

GAPPA 2008 Leadership Through Service



GAPPA board of directors for 2008. L- R: Bill Halabi, Harbin Farr, George Smith, Paul Underwood, Jim Folds, Dale Hess, Michael Summers, Don Alexander, Arthur Frazier, Ralph Johnson, Eddie Woodhouse, Jodie Sweat, and David Smith. (not shown Bob Hascall, Rod King, Russell Vullo, Scott Hardy, and K.C. Harris.

The 25th GAPPA conference was a great success. The attendees had a great time and learned and networked. All vendors booth were reserved. The educational sessions were well attended. Below is a brief article which describe how a new vendor might feel about the Annual meeting.

*By: Danyl Todd
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Forging new relationships and rekindling old ones in the scenic surroundings of Jekyll Island, Georgia and calling it work sounds like something we all would like to do. This year at the Georgia Association of Physical Plant Administrators Annual Conference I got to do just that. My firm, GSB Architects, Inc. hosted a booth for the first time at the conference and **my experience was tremendous. The atmosphere was warm and inviting and the people were all too willing to strike up a conversation.** Since my firm was new to the tradeshow, we did not know what to expect. Our intentions were to get the most out of the few days we were to spend on Jekyll Island by meeting as many new "friends" as possible. We wanted to form new relationships with Universities around the state of Georgia, as well as broaden our client base within the University System and I believe that we accomplished just that. We are not unfamiliar with University work; Southern Polytechnic State University is a repeat client and we have done projects for Georgia Institute of Technology as well as Clayton State University. **The conference gave us the perfect opportunity to showcase that work to potential USG clients** that may not have been familiar with our firm or the work we do. We used pictures of our previous and ongoing projects in the form of three collages to draw in the crowd. We met so many nice people and hopefully we were able to give them a better understanding of who we are. I learned quite a bit from the few hours that we spent meeting and greeting all the members of GAPPA and their families. One thing I know to do differently next year is to bring more candy! I want to thank all we met and talked to. **You made the conference an enjoyable experience and I can't wait to see you all next year!**



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President's Message



Fall is here! Classes are starting, students are back on campus, frantic activity is returning as well. Summer was all too brief for most of our facilities departments.

The semester breaks are frequently as busy as the normal class schedules on our campus. It takes a strong organization and dedicated people to schedule all the work that has to be done between graduation and the beginning of fall semester.

GAPPA is preparing to assist on the resource side and meet the challenge with you.

Along with the expected seasonal changes, there are less positive ones taking center stage on our campuses. **The impact of high gas prices, reduced tax revenue, the failing mortgage industry, increasing costs of living and increased unemployment has or will touch each of our institutions.** For the University System of Georgia there are still some unknowns, but it is clear that the impact will be profound. The state office of Planning and Budget has announced the need for 6%, 8% and 10% budget reduction plans from all state agencies for the next 2 years. This after a 5% budget reduction plan had already been returned last month. The full impact of the problem may not be obvious for another month or more, but **there is little doubt that we will all need to use creativity to care for our campuses in the coming year.** GAPPA is preparing to help with that challenge.

I am working with the GAPPA Board to provide local training,

scholarship opportunities and a realistic plan for the Annual Meeting & Tradeshow to meet your institution's needs in this changing environment.

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We will strive to assist the membership with the organizations resources. As we learn more about the realities of this year's budget, I will be asking for your input on how GAPPA can best help with training and support of the membership. Please contact me or any of the Board members with your concerns and ideas. **This may be a turning point for our institutions and our state.** The question of balancing responsibility for maintaining our campus facilities against reduced funding may stress our personnel and our resources. **GAPPA is preparing to assist on the resource side and meet the challenge with you.**

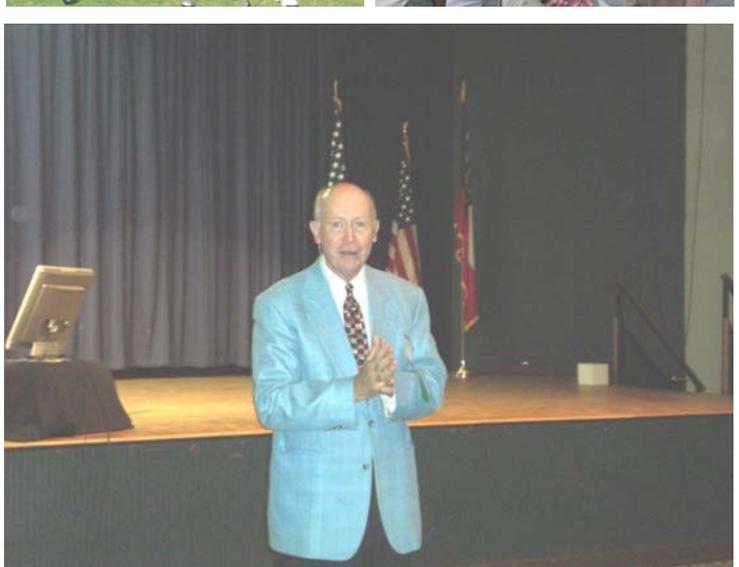
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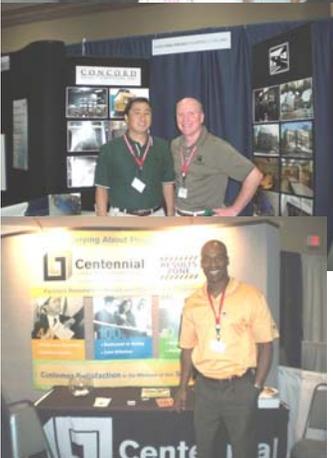
South Georgia College Facilities Management Certificate

Update by: Dr. George Wingblade

Dr. George Wingblade provided an update on South Georgia's College new Facilities Management Certificate program. The program was developed specifically for people working in the educational facilities arena as a professional training and development tool. The facilities text materials are taken from the four part curriculum developed for APPA's professional coursework. In the near future, we intend for this coursework to merge into an Associate of Science degree in Facilities Management and ultimately, with the Georgia Southwestern State University's new Bachelor of Business Administration Management program offered on the SGC campus. Additionally, we are working in concert with APPA to further develop and enhance our facility management programs. By making the classes available online we are able to accommodate every school, in and outside the University System of Georgia, and people working any shift. This fall, Dr. Wingblade will teach four classes including Supervision, Human Resource Development, Facilities Assessment and Planning and Business Leadership and Plant Operations. All courses provide college credit, presented on-line, and are eligible for tuition assistance. Go to the SGC website at www.sgc.edu, click on Academics, then click on the Catalog link and you can find information under Programs of Study and Courses of Instruction. For further information you can contact Dr. Wingblade at george.wingblade@sgc.edu or SGC's Enrollment Services at (912) 260 4206. This is a great opportunity for physical plant personnel to take advantage of this offering and view it as a way to justify advancement within the ranks.

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New Board Members

1. Name ?

Arthur Frazier.

2. Title ?

Director of Facilities Management and Services

3. School?

Spellman College.

4. School size ?

We have 145

Acres, 1.4 million Square Feet.

5. Location of School ?

Atlanta.

6. Where do your students come from ?

The students come from all over the country. We are the premier historically black college for women.

7. How many employees do you have?

We have 60 employees and over 2100 students.

8. What is the most challenging issue for your department ?

Our buildings are more than 50 years old.

9. What is your school famous for ?

Developing black women leaders.



1. Name ?

George Smith.

2. Title ?

Director of physical plant.

3. School?

Georgia Southwestern State University.

4. School size ?

We have 500 Acres.

5. Location of School ?

Americus

6. Where do your students come from ?

The majority comes from Atlanta. We are set to serve the south west part of the state.

7. How many employees do you have?

We have 22 employees.

8. What is the most challenging issue for your department ?

Finding sufficient funds.

9. What is your school famous for ?

The campus is noted for beautiful grounds, historic facilities, and significant opportunities.



1. Name ?

Michael Summers.

2. Title ?

Director of Physical Plant.

3. School?

Savannah State University.

4. School size ?

We have over 200

Acres and 41 buildings.

5. Location of School ?

Savannah.

6. Where do your students come from ?

Students come from Macon, Augusta, Savannah, and other South Western counties.

7. How many employees do you have?

We have 70 employees.

8. What is the most challenging issue for your department ?

Finding qualified employees especially Custodians.

9. What is your school famous for ?

We are famous for our Blue Angels ROTC program.

We have one Blue Angels aircraft.



Photo of the 2007 and 2008 Annual meeting are on line. Please check GAPPA website:

www.gappa.org/gappawebdoc3.htm

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Drought Response Increases Sustainability on Campus

Last September, the Governor challenged every citizen to implement proactive measures to respond to the ongoing drought situation. Building Services at Georgia State began brainstorming ways to meet and exceed the governor's initiatives and maintain the attractiveness of the campus. **The pigeon population in downtown Atlanta creates a continuous need for pressure washing sidewalks, parking decks and building façade.** The University's urban environment presents a host of other opportunities where pressure washing is needed on short notice to correct hygienic concerns.

We procured eight 280-gallon polyethylene tanks encased in aluminum cage and installed four as of July 1st. **The University is now collecting over 1000 gallons of water per week from AC systems condensation, with the potential to add another 1000.**

Collection tanks are located on the

northeast side of Arts and Humanities, and next to Sparks Hall and Parking Lot C.

The Grounds crew pumps water from these tanks into a portable tank complete with a pressure washing unit and is ready to tackle any cleaning project on campus. In the last three weeks, Facilities Building Services has continuously pressure washed areas around campus and drastically improved the appearance and cleanliness of the exterior campus.

It may be sometime before the city and metro-area can return to normal water usage. Looking at the rainfall numbers for the first six months of 2008, the region's rainfall is more than seven inches below annual numbers. Every month has recorded a deficit. What is nice about the water reclamation system is it will continue to provide water long after the drought eases.

This will help Georgia State University reduce its water consumption and put us on track to creating a more sustainable campus with a smaller carbon footprint.

Chris Jackman



Water reclamation tank at Georgia State

GAPPA History Book On The Web

More than a 100 pages of history and pictures of GAPPA is on line. You may access it through this link:

www.gappa.org/gappawebdoc1.htm

Gregory Zairis

Gregory Zairis, age 53, died July 30, 2008 in an accidental drowning in Panama City, Fl., along with his fiancée, Laurie Lovett.

Born Dec. 20, 1954 in Sacramento, Ca., he lived most of his adult life in Columbus, Georgia. He served in the US Army, was a graduate of Columbus State University and worked at Columbus State university, UGA Griffin Campus, and Kennesaw State.

Greg was the son of the late Louis Zairis and Jeanne Kenny. Survivors include his daughters, Melanie Zairis, Atlanta, Ga., and Cherrylyn Simmons, Fall River, Ma., as well as his granddaughters, Hope and Laine Simmons. He is also survived by a sister, Sandie Saunders; brothers, Michael and Louis Zairis; and his beloved aunt, Barbara Saunders. He is further survived by his former wife and lifelong friend, Linda Zairis of Columbus, Ga.