2011 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee Award

In 1997, at the retirement celebration of two long-time Facilities Management employees, the late Raul Gaspar, a plumber who worked at Brown for 27 years, and the late Lenny Arzoomanian, a steamfitter who also worked at Brown for 27 years, then President Vartan Gregorian announced that each year a Facilities Management employee would be honored in recognition of excellent service to the University. To that end, annually this award attempts to recognize a Facilities' employee by acknowledging his or her outstanding performance, service and contribution to the University.

Please join me in congratulating Grounds Fleet Mechanic George Bell as the recipient of the 2011 Gaspar/Arzoomanian Outstanding Union Employee Award! George, a Facilities Management employee since 2001, was honored for his outstanding service to the University at an award celebration this afternoon with representatives from United Service and Allied Workers—RI, selection committee members, Facilities' management staff, and his peers.

In December the Brown community was invited to nominate a Facilities Management bargaining unit employee—one who demonstrates outstanding performance, exemplifies quality service, and has made a significant contribution to the University—for the award. The community responded by submitting 54 nominations for 33 individuals.

The Selection Committee was chaired by Facilities Management's Manager of Human Resources/Labor Jack Wilcox. Jack was joined by Dining Services Director Gretchen Willis, Director of Environmental Health and Safety Steven Morin, Library Facilities & Building Safety Head Barbara Schulz, Athletics & Physical Education Facilities Coordinator David Longo, bargaining unit Vice President Vicki Angell, Facilities' Director for Design and Construction Paul Dietel, and Facilities' Assistant to the Vice President Paula Penelton.

Please join me in congratulating George!

Sincerely,

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