ASK AWAY

Where can I learn more details about Georgia Tech becoming a tobacco-free campus?

Beginning Oct. 1, per the Board of Regents, all University System of Georgia (USG) campuses will become tobacco-free. More information about the new USG policy is available at www.usg.edu/tobaccofree.

Have a Tech-related question that you’d like answered? Email it to editor@comm.gatech.edu.

FUNDRAISING PHENOMS

Tech Earns Twelfth Governor’s Cup for Charitable Campaign Efforts

For the 7th year in a row and the 12th time overall, Georgia Tech earned the Governor’s Cup from the State Charitable Contributions Program. The Governor’s Cup is awarded annually to the state institution with the highest contribution per employee. In the 2014 campaign, $327,316 was pledged by 1,146 Tech employees, President G.P. “Bud” Peterson and the 2014 charitable campaign ambassadors pose with the Cup. Read more at c.gatech.edu/govcup.

Some Outdoor Sculptures to Depart from Campus

The one-year run of Georgia Tech’s Engineered Art: An International Sculptures Exhibition will come to an end in August, when seven of the 15 pieces will be shipped to Canada. With support from the Georgia Tech Arts Advisory Board, however, the other eight will remain on permanent display.

The Arts Advisory Board has been instrumental in establishing a Challenge Grant of $150,000 to inspire further charitable gifts specifically for the acquisition of art through the newly created Art Acquisition Fund. The Challenge Grant will match dollar-for-dollar gifts to support the acquisition of art for the campus and accelerate a permanent collection of enduring quality for the Georgia Tech community to enjoy. It will serve as the funding source for the eight sculptures in the exhibition curated by John Henry, the internationally acclaimed, Chattanooga-based sculptor.

“[We are] grateful for the support of the Arts Advisory Board in the establishment of an Arts Acquisition Fund that will allow [Georgia Tech] to support the arts on a more permanent basis,” said Peterson. “The interim Staff Council is excited to secure the permanent collection.”

NEWS BRIEFS

School of Architecture Announces Leadership Change

Effective July 1, Georgia Johnston has stepped down as chair of the School of Architecture, and will be succeeded by Professor Richard Dagenhart on an interim basis while a national search is conducted for a permanent chair.

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Human Resources Organizes Annual School Supply Drive

The Office of Human Resources is collecting school supplies for its annual Buzzin’ Back to School drive, and signups are open for families to request a backpack. A list of needed supplies and the backpack request form are available at ohr.gatech.edu/buzzinbacktoschool.

School of Technology

Senior Leadership Change

Effective July 1, Professor Richard Dagenhart will step down as chair of the School of Technology, and will be succeeded by Professor Richard Dagenhart on an interim basis while a national search is conducted for a permanent chair.

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INSTITUTE COMMUNICATIONS

RACHAEL FOCKLINGTON

New Council Gives Voice to Campus Staff

Until recently, staff at Georgia Tech didn’t have a formal means of communicating their perspectives to the Institute’s executive leadership. And given that there are more than 3,700 staff members at Tech, there is plenty of insight to be shared. So, at the request of President G.P. “Bud” Peterson, a planning committee was established last year to develop the framework for the creation of Georgia Tech’s inaugural Staff Council.

The Staff Council’s primary mission is to act as an advisory group to the Institute’s executive and senior leadership and provide insight on how decisions regarding policies, procedures, and investments affect this segment of the campus community.

The Council, which will meet with executive leadership at regular intervals, is intended to serve as a conduit for staff perspectives that are broadly representative of the greater staff population. “When I first came to Georgia Tech a little over five years ago, one of the first things I noticed is that we didn’t have a group in place to share insight and advice on decisions that affected our staff,” said Peterson. “Our new Staff Council will enable our staff to have a formal channel of communication with Georgia Tech’s senior leadership, just like our faculty and students already have. I would like to thank the planning committee and the members of the interim Staff Council for their work in helping to make this a reality.”

The interim Staff Council, which was appointed by the president, is charged with developing a plan for the planning and execution of the inaugural campuswide Staff Council elections this fall. In August, this group will lead public forums as a means for staff to learn more about the Staff Council as well as involvement opportunities. To facilitate this goal of transferring appointed seats to elected seats in January 2015, the interim Staff Council also elected its first leadership team to help steer the committee toward a successful first term.

• Council Chair: Dwayne Palmer, lead information technology project manager in the Office of Information Technology
• Council Vice-chair: Christie Stewart, associate director of Campus Recreation
• Council Secretary: Andrea Be, assistant director for business operations in the Office of Industry Research

“The interim Staff Council is very excited to serve the campus community in this capacity,” said Palmer. “There is a lot to accomplish in the short term. This summer, we will conduct several information sessions where we will engage staff – asking them to bring
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their concerns and input to the Council. In addition, we will also be establishing the Staff Council elections process for fall 2014. I am really charged up about this opportunity for Georgia Tech's Staff Council to have a positive impact on campus.

Seats on the 20-member Staff Council will be allocated based upon the relative size of the staff populations under the Institute's Job Classification and Compensation System (JCCS). For instance, the 739 staff members who comprise the skilled trade classification equate to five council seats.

There are five categories in JCCS. Administrative, Professional, Scientific and Research, Skilled Trade, Information Technology, and Development. A Staff Council website will be launched later this summer. In the meantime, questions and comments can be submitted to staffcouncil@gatech.edu.

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disciplinary proposals, GT Scholar will be a great resource.”

GT Scholar Will:

• Generate annual activity and sponsor reports, as well as content for promotion and tenure packages.
• Produce CVs, including customized CVs for agencies such as the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation.
• Provide configurable Web feeds for updating campus websites.
• Assist in capturing and preserving scholarly content in SMARTech.
• Facilitate collaborative research and networking opportunities.
• Provide up-to-date information on faculty, researcher publications, books, journals, and other scholarly activities.
• Assist Tech’s communications professionals in promoting faculty research and identifying campus experts for external news media and industry partners.

Learn more at gtscholar.gatech.edu. To have your data entered or provide feedback, email gtscholar@gatech.edu.

For several months, there’s been lots of buzz about GT Scholar — the electronic system designed to significantly reduce the amount of time faculty and researchers spend each year gathering information for items such as annual activity reports, promotion and tenure packages, CV updates, and grant applications.

When faculty from across campus served as beta testers for the new system last fall, their feedback helped improve the system in ways that ensured it will remain easy to use. In the spring, academic units began providing faculty CVs to be imported into the system by the GT Scholar team. To date, 70 faculty profiles have been created, with 100 more in a queue. With every new user, the Institute is one step closer to having a tool that will make life easier for faculty.

“I used an equivalent of GT Scholar in my previous position at Imperial College,” said Ross Ethier, professor in the Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering. “Once it was set up, it was a snap; every month or two, I would get an email with notification of my publications that it had found. The email contained a link I could click on and confirm authorship of the articles, abstracts, or book chapters.”

By creating a centralized data source for faculty CVs, teaching, research, and service activities, GT Scholar will support Tech’s Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmation process. GT Scholar also opens the door to new cross-campus research collaborations.

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GT Scholar Sympifies Online Faculty CVs

President, First Lady Traverse Middle Georgia during Annual Summer Tour

Georgia Tech President G.P. “Bud” Peterson took his sixth annual tour of the state of Georgia in June, traveling 500 miles through middle Georgia to meet with business people, lawmakers, editors, alumni, donors and regents.

“These tours are designed for President to discuss Georgia Tech’s impact across the state. They also provide a chance for him to hear concerns from community members across the region. Over the course of the past five summer tours, the president has traveled more than 4,000 miles, visited more than 34 cities and nearly every one of Georgia’s 159 counties.

This year’s tour included Augusta, Sandersville, Dublin, Hawkinsville, Warner Robins, Perry, and Griffin. In the past year, Georgia Tech’s Manufacturing Extension Partnership has helped 35 manufacturing companies in these areas reduce operating costs by $4 million, increase sales by more than $36 million, and create or save 664 jobs.

The tour also included visits to fellow University System of Georgia campuses, including the University of Georgia - Griffin campus and the Georgia Regents University Hospital.

c.gatech.edu/summertour14

He Will Walk 500 Miles

(Above) President Peterson and First Lady Val Peterson visit the YKK AP plant in Dublin, Ga., which manufactures aluminum architectural products.

(Below) The tour also let the Petersons visit with alumni from throughout the state.

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New Leaders Welcomed in Administration and Finance, Undergraduate Education, Research

Summer is a time of transition on campus, and that includes faculty and staff leadership. Four areas of campus welcome new leadership this season, with talent coming from both on and off campus.

ROBERTA BERRY
Berry assumes the role of director of the Honors Program August 15. Berry is a tenured associate professor in the School of Public Policy and holds a joint appointment with Georgia State University’s College of Law as a professor of science and technology law, policy, and ethics.

Since joining the Tech faculty in 1999, Berry has launched several educational initiatives to enhance undergraduate education, including establishing a pre-law minor, building Tech’s pre-law program, connecting students interested in intellectual property law with mentors, and engaging students in team-based, problem-driven learning projects in bioethics and biotechnology.

Berry succeeds founding director Greg Nobles, who remains professor in the School of History, Technology, and Society.

OLIVER BRAND
Brand, professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, took the helm of Georgia Tech’s Institute for Electronics and Nanotechnology (IEN) as its executive director July 1.

Brand served as interim director of IEN, one of Tech’s nine Interdisciplinary Research Institutes, since August 2013. He first came to Tech in 1995 for postdoctoral research, left in 1997, and returned to the faculty in 2003. He will supervise approximately 60 staff members and oversee research facilities in two buildings, including more than 200 fabrication tools in numerous cleanrooms and labs. IEN enables the research of approximately 250 faculty from 10 academic schools, as well as the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

JEFFREY SCOTT
Scott arrived on campus June 16 as senior vice president for Administration and Finance. He most recently served as an executive vice president at Columbia University.

As senior vice president, Scott’s purview includes the Institute’s finance and planning operations as well as strategic management of the organization’s resources. Working closely with the executive leadership team, Scott will oversee and manage a range of business and financial functions collectively known as Institute Planning and Resource Management, which includes Institute Budget, Planning and Administration; Capital Planning and Space Management; Financial Services; Institutional Research and Planning/Decision Support Services; and Real Estate Development.

MICHICLLE TULLIER
As of July 14, Tullier serves as executive director of the Center for Career Discovery and Development, the resulting department formed last year from the merger of Career Services and Professional Practice.

Tullier has been in the career services field for nearly 25 years as a counselor, researcher, director, faculty member, regional consulting leader, and published author. For the past 13 years, she has worked in management and regional leadership roles for a global consulting firm specializing in career transition services for outsourced professionals and executives from corporations and major non-profits.

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Georgia Tech to acquire a large portion of the Engineered Art collection, and acquire additional pieces as the opportunity presents itself,” said Board Chair Sonny Seals. “The Arts Advisory Board has accomplished a lot in a short period of time. It should be noted that a substantial portion of the board are not Tech alumni – just friends of Tech who understand the importance of the arts to the Institute as we embrace a more arts-centric student experience.”

The Engineered Art exhibition is part of Arts@Tech, an initiative to enhance the Georgia Tech community by fostering programs and events spanning the arts spectrum – at the intersection of technological innovation and creative expression.

Arts@Tech is an outcome of the Institute’s Strategic Plan.

“Last year was the first in which the Arts@Tech initiative started to drive activity on campus,” said Aaron Bobick, chair of the faculty-led Council of the Arts. “The Engineered Art sculpture exhibit explicitly announced to the community that there is a deep interest in the role of art in fostering both reflection and creativity in all that we do.”

Provost Rafael L. Bras added, “I am thrilled to be able to keep some of the sculptures exhibit. It is a great additional step in the promotion of creativity among our students.”

Engineered Art
Engineered Art: An International Sculptures Exhibition features large-scale pieces by various artists. The following eight sculptures will remain on campus:

For more information on the Arts Acquisition Fund, contact Doreen Williamson, associate vice president for Development, at 404-894-4540 or doreen.williamson@dev.gatech.edu

CROWN by Doug Schatz – Campus Recreation Center (Entrance)
COURT by John Clemon – Tech Walkway Triangle
MERCURY VENUS MARS by Peter Lundberg – Bobbi Building
CINCH by Adam Garzy – Whitewater Building Lawn
OH’D BY BRIE PRICE – Van Leer Building (Tech Green North)
TUX by Isaac Dunson III – Van Leer Building (Tech Green North)
BIG RED TUMPKIN by Verma Baner – Noam Courtyard (west of Klaus Advanced Computing Building)
UNTITLED BY TERRANCE KARPUSKIEWICZ – Tech Walkway Triangle

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EVENTS

July 22
The Office of Human Resources offers a class on “Confrontation Conversations” in room 149, Global Learning Center. The purpose of this learning experience is to give participants the tools and the confidence to confront their tough issues with courage, confidence, and skill.
www.trains.gatech.edu

MISCELLANEOUS

July 17
Students will present work from their summer internships with the Data Science for Social Good program at its Demo Day at Atlanta Tech Village, 6:30-9 p.m.
www.c.gatech.edu/dssgdemo

July 20-21
Fall Freshman FASET Orientation. www.faset.gatech.edu

July 24-25
Fall Freshman FASET Orientation. www.faset.gatech.edu

July 28-31
Final exams for Late Short and Full Summer sessions.
www.registrar.gatech.edu

July 29
The Women of Georgia Tech and Web of Brilliantly Employee Resource Groups will discuss the book “Brag! The Art of Tooting Your Own Horn Without Blowing It.”
www.ohr.gatech.edu/org

August 1
www.c.gatech.edu/alumadmit

August 3-4
Fall Freshman FASET Orientation.
www.faset.gatech.edu

August 10-11
Fall Freshman FASET Orientation.
www.faset.gatech.edu

August 12
Fall transfer FASET Orientation.
www.faset.gatech.edu

August 13-14
Fall Freshman FASET Orientation.
www.faset.gatech.edu

August 17
New Student Convocation will be held at 5 p.m. in McCamish Pavilion.
www.specialevents.gatech.edu

August 18
First day of classes for fall semester.
www.registrar.gatech.edu
Dedication to Sustainability Drives Swant’s Leadership

KRISTEN BAILEY
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Steve Swant is not a green vigilante. He doesn’t drive an electric vehicle. He sometimes uses plastic bags at the grocery store. But as executive vice president of Administration and Finance at Georgia Tech, he’s doing what he can to make sure Tech is a sustainable operation.

“It’s my passion and my team’s passion,” said Swant, who has a background in architecture and urban planning. Swant’s been at Tech since 1996 and, in his nearly 20 years on campus, he has watched the campus get better and smarter about its sustainability practices.

Engineering News-Record (ENR), a leading construction information resource, recently named him one of its 2014 Top 25 Newsmakers for innovations and achievements in the construction industry. ENR selected Swant because of his dedication to sustainability, which he believes should be embedded in everything on campus.

“It’s not about doing the ‘green’ thing, but the right thing for the campus,” he said. “It’s about making sure Georgia Tech continues to exist.”

Swant oversees a varied portfolio that includes capital planning and space management, housing, dining, landscaping, facilities, parking and transportation, information technology, human resources, legal affairs, and other campus services. He puts “meaning behind the effort” by organizing and optimizing these areas around campus.

“I’m fortunate that people here are passionate about it,” he said.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS

At times construction may seem an ever-present element of campus. While it can be the cause of temporary inconveniences, it leads to award-winning facilities and campus grounds.

In recent years, Tech’s amenities have been honored by the Princeton Review’s Green Honor Roll, Tree Campus USA, the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition, and Sierra Magazine. Specific to buildings, the Carbon Review’s Green Honor Roll, Tree Campus USA, and the University of Georgia have recognized buildings at Tech for irrigation on campus. The University of New Mexico recognized a goal of using no potable water for irrigation on campus within five years. The key is being smart about using the available technology.

Howard Wertheimer, director of Capital Planning and Space Management, has set an ambitious goal of using no potable water to irrigate on campus within five years. Wertheimer, whose department reports to Swant, is grateful to have an advocate and colleague who also believes sustainability should be inherent in Tech’s built environment.

Sustaining the Campus

Recent campus projects that are efficient for both the environment and the bottom line:

• New technology in an HVAC system in the Sustainable Education Building will save an estimated 10 percent in annual utilities, or $15,000 annually.
• An air optimization project at the Global Learning Center is projected to save $88,000 annually.
• A ventilation project at the Economic Development Building is estimated to reduce energy consumption by 28 percent, saving $64,000 per year.

“Steve sees the return on investment outside the spreadsheet,” Wertheimer said. “He looks through a broad lens at long-term investment.”

Aside from progress at the Engineered Biosystems Building, Swant looks forward to the continued integration of Tech into Midtown around Tech Square, revitalizing historic buildings at the core of campus, and an enhanced Student Center.

“We want to improve more and innovation, and provide the right amenities and connections between the university and the community,” he said.

c.gatech.edu/swantsustainability

Student Support Staff Attend Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference

Five Georgia Tech staff members were invited to meet with others from across the state to discuss the issue of suicide on college campuses.

Staff from public and private universities attended the Building Suicide Safer College and University Communities conference, held at Middle Georgia State College, to share best practices and discuss ideas to better serve students.

“It’s not a surprising reality, but it’s amazing how many schools have had to deal with suicide attempts or completed suicides on their campuses,” said Dean of Students John Stein, who attended the conference and served on two panels. Stein was joined by Rupert Perez and Lacy Currie from the Counseling Center, Shannon Croft from Stamps Health Services, and Robert Connolly from the Georgia Tech Police Department.

One of Stein’s panels discussed building and sustaining a campus coalition, where he shared some of Tech’s initiatives to build a network that educates students and faculty on suicide. The other panel discussed successes and challenges in suicide prevention, specifically how to sustain focus, momentum, and involvement in the ever-changing environment of a college campus.

Perez served on a panel about targeting and supporting at-risk and vulnerable populations in suicide prevention, where he specifically spoke about LGBT students. Throughout the conference, Perez was struck by the increased coordination of efforts and communication at many institutions.

“It seems that campuses have implemented more formalized avenues of communications, similar to our own Students of Concern Committee,” Perez said. This group meets weekly to discuss student issues, needs, and intervention.

Stein and colleagues also discussed how to use technology to reach and educate faculty and students, and how to sustain funding and interest in an issue that has no end point.

“We remain committed to addressing this issue and see the importance of it,” Stein said. The Counseling Center recently received approval and funding to increase and enhance its service to students.