Everybody enjoyed this year’s Summer picnic, “Summer Bring it on.” There was a lot of food and many activities. Terrence Fisher was the DJ. As always, he did a great job. The Building Services team won first place in basketball followed by Warren’s team. In volleyball, the Utilities’ team came in first place and Area II/Recycling came in second. In putt-putt, Sam came in first. The menu included hamburger, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, and potato salad. Larry Curbow and his team volunteered for cooking the meat and they did a great job. He was assisted by Craig Fritz, Johnny Roper, and Winfred Whitehead. Our compliment to the picnic committee and its chairpersons Irene Earl and Hyacinth.
Much has happened since our last Facilities Quarterly and still more will happen from now to the end of the year with regard to Facilities moving from the King Building. As I mentioned several months ago, it is a sad occasion to see the King Building go by the wayside after being the home of POD and Facilities for over 40 years. The new home for Facilities will be the building OHR once occupied. In fact the signage for the buildings will be changed from Office of Human Resources to Facilities very soon. The new Facilities complex will be the home of our AVP, Chuck Rhodes, Design and Construction, Finance, Contracting, IT and Facilities Admin. The rest of the folks in the King Building are moving or have already moved to O’Keefe. All of the U&E office staff are now at home on the 1st floor of O’Keefe. The U&E shops are scheduled to be relocated to the ground floor of O’Keefe the latter part of August along with Staging. The Central Shops offices will move to the first floor of O’Keefe the first week of August and the Storeroom will be in the area formally occupied by ORGT (basement of the O’Keefe gym) by the end of August. The Lock Shop will be temporarily housed in the old Central Receiving Building until their space in the basement of O’Keefe becomes available. Remaining at the King complex will be Waste Management, Area 2, Landscape and the Motor pool. Waste Management will relocate to part of the space formally occupied by Staging. The rest of Staging’s former location is being converted to the restrooms and break area for Landscape and Waste Management employees. Building Services is also being impacted with several of their folks moving to the 1st floor of O’Keefe from the Building Services primary office area in the O’Keefe Annex.

It will be a challenge for us the next few months to get all of the pieces of the Facilities puzzle back into operation.

In addition to all the excitement of moving we’ve had some key people impacted. First, Gary Lockerman suffered a heart attack on July 10th and will be laid up for a while. We all need to keep him in our thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. Next, Charlie Cromartie is leaving us for a position in Florida. We all wish him our best in his new challenge.

On a brighter note I want to thank all the folks who made this year’s picnic such a resounding success. It seems like every year our annual events are better than the year before. This is getting harder and harder to do since they are all so good.

As we meet the challenges ahead of us keep in mind the keys to success in a changing and uncertain world are to love change, embrace ambiguity and be resilient.

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.

The newsletter is also available online at www.facilities.gatech.edu/newsletters.php.
Hello once again from the basement of BOGGS! We are doing our best to beat the heat. The heat seems to be doing its best to make it rain quite frequently. We had more rainfall in June and July than we had most of last year. So, enough about the weather. By the time you read this, there will be only four weeks more of “DOG DAYS”. As far as vacationers doing anything out of the ordinary, Mike Picklesimer went on his first cruise with his wife to Jamaica and Grand Cayman islands. Then on to a nice spot in the Florida Keys. Terry Williams and gang spent some time in Panama City, Florida resting his back and exercising his elbow. Vladamir Dronzin was happy to see his son Jakob return home from the Navy during a brief stay. Mike Castille’s family came up for a visit from Louisiana. He also visited the Biltmore Estates in Asheville and they loved it! William Roberson has completed his second Peachtree Road Race and is still losing weight at a great neck pace. The rest of us guys are saving up their vacation time for fall and winter. Dennis’ wife has threatened to kill him if he doesn’t take her somewhere soon. Just remember one thing! You can’t or shouldn’t work all the time!

Our shop would like to welcome our new HVAC mechanics, Ankar and Will. Welcome aboard! Your services are and will be greatly needed!

Area 2 welcomes its new employees Greg Prater (HVAC II) formerly of Area 3, Telena Givens (HVAC I), Maurice Zellner (Maintenance Worker I), and Perry Dewberry (Maintenance Worker I). Bill Halabi (weight-loss guru) will began airing infomercials this Fall on Ga Tech Student Public Access Station in the Student Center. He will introduce a new line of weight-loss products. The pill is guaranteed to help lose the unwanted pounds, sick leave, vacation leave, self-esteem, and your family. Trying to beat the heat this summer, Area 2 will provide an instant cooling solution. The dunk tank provided during the Facilities picnic will serve as a refreshing solution. Each dunk is $5.00. All proceeds will go to providing air-conditioning in ALL Facilities vehicles. We want to congratulate Darryl’s son team for coming in second place in the place in the IBC world series in Florida. They played teams from all over the country.

Coach Kevin continues to work hard with young kids in his neighborhood. He’s been coaching basketball and baseball. Hey you think he should apply for the job in California. The kids on the Lakers team could really use him.

Mr. Allen (work, work, work) Raville is still counting the days to retirement. You see! his best friend just retired Mr. Chapman so he can’t wait to join him by the pool down south.

If you need to be filled in, do some networking, financial advice, or just some good old philosophy, come on over and see Mr. Jeff Bridges. He has the gift to challenge any subject.

Arthur Hughes was chosen by the Coca Cola company as one of its representatives to carry the Olympic torch. He was chosen for promoting Veterans’ affairs.
**AREA 5**

Steve Dunn our HVAC II started on 6/7/04. Area V has two new MWI’s who started on 7/15/04: Edward Lee and Joyce Weems. Charlie Cromartie Area V Manager is leaving to go back to Florida. Congratulations to our student Amber Stewart who just got engaged to Eric Sapir. Milton Halley is celebrating his one year anniversary with Facilities on September 4. Milton and Zandra Halley are celebrating their 5th wedding anniversary on September 4. Terrence Fisher is getting married to Kimberly Grimsley on September 4.

**CENTRAL SHOP**

Anjum and Nadia Khan are the proud parents of a little girl named Isra. Isra was delivered naturally yesterday May 11 at 2:30 AM. Her birth weight was 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and she was 20.5 inches tall.

**Building Services**

Building Services is now in two places. The offices of Taffie Maynard, Gwen Marks, Chalette Banks, Annie Jones and Daniel Desaussure have been relocated to the 1st floor of O’Keefe in Suite 146. Arthur Coffee, Custodian I, Zone 7 is back at work and doing well after a brief stay in the hospital due to a problem with his heart. Condolences go out to Willie Bailey, Custodian I, Zone 1 whose mother, Mrs. Bessie Harris passed away on April 21st. Congratulations to Sarah Parrish, Custodian I, zone 2 on the arrival of her first grandchild, Essence Shalon. Essence was born to Sarah’s daughter Monica. Sarah states that Essence has a great set of lungs. Congratulations to Gregory Clower, new supervisor in Zone 9. Greg was promoted to supervisor after working as a custodian II in zone 8. Greg is responsible for the cleanliness of EDI, Global and DCOM. A big shout out to Chalette Banks, whose daughter Britannia, made the Dean’s List at Advanced Technology Training.

**ACCOUNTING**

Vickie Clark went with a group of 62 from the First Baptist Church of Douglasville to Alaska. They had a wonderful time. Vickie said that anybody that can go should go. The pictures can’t describe the beauty of scenery. Judith’s son got a job managing a Radio Shack. Three weeks after graduating, he broke his mom’s heart and moved to Dallas. Judith enjoyed going to their family bi-annual reunion in Alabama. Two hundred people from ten generations attended.

**EH&S**

Congratulations to Michelle who ran the Country Music Half Marathon in Nashville this past April. Anna Hawkins welcomed a beautiful grandchild—David Dabney in late May, 9lbs 21 oz.

**Charlie at his retirement party.**

Charley Chapman retired effective June 30, 2004. Charley worked for facilities a total of 30 years. He began his career in the grounds department where he worked for three years, then moved to the maintenance department where he worked for almost twenty years, and finally Building Services where he worked for almost eight years. We surely will miss him. He was given a retirement luncheon on June 23rd where many of his coworkers, managers, and former supervisors attended. Everyone was in agreement that Charley was one of the most loyal and dedicated employees the Institute has had. Charley stated that he want to forget us while he’s on the beach in Miami or cruising the islands. Charley had the highest balance of sick leave in Operation and Maintenance, 2,197 hours.

**Charlie’s wife and Grand son.**

**Isra yawning**

Donnie and family went to Panama City in May. They had a great time and came back rejuvenated.


George still counting down to December 1st, 2004.

Remember that the Locks shop is temporarily relocating to the old Central Receiving Building (across from GT Police) on August 16, 2004.

**Charlie Saying “Good Bye” at his going away party.**

**Tom, John, and Stan enjoying their Birthday celebration in the break room**
Facilities Profile: Building Services Zone 5

In 1997 the Building Services established “The Customer Service Achievement Award.” The award is given 3 times a year and nine zones from the Building Services Department compete for it. There are nine categories for judging and the score is based on customer comments cards and feedback from the customers for a quarter.

Congratulations to zone five for earning the award in July 2004. Zone five supervisor is Waytha Gordon. Below is an interview with Waytha.

How many employees are there in zone 5?
27

What contributed to your zone earning the award?
Teamwork and a very good project crew, pay attention to details, establish relationship with the customers.

What is the hardest aspect of your job?
Dealing with different attitudes and different expectations by the customers.

What do you like the most about your job?
I get my most satisfaction from solving problems for the employees and the customers and providing a clean healthy environment for the customer. It is very gratifying at the end of the day when the plan goes well.

Zone 5 Team:

Cherry Emerson Building
Ruth Green
Wanda Luckett

Physics Building
Christine Patterson
Joyce Jackson
Abraham Majak

Mason-SEB Building
Martha Godfrey
Willie D Jackson
Roosevelt King

Bunger Henry Building
Vernicer West
Francia Lozano

College of Computing
Catherine Lewis
Vickie Troy
Robert Holloway

Electrical Engineering
Maxine Wilkerson
Vanessa Sanders
Jenny Lapsley

Floor Team
Valdez Johnson

Pettit Building
Joyce Hines

Tech square
Raymond Baker

I wanted to take this opportunity to extend my personal gratitude to these employees they have responded to hundreds of customer requests and been responsible for all public areas in zone five. They have made a great effort to ensure that the first impression from the customers and visitors are positive. They also helped zone five win this award six times since it began. THANKS GUYS YOU HAVE DONE A GREAT JOB keep up the good work, Waytha

Zone 5 Supervisor, Waytha Gordon.
Summer Bring It On

George and the guys from Landscape
Area II Gang
Irene giving directions

Amanda & Anna of EH & S
Building Services group
Dan, Michelle, & Vic

Mike, Dennis, Robert, & Andy
The catering team
Terrence Fisher, DJ ing

Tommy
JB & Talena
Chalette & Lolita @ the ice cream truck
Summer Bring It On

During Facilities’ move out of the King building, old payroll journals were discovered from as far back as 1948. To the right is a weekly payroll ledger for a total of $6,000 which is much less than today’s payroll. The hourly rate varied from 85 cents to $1.10 an hour.
Employees @ Work

Trimming tree at Facilities’ new home

Donald at O’keefe

Charlie on his last day on the job

Keith Alexander keeping COM clean

Cornelius pulling weeds

Taft jacking up a vehicle

Clarence & Andy tracing a wire @ ESM

Rick & Rick working on steam line

Jeff & Kenny @ Staging

Luther working the flower bed

Steve & Ryan working @ Staging

Getting ready for their shift
Where Are They Now?

Many employees came and went through the Facilities/Plant Operations/Physical Plant department. They spent a lot of time at work and work was a big part of their lives. We have many friends that left us that we would like to know their wear about. Below, we compiled a list of some of the employees who retired in the past decade. We asked each one of them four questions. Below, are the questions and the answers:

Questions:
A. What year did you retire?
B. What do you remember most about Tech?
C. How are you spending your time?
D. What do you want to tell your co-workers?

Cliff Vaughn/ Boiler Operator
B. Having to work for Bob.
C. Mostly at the doctor. Traveling some with my brother. I spent the last two months out west.
D. Hi.

Tony Mitchell/ Steam Mechanic
A. March 2003.
B. NA
C. I have had three surgeries. I have good days and bad days.
D. I would like to come see you.

Shirley Parrots/ Production Control
B. Friendly people and I had lots of fun working with everyone.
C. I spend my time relaxing, and traveling. I have several hobbies. We are also volunteers for “Meals on Wheels.” Several days a week, we deliver meals to elderly folks and shut-ins.
D. Stay at Tech and retire. Ga. Tech. has the best retirement benefits I have seen. A great plan for your future.

Robert Jackson/ Custodial Manager
B. Becoming the first black supervisor.
C. Enjoying my grand and great grand children.
D. Continue to do a good job and take pride in what you do.

Joe Avery/ Storeroom Foreman
B. The good people working for people like Jim Priest and Jim Dysart.
C. We live in the mountain among many deers, wild turkeys and we have a family trout pond.
D. Hang in there. Retirement is great. I am much more relaxed than I have ever been.

Ralph Roper/ Sheet Metal
A. March 1990.
B. Too many memories to single out.
C. Working around the house and taking occasional vacations.
D. Hang in there. Thirty years will be up before you know it.

David Edwards/ AC Foreman
B. The trip back and forth to work.
C. Taking it easy.
D. Retirement is great.

Dan Center/ AC Foreman
B. The people I worked with.
C. Enjoy doing projects around the house.
D. Thinking of them and enjoyed working there.

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Sylvia Bates  
B. There are many things I remember -- working hard and where accounting was concerned having to balance the numbers and in the summer "Close Out". We worked many years with less than desirable machinery and computer programs. But what made it all bearable were all the nice people and good friends I met along the way.  
C. since I live with my parents and they are both hyper and blessed with good health, mother is 84 and daddy is 88, there is never a dull day in this house.  
D. RETIREMENT -- to me is wonderful. Things may not always be to your liking where work is concern, but the end results will be worth the price. Make your years and catch the gold ring -- RETIRE.

Michael Ware/ Foreman  
B. Working basketball games and football games..  
C. Listening to music.  
D. Hit the lottery and give him some money.

Frank Hudson/ AC Mechanic  
B. Working basketball games and employees.  
C. Taking it easy.  
D. NA.

Safety

Promo Tools Gives Tools Safety Workshop

In July, Promo Tools along with Grainger sponsored a workshop to our employees about hand tools safety. In the U.S. there are 150,000 tool injuries per year. Matt Mruk of Promo stressed that using the right tool can minimize the number of injuries. He also stressed some of the basic rules that everybody already knows such as goggles and gloves. Matt said that nobody should use “Cheater bars.” He said that 95% of electrocution happen at home; therefore caution should be exercised at home too. “Turn the power off/ lock out tag out,” Matt said. He said when you use adjustable wrench which we all do, torque on the fixed jaw. One last reminder that no one would think of is carrying tools in your pocket. He said that if you trip and fall, those tools can hurt you. So don’t do it.
**Beer Can Chicken/ Cocoa Cola Can Chicken**

1 (4-pound) whole chicken  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons salt  
1 teaspoon black pepper  
3 tablespoons of your favorite dry spice rub  
1 can beer  

Remove neck and giblets from chicken and discard. Rinse chicken inside and out, and pat dry with paper towels. Rub chicken lightly with oil then rub inside and out with salt, pepper and dry rub. Set aside.

Open beer can and take several gulps (make them big gulps so that the can is half full). Place beer can on a solid surface. Grabbing a chicken leg in each hand, plunk the bird cavity over the beer can. Transfer the bird-on-a-can to your grill and place in the center of the grate, balancing the bird on its 2 legs and the can like a tripod.

Cook the chicken over medium-high, indirect heat (i.e. no coals or burners on directly under the bird), with the grill cover on, for approximately 1 1/4 hours or until the internal temperature registers 165 degrees F in the breast area and 180 degrees F in the thigh, or until the thigh juice runs clear when stabbed with a sharp knife. Remove from grill and let rest for 10 minutes before carving. (Source: Kraftfoods.com)

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**Grilled Shrimp Marinade**

5 ounces chopped garlic  
2 ounces garlic powder  
1-ounce ground cumin  
1-ounce freshly ground black pepper  
1-ounce salt  
2 ounces paprika  
4 ounces pineapple juice  
32 ounces vegetable oil  
1 bunch cilantro, leaves chopped

Combine all ingredients together in a large bowl and mix well. Pour marinade over skewers as directed above.

(Source: Food TV show “BBQ with Bobby Flay”

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**BBQ Rub for Memphis Style Ribs**

6 tablespoons packed light brown sugar  
2 tablespoons chili powder  
1 tablespoon paprika  
1 tablespoon garlic powder  
2 teaspoons onion powder  
2 teaspoons coarse salt, such as kosher salt  
2 teaspoons ground cumin  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 teaspoon freshly cracked black pepper  
1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Mix together all of the ingredients in an airtight container and store at room temperature. The rub will keep for several months.

(Source: Al Roker’s Big Bad Book of Barbeque)

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**Caribbean Jerk Chicken Marinade:**

1 envelope GOOD SEASONS Italian Salad Dressing Mix  
2 Tbsp. brown sugar  
2 Tbsp. vegetable oil  
2 Tbsp. soy sauce  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. ground thyme  
1/2 tsp. ground red pepper

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**Golf Word Scramble**

1. FIAWASRY  
2. RSGEFOL  
3. NORI  
4. OHCSUBULE  
5. EET /  
6. NEERG  
7. ECUSRO  
8. RIEVDR  
9. WSNGI  
10. ENTRUMOAN

**Answers:**

- EET /  
- FIAWASRY  
- NEERG  
- RGSEFOL  
- NORI  
- OHCSUBULE  
- EECUSRO  
- RIEVDR  
- WSNGI  
- ENTRUMOAN

**Humor**

A man went to the doctor and complained, “Doctor, my eye hurts every time I drink coffee.” The doctor replied, “Take the spoon out of the cup.”
Our break room carpet and sofa has been shampooed by Darryl. ONCE AGAIN he did a fabulous job! Carrot souffle is not easy to clean up - - - but this man takes such pride in his work. I can't stop singing his praises. Please be sure and let him know how much the Registrar's Office appreciates and loves him.

THANKS - DARRYL. YOU ARE WONDERFUL!!

Miriam N. Golob
Financial Analyst

Mr. Halabi, Thank you for sending your guys to get extension cords. I have no idea what I will need for Saturday -- music, microphone(s) or extra lights ???? But I know I am covered. Thanks!

Your entire shop (A2) has always been a great support team for me.

Carl Lashmit

Mike,

Want to say thanks to the utility infrastructure group. Mark, Melissa, and Andy took care of me on a real quick locate. It was needed quick as not to hold up the project. They did a great job... Please note, I don't plan for this to be the normal procedure (I normally have more notice and better plan), but this one was fast tracked (I hope it won't happen again)...

Please tell them thanks again...

Glen R. Hickman, RCDD

Back on April 8 we met to establish a procedure for turning in spent fluorescent bulbs. Basically, the areas agreed to deliver bulbs to the HazMat Building between 1 and 4 on Wednesdays and Fridays. From the Hazardous Waste Standpoint this has been outstanding. In the last 3 months I've only had one box of bulbs dropped unannounced - and that probably wasn't from facilities. This has made our job a lot easier and I hope hasn't been too much of a burden on you. Thanks to all involved:

Area I: Sorry I don't have a name
Area II: Gentle Lee
Area III: Douglas Matthews
Area IV: Don English
Area V: Milton Halley
CS: Charley Chapman

Ed Pozniak

I would like to thank all the employees of the Facilities Department for their support and compassion during the past six months of my son's illness and subsequent death. Everything was greatly appreciated by me and my daughter.

Thank you

Oveta

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2nd Place Teams

Kenny, Jonathon, Floyd, & Warren

Frank, Daryl, Lee, Bill, & Cindy