

**Minutes of the
Silver Jackets
(Georgia Tech Retirees Association)**

**May 13, 2008
11:00 AM
GT Student Center, Room 343**

Respectfully submitted by Mary Anne Salter

ATTENDEES: Candy Carson, Al Conelley, Sara Dryden, Linds Gill, Maureen Glass, Celia Grams, R. Earl Green, Dot Mathews, Yevette McDonald, Gene Patronis, Les Petherick, Frank Roper, Mary Anne Salter, Jim Stevenson, Evelyn Webb, Geraldine Reese, Gerald Thuesen, Dick Fuller

Maureen Glass welcomed the group and asked everyone introduced themselves.

The first speaker, Jody Thompson, Head of the Archives and Records Management Department at the GT Library, passed around handouts and gave an overview on her department's services. One of their concerns was the preservation of historical materials related to Georgia Tech. She let us know that they provide safe, controlled storage and access to the materials they collect. They also offer permanent records of your organization for future officers and students. Several of the GTRA members mentioned they may have items of interest to donate.

The next speaker was Howard Wertheimer, College of Architecture. Howard has 25 years private practice in designing buildings across the country including several at GT. He is now employed by GT as the Director of Capital Planning and Space Management. He gave an overview on the Campus Master Plan and Landscape Plan. These plans are used for achieving our goals of sustainability and livability. GT has received a Design Award for our Landscape Plan. A few current projects are: moving the women's softball field to the O'Keefe parking lot area (with an estimated completion date of February 09), an Innovative Learning Resource Center in the Price Gilbert Library which will consist of 6 stories, 215 sq. ft, a theatre, eating area, computer area and atrium. Also, a Challenge Course for team building which will include steel poles for climbing and classroom pavilion space at the Burger Bowl. The Governor's program has awarded \$10M to allow GT to move forward with designing. Renovations on campus include the North Avenue Apartments, the only gated community on the GT campus. They plan to make the apartments more welcoming, to add a dining room with meal plan and to increase the level of safety. The old CE Building is under renovation and will house some of the Ivan Allen College. The Marcus Nanotechnology Building, located on Ferst Drive, will be finished this year. It will have clean rooms, labs and conference space. The Hinman Building is on the "to do" list.

The Landscape Master Plan includes Ecological Landscape and Human Landscape. Projects going on are the Eco Commons (storm water management) which collects water

and stores it for an irrigation system, the MSE overlook and the Atlantic Drive Promenade (pedestrian walkway and gateway to the Eco Commons).

Howard advised the group to visit Tech Green North where the Solar Decathlon House is located. This is a self-sustaining building that four GT colleges designed. It placed 6th in an international competition. There are several sustainable buildings now on campus including the Food Processing, Klauss, Nanotechnology, Whitehead, College of Management, Ford ES&T, BME, Economic Development and MSE.

Howard also talked briefly on the recent drought and stated that the USEPA voted GT for the “Best Place for Commuter” transportation award due to the Trolley and Stingers, Zip Car program, Marta, bike paths, van pools, Smart Park, and being pedestrian friendly.

Maureen stated that work is continuing on getting the Retirees use of the library. She said that Sandra Thornton is working on by-laws and may be contacting folks to work on a committee this summer. The ENTEL Fair is in need of volunteers. A memorial service is being held today at 1:00 at the Alumni House in memory of Dr. John P. Crecine. The next meeting will be held on September 9th – we will be off for the summer. Please send any suggestions for meetings or speakers for next fall to silverjackets@gatech.edu.

Meeting adjourned.