This year's Holiday Luncheon had spectacular decorations, delicious desserts, the most gifts ever and a GT motif tree that will go down in history for its outstanding beauty. Food was plenty and the Awards and Recognition segment of the program was a nice addition. Mr. & Mrs. Santa Clause (DW Senn GTRI & Mary Rose, Design and Construction) were wonderful.

For photos of the luncheon turn to page 6 and 7. Thanks for the following com-

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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone is rejuvenated from the holiday break and back to work ready to meet the challenges of the coming year.

It is hard to know what all the challenges we will face in the coming year which makes Facilities such an interesting and challenging place to work. You can bet, we will have things happen that none of us have anticipated or had happened here in the past. While this uncertainty is part of our work environment, we do have some clear challenges ahead.

First is to improve upon the standard of excellences we have established. This is not an easy task. We have seen our annual customer survey scores go up for the last four consecutive years. We have seen our response and backlog stay strong while we initiated a vigorous preventive maintenance program. We have experienced continuing appreciation and praise for the beauty of our landscape and cleanliness of our buildings. All in all, we have a lot to be proud of, but we can do more to improve.

Leading our list of challenges for the coming year is energy conservation. For many of us this is a “blast from the past” with not so fond memories. Having said that, I have no doubt we learned from the experience and we are ready to be successful. We do have much to be proud of in this area; the energy efficient systems in our new buildings and Building Services aggressive program of turning off lights in the evening after they complete their tasks.

We have established setback programs in our facilities. What this involves is putting the temperature of our buildings in an energy efficient mode (warmer in the summer and cooler in the winter) during nighttime and weekend hours. We are also focusing on improving the efficiency of our lighting systems by replacing energy inefficient incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs and making sure we are using the most efficient fluorescent tubes. In addition, we are establishing locations where we can benefit the most from installing automatic light switch sensor to turn off lights. While these areas are our initial focus, we have other areas we’ll be taking action to reduce our energy consumption and contribute to our commitment to sustainability. I will mention this more as the year goes on.

I can’t close without noting how successful our Holiday Luncheon was again this year. Cindy Jackson and all the rest of the folks on the committee made it a truly memorable event for us all.

As we look forward to the coming year, I thank everyone for making 2004 so successful.
**AREA 1**

We want to wish Ben Kolb a quick recovery after his bypass surgery. Hurry back Ben!

We offer our condolence to Willie Brown for the loss of his mother in January.

**AREA 2**

Congratulation to Tiffany Zachary; Ronnie’s daughter, she has just landed a great job in Knoxville. Steve is happy to have another grandson, Tristan Patric. He was born November 1st in Florida. Maurice is glad to have made his 6 months probation. Mike killed a deer on his last hunting trip to Florida in December. Tonya is enjoying her house in Riverdale. Congratulations to Ryan, his wife is expecting another one. Richard Messer was so tired of GT that he went as far as he can go west (Arizona.) He came back with a new driver. Maybe the golf trophy will stay in Area 2 longer. Area 2 has the be “Battle of The Sexes.” Talena and Tonya prepared the best meatloaf ever (so far.) Chuck Sheffield will serve his next week. We’ll see who is the better cook.

**AREA 3**

And hello 2005! Terry Williams and family went to Europe the last week of December. Plenty to do and plenty to see. Chad Williams, the oldest son was their guide only because it was his fourth visit. No sense in having a passport if you’re not going to use it! Andy’s son has a new girlfriend. Her name is Gretchen Wilson, a new fresh rising country artist with a hit single in the charts. You may have heard “In am a Redneck Girl” on the radio lately. Andy Zabinski Jr. plays the violin superbly and has been classically trained. The country licks come to him with relative ease considering his background. You may see AZ’s name on her next LP. He’s already jammed with her a couple of times at cowboys!

Johnny Roper and family were vacationing in the Bahamas during Christmas. Ho Ho Ho On The Boat We Go! Dennis finally got his small aggravating dribble of a leak fixed by professionals. Is he the only one in the city that needed a roofer? With all the rain we received in December, the leaks just popped up everywhere. Murphy’s Law states that if you spend money on your roof it probably won’t rain again for a long time. Zone three welcomes two new employees in the maintenance department. They are Mandrill Hale and Shirah Gaydon welcome aboard men. Roger Humphrey has been off since December ninth so he will have to be retrained like the rest of us. HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**Utilities**

Mike Leasure ran in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington DC on October 31st. He said it was one of the greatest achievements he has made. He ran 40 km (26.2 miles) in 5 hours 39 minutes. Mike is also proud of obtaining his second degree Black Belt in Tae kwon Do. Congratulations to Howard Wolchansky. He just passed his Professional Engineer exam. Mark count down continues. He has less than 30 working days before he gain his freedom. We wish him luck. We want to welcome our new AC mechanic, Brandon Hunter. We wish Walter Giles luck. Walter was called to active duty, he left for Germany. Craig’s wife is back in Kuwait. On Craig’s way to Iowa for Christmas, he was stuck in the car for 8 hours during a snow storm with his 2 little girls and mother. Welcome to Kasey our new Preventive Maintenance Contract Manager and Jim Potts, our new Clean Air Compliance Officer.

**ACCOUNTING**

Judith Butler and her daughter, Alexandria, traveled to Chicago, where they spent Christmas and New Years with Judith’s sister. There’s nothing like that cold Chicago weather and a little snow to get you in the holiday spirit.

Debbie and David Chandler took an extra week of vacation to just enjoy relaxing around the house and catching up on extra chores - if the mood struck them. We’re glad to see that David has recovered from a nasty cut on his hand that required numerous stitches.

Sharron Harrah spent her holidays acting as nurse to husband Mark. Mark had back surgery in mid December, so the family’s activities were pretty much restricted to home base. We all wish Mark a speedy recovery from the surgery and look forward to him returning to work in the near future.

With a four-year-old in the house, Accounting Director, David Goldfarb, had a busy holiday. Imagine little Nicolas’ surprise when Dad came in the house with a nine foot Christmas tree! How many strings of lights did that giant take?

Vickie Clark, as usual, played Santa to Savannah and Ethan. It was non-stop partying the entire month of December. And, if that wasn’t enough; Savannah celebrated her 4th birthday on January 10, which added to all the holiday excitement.

**E H& S**

Vanessa Keel recently participated in a mission trip to Francia Sirpi, Nicaragua. She left on October 15th for a weeklong trip to help build a church building for the local Baptist congregation. Thirteen other church members from various churches in the Noonday Baptist Association accompanied Vanessa as part of an ongoing partnership to minister to the Nicaraguan Miskito Indians. This is a wonderful example of a Facilities employee helping others in

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Michelle ran the Disney Marathon on Jan 9th. It was her first marathon (26.2 miles) and she finished it in 5 hrs 36 minutes.

Church congregation in Nicaragua.

Michelle with Safari Minnie and Mickey

BUILDING SERVICES

Condolences to these employees who lost loved ones this quarter:
Calvin Hailes, Zone 4, whose grandmother Mrs. Mae Ola Tucker passed on November 26, 2004.
Lolita Ringfield, Zone 2, whose granddaughter Little Miss Kania Jones passed December 17, 2004.
Alice Ward, Zone 1, whose mother, Mrs. Gladys Key passed January 3, 2005.

As you have heard by now, Warren is now the proud owner of Harley Davidson motorcycle. The managers thought that Warren needs an outfit that is fit for a true rider. Therefore, they all got together and bought him a leather motorcycle outfit.

Warren trying on his leather outfit.

Area 5

Congratulation to Gary Lockerman.
He has a second grandchild, Katelyn Ashley. She is now 6 months old and she has granddad blue eyes. We want to welcome our new AC mechanic Mike Morse.

Area 5

Information Technology

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EH & S Collect Toys for Tots

EH&S collected unwrapped toys for the Marine Corps "Toys for Tots" program this Christmas. Lance Corporal (L.Cpl.) King visited the department and joined in our holiday celebration. L.Cpl. King was very appreciative of our contributions to help Atlanta's needy children at Christmastime. EH&S hopes to continue this gift giving tradition for years to come.

Facilities Profile: Recycling Department

What is the Office of Solid Waste Management & Recycling?
We manage the solid waste contract which covers the dumpsters, compactors, and roll off. We serve Housing, Sedexo, GTRI, and Facilities. We have a comprehensive recycling program that covers 13 different types of material such as aluminum cans, newspapers, mixed office papers, plastic bottles and other things that you might not consider recycling like pallets, old file cabinets, cardboard, tires, and metal tables and chairs. We also manage “Earth Day,” “Student Move Out,” “Green Purchasing” guidelines and special projects such as the Dell Computer recycling weekend. During the Dell computer recycling, we recycled 74 tons of waste. We came in 3rd in the nation.

What is the hardest thing about your job?
Getting the message to the students.

What is the most unusual request?
Looking for a professor’s wallet in the cardboard recycling container (didn’t find it.)

What if we don’t recycle?
If we didn’t recycle in 2003, we would have had to pay $32,000 in landfill disposal fees for 213 tons of trash.

How much paper do we recycle?
We recycle about 6 tons of mixed paper a week.

How can Facilities’ employees help?
Participate in the program at GT and when you go home live an environmentally correct lifestyle because we want to leave earth in a better shape for our kids and kids in future generations.
Facilities’ Holiday Luncheon 2004
Campus and Facility Maintenance magazine featured Georgia Tech and Building Services department in their Winter 2004 issue. It was a front page article that had a close up of Tommy Little’s program and the steps that he initiated to improve the operation across the board.

Tommy performed an audit of his own department in order to find better and innovative ways to address the various challenges. Tommy’s analyzed absenteeism rate, and the pool of eligible labor. One aspect of the program is improving the life of the employees by providing them with opportunities for continuous education such as GED, computers, or English as a second language classes.

Another form of “Tommy’s” incentives is lunch for the winning team. The Building Services department sends out surveys to the customers to evaluate the Team/Zone on areas such as physical appearance, courtesy, and cleanliness of facility. This program not only reward the good performer, but it also allow better communications with the customers, says Tommy. It also allows him to concentrate on areas that need attention. Tommy believes that the employees must understand that they are an integral part of the organization and they must be recognized for the good work they do.

Tommy’s philosophy is to have a strong foundation and structure in place where there are incentives and opportunities for growth and advancement.

Mark Hopkins to Retire April 1st 2005

Mark Hopkins is retiring on April after 29 years at Facilities. Mark has seen it all. He observed many changes during his tenure here. He worked with several different management teams. Mark sat down and shared some information with his co-workers.

Q: When did you start at Tech?
A: July 1976.

Q: What positions did you hold during your career at Tech?

Q: What was the campus like then and now?
A: It seems the number of buildings doubled.

Q: What is the most memorable event you had at Tech?
A: I had a lot of those. I remember the all “nighters and all days.” One time I had worked 54 consecutive hours. I also remember working 24 hours on 24 hours off during the Olympics. I didn’t have the credentials to enter into the events, but one day they needed me to close the main breaker at the Aquatic center 2 hours before a world wide broadcast. None of the contractors could do it so they had to smuggle me in.

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Salute To our Troups

We want to salute our friends and family members who are serving in the armed forces. Please keep them in your thoughts.

Jacob Dronzin, Seaman E3 in the Navy. He is stationed in Charleston, South Carolina. He is the son of Vladimir from Area 3.

Justin Jacobs, Corporal in the Marines. He is Fallujah Iraq. He is Dennis Price's cousin.

Jeremy Castille, Master Seargent in the Army. He is stationed in Germany. He is Mike Casteel's Nephew.

Alton Chin-Shue, Technical Sergeant in the Georgia Air National Guard. He is stationed at Warner Robbins. He is in Environmental Safety.

Perry Dewberry, Sergeant, Military Police, in the Georgia National Guard. He is stationed in Kennesaw. Perry works in Area 2.

Dear Bill

“Dear Bill” is our new section where readers can ask questions and inquire about whatever they wish. The editor will attempt to find answers to their questions and publish them in the next issue of “Facilities’ Quarterly.” If you have a question, please email it to bill.halabi@facilities@gatech.edu or place the question in campus mail to Bill Halabi, Facilities /OM mail code 0350. Inquiries will be kept confidential.

Q: Dear Bill Where can I check my blood pressure on Campus?
A: The Health and Wellness center on Ferst Drive.

Q: When are we going to get our W– 2 forms and are they available on the web?
A: By law, they have to be post marked by Jan 31st. They will also be available on the web at techworks.gatech.edu by that date.

Q: Can Employees ride the Stinger bus?
A: Yes.

Q: How much do I save by car pooling?
A: Instead of the $500 per year per person, the cost would be $125 per person per year. Each person gets one pass per month after that it cost $8 per day or $25 per week to park.

Q: Can I rent a ball room for a private party?
A: Yes. call the Student Center.

Q: Who is responsible to clean dog waste inside a building?
A: the dog owner.

Q: What is the STRAP program?
A: It is tuition reimbursement program. There is also a tuition assistance program. For information check the web site of Office of Organizational Development at:http://www.training.gatech.edu/committee members:
Cindy Jackson, Judy Harper, Todd Berman, Joanne Pittman, Tamir Reed, Chalette Banks, Alice Ward, Revonda Dunn, Willie Stephens, Duane Slack, Steve Cseplo, Ron Leroy, Donna Chronic, Andy Sheffield.
Also Thanks to Todd Schram, Eric Pfannensteil, Bob Neth, and the Chef, Greg Walker.

JC Staton Appears in The Atlanta Paper

Our own retired employee appeared in the Atlanta Paper on Veteran’s Day. J.C. Staton who retired from Facilities a few years ago. He was profiled in an article in the Atlanta paper about underage enrolment in the military in the 1950’s.

PUZZLE
How many common English words can you make from the letters below using all five letters once in each word?

E I L M S

Answer on page 12
Energy, it is a big issue. All of us know that energy cost is on the raise for us at home. From Gasoline and electricity to natural gas. The same issue is true for Georgia Tech. Utility makes up a big part of our budget and that is why we at Facilities are considering any measure that can help us reduce the usage of Utility and its impact on our budget. Utility is an essential part of our existence at Georgia Tech. Our aim is to conserve utility and reduce the consumption without affecting the life of students and the researchers on campus. We would like to reduce the waste. As an employee at facilities, we ask you to understand our mission and cooperate with the guidelines of our energy policy. We have completed the setback schedule on our HVAC systems. During the period when areas are unoccupied, we plan to set the heating mode to a lower setting. Of course all of this is coordinated with the customers through the buildings’ Managers. We are also making sure that all of our lighting systems are as efficient as possible. Our program includes using high efficiency motors and converting some of our HVAC system to variable frequency drives. As far as lighting, we have ceased to use the 40 watts fluorescent lamps and we are using 34, 32, or 28 watts. When a ballast fails, our maintenance Mechanics replace it with an electronic ones. Our Air Conditioning Mechanics are making sure that economizers are operating properly so we can make use of the outside air for cooling in the winter. Our utility shop is conducting a survey of our steam lines to find steam leaks. Our custodian teams have been very helpful in turning the lights off after cleaning classrooms and offices. Our energy staff is evaluating the feasibility of installing motion detectors where it make sense. In order to conserve water and sewer, we are testing “waterless” urinals in selected restrooms on campus. As an employee you can help by being aware of energy waste and by bringing it to the attention of our area management.

Facilities’ Golf Outing

Mark your calendar Friday, April 22, 2005 for the Annual Facilities Golf Outing. The proceeds will be used for Facilities’ employee appreciation events. Every person who has played Golf in the past is expect to golf for the employees and co-workers at Facilities. You can invite family and friends. Please call Bill Halabi or Gary Lockerman to sign up.
Anjum and his wife enjoyed a visit from his brother-in-law from Virginia. Steve and wife enjoyed an extended vacation in Daytona Beach. They had the chance to see the devastating effect of last year hurricanes. Accompanied them on the trip was Doc and Shadow. Their two dogs.

L-R: Doc & Shadow.

### Landscape
Donna Chronic is still volunteering with Clark Howard and Habitat for Humanity in building homes. The next project is 8 houses. If you would like to volunteer for this good cause, see Donna. Congratulations to William Tandongfore, our Ground keeper III. After a long struggle he was able to bring his family from Cameron. Our condolence to Hyacinth for the loss of his brother in Nigeria. Cheryl Taylor’s daughter, J’naí is attending Georgia Medical Institute.

### Motor pool
After 25 years at Tech KC is getting ready to retire in April. He plan to work on antique cars and go fishing.

### GT TSUNAMI RELIEF
Dr. Clough has asked all faculty, staff, and students to contribute at least $3 to the Georgia Tech Tsunami Relief Effort. The goal is to raise $60,000 by Jan 26th. You may drop off your donation in room 2211 at the Student Center Commons.

### Brain Teasers
1. What is the greatest amount of money you can have in pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters and still not be able to make exact change for a dollar?
2. Put the six digits in the empty boxes to make a correct sum. \( \begin{array}{c} 4,9,5,2,8,0 \\ \times X \times 3 \\ +X X 7 X \\ 6 X X 1 \end{array} \)

Answers on Page 12
I just wanted to write and tell you how much we really appreciate Bobby coming over and taking care of our problems with the gutters on the Alumni Faculty House. Not only were the gutters in need of cleaning, but some needed repairs as well. Bobby spent all the necessary time making sure that everything was done correctly, and I truly believe he went ABOVE AND BEYOND what was asked. Thanks again for helping to make our building a very presentable place for the Alumni and Friends to visit.

Chris Gaddis
Director of Building Mgt.

Taffie:

I wanted to send you this note to let you know how Donald (the floor guy) really "stepped up to the plate." Last Friday several notebooks and handouts needed for a group were inadvertently thrown out in the dumpster. Needless to say the client was very upset over this incident. When Donald heard about this, he volunteered to get inside the dumpster and find the materials. Donald crawled inside the dumpster and retrieved the materials for our client. Our client was thrilled with the retrieval of these much needed materials. Donald really saved the day! His actions were way above the call of duty and very much appreciated by the staff at the GLCC. Please commend Donald on our behalf and thank him again for his efforts.

Phyllis

Ronnie

MANY THANKS for the quick response and diligence in repair you and your crew spent on our electrical problem in Van Leer classroom C457 on Monday Nov 22. William and Dennis responded within 15 min of first report then stayed on the problem all day, and most of that evening, until power was restored in this multi-media classroom. This was no small task. Everyone working on this problem exhibited a positive attitude from Johnny chipping up floor tile to William and Dennis pulling cable and even yourself overseeing and making sure the repair work stayed on track until the job was done. Everyone worked together, especially chipping up floor tile! You have my gratitude, but you also have the gratitude of the users, professors and students who had their classroom and multi-media capabilities restored in minimal time. You especially have the silent gratitude of the Tuesday users, who had no disruption at all.

Again, many thanks for your fantastic efforts.

Best,
Bob

Bill Halabi

Your employees Olatunji Sunmola and Greg Prater have done an excellent job in working with the problems we have had in CRB Building with heating and air.

The moves from one floor to the other is continuous and they have done a remarkable job in taking care of our needs and we command them for their efforts.

Bettie McAdoo
Senior Administrative Secretary
Electronic Systems Laboratory

In Memory of our friend and co-worker Kenneth L. Johnson
July 30 1963 - December 8, 2004

I can remember the first time I met Kenney, I interviewed him and hired him.

Kenney quickly changed from an employee to a friend, from a friend to a dear friend.

Kenney enjoyed talking to people and people enjoyed talking to him.

He was a mediator when there was friction on our team, a comedian in our staff meetings, just a positive fun guy to be around.

Kenney was well liked and well known not only in our department, but in every area he worked. These last few years he worked in the Student Center. Kenney was a husband and father of four.

Gwen Marks

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