**A Sweep of Love**

When you enter Hardman hall at 7:30 a.m., the first thing you hear is CLING-CLING. The sound of multiple keys hitting each other. Then you hear the sound of a vacuum cleaner running down the hall.

Every building at UGA hosts one janitor or multiple janitors to keep the building clean. Who are these janitors? How do the students feel about them? Are they underappreciated? Many students enter and exit a building without noticing the hard work exercised by these janitors. Then who is the beautiful lady that makes Hardman Hall clean?

Her name is Ms. Green. She has been working at UGA, specifically Hardman Hall, for 10 years as a janitor. Every morning, she arrives at the building earlier than anyone else and prepares the day for students.

“Cleaning bathrooms is my number one priority,” Ms. Green said. “If the toilets are clean, then whole building is clean.” No matter how dirty the toilets are, Ms. Green sacrifices the time and effort to clean them.

Ms Green said cleaning the bathrooms is her pride. How much do you have to love your job to say cleaning the bathroom is your pride? Words cannot express.

“I want to make this building the safest and cleanest place for the students,” Ms Green said.

Ms. Green first decided to work at UGA for the retirement benefits. However, she said the main reason she stayed is because of the respect students give her. Hardman Hall is the home to Air Force ROTC cadets and they were asked how they felt about Ms Green.

“Words cannot detail how much I appreciate Ms Green and her service,” Jeremy Overman, UGA student, said.

“I am so grateful for everything that Ms Green has done for us,” Israel Bracamonte, UGA student, said. “If it wasn’t for her service, I would stray away from this building.”

“She is our mother,” Ms Joelene Cherry, Hardman Hall receptionist, said. “I’ve been working with her for ten years, and every morning she comes in with a smile. I can feel how much Ms Green loves her job as Hardman Hall’s janitor.”

Students usually ignore janitors who work at the buildings. Students are too busy going about their day. They seem too focused on their tasks. Have they ever taken their time to get to know these janitors? It’s difficult to say. However, ROTC cadets at Hardman Hall and students who attend classes at Hardman Hall love Ms Green and her work.

Ms Green said she has met various classmen come and leave. Some of them come back and visit, one example is a graduate named Amanda Elom.

Ms Green usually spends her free time by going around the building to talk to students. She talks to them as if she was their mother. She would care for them by asking about their day and families. She would hug the students. Ms Green’s actions show how much she loves her job and the students she work for.

Although Ms Green originally came to UGA seeking for benefits, she has found a reason to stay. Without Ms Green, cadets at Hardman Hall will panic. Ms Green is retiring next year. Her love will never be forgotten. Her service will never be forgotten.

Ms Green – you will be missed at Hardman Hall. Thank you for all you have done. Hardman Hall and its staff and students gives you the utmost gratitude.