The 2010 Chili cook off was a success. We had some new winners and some old ones. The weather was perfect and everybody had a great time and good Chili. Thanks to Tony Blalock and his committee for coordinating the events. Congratulations to Cindy Jackson and Recycling for having the first place chili for the 2nd year. Landscape came in 2nd place and Zone 5 of building services third. EHS won best table, Larry from area one had the best hat, Andy Sheffield won the putt putt, and Low from staging won the 3 point shoot out for the 2nd year.
Graduation marks the end of another school year. It is the culmination of lots of hard work for the students who are graduating from Georgia Tech. It is also a time for us all to reflect back over the year’s events. We all have individual events we recall as highlights along with shared events like the ice storm and the threats of heavy snow. Ice covered roads on our campus are not normal and we will remember the ice storm of 2010 as unusual in the years ahead. The rains coming back to break our drought were also very welcome along with the annual hundred year rain events. This year also marks the end of the Georgia Tech careers of numerous employees. The end of this year is a little unusual in that we are losing six employees with an accumulated service of over 190 years. These folks have been part of Facilities for a long time and we not only appreciate their dedicated service to Georgia Tech but we will miss their experience and talent. These employees are Larry Curbow, Garry Fitzgabon, Jo Ann Pittman, Dennis Price, Bernice Williams, and Andy Zabinski. You can read more about them in other parts of this newsletter.

This year’s Earth Day event once again surpassed previous events and was a resounding success. Other than football games and graduation, I don’t know of any other single campus event surpassing Earth Day as a campus activity. It is truly a remarkable event impacting not only our campus but the greater Atlanta community. Cindy Jackson and her group provide the leadership for this great event, but like most everything else that happens around here it could not happen without the active support of so many Facilities folks.

This year’s Tech Beautification Day was also a great success. Again this year, hundreds of students showed up to help make their campus a more attractive place to work, play and learn. Even though the students work hard, Hyacinth and the Landscape team tee it all up for them so it goes smoothly.

The Chili cook off was great fun again this year. Thanks to Tony Blalock and his team for putting on such a great event for us all to enjoy.

This past school year was also one of budget struggles and as we looked into the coming fiscal year (starts July 1st) it doesn’t look like things are going to get any better. These budget constraints make all of our jobs more challenging and managing our personal finances more difficult. Hopefully by this time next year we will be in a better situation. In the meantime I continue to appreciate and admire the way you all handle this difficult time. Looking forward to seeing everyone at this year’s picnic.
1. How many employees are there in your zone?

25

2. What area does your zone cover?

711, 781, 811, 831 & 845 Marietta / 500 Tech Pkwy/Wesco/ISYE/Aerospace/SEMR/IPST/MRDC/MARC/CR C/C O U C H/ P r o c e s s i n g Plant/Imagine – Day Care

3. What are the names of your employees?


4. Who is the supervisor?

Chalette Mitchell

5. What would you like to say to Facilities’ employees?

Zone 2 is a diligent staff that knows what is expected of them and is ready for new challenges everyday. Their goal is to show professionalism to the customers and maintain a high standard of cleaning at all time. I would like to say it is nothing new for Zone 2 to go beyond the requirements in servicing the campus. As your Supervisor I would like to say it is an honor to be part of the team. G double O D J O B (GOOD JOB GOOD JOB).
The final number of student volunteers was 900. We had 22 of our employees work with the students for 6 hours on Saturday. Fantastic participation! In addition to the campus projects there were 80 students working in Home Park, 48 at English Avenue and 400 Greek students. Campus looks great!

Congratulations to Area 3 for having the best availability rate for 8 consecutive years
Chili Cook Off 2010
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[Various images of people participating in a chili cook-off event.]

FACILITIES QUARTERLY
Garry Fitzgabon Retires

1. How long did you work at tech?
25 years

2. What was Tech Like then and now?
It is 100% different.

3. What positions did you hold?
I started as a carpenter I then Carpenter II

4. What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech during your time here?
All the good people I met. Johnny Roper was one of them.

5. What are you planning to do in your retirement?
When I retire I am basically going to take care of my Mother-In-Law, do yard work, and have supper cooked for Becky when she gets home.
JoAnn Pittman is Retiring in May

1. How long did you work at Tech?
   32 Years

2. What was Tech Like then and now?
   Tech was a lot smaller then. We had a family like atmosphere. Students were more respectful. We lost a lot of our greenery.

3. What positions did you hold?
   I started at the position of key punch operator and worked up to Data Collection Supervisor, and now Production Control Assistant.

4. What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech during your time here?
   The most memorable was the Olympics’ it was an experience I will never forget.

5. What are you planning to do in your retirement?
   After retirement, I plan to keep my great grandbaby, work at the Church, and in my garden.

6. Last word to your coworkers.
   I enjoyed working with you all! I wish all of you peace, joy, and good fortune.

Larry Curbow is Retiring

1 How long did you work at Tech?
   30 years

2. What was the most memorable moment for you?
   Retiring (and getting to work and know all the great people I have met and worked with over those 30 yrs)

3. What positions did you hold while at Tech? I started as and electrician then I was the Roofing supervisor and then I got smart and applied for the project manager job and got it. I have been doing it since. That is thanks to Mike Leisure and Warren Page for believing in me and letting me do the job. For that I have to thank both of them very much and to let them know it has been an honor to work under them.

4. What are you planning to do in your retirement?
   Play with my grandkids and work with my daughter in the Catering Company we started 8 yrs ago. But mostly play with the grandkids.

5. Last word for your co workers. Just do your best that is all GaTech has ever asked of me and it has been a great honor to have been able to give them that which was my best and to all of you good luck and stick with this place the retirement is the best.
Dennis Price Retires

1. How long did you work at tech?
31.1 years

2. What was Tech Like then and now?
All trades persons were under one roof: Electrician, Plumber, Painters, A/C Mechanics, Steam Shop, Lock Shop and Carpentry.

3. What positions did you hold?
Equipment Operator in Landscape Department for 8 months, Storeroom Clerk I, Storeroom Clerk II for 5 years, and then an Electrician I in the Electrical shop for 25 years.

4. What is the most memorable thing you have seen at Tech during your time here?
Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd and the Olympics. Also, I obtained my electric contractor non-restricted license in 1984.

5. What are you planning to do in your retirement?
I am going on picnics

6. Last word to your coworkers
Learn everything you can on a daily basis. Stay attentive, use proper safety tactics, and always respect your co-workers.

Andy Zabinski is Retiring in May

1. How long did you work at tech?
31.

2. What was Tech Like then and now?
Back then, it was more laid back. Not as much pressure. We had more personal relationship with the customers than we do today.

3. What positions did you hold?
AC mechanic then AC mechanic II.

4. What is the most memorable moment for you at Tech?
- It was at the stadium. A water pipe busted. Despite my fear of height, I had to climb on a very tall ladder. I told Rodd Hineman that he may have to call the fire department to get me down. Rodd told me to go and not to look down. I got very close to the valve and froze. Luckily, Rodd walked me through it.
- On a freezing winter night, the president’s residence lost power. After calling many people, Ronnie Croy answered my call and came down all the way from Cumming. He brought the bucket truck and restored power so I could restart the boiler and get the residence heat.

5. Last word
I appreciate everybody’s kindness to me. I have had a good relationship with everybody. The memory will be with for the rest of my life.
The Dear Wendy,

Thanks for giving me this opportunity to tell the story about Yolanda going above and beyond.

When our offices were closed during the week of December 21st, I contacted Yolanda to ask her to check something at the Language Institute. She advised me that a student was standing outside the building needing assistance. Since our students are here to learn English, it takes patience to understand what they need. Yolanda listened carefully to what he was asking, was able to interpret what he needed, let me speak to him using her cell phone, and then was able to find information in his papers that I needed to help the student. Had Yolanda not been there willing to help, the student may have had a problem remaining in good standing with his visa status and the Language Institute would have lost the opportunity to get a new student.

Let me also take this opportunity to say what an excellent employee Yolanda is. She takes great pride in the cleanliness of our building which is not an easy task with between 250-300 students, faculty, and staff here everyday from 7:00 a.m. until sometimes 8:00 p.m. She is always cheerful, asks if everything is acceptable to us, modifies her cleaning schedule based on Language Institute needs, and is extremely dependable. We feel so fortunate to have her working here.

Thanks again for the opportunity to tell the story about Yolanda, "Student Recruiter for the Language Institute!"

Peg Wyse

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Going Above and Beyond

13th Georgia Tech Facilities Golf

Place: Browns Mill
When: Wednesday May 19, 2010 @ 7:30 AM

Cost: $50 (Lunch included)
Please sign up with Bill / Garry / Andy
Warren,

I wanted to pass along my appreciation to your staff in Zone 3 for their help with an unfortunate situation that happened here at the College of Architecture last week. Someone had painted graffiti using black spray paint on the marble in front of East Architecture building. Becky Fitzgibbon, our Facilities Manager quickly contacted Johnny Roper, who immediately came over to look at the damage. With the help of Terry Williams and Mike Picklesimer they were able to successfully remove the graffiti using several cleaners and a pressure washer. They did a great job on removing it, you can’t even tell it was there.

I appreciate their thoroughness and quick response in resolving the problem. Sometimes these things go unnoted but I wanted to make sure you were aware of the good work.

Thank you,

Alan Balfour

Bill,

I would like to publicly commend Maurice Zellner for his outstanding contributions to moving a very valuable piece of equipment at a time when we were having great difficulty finding a mover. He took it upon himself to call me and offer a solution that was not only expeditious but a tremendous cost savings to Dr. Kippelen as well. Maurice has consistently shown exemplary initiative plus a great work ethic and I would like to take this moment to recognize his contribution to the MSE and to Georgia Tech as a whole.

Thanks Maurice, I appreciate the efforts you make on a daily basis.

Sincerely,

Jeff

Tom,

I wanted to reiterate my gratitude to you and your team for your help — The team has always presented a very gracious attitude. And it’s a pleasure to work with you all on this worthwhile cause.

Best regards,

~Susan Sinot
Project Coordinator II
Nanotechnology Research Center

Congratulations to Bernice. She is retiring after 37 years of service in building services department.

Congratulations to the following employees for having completed 25 or 10 years.

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