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When the academic year ends, the general pace on campus slows a bit. Here in Facilities Services, however, our work gears up as we begin summer projects and construction activities to prepare the campus for Fall 2016. During University Commencement Week in May, Facilities worked around the clock transforming the campus to support the various celebratory events for the graduates and their guests. As I moved around campus during Commencement Week, I was filled with pride thanks to the diligent efforts of our staff.

I am particularly proud of the opening of the new Central Warehouse. Many Facilities employees
were involved in the planning, designing, and executing stages. Our new Military Science Building is progressing well and will open for classes Spring Semester 2017. We also installed new storm water infrastructure at Paulson Stadium, which included a new artificial turf playing surface. We are very deep into the design of the new Interdisciplinary Academic Building, with construction scheduled to start in January 2017.

Our employees are the heart and soul of our organization, and just as we often welcome talented individuals to our team and congratulate members for their years of faithful service, we must also on occasion say goodbye to members of the Facilities family who are pursuing new chapters in their lives. This particular farewell is especially difficult given the amount of time, dedication, and contributions this team member made to Facilities Services and the University-at-large. I know you all join me in wishing Wendy Woodrum the very best, as she moves to her new position of Associate Vice President for Planning & Analysis in Business & Finance.

As the warmer weather settles in, I want to wish you and your loved ones a safe, enjoyable summer. Thank you for everything you do. As always, BE SAFE!!

*Marv*
Marvin D. Mills, Jr.
Associate Vice President for Facilities Services
During the annual Georgia Southern safety week the Division of Facilities Services Safety Committee helped coordinate and conduct safety awareness classes. A highlight from the week was the first annual personal protective equipment (PPE) trade show, held at Nesmith Lane. This event gave employees a chance to see different types of PPE and safety equipment available.
Facilities Planning, Design & Construction

Department Interaction Award

Facilities Planning, Design & Construction was awarded Campus Recreation & Intramurals’s Department Interaction Award at the 17th Annual George D. Lynch End of the Year Banquet on April 28, 2016. CRI seeks to recognize a department on campus who demonstrates support and commitment in helping the organization reach its goals and carry out their mission. Over the past few years, FPDC has been an active and supportive partner throughout CRI’s development of the University Park Golf Course and the Shooting Sports Education Center. These two projects have expanded the recreational offerings for both the University and the Statesboro communities.
Parking Lot #21 Improvements

- FPDC is currently working with Auxiliary Services for the redesign and repavement of Parking Lot #21.
- Construction is underway and has an estimated completion date of 8/10/2016.
- With a budget of $910,000, the Designer is Thomas & Hutton Engineering and the Construction Manager is Dublin Construction Co.
Summer is Heating Up!

This summer we have already experienced several days of temperatures above 90 degrees, coupled with rising humidity levels. There’s been a considerable amount of thoughtful planning behind the scenes for 2016. In June 2015, Facilities Services implemented a load shedding program for the summer peak months to try and reduce campus energy consumption.
Contrary to popular belief, the monthly campus electricity bill is not calculated based solely on kilowatt usage. From June through October, our consumption is multiplied by how fast we consume the energy to get a demand charge. The more we limit our demand charge during these months, the more we save energy and reduce the annual utility bill for the whole campus. During fiscal year 2016, the pilot load shedding program saved nearly $100,000, which is the approximate annual utility cost of 80 households.

For additional information, including tips to reduce campus energy consumption [Read More]

Campus Electricity Consumption and Cost Graph

Patriotic Employer Award

On April 26, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Patriotic Supporter of the Guard and Reserve) recognized Charles "Dion" Hendrix with the Patriotic Employer Award. Click here to read more about Service Member Patriot Awards and ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve).

Custodial Staff Attends Self Defense Training
On May 18 & 19, twenty DFS custodians participated in a self defense training course taught by Charles Bowen and Danny Garrigus, UPD, using the R.A.D. Systems of Self Defense. Click here to learn more about R.A.D.

Linnet Grant (left) and Bobbie Stucky (right) practice techniques taught in the class.
Did You Know?

At GSU, annuals are recycled into mulch and later redistributed along with other recycled yard waste as mulch on campus.

Perennials will be saved for future use if possible. If not, they will be processed into mulch for use on campus as well.

Staff Interaction Award

Stephen Frawley, Electrical Supervisor, was also honored at the CRI End of the Year Banquet by receiving the Staff Interaction Award. CRI seeks to recognize a staff member who has taken ownership and has provided exceptional service to the organization. Stephen has gone the extra mile to provide support not only in times of need but at all times to support CRI in its efforts to carry out their mission. CRI is thankful to have such a committed and responsive partner in Stephen over the years.

Pictured from Left to Right: Matt Horst (Director, Shooting Sports Education...
Be a Safety Advocate

Do you know that every day our actions can influence the people around us in a positive or negative way? We can create a safer environment for everyone by promoting and practicing safety at work and various learning environments.

You can be a safety leader by doing what is right and recommending that others do the same. Participate in safety meetings. Always encourage others to follow safety procedures and use the proper tools or equipment for the assigned task. Do not overlook poor work practices. Point them out so corrective actions can be made. You could be a lifesaver.

No matter your position, you can be a safety advocate. By being safety focused, you will make a difference in the workplace and learning environments.

Remember, Stand for Safety, Speak for Safety, and Be a Safety Advocate.
Mosquito Prevention - Let's Stop the Buzz!!

Mosquitoes can be a nuisance and their bites can cause allergic reactions in people. Sometimes these mosquitoes also carry pathogens that can cause diseases. Depending on the type of infection, the symptoms may be mild or could be life threatening.

Read More

Mosquito Species in Georgia
Mosquito Control
Q & A: Zika Virus

Business Operations

Congratulations Graduates of DFS

Baronda Jones (Custodian) graduated from Ogeechee Technical College on May 12, 2016 with a Diploma in Surgical Technology. John Pate (Labor Supervisor) graduated from Georgia Southern University on May 7, 2016 with a Bachelor of General Studies. John was also named to GSU's President's List for Spring Semester 2016.
Congratulations to Bonnie McMakin!!
Civil Engineer - FPDC

Celebrating Retirement - 9 Years at GSU
Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Glisson

Alston (Lockshop) and Courtney Glisson were united in marriage on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Georgia Southern's Botanic Garden. Let the happily ever after begin!

Favorite part of summer: staying busy at work
Hobbies: deer hunting and fishing
Length at GSU: 18 years
Favorite project at GSU: During soccer season he enjoys painting the fields.
If you could meet anyone in the world dead or alive, who would it be and why? Hank Williams Jr.: He’s a talented singer and is a “hometown” type of guy.