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UOS Team-Work Shines in the Rain

Out of all the events on Harvard's campus, the dormitory clean-out and Commencement demand the closest attention to detail as well as the most coordinated collaboration of every department of UOS.

Undergraduate clean-out occurs in two waves. The first is after the non-graduating students leave on Memorial Day weekend and the second comes the week after Commencement. Robert Wolfreys, FMO's Dorm Crew Manager, supervises 400 student workers in this task. Dorm Crew also helps with Commencement and Reunion Week set-ups, delivering linens for 4,000 alums, bartending, and caring for alums' children. Robert has been known to work 40 to 60 hours over Memorial Day weekend. While the idea of cleaning hundreds of rooms may sound mundane, there have been some surprises too. Robert has noted that there have been some amazing finds during clean-out. "One year we found a complete V-8 engine a student had assembled in an Adams House fireplace," Robert said. The crew has also discovered things like shotgun shells, a Superman costume, a newspaper vending machine and without too graphic an explanation, various items that may be used for parties of all kinds.

Custodial services, including supervisors, Marie Holcolmbe, Augusto Arevalo, Raul Andino, Jyoti Rana and their staff work extremely hard getting the 300 tons of trash, recyclables and reusables out of the houses and dorms in the weeks before Commencement. Their strict deadline is when the alums start moving in Commencement week.

Wayne Carbone's Landscape Services crew spends the month prior to Commencement pruning, seeding, sodding and mowing Harvard's grounds to maximum green vigor. His entire crew works hard, as any of the 30,000 Commencement Week visitors can attest. The buck stops with Wayne though, and in 2004 this motto was tested. Just after midnight on Commencement morning, Wayne was awakened by a call from the Operation Center. A gust of wind had blown a large elm branch down between Widener Library and Weld Hall onto a row of chairs set up for Commencement which was scheduled to begin a few hours later. Of course, the branch had to be removed immediately. Wayne made a few calls to his crew and got some help, but the emergency demanded fast action. So Wayne put on his boots and drove into the Main Yard with a boom truck and a chain saw. The fallen branch, healthy looking on the exterior, was heavily damaged by insects, indicating that the remaining tree was likely also damaged and therefore unsound. It had to go. Wayne cut it down, chipped it up and removed all traces of the tree by 3 a.m.

Move-out and Commencement is also the busiest time for FMO's Recycling and Waste Management crew. "We work every day between Mother's Day and Father's Day weekend," said Rob Gogan. "We pull around 1,000 tons of trash off campus during that time." Landscape Services, Custodial Services, the Dorm Crew and our contractors all step up to provide extra help. Rob added, "Over the past few years, we have worked harder on salvaging goods for reuse or donation. Ed Greatorex, the driver for Allied Waste Services says there aren't any clothes in the trash anymore. Habitat made over \$70,000 selling all the furniture, books and clothes we collected and stored by Harvard Real Estate Services." (continued on page 2)



Jason Luke on duty during Commencement.

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Back row, left to right: Andrea Ruedy, Alli Rogers, Meryl Brott, Nathan Gauthier, Jesse Foote and Maura Leahy.
Front row, left to right: Mike Crowley, Leith Sharp, Maggie Husak and Jacyn Emig.

Green Campus Initiative

For this issue's featured UOS department, we interviewed Leith Sharp, the Director of the Harvard Green Campus Initiative, to find out what this group does for UOS and the Harvard Community. According to Leith, the main function of the HGCI is to implement campus wide sustainability by recognizing and addressing a number of environmental problems such as climate change, pollution, energy conservation, recycling and the use of chemicals and other toxins for cleaning. The HGCI recognizes that Harvard is a contributor to some of these problems and believes Harvard has a responsibility to contribute to solutions as well.

The HGCI group consists of 14 full time employees and 40 part time student workers and considers itself an inter-faculty work group that serves as a bridge between the administration, the faculty and the students. The HGCI group has just completed "Harvard 2020: A Bridge to Campus Sustainability", the first ever Harvard sustainability conference that took place in April. They have also completed the development of an EPA sponsored Greenteams website to support any university desiring implementation of a student internship program or a green living program. See: <http://www.greencampus.harvard.edu/greenteams/>

Leith and the team worked with other UOS groups to "green" some of the ways in which they operate. HGCI provided research and testing for the FMO custodial group in choosing a set of green seal certified cleaning products that are safer and more environmentally friendly. They also worked with Transportation Services when they decided to use bio-diesel in some of their new vehicles.

The HGCI group is located on the fourth floor of Blackstone South and has worked in partnership with the UOS team to make sure the building was renovated into a model of green building design at Harvard. Leith told us that the building will definitely be certified as a Gold Standard LEED Certification building and that UOS hopes it will achieve Platinum status. Leith hopes that the success of the Blackstone project will have a ripple effect on future building projects across the campus.

When asked what message she would want to send to the people at UOS and the Harvard community, Leith asks that we begin to foster an underlying ethic of environmental responsibility. Leith would like everyone to realize that they have a role to play and the choices we make from how we commute to the products we buy can have an impact on the environment. More information on the HGCI group and the latest Green Campus Initiative newsletter is found on their web site at <http://www.greencampus.harvard.edu>

UOS Commencement (cont.)

Harvard's principal trash contractor, Allied Waste Services, delivers 16 temporary dumpsters around campus, seven of which are on Cambridge streets. It's not just a matter of parking these behemoths wherever they're needed; Harvard needs to get street obstruction permits for the duration they are used. Until five years ago, Rob went to the Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department to get permits for obstructing certain streets at specific dates and times. "Often we'd find that other branches of Harvard wanted the same meters for the same days: the Alumni Association needed to park buses for a Pops concert or FAS Physical Resources wanted to reserve spaces for parent's cars loading students' move-out goods. The city was understandably confused and frustrated because to them, we were all Harvard," Rob said. Now, Parking Services manages all street obstruction permits and it's much easier and less confusing for everyone. Betsy Shortell, Assistant Manager of Parking Services and the Parking Services Team play a huge role behind the scenes and on the front lines keeping things running smoothly. The Parking Services Team is responsible for parking thousands of visitors around campus and keeping traffic flowing. This year was especially challenging as Construction on Cowperthwaite Street displaced hundreds of parking spaces historically used for student move out and reunion activities. But with extra planning and coordination everything ran smoothly.

Jason Luke is the FMO Superintendent of Commencement and Reunions. He typically oversees set-ups and take-downs of tents, tables and chairs for over 500 functions during Commencement week. Jason spends ten days living on campus in a Wigglesworth dorm room. The Commencement ceremony happens in Tercentenary Theater whether the rain douses the ceremonies or the sun caresses the crowd. One windy evening on Class Day, Jason narrowly escaped being struck by a falling Elm tree near Weld Hall. And yes, it was Wayne Carbone who eliminated any more of the tree's homicidal attempts. A rainy spell can lead to softening of the ground which can loosen tent stakes. Extreme weather, the likes we witnessed this past Commencement, can create troublesome conditions for events under these tents. Jason and his crew are at heightened awareness every minute.

Jason also has to keep security in mind. Honorees or guests of graduates may be celebrities or heads of state that have specific security requirements. Jason said, "We may need to put up an interior fence, help set up platform security, back-of-the-house or other specialized security needs." While there were no unusual security requests this year, Jason did have to deal with the weather. The torrential rain lasted several days and even though Jason and his crew were "significantly ahead of schedule" the biggest challenge was "scrambling a rain plan on the fly," Jason said.

Jason's main duty is to coordinate operational support for Commencement operations and he adds, "We have to mention Phil Ragnio, Ken Collins, Bob Brown, Dave Capomacchio and Virginia Sarmatzis all of whom handle the day to day and minute to minute details." (continued on page 7)

Welcome to our fourth issue!
Please send us your suggestions for how to make this newsletter serve you better!
Email us at: uos_newsletter@harvard.edu.

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UOS Recipe Exchange

This is a space where members of UOS can share their favorite recipes! If you are interested in having your recipe published in an upcoming issue of the newsletter, please send to Betsy Shortell, either in person at 46 Blackstone, or by email: betsy_shortell@harvard.edu
The following recipe was submitted by Maureen Daniels, who works in Environmental Health and Safety. Enjoy!



Meat loaf

6 ounces garlic-flavored croutons
 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
 1 teaspoon chili powder
 1 teaspoon dried thyme
 1/2 onion, roughly chopped
 1 carrot, peeled and broken
 3 whole cloves garlic
 1/2 red bell pepper
 18 ounces ground chuck
 18 ounces ground sirloin
 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
 1 egg
 For the glaze:
 1/2 cup catsup
 1 tablespoon ground cumin
 Dash Worcestershire sauce
 Dash hot pepper sauce
 1 tablespoon honey

Heat oven to 325 degrees F.

In a food processor bowl, combine croutons, black pepper, cayenne pepper, chili powder, and thyme. Pulse until the mixture is of a fine texture. Place this mixture into a large bowl. Combine the onion, carrot, garlic, and red pepper in the food processor bowl. Pulse until the mixture is finely chopped, but not pureed. Combine the vegetable mixture, ground sirloin, and ground chuck with the bread crumb mixture. Season the meat mixture with the kosher salt. Add the egg and combine thoroughly, but avoid squeezing the meat.

Pack this mixture into a 10-inch loaf pan to mold the shape of the meatloaf. Onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet, turn the meatloaf out of the pan onto the center of the tray. Insert a temperature probe at a 45 degree angle into the top of the meatloaf. Avoid touching the bottom of the tray with the probe. Set the probe for 155 degrees.

Combine the catsup, cumin, Worcestershire sauce, hot pepper sauce and honey. Brush the glaze onto the meatloaf after it has been cooking for about 10 minutes.

Brown Bag Lunch Series

July - Blackstone South, Room #415 (Date TBA)

Home irrigation system overview

Operations Center Supervisor and home irrigation system specialist **Mike Moriconi** will give an informal presentation on designing, installing and maintaining an irrigation system for your home to keep your lawn looking beautiful all year long.

August - Blackstone South, Room #415 (Date TBA)

Tax-Deferred Account Program

The Harvard Tax-Deferred Account Program allows you to save and invest on a pre-tax basis. You enjoy the benefits of a tax-deferred investing while saving for long-term goals such as retirement. Come and hear a Fidelity investment representative speak on ways you can take advantage of this benefit. Learn how to access your accounts on the web and use the free investment tools they offer.

Thank you!

The Newsletter Committee would like to thank Holly Parker for her excellent brown bag lunch presentation on bicycle commuting. Holly gave a great presentation on commuting, gears and accessories, all weather cycling and bikes at work. Holly also provided safety lights for people and a demonstration on UOS bikes. The presentation was just in time for the spring! For more information, please contact Holly, or visit the web site: www.commuterchoice.harvard.edu



Holly Parker explains bicycle safety.

If you or someone you know would like to hold a Brown Bag Lunch presentation and have it advertised in the Newsletter please contact the Newsletter team at uos_newsletter@harvard.edu or you can call Mary Streeto at 496-0991 or John Clougherty at 496-1273.

UOS Milestones

Welcome to all of our new UOS Team Members!

Steven Baldassari-Parking
Robin Brodsky – Environmental Program Specialist – EH&S
Kristopher Buckman – E&U
Elson Callejas – FMO
Keith Callihan – E&U
James Felton – FMO
Santos Iraheta – FMO
Dan McManus – Truck Driver – Transportation Services
Frank Needham – Truck Driver - Transportation Services
William Osborne – E&U
Christopher Pappas – Transportation Services
John Patti – FMO
Rafael Reyes – FMO
Mark Shine—Parking
Kevin Walles – FMO
Sibert Williams – FMO

Congratulations to our co-workers who have taken on new assignments at UOS:

Robert Burke – E&U - Promoted to Operations Supervisor
Michael Cogliano – E&U - Promoted to Operations Supervisor
Kieran Clyne – FMO – Promoted to Horticulturist

Welcome to our new additions:

Paul Malagrifa – AT – a son
Mary Cunningham – EH&S – a granddaughter
Olivia Henriquez – FMO – a son
Manny Mejias – EH&S – a son

In Memoriam:

Edward Goode – worked at MCZ and Vanserg

Personal accomplishments:

Royalty in our midst!
Allison Rogers of HGCI was crowned Miss Rhode Island on April 22nd and will compete in the Miss America Pageant. Her platform for the event “Raising Awareness of Global Warming” reflects the work she does for Green Campus. Congratulations and best of luck!

UOS Retirees:

Oliver Bozeman-Transportation
Larry Keller-Transportation
Jack Lee- Transportation
Robert Terry- Parking

If you know of someone we missed, or if you have news you would like to share, please contact the newsletter committee.

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The Burning Question

Where have you had the best pizza?

“As a general rule, you should heed the advice of the heaviest person on this panel! Now, pay attention - "God's" pizza is made every day at 157 Wooster Street in New Haven, Connecticut at Frank Pepe's Pizzeria. It is, by far, the best pizza that I have ever tasted and that's saying something.”

Sean Regan (Associate Director in Environmental and Safety Programs)



“My wife and I went to Italy recently. We were told by locals that the only good pizza was in Naples but we found the best pizza in a town called Sienna in the region of Tuscany.”

Ralph Fernino (Staff Assistant in Procurement)



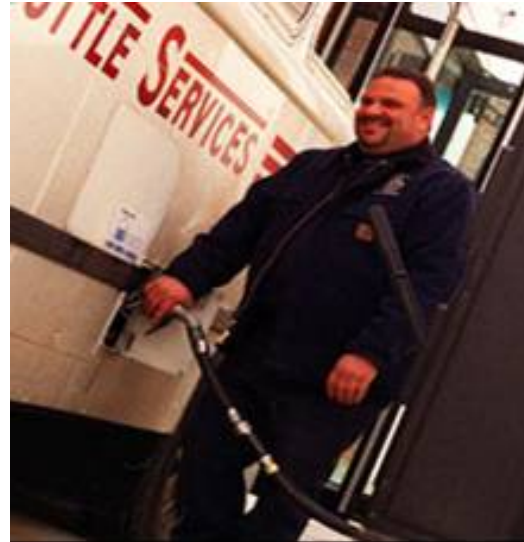
“I like the pizza from Basta Pasta on Western Avenue in Cambridge. I have enjoyed the cheese, pepperoni, feta, spinach and tomato, and shrimp pizzas. Ingredients are fresh, the sauce is tasty, not too salty or over-spiced. I've eaten Basta's at department meetings and luncheons; I've ordered it for dinner at home. And the true test, the family pizza aficionado/critic, judges Basta Pasta's pizza 'the best'.”

Evelyn Freeman (Staff Assistant in E&U)



Do you realize that the people you pass on the streets of Harvard Square and Allston could be your co-workers and you don't even know it?! Here is your chance to get to know your fellow employees. In each issue of the newsletter we will post ten fun questions that we will ask a randomly chosen employee. Our fourth lucky interviewee is Mark Gentile. Mark grew up in Everett and now resides in Norfolk. He has worked at Harvard since 1993 as Lead Mechanic in the Garage Operations of Transportation Services. We posed these 10 questions to Mark:

1. You just won the lottery, what's your first purchase?
A beach house on the cape
2. What are you reading right now?
"A Hope in the Unseen" by Ron Suskind
3. What do you do in your spare time?
Spend time with my family
4. What's the one thing you'd like to do before you die?
Retire to my beach house
5. What are you most proud of?
My children
6. favorite movie?
Remember the Titans
7. If you could travel anywhere in the world where would you go?
Mt. Everest
8. If you had a chance to meet three people dead or alive, which three would you choose?
Ronald Reagan, Sean Hannity, Vince Lombardi
9. Favorite restaurant?
Café Bella in Randolph
10. Goodfellas or The Godfather?
The Godfather



UOS & University—Schedule of Events

July

- ◆ **July 4th, Tuesday** — Independence Day. Hooray for the Red, White and Blue!
- ◆ **20th of every month** — Progress pre-billing deadline.

August

- ◆ **20th of every month** — Progress pre-billing deadline.
- ◆ **August 26th, Saturday** — Graduate Student move begins.

September

- ◆ **September 4th, Monday** — Labor Day
- ◆ **September 11th, Monday** — Freshman Registration
- ◆ **September 18th, Monday** — First day of Fall classes.
- ◆ **20th of every month** — Progress pre-billing deadline

Every Thursday of the Month

WEEKLY SURPLUS DISTRIBUTION: Harvard recycling gives away surplus furniture and equipment from across the University every Thursday from 11 - 2 PM at 175 North Harvard Street. Everything is free to anyone on a first-come, first-served basis. You must remove the items you want that day as we cannot store anything. Desks, file cabinets and chairs are often available and other goods arrive occasionally. If you have a favorite charity, please email us a list of what they need and we will notify you when we receive them.



UOS Recognition & Harvard Heroes 2006



Eric Williams, Harvard Hero 2006, celebrates at Memorial Hall.



Harvard Hero 2006 Clarissa Markiewicz and friend Grace Scheibner, Commencement Director at Annenberg Dining Hall.



This four piece band provided cool sounds at the party.



Ming Chow, Harvard Hero 2006.



Shirley Rizzotto Harvard Hero 2005.



Nick McDonald (on right) celebrates his Harvard Hero 2006 award.



Left to right: Bob Byrne, Jeff Smith, Tony Cobuccio, Harvard Hero 2006, Bob Brown, Harvard Hero 2006, Eric Williams and John Boucher celebrate at Memorial Hall.

Congratulations to all of the 2006 UOS honorees and Heroes!

Commencement (cont.)

“Paul Remeika is my right hand man working with all of the crews.” Phil, Bob, Ken and Dave are the electrician crew for Commencement. Jason said, “I tell them what I need and it gets handled.”

Transportation Services is also an important piece to a successful Commencement and reunion week. Carl Tempesta, Manager of Passenger Transport and Fleet Management said, “Passenger Transport provides many charter services for alumni and reunion groups.” Transportation Services is in constant contact with Parking Services getting thousands of visitors from their cars to ceremonies and back during Commencement Week. On Commencement Day Transportation Services has every piece of equipment they own on the road; “everything from soup to nuts,” Carl added.

Speaking of food, the staff at Environmental Health and Safety also play important roles for Commencement. It’s one of the busiest times of the year for the Food Safety Program at EH&S.

During the eight day period before, during and after Commencement, approximately forty high profile or high attendance events around campus are audited for selected risk factors by twenty two volunteers who are trained EH&S inspectors.

For the second consecutive year, all caterers have been asked to register with EH&S so they can be provided with all of the information needed to safely serve food to the Harvard community.

While the celebration of Harvard University’s Commencement is around academic accomplishment, the hard work and dedication of all UOS departments during this time is truly something to appreciate!

Commencement and Student Move Out 2006



On Commencement the day to day responsibilities remain. FMO employees, John Farrell (left) and Lenville Cole take down the flag on the Old Yard.



Above: John Hamilton assists students parking during move out.



Above and right: Nelson Medeiros and Alex Gonsalves from the recycling crew in action during move out. Below, left to right: Jean Baron, Adilson Deus and Souleymane Sagna from Parking Services.



Below: Steve Higgins (left) and Ray Gonzalez from Parking Services in the rain on Commencement Day.



Above: With the rain and activity of Commencement Day ending the tear down begins. Planning for next year is just ahead!

