right direction.

Michael Jordan of the Motor pool spoke of how Wylene encouraged him to work his way up the ladder from washing cars to then acting-supervisor.

One of her close friends, retired Area Manager Ronnie Burroughs, reminisced about the several pairs of shoes Wylene kept hidden under her desk. It was hard to tell if she was tickled pink with the memory or just a little embarrassed.

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Picnic Big Success

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bad for how hot it was on Friday. The poor—or lucky—temporary inhabitants trapped in the tank were Hyacinth Ide, Chuck LaFleur, Mike Leasure, Bill Halabi, and, believe it or not, Chuck Rhode. There is no winner of this kind of game (or was there?) but the one who drew the most throws by far was Chuck Rhodes. Mike Leasure drew more than a fair share of attempts also.

Each picnic is unique and Facilities employees remember at least a snapshot of each one. A special thanks is in order for this year’s committee: co-chairs Irene Earl and Hyacinth Ide, Charlie Austin, Chalette Banks, Judith Butler, Larry Curbow, Floyd Rounds, Eric Russell, Allen Daugherty, Pat Favors, Vanessa Keel, Chuck LaFleur, Elvia Lam, Patrick Pittman, Willie Stephens, and Alice Ward. Also thanks to all the volunteers that helped so much.

Links to all event pictures can be found on the shared network drive at:
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www.facilities.gatech.edu/newsletters

FY 2004: Construction Projects Updates

Completed projects:
* J. S. Coon Building Renovation and Expansion opened in May 2003.
* Student Health Center. It opened in March 2003 and is 100% complete.

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 July 2003.

Biomedical Engineering Building. BME is a 90,000 gsf Biomedical engineering research and educational facility. It is now 85% complete and should have substantial completion in July 2003.

Football Stadium Expansion. Expansion of stadium to seat 55,000, renovation of east stands and replacement of north stands. 91% Complete. Opens in August 2003.

Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program (GTREP) Savannah. The initial phase includes approximately 100,000 SF of the new "hub" facilities on the Technology and Engineering Campus (TEC) in Savannah to support the GTREP program. The facilities will house state-of-the-art laboratory and classroom facilities for advanced computer and civil engineering instruction and research. 90% Complete, opens in August 2003.

Technology Square. 1,109,000 gsf mixed use development. 98% Complete. Should open in August 2003.

Callaway Student Athletic Center Expansion (SAC II). Total project is 55% complete. The facility is scheduled to open in September 2003 with phase I complete.

Yamacraw/Advanced Technology Development Center. This includes two office buildings, a landscaped plaza, and a parking deck. It is projected to open in September 2003 and is currently 90% complete.

New projects:
Food Processing Technology Building Phase I, which is a 36,000 gsf research building. Construction was bid in June. Completion goal is July 2004.
ACCOUNTING
Amanda Harrah, daughter of Sharron and Mark Harrah, was on the A honor roll at Oak Hill Elementary. Amanda’s basketball team “Liberty” came in 2nd in her league. Her summer activities are swimming, karate, bowling, skating—lot of fun stuff.

Judy Butler’s daughter, Alexandria Butler, also made all As. She won 2nd place in the science fair in Oliver Elementary for 4th graders and 2nd place at the Clayton County regional science fair for 4th graders. She tested into accelerated math class next year. She will also be vacationing with her grandmother in Chicago, Ill. and in Alabama this summer. Justin Morgan, Judy’s son attended the NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) conference in Anaheim, Calif. and was also elected president of NSBE at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

Rick Cost’s last day is July 3. The Accounting Department is very upset about it. It is a big loss for us. We think it is because Warren made him come in and play basketball so early. We certainly are saddened to have to say good-bye. We truly enjoyed working with him the six short months he was here. We wish him the best.

It has been extremely busy at this time of year with close-out. Hopefully they can all take vacations after July 1.

Vickie Clark’s daughter-in-law Erin delivered little Ethan Wesley at 9:45pm July 2. He weighed in at 8lb. 3oz. G.G. (Gorgeous Grandma) says he has a head full of black hair and his eyes are open wide.

Vickie also had an all time contract high of 475 contracts totaling $3.72M. How many tons of paper do you think that was?

ADMINISTRATION
Oveta Perry was hired as Administrative Manager on May 1. She came to us from Grady Health Systems where she was the Manager, Recruitment and Employment Services for many years.

Deborah William's daughter, Genea Morris, graduated from Clarkston High School in June and will be entering Albany State College this fall.

Deborah is also now the department’s Notary Public.

AREA 1
Ben Kolb long-term employee (30 years) is now enjoying the benefits of it by continuously traveling with his wife all over the US.

Allan Raville still counting down “day by day”.

Albert Williams has completed probation period of six months, and he is now searching for a school to further his career.

Paul Gruendle is trying to “do the right thing” by staying close to his kids. He travels biweekly from state to state. It has been hard. We know. Be strong Paul.

Laura Santos who is a native of NY is happy about having her two nieces come live with her. They have been enjoying the southern experience. Good luck to the new family (Meka 10 years old and Isabel 7 years old).

New comer: Tim Ramey, HVAC Mechanic I, ex government employee contractor for the Military, have jumped in with both feet and have already completed a HVAC Controls and Air Balancing Techniques course.

AREA 2
Area 2 welcomes its new employee Daryl Bowles (Maintenance worker.)

Charlie Mason received his diploma from Atlanta Technical College (HVAC) in June. Lance Coates (Maintenance worker) was approved by the State of Georgia to be a foster parent. Kudos to both!!!!

Craig Harding’s wife will be returning home from Kuwait in mid-July. She has been stationed there for 7 months.

Gentle Lee and wife Connie just purchased a new home.

Area 2 Bandits basketball team was sold to a European team earlier this year. No one has heard from the team since. Former head coach Bill Halabi (Area2 Bandits) has now reportedly been spotted giving golfing lessons at John A. White Park. The putt-putt lessons are given every Monday.

Area 2 finest Tonya Tyner after filing for divorce from rapper P. Diddy (Sean Combs) apartment mysteriously burnt down in June. She is doing fine, but P. Diddy hasn’t commented.

Rev. Forrest Hewatt preformed baptism service recently in his car. The service was held in front of the King and Neely building. One car even drove right up to the service. We wish Forrest good luck with his new job. Look for him at a Kroger store around Atlanta.

Chuck Sheffield was indicted by the Facilities Grand Jury for possession of Bill’s golf trophy (Employee Picnic). Charges were later dropped when the trophy appeared on Bill’s desk.

Legendary Larry Copeland (Cowboy) and Reuben Studdard (American Idol) will be teaming up for a duet in late July. The song, “Riding Without a Cowboy” will be their third release. Look for it in stores soon!!!!

Area 2 will auction Patrick Pittman’s ponytail starting Monday.

Warren Page is awarding a perfect attendance certificate to Ronnie Zachary, the Foreperson from Area 2, for not missing a single day in 2002.
Congratulations to Ken Abercrombie and Mike Bentley for completing 10 years at Tech.

**AREA 3**
Zone three’s roots are planted well in the basement of Boggs chemistry building and our staff is ready to tackle the many problems this summer has to offer. Heavy rains have challenged our drainage systems, but we have survived. Mother Nature’s attempts and came out smelling like roses! Well maybe a Gerbera! Our Foreman Terry Williams celebrated his forty-fifth birthday in a scenic locale in Florida. Happy Birthday boss! Ronnie Croy has completed building a house for this daughter Melanie. Johnny Roper had a big fancy wedding for his youngest son Nicholas. Michael Castille has also lost his youngest to matrimony. You folks wouldn’t have recognized these two in there. Winfried dog is still having puppies in Rutledge and will make you a great deal on one!

Dennis received a Red American Series Fender Stratocaster for his fiftieth birthday present. William Robertson has committed himself to a personal goal. William completed his first Peachtree Road Race. Great work. He also has lost 70 Lbs since January. Mike Picklesimer said that he would still run in the Atlanta marathon this year after claiming last year his final race. It’s in your blood dude.

Roger & Earl are still the shops main players and Daniel still taking notes! Tim and his wife are enjoying their new home in almost Alabama. Vladimir is enjoying new fifties & sixties music a friend found for him. Greg & Charles are still inundated with P.M. and are an asset to the Andy Z Force. Charles Cook will tell you the exact minute he has before retirement.

Doug’s crew has a new member, Melvin Jones, who has shown a great desire and is invited to learn the many facets of the electrical trade! Keep up the good work Melvin. Stay focused and keep one end grounded at all times.

**AREA 4**
Area 4 wants to wish Michael Ware a good retirement. Mike is officially retired as of May 1.
We want to welcome Ross Whitehead our new Maintenance worker and Robert Ross our new AC mechanic. We also want to welcome Jerry Johnson to area 4. He was transferred from the central paint shop.

**AREA 5**
Charlie Cromartie and Delora Felix are no longer homeless. They are in their new home and they are enjoying their new furniture. Robert Squires is proud of his son Jonathan who just completed two years at Gwinnett Tech and graduated from the Toyota Technician Program. He also completed eight modules in the ASE (National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence) program and is now certified as an ASE Master Tech. Robert’s other son Andrew left on 6/20/03 for a six-week missionary trip with the Ron Hutchcraft ministry and will be working on Indian Reservations in the southwest United States. Robert’s daughter, Anna, 19 will be leaving on a missionary trip to Alaska in July to work with Eskimo children.

We welcome our new employees:
Jeffrey Andrews, HVAC I
Frederick Bailey, HVAC I
Anh Nguyen, HVAC I
Gaylord Johnson, MW I
Terence Fisher, MW I
Marlon Hendrickson, MW I
Barry Roberson, MW I
Steven Tavares, Carpenter I
Lonnie Ivey, Electrician I
Stanley Thomas, HVAC I
Srđan Cvijetinovic, MW I
Floyd Rounds, HVAC II

**Building Services**
Lolita Ringfield, Custodian 1, Zone 2 is the proud grandmother of a bouncing baby boy.

Ann Pressly, Custodian I, Zone 2 walked for the March of Dimes. The walk was held on April 26. Ann has participated in the walk for fourteen years. Ann completed the six-mile walk in an hour fifteen minutes and raised one hundred and fifty dollars for the cause. WAY to WALK Ann!!!!!!

Condolences go out to these employees who lost loved ones this quarter.

Margaret Wesley, Custodian I, Zone 5, lost her brother.

Ricky Stodghill, Custodian I, Zone 1, lost his mother-in-law.

Phyllis Beckford, Custodian I, Zone 7, lost her grandson.

Jeremiah Smith, Custodian II, retired March 31 after more than 30 years of service. Jerry was the name most called when they wanted to find something, find someone, or find out something. His supervisor, Charley Chapman states that it will be difficult to find the loyalty and dedication that Jerry had. Jerry’s rule was, "everyone has CS (common sense) and you can do anything if you have it."

**CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION**
Mike Patterson is home from the hospital and should be working from home starting in July.

Ian was born on February 27 to Greg and Nicole Spiro.

Sam Dahdah (pronounced exactly how it’s spelled) is the new mechanical engineer with this group.

Alicia Kelly has a new dog—a Boston Terrier named Murphy.

Nicole Galea got married. She is now known as Mrs. Pamplin.
Gary Phillips has a new cat, “Toothpick.”

Jim Larkin’s youngest son, Tony, has graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theater.

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY
New Employees:
Duane Slack, Temporary Employee-Safety Specialist
Vic Rachael, Fire Marshall

Leaving:
Richard Beohm, former campus Fire Marshall consultant

Amanda Oulsnam, Chemical Safety Specialist, and James Stefanakos were married on May 31 during a lovely outside ceremony at Burge Plantation in Madison, GA. The couple honeymooned in Costa Rica.

ESTIMATING
Dennis Baggett has moved on to other things. We wish him good luck.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
Chuck LaFleur recently began a 9-month professional certificate program for web design.

LANDSCAPE SERVICES
Mark Harrah’s daughter, Crystal Harrah, graduated from Mary Person High School in May. She plans on going to school to be a high school history teacher.
Welcome to Sheryl Taylor, administrative assistant; William Love, Ground keeper; Travis Cook, ground keeper; and Lesabre Jackson, ground keeper.

LOCKSHOP
Lee Jones and his son went to Disney World and had a blast.

MOTORPOOL
Glen Byrd vacationed in Panama City with his family this summer and did a little fishing. Just how big was it, Glen?

PAINT SHOP
Eddie Salter retired from the Central Paint shop in June and was really, really looking forward to retirement.

POWER PLANT
We have a new boiler operator, Warren Jamerson. Go ahead and suit up. We’ve been waiting for ya.

RECYCLING
The waste management contract was awarded to a new company so you’ll see some different bins around campus.

STAGING
David Mason has made it to permanent employee status. Finally, huh?

STEAM SHOP
Tony Mitchell retired in April after 27 years on the GT payroll. Let’s hope he is pain-free soon.
Virgil Austin is still in physical therapy from back surgery earlier this year.

The shop welcomes IPST transfer Brent Minter as the Boiler Operator I. Let us know when the culture shock wears off.

STOREROOM
Richard Harden will have completed 32 years of service with GT this month.

UTILITIES & ENERGY
Welcome Lee Jarrett, Electrician I. Tired of the commute, yet?

Lee Jarrett’s first grandchild, Sumner Lane, was born to his daughter Amy and son-in-law Greg on July 9.

Also, welcome Shantanu “Tony” Deo as the Preventative Maintenance Contract Manager. He started July 1.

Congrats to the newlywed, Mark Houston. He was married on June 27.

Bruce Crumbley caught a 25-pound Dolphin Fish (a.k.a. Maui Maui) in the Florida Keys in June.

Allen Echols bought a new chic magnet of a car in June and is offering free rides to all eligible bachelorettes. We wish Allen good luck in his new home, IBB.

Andy Sheffield got permission from his “mommy” to play in the picnic volleyball tournament. Good thing because his team won first place.

Clarence Smith is STILL breaking in his new Bow-Flex strength training system. At this rate, he’ll never turn those 15 pounds he’s gained here into muscle. Everyone needs to encourage him.

Mike Leasure’s girlfriend is receiving her PhD from Georgia Tech and has accepted a job at the University of Central Florida.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.
Facilities’ employees often do good work. Even if the customer doesn’t say it, the work is appreciated. Below is excerpt from various letters that we received about our employees.

Chuck, Warren,
I wanted to take an opportunity to commend your people for their outstanding job performance during Monday afternoon’s flooding. They prevented what could have been a major repeat catastrophe in the Boggs basement. From the moment the heavy rains began, they put into action their own version of “flood vigilance.” By doing so, when the water rushed into the building, they had a plan in place to redirect it out another entrance. At one point, several of the workers were wading in water waist high in an attempt to unclog the drain. They stayed late into the evening ensuring the proper cleanup and precaution were done. Undoubtedly, their efforts saved the School of Chemistry and Georgia Tech thousands of dollars.

It’s this kind of effort and support that sometimes goes unrecognized; however, we wanted you to know that we fully appreciate the tremendous output from the Zone 3 Facilities personnel.

These individuals bring credit to your organization and to Georgia Tech.

Jerry A. Cloninger

Far too often we in the academic community of Georgia Tech take the oft invisible people in facilities for granted or are quick to criticized when tasks go undone.

I do not wish to have the stellar feats of a few to go unrewarded, however, and am writing this note to express my sincerest gratitude to Johnny Roper, Winfred Whitehead, Ronnie Whitehead, and Doug Matthews for their work above and beyond the call of duty during the recent flooding of Lecture hall 17 in the Chemistry Annex (CoC).

Please see that my personal thanks and that of the chemistry personnel in the Annex are conveyed to them: "At-a-boys!"

George M. McKelvy, PhD

Good morning Bill,

On July 3, 2003, I had requested through Shae Kemp, administrative secretary to GCATT building management, to see if I could obtain some help from your department. I was projected to remove a very large 2X2 Video wall so that room could be made to install a new 2X2 Plasma display. I thought that it would take some time to do this than what preceded.

It wasn’t more than 30 minutes when a troop of 5 employees from your department arrived to help dismantle the Video Wall. This surprised me to say the least. The following employees are to be commended for their work in not only disassembling the 4 (very heavy) monitors but also in the timely manner in which all was done. They also helped me locate them to a storage area in the GCATT building.

Bill, this is one heck of a job and I wish to personally thank you, your staff and mostly the 5 gentlemen who helped me on this project.

They are:
Kenny Abercrombie
Chick Sheffield
Ozzaer Maxwell
Lance Coats
Daryl Bowles

I am sincere.

Jerry A. Cloninger

2003 Chili Cook Off Winner Desert Recipe

Pecan Pie Cheesecake
(By Michelle Short)

**Ingredients:**
- 1 pecan pie
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/4 teaspoon Cinnamon
- 2 (8 oz) packages cream cheese
- 2 large eggs
- 2/3 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1 cup 10X confectioners sugar
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 16 pecan halves (optional)

**Instructions:**
Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Cut pecan pie evenly into 20 thin slices, keeping wedges intact, and set aside.

Stir together cracker crumbs and next 3 ingredients; press mixture onto bottom and 1 1/2-inches up sides of a 10-inch springform pan.

Arrange 10 pecan pie wedges in a spoke design in prepared pan, placing 1 cut side of each wedge on crust with narrow end towards center of pan. Reserve remaining pecan pie wedges for another use.

Beat cream cheese until smooth; add eggs, 1 at a time, beating until blended. Add sour cream, half-and-half, and vanilla; beat until blended. Fold in powdered sugar and flour and blend. Pour in cream cheese mixture over pie wedges in pan. Optional: arrange pecan halves evenly around the edge of the pan.

Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes. Turn off oven and let the cake stand in oven 1 hour. Remove to wire rack and cool completely. Chill at least 8 hours before serving.

This recipe was adapted from one in Southern living. I used more of the pecan pie slices in my cake, probably added about 3/4 of the pecan pie to the cheesecake instead of just half. Hope everyone enjoys!
Employees At Work

Tommy Upshaw of Landscape trimming the bushes around the Bookstore.

Andy Zabinski and Jeff Bridges otherwise known as the weekend workers.

Cowboy of Area 2 is throwing his horse shoe.

Harold Cash, the power plant Superintendent posing for a picture with the late Plumber, Forrest.

Charlie Mason of Area 2 is helping clean up the flooded area at Neely Reactor.

Mike Leasure Swallowed a lot of water.

They are adding a more efficient boiler at the power plant.

The “Old Steam Shop” staff at Tony Mitchell retirement party. Ben You’re next.

Building Services employees enjoying themselves at the Picnic.
Employees Appreciation Day 2003

Cindy Jackson, Vickie Clark, Ron Leroy, and John Giarnese enjoying the food.

Design & Construction team: Elvia Lam, Jim Larkin, Sam Dahdah & Steve Cseplo.

EH & S party: Michelle Short, Alton Chin-Shue, Anna Hawkins, Debbie Wolf-Lopez & Vanessa Keel.

Cheryl Taylor of Landscape and the MC Ozzaer Maxwell of Area 2, boogying.

Back: Yolanda Bennett, Lillie Harrison
Front: Gwen Marks, Daniel Dessasure, Ann Jones.

Larry Curbow preparing the barbeque.

Hyacinth Ide is getting what he deserves.

Chuck Lafleur is waiting for the ball patiently.

Bill Halabi made a lot of money in the Dunk Tank.
People Profiled by Their Computer Profiles

By Justin Polazzo

In FBI jargon a "profile" is a set of characteristics about a person that might be used to assist them in knowing that person; what they like, what they don’t like, etc. In Windows, your profile consists of a set of folders that contain most of the personal touches that you make to your PC (what you like what you don’t like, etc), including the data files you’ve saved on that PC. Your profile includes your “My Documents” folder, "Desktop," and "Favorites" (web sites) folder, among others.

If you’re interested, you can see the contents of your profile by opening up Internet Explorer and typing “c:\documents and settings” (minus the quotes of course) in the address bar. After you type that in and press “Enter,” you’ll see the account names of everyone who has logged into your computer, represented by a folder that has the same name as their User ID. There may be administrative accounts and accounts for members of the IT team on your PC; but you will notice that you can only open your own profile. Our security settings do not allow you to see other people’s files, even if you share the same computer. Of course, if you want to share files, you should store them in your departmental shared storage area (the “K:" drive) or in the Facilities shared storage area (the “L:" drive).

Your profile is stored in two places for safekeeping. A local copy exists on the PC you’re using, and a remote copy is kept on the server. I would like to add, that even the IT Team does not have rights to read this copy kept on the server. You and you alone have rights to this area (also known as your M: drive). This allows us to backup the remote copy of your profile on a daily basis, to reduce the risk of data loss if the hard drive fails on your PC. Whenever you log in or out of your PC, your local profile will “synchronize” with the remote copy on the servers, to ensure both copies of your profile are identical. If there are any problems synchronizing your profile you’ll see an error message asking you to contact your system administrator. Please call the IT Team at 385-TEAM (8326), or shoot an email (helpdesk@facilities.gatech.edu) if you’re seeing any error messages when you log in or out. That way we can ensure all changes you made that day are saved, synchronized, and backed up.

An old adage in the PC world is “save early and save often.” Let us help you protect your data by keeping all of your files in one of the following four places:

Your My Documents folder
Your Desktop
Your K: drive
Your L drive

Technology Tip:

Free Stuff on the Internet? Really?... No.

Can you believe the amount of free software that is available on the net? Software like Bonzi Buddy, Webshots, Netscape, Kaaza, Gator, etc. Ever wonder how these companies stay in business? Advertising. Not just sending you pop-ups and spam either. These kinds of software install many “extras”. Extras that include reporters to tell them every website you go to, what you buy, look at, and for how long. The worst of these (Gator, Bonzi, and Kaaza to name a few) have even been known to install what is known in the industry as a keystroke logger which records every key you type and either sends it out, or stores it for later use. Pretty scary eh? So be careful, and remember: Nothing is Free on the Net.

Note: Of course, the Facilities Information Security policy prohibits downloading this kind of software to a Facilities computer!

Facility Focus Web-Based Customer Request

By Anjum Khan

In late March, we web-enabled Facility Focus. What this means is that our customers are now able to submit requests through a web-based system. It provides our customers with an additional method of submitting requests besides email and telephone. They can also check the status of their requests. One of the benefits of this system is it will allow for the customers to directly input their requests into Facility Focus. Our production control is responsible for taking action on those requests. They can either accept or reject the requests. When they accept the requests, Facility Focus automatically generates a work request. We envision that the web-based customer request feature will reduce the number of emailed and telephoned requests. So far we have four customers using this system: GTRI, Mechanical Engineering, OIT, and The College of Architecture. In the last two months we have received 90 requests through the new system, and we still have additional customers that will be added in the near future.
The Hub of Maintenance Operations

The following employees did not take an sick leave from January 1st to May 31, 2003.

Wilhemenia Anderson
Ronald Armour
Kelly Belton
Jeff Bridges
David Chandler
Charlie Chapman
Christine Clark
Hugh Cody
Michael Cowart
Jonathan Craft
Ronnie Croy
Bruce Crumbley
Daniel Desaussure
Linda Dillard
James Echols
Antonio English
Delora Felix
Ronnie Croy
Bruce Crumbley
Daniel Desaussure
Linda Dillard
James Echols
Antonio English
Delora Felix

Facilities Availability Awards

Building Services:
Gwen Walter

Central Shops:
Revonda Dunn

Landscape Services:
Cheryl Taylor

U&E:
Melissa Bauermeister

Area 1: Judy Harper
Area 2: Tonya Tyner
Area 3: Charles Cook
Area 4: JoAnn Pittman

Getting it done...Clockwise from above: JT Reynolds (Grounds Keeper I) cleans up some tree trimmings near the Bookstore. Ronnie Zachary (Area 2 Foreperson) checks the controls of the Coliseum’s HVAC system; George Morgan (Painter I) takes a request from a customer before he begins to core a lock; Sam Dahdah (Mechanical Engineer) refines a drawing for an exhaust project at Weber; Vickie “GG” Clark (Contracting Officer) reviews a contract document to ensure accuracy.
Think Twice Before Exposing Yourself...to the Sun

Most of us know that overexposure to the sun is bad and that we are supposed to wear sunscreen to help protect ourselves. The following is the “science” behind the rationale you may not have heard before.

Visible and invisible effects

After being exposed to the sun, skin pigmentation occurs in two stages:

- **Immediate skin coloration** develops within minutes of being exposed to the sun. This initial tan, which disappears after a few hours, is due to oxidation, by the UVA rays, of the melanin pigments already in the skin.

- **True suntan only appears after 48 hours**, resulting from the synthesis of melanin, a defensive and protective reaction against solar rays. Melanin filters the UVB rays by absorbing them.

In the hours following excessive exposure to the sun's rays, the skin becomes red, swollen and painful, with genuine burns appearing in extreme cases. Sunburn is essentially produced by UVBs. The natural inflammation process in the skin is responsible for the redness and pain. After 24 hours, tissue lesions appear leading to the formation of distinctive "sunburn cells". These cells are eliminated more rapidly than by normal desquamation as the skin peels. Other effects are invisible and delayed in time. They can be positive as the vitamin D synthesis. But most are harmful, as the reduced immune defenses, the carcinogenic (cancerous) effect, and the cutaneous photo aging.

**Vitamin D synthesis**

One good thing is short periods of sun exposure - and UVB rays - during summer, is enough to build the body's annual reserves of vitamin D. However, some deficiencies are observed either among people with black skins, or living in regions with little direct sunlight or who constantly remain in the shade. For people with black skins, the melanin absorbs 90% of the UVBs, not enough rays are able to penetrate the epidermis and trigger the process of synthesizing this vitamin. The necessary Vitamin D must therefore be supplied by the diet.

**Reduced immune defenses**

Modifications caused by UV rays contribute to the development of malignant cells, which are difficult to eliminate. Langerhans cells are the skin's guardians, responsible for identifying foreign bodies. In the longer term therefore, lower levels of immunological surveillance have a harmful effect since pre-cancerous cells can no longer be eliminated.

**Stress and Carcinogenic activity**

Ultraviolet rays can trigger chemical effects that make cellular membranes stiffen and no longer capable of adapting to changes in their environment. The DNA, containing the record of the cell’s genetic heritage, is also targeted, and can bring about lesions in the genetic material. These lesions are normally eliminated by the cell's own repair machinery, but if they are overwhelmed by excessively long or excessively frequent exposure, they lose their effectiveness. The lesions will then become mutations and lead to irreversible effects. When exposure to the sun is intense and frequent, the cell's repair mechanisms are no longer able to eliminate the lesions and DNA mutations become apparent. Affected cells can then multiply uncontrollably and become cancerous.

The UVA and UVB rays reach the bottom layer of skin to the cells (keratinocytes) that divide and differentiate to finally form the upper layer of the skin. If the process of cellular division is affected, skin cancer may develop. Those special skin cells are thereby responsible for the most common cancers, although the pigmented cells (melanocytes) can also degenerate into melanoma (tumor-like growth on the skin), which is more rare but more dangerous. Three types of

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Drain Standing Water to Stop Flying Predators

By Michelle Short

It’s a fact...mosquitoes need water to breed. They can breed in any puddle or standing water that remains more than four days. By removing areas of standing water around your house, you will eliminate their breeding grounds and reduce the number of mosquitoes.

Some mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water where they hatch in a day or two. Other mosquitoes lay their eggs in old tires, tin cans, or other water-holding containers in which they may remain unhatched for weeks or months until they are covered with water. Mosquito larvae grow quickly and turn into pupae. Soon the skin of the pupae splits open and out climbs another hungry mosquito.

The Best Protection From Mosquitoes Is To:

Reduce the number of mosquito bites you receive.

Remove all standing water in the area where you live.

Complete the following safety checklist.

Protect Yourself:

Wear long pants, long sleeved shirts and socks.

Use insect repellent containing DEET (Note: Read carefully and follow manufacturer’s instructions. Do not use on infants or pregnant women)

Make sure doors and windows have tight-fitting screens in good repair.

Sun Overexposure Could Be Worse Than You Think

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Skin cancer have been identified.

The occurrence of melanoma varies according to phototype, the risk of developing such a cancer being higher among fair-skinned people with blond or red hair who are more prone to sunburn. But it can also occur among people who have frequently suffered sunburn before the age of 15. The melanocytes have the particular characteristic of only dividing once every five years and are not fully mature before the age of puberty. They are therefore particularly sensitive to any excessive sun exposure during childhood, which is why sunburn can be particularly dangerous for children.

Photo aging

UV and especially UVA rays bring about a premature aging of the skin, known as cutaneous photo aging. The harms caused to the skin resulting from this sun-induced aging are different from and added to those of natural aging. They involve changes in the skin characterized by wrinkles, roughness, a lack of elasticity, depigmentation or over pigmentation marks and a variety of benign or malignant tumors. Although exposure to the sun enables the quality of the thin outermost layer to be improved, this is only a short-term benefit.

In the event of repeated exposure to the sun and UVA rays, the cells that keep firmness to skin diminishes. Other cells can gather in clusters and form small white lumps which can be seen beneath the surface of the skin surrounded by the network of blood vessels which also become visible, giving the skin a reddened aspect punctuated by white spots. The skin, which has now lost its elasticity, slackens and deep folds appear in the flesh and can take months or even years to appear.

Protection

SPF figures are averages that vary according to your skin type, the amount of sunlight you’re exposed to, the kind of sunscreen you use (cream, lotion, oil...) and the quantity you apply. SPF ranges from 2-10 for low sun exposure, 10-20 for medium, 20-40 for high, and 40+ for very high sun exposure. In lab tests where SPF’s are determined, researchers use 1 full ounce of sunscreen for each application. Smooth on sunscreen at least every 2 hours. Apply more often if it’s windy, you are sweating, clothes or a towel rubs your skin, you have just come out
If you are interested in shedding tears at a good heart warming movie, check these titles. They are guarantied to do it.

Beaches
Brian’s Song
Terms of Endearment
Spitfire Grill
Steel Magnolias
Simon Birch
Love Story
The Way We Were
Always
Untamed Heart
A Walk to Remember
Phenomenon
Hope Floats
Stepmom
My Life
Ghost
Savannah Smiles

If you're lying, I'm gonna come back and kill you in your own kitchen.

What Movie is this Trivia Tidbit from?

1. The first animated Disney film to display female navels.
A. Mulan
B. 101 Dalmations
C. Beauty & the Beast
D. Aladdin

2. What rock star co-starred with Patrick Swayze in “black Dog”?
A. Steve Perry
B. Steve Tyler
C. Meat Loaf
D. Eric Clapton

3. Who starred in “ Comes a Horseman”?
A. Jessica Lange
B. Cybill Shapped
C. Meryl Streep
D. Jane Fonda

4. Who returned the screen after a 20-year absence for “Ragtime”?
A. Gregory Peck
B. Humphrey Bogart
C. James Cagney
D. Cary Grant

5. Who starred in the aptly titled “The Bitch”?
A. Rosanne Barr
B. Joan Collins
C. Joan Rivers
D. Lassie

6. What dance movie used the tag line “This is the dance of love”?
A. Lambada

7. You realize that suicide’s a criminal offense. In less enlightened times they’d have hung you for it.”
A. Bedazzled
B. As Good as it Gets
C. My Cousin Vinny
D. Black Sheep

8. “If you’re lying, I’m gonna come back and kill you in your own kitchen.”
A. Raiders of the Lost Ark
B. Black Widow
C. Platoon
D. Above the Law

Answers
1. D
2. C
3. D
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. A
8. D

Puzzle Answer

Across
1. who was the first u. s. president to have his son also become president ?
2. the same three-letter word can be placed in front of the following words to make a new word: light break time
3. if you count from 1 to 100, how many 7’s will you pass on the way ?
4. which of the following is least like the other ? poem, novel, painting, statue, flower
5. which of these is the odd one out ? cat, dog, hamster, rabbit, elk
6. which movie is this trivia tidbit from?

Down
1. a movie where a man must make a difficult decision about the right thing to do
2. a movie where a man must make a difficult decision about the right thing to do
3. a movie where a man must make a difficult decision about the right thing to do
4. a movie where a man must make a difficult decision about the right thing to do

PUZZLE
**Wylene says Goodbye to Tech “family”**

Either way, Wylene truly enjoyed the efforts of all who participated and attended the luncheon and others who wished her farewell.

Retired manager Ronnie Burroughs shares his memories of good times working with Wylene.

**Wylene’s Retirement Address to “Tech Family”**

I would like to thank every one of you for the support and help and kindnesses you gave me during my years of working at Facilities. You (the employees) made the job worthwhile and I appreciate each and every one of you. I hope to ease into my retirement as easy as working but don't know. I have never just took it easy so I will probably be like a "cat on a hot tin roof" for a while until I adjust. Don't forget me.

**From Facilities Files...**

Test your skills. Can you name everyone in this picture?

Mike’s Top 3 All-Time Must-See

*By Michael Leasure*

These are my top 5 favorite movies from the 11 movies on my top 10-movie list. What makes it an all time favorite? Two things, first you don't notice when it was made, only went the movie was set. Second, if you find the movie on TV, you stop flipping channels and watch it, even though you had not planned to watch it.

#3 To Kill a Mockingbird - Set in a way of life unimaginable to me. It inspires you to have the convictions to do the right thing, even when the cause is hopeless. Gregory Peck plays a small town lawyer who must defend a man accused of rape in racially packed, but hopeless case. He must stand-alone and represent the good in the town, which culture and history will not let the town support him.

#2 In the Heat of the Night - This movie captures the feel of period early in my life. It allows me to touch the texture of this time with knowledge and senses of an adult. Sidney Portia plays homicide detective from a big city up north forced to help a small town Mississippi sheriff played by Rodd Steger solve a local murder. In the end, both men must face their own prejudice and judge each other’s substance, instead of the color of their skin.

#1 The Natural - A feel good movie. Set in a simpler time, a common man does the extraordinary. Robert Redford plays a potentially great baseball player who gets lost on the way to greatness. Once back on track, he repeats a past mistake and falls again. You must watch it to find out, if he is saved and how. Stars a host of other dramatic actors.

I would love to know what people thought of my choices. I’m also trying to compile a list of great movies about stories involving brothers.
Employees Appreciation Day

Basketball Repeat Champions. Can you tell with all those twos? Central Shops from left, Harrison Sheats, Michael Jordan, Sharod Prather (sitting), David Mason, Sonny Cody (not pictured), coaches Jon Fraker and Willie “Toot” Stephens.

Volleyball Champs. U&E from left, Bruce Crumbley, Kirk Byers (sitting), Andy Sheffield, Clarence Smith, Melissa Bauermeister (sitting), and Mike Leasure.

Mike Bentley, Cindy Jackson, Robbie Rice and Ron LeRoy can’t wait to put up money for a try to sink Chuck Rhode. Did he go down? You bet!

Was it in the water? Dance fever hits as some R&B blasts. Very top: Patricia Barnett teaches Cindy Jackson some moves on the temporary dance floor. Top: Cheryl Taylor shows how it’s done as Ozzaer Maxwell grooves, too.

Below: Some former Facilities employees like ES&T building manager Mark Smith, retired painter Marshall Mewborn, Storeroom foreperson Terry Farmer and retired electrician JC Staton are caught mingling after the meal.

Right: A hungry crowd eagerly lines up for a plateful of barbeque chicken, pulled barbeque pork, beans and coleslaw. Ice cream, slushies, watermelon, cookies and cake were also served.

Below: Warren Page ensures employees get enough to eat and encourages them to participate in the day’s events. Surely he got plenty of ribbing.

Top: Mike Bentley awards Bill Halabi with the Putt-Putt trophy. Below: Robbie Rice (l) and Terry Huff (l) share their horseshoes trophy.