



# GAPPA 2009 “Leading In Lean Times”

*The following print is a text of Jodie Sweat’s closing remarks. In those remarks, she highlights the benefits of our annual meeting and tradeshow and she gives us a new perspective on our world and the economy. It is a well worth the reading, Bill Halabi.*

It has been a difficult year on our campuses and for many of us individually. The conference theme, “**Leading in Lean Times**” was drawn from these problems. The conference topics have focused on the challenges we face.

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we have seen new products and services, learned new processes and efficiencies and commiserated with our colleagues. We will be better prepared to manage the difficulties of the economic decline when we return to campus. At the very least-we all gain some revived energy and encouragement from comparing notes, focusing on “best practices,”

stretching our perspective and investigating new solutions. Those are the benefits I count on each year from GAPPA’s Annual Meeting and Tradeshow.

Switching gears a little, I’d like to talk about some good news as we close. In scanning all the economic news- I recently noticed one economist

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## President's Message

(Jodie Sweat)

### New Horizons

One feature in this quarter's newsletter is a reprint of my closing address at the Annual meeting. My focus was to find the "glass half full" approach to the economic challenges facing our campuses, our families and the country. Much of the information is now outdated, but there are still some kernels of accurate information embedded in the message.

The summer and start of the new academic calendar bring a new se-

ries of challenges. We are all facing budget cuts (again), fears of the H1N1 virus, concerns for student safety, the challenge of identifying new funding sources—particularly trying to leverage stimulus funding, evaluating innovative technologies and any number of other issues that we have never imagined before. It is an exciting time to be a facility administrator and suggests that we will never be bored.

GAPPA is working to sponsor workshops and compile a program for the annual meeting that

will provide information to help you tackle some of these new concerns. If there are issues that you have particular interest in, please send a question or suggestion to the GAPPA list serve or to any member of the Board. We want to be responsive to the times and to the needs of our members and share solutions that can help everyone.

I hope all of your campuses are off to a very successful Fall Semester!

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## Georgia Southwestern University Opens two Residence Halls

Georgia Southwestern University in Americus opened its Magnolia one and Magnolia two Residence halls this Fall. The two new halls are a response to the increase in student enrollment. The two buildings provided an additional 300 rooms at a cost of 12 million Dollars.

WALB TV station (Americus, Ga.) profiled the new Residence Halls on their website. Please see the link below:



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# New Marine and Coastal Science Research and Instructional Center Dedicated at Skidaway Institute

**The long awaited Marine and Coastal Science Research and Instructional Center (MCSRIC) at Skidaway Institute of Oceanography is officially open.** The new research laboratory building was dedicated with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

**The MCSRIC contains 11,000 square-feet of state-of-the-art research laboratories and offices, space for visiting scientists, and instructional space for marine science students from throughout the University System of Georgia.** The building was funded with a \$5 million dollar appropriation approved by the Georgia General Assembly in 2006 and signed by Governor Sonny Perdue.

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At the ceremony, Skidaway Institute director James Sanders said the MCSRIC will allow Skidaway scientists to expand their research into several areas.

"An important and growing part of our research is the assessment of factors affecting the environmental

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health and integrity of Georgia's coastal zone" Sanders said.

The MCSRIC has been designed to be environmentally friendly and is expect to be certified under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design ( LEED ) Green Building Rating System.

The building's orientation minimizes its east-west exposure which re-

duces the heat it will absorb from the sun. This orientation is one reason the MCSRIC is 31 percent more energy efficient than a comparable building. Its courtyard, roof and sidewalks are organic or reflect the sun's energy, further reducing the amount of heat the building will absorb.



## Other "green" characteristics of the building include a solar hot water heating system, a 1,000 gallon cistern to capture rainwater for various uses, six-inch foam insulation and energy efficient windows.

The layout of the MCSRIC's interior minimizes the building's perimeter, reducing the energy and heat that can leak into or out of the building. The common work areas and the central hallway are open to the roof and have a row of upper windows running the length of the building. This allows natural light to flood the building on sunny days and saves on lighting energy.

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The architect for the MCSRIC was Lord, Aeck & Sargent, Inc.. The construction manager was Choate Construction. Engineering work was done by Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung International Inc., and Nottingham, Brook & Pennington, Inc.



(l-r) Skidaway Institute supporter Howard Morrison, County Commissioner Pat Farrell, architect Amy Leathers, Skidaway Marine Science Foundation Chair John Duren, Skidaway Institute director James Sanders and University System of Georgia's Samson Oyegulne.

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# I REMEMBER HARVEY SHUMPERT

(By: Lee Richey)

It was two years on August 22, 2009 since we lost my good friend and fellow professional facilities officer – Harvey Shumpert. I still miss being able to talk with him and improving my own spirits with his positive attitude.

I first met Harvey Shumpert in early 1993, when I interviewed him at The University of Alabama for the position of Physical Plant Director. As the AVP for Facilities, I had managed to hold the Plant staff together for almost a year after the previous director resignation, so I was more than ready to get some relief. As I recall, Harvey had been director of facilities for about five years in the Mecklenburg County school system in North Carolina. (For those of you who are not familiar, the Mecklenburg school system is huge - one of the largest in the U.S. and he got raving comments from his peers and coworkers). Previous to that, Harvey had served in the U.S. Army for 20+ years in many roles, primarily in the Corps of Engineers - building and managing some of the largest facilities in the U.S. Army inventory.

Harvey easily made the committee short list of five for interview. It didn't hurt that he had such a delightful wife and companion Kay Shumpert. As we all met and talked with him, it became obvious that he had something that most other candidates did not – that was a positive “can do” approach to every problem/issue we were then experiencing. I selected him as the best candidate in the group and he accepted. As many of you can relate, at that particular time in Alabama history, we could only offer the mid-point of the salary range. Because of his depth of experience, I successfully petitioned my boss and VP for Business and Finance to fund and allow me to offer more money (still not as much as I wanted) to this exemplary candidate. Luckily for me, Harvey was ready for a change and accepted.

I will never forget after Harvey had been on staff for about 3 months, one of the deans made a statement in a large gathering: “Mr. Richey – you have done at least ONE good thing since you have been at Bama.” Of course, I was startled to realize that particular Dean thought I had ever accomplished anything, but he subsequently told everyone in the room what a great hire I had made in Harvey and then recounted how friendly and helpful he had been to his College.

In 1996, I accepted a job at Director of Design & Construction Services at Georgia State University; moved to Newnan and then moved onto the BOR as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities, thus vacating my job at Georgia State. Harvey (a native South Carolinian) wanted to get closer to his home and managed to get selected for the position I vacated. As at Bama, he did an outstanding job and was subsequently promoted to AVP for Facilities.

Over the years, Harvey became an avid Board member and supporter of GAPPA - he was the First VP when he was forced to resign for health reasons. As far as I can recall, Harvey attended every quarterly and annual meeting until his resignation, and subsequent death.

We attended the 2007 annual SRAPPA meeting last together on the Duke University and University of North Carolina at Raleigh. I recall during the Sunday morning church service, he requested prayer for the condition he had recently confronted. He was so positive and had such great faith that he would be healed and recover. He only lived about 18 months after his diagnosis.

The last time Harvey and I were together was at the 2007 GAPPA conference. He attended almost every training session and as I recall, played a little golf with Kay as his partner. You can find photos of Harvey at the 2007 Annual meeting on the GAPPA web site, pictures #'s 142, 143, 159, and with Kay on picture #167.

At the 2008 annual GAPPA conference Kay and their daughter, Lanore presented me with the Bama golf bag that Harvey received from his staff and coworkers when he departed Tuscaloosa. I am so appreciative because every time I play golf now, I am reminded of my good friend.

Gone, but NEVER forgotten.

Lee H. Richey, Past President of GAPPA

## New Recreation and Sports Park at Kennesaw State.



KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPORTS AND RECREATION PARK  
Kennesaw, Georgia

For more details, please check- <https://web.kennesaw.edu/news/stories/preliminary-work-begins-today-next-phase-ksu-recreation-park>

## Kennesaw new "green" dining hall serves up culinary delights



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that proposed that recovery has everything to do with consumer behavior. The stock market is often affected by world news, market scares and political scandals- so it seems to be a reasonable theory. As we hear that gas prices are going up, unemployment is going up and the like- we are more and more focused on the negative side of the scale. So, where is the good news,

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right?

Well, gas is going up but it is \$1.60 /gallon less than this time last year.

Colin Powell said "Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier." so I am going to review some things in the news that are the "glass half full" version.

**State unemployment claims went down in April**

**The State unemployment rate has remained stable in April & May**

**High School graduation rates have gone up 10% in Atlanta and 13% in New York City over the last five years**

**College application rates have increased 6 to 21 % (depending on college type)**

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**The Gross National Product has only decreased minimally (2%) in a year**

**Inflation rates are down .62%**

**Rainfall in Georgia is up**

**Lake Lanier's lake level is up 7' from last year**

Medical news is very encouraging. I subscribe to several medical news web pages looking for information on Parkinson's disease. My dad has Parkinson's and my grandmother had Parkinson's so it holds a great personal interest for me. Every 2 or 3 weeks there are breakthroughs in Parkinson's research or treatments. The same is true for cancer research.

Scanning the medical pages over the last week, I saw:

"Breakthrough in radio therapy promises targeted cancer treatment"

**"Mayo Clinic researchers say triple drug combination is promising option to treat metastatic HER-2 breast cancer"**

"Drug that targets vasculature growth attacks aggressive thyroid cancer..."

"Stimulus funding elicits a tidal wave of 'challenge grants'"

And, a very helpful: "Heart disease patients carrying extra pounds do better live longer"

In my internet browsing- I've found an engineering firm "Catapult Design" that specializes in developing technology for people in developing countries. They have designed a wind turbine that they can produce for \$100. It only charges a car battery-but think what that could mean for people that have no access to electricity...

The Recovery Act funded 10,000 AmeriCorps positions. AmeriCorps is a volunteer organization that pays stipends and scholarships. It includes the NCCC-National Civilian Conservation Corps and VISTA that provide employment training, financial planning, housing assistance, tutoring, literacy programs, weatherization of homes, support of food banks and disaster relief all here in the United States. I can vouch for the good work they do. My oldest daughter served with the NCCC right out of high school.

I won't go on listing the "good news" I've gleaned from our somewhat negative media-but you get the idea. Sometimes you have to dig a little deeper for the hopeful side of the news. It is important to remember that things are not 100% bad; they are just not as good as we have come to expect.

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