INSTITUTE ADDRESS NOW ONLINE

President G.P. “Bud” Peterson shared an update with campus at the annual Institute Address on Thursday, Aug. 31. The full presentation is available online at president.gatech.edu.

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KRISTEN BAILEY

Take September to Get Ready for Emergencies

As devastation continues to unfold in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, National Preparedness Month brings a time to focus on being prepared for potential emergencies.

Atlanta has seen its share of emergency events, including flooded and ice-covered interstates. While some may associate being prepared with winter weather, emergencies can happen at any time of year.

Georgia Tech’s Office of Emergency Preparedness is dedicated to preventing and managing emergency situations on campus. Follow the office on Facebook (fb.com/GTEmergency) and Twitter (twitter.com/ GTPDalerts), or visit emergencypreparedness.gatech.edu to learn more about their work and be aware of emergency situations on campus. A list of emergency preparedness training options is also available at the Emergency Preparedness site or at trains.gatech.edu.

National Preparedness Month is an initiative of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which also offers resources to help with preparation. This September, focus is on planning, with a theme of “Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.” To view a toolkit to start preparations and to follow the month’s activities, visit the DHS website at ready.gov/september.

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MARGARET TATE

Crew Team Fundraises with ‘Heavy Lifting’

Odd Job Need Doing? Consider Renting a Tech Rower

Robin Holland had a common problem — a small job requiring big muscles.

So when she first read about Rent-a-Rower on the social media site Nextdoor, she wasted no time contacting Georgia Tech Crew for her heavy lifting.

“Moving stuff” is Rent-a-Rower’s most requested service, but not the only one, says Jacob Sutton, a second-year mechanical engineering major and fundraising officer for Tech’s rowing club. Past jobs also include painting, heavy-duty yard work, and even babysitting. “It’s basically just any kind of odd job — labor-intensive kinds of things like you might hire the neighborhood kid to do,” he says.

Crew’s Rent-a-Rower service dates back to 2013 when the club — the largest on campus with more than 100 members — was looking for a way to raise money, Sutton says. They had heard of clubs at other schools offering similar services and decided to give it a try as a way for members to offset the cost of dues.

“We have some of the highest dues of any club at Tech,” Sutton points out, citing the high costs of equipment, travel, and coaching for the team. “This is a way for people to avoid having to pay out of their own pocket, and instead go out and earn it.”

Rent-a-Rower’s rate is a flat $12.50 per hour, per person, and there’s no minimum.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Faculty Sought for Assistant Provost Position

The assistant provost for Advocacy and Conflict Resolution serves as a single point of contact for academic and research conflicts or issues, allegations of scientific and scholarly misconduct, and issues related to academic and research faculty. Apply by Sept. 15. Learn more at: c.gatech.edu/apacer

August in Photos

As classes got underway in August, campus came back to life after enjoying the slower-paced summer months. Enjoy a few photographic highlights from last month at: c.gatech.edu/augphotos

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The Kaiser Permanente Corporate Run/Walk 5K will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information and to register, visit: hwb.gatech.edu/go-tech-events

Sept. 13
The Office of Human Resources hosts a Be Well session on Saving for the Holidays from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 320, Student Center. ehr.gatech.edu/bewell

SEMINARS AND LECTURES

Sept. 7
Charlie Kuehmann, vice president at SpaceX and Tesla Motors, will discuss Computational Materials Design: Concept, Implementation, and Future, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. RSVP at: c.gatech.edu/kuehmann

Sept. 11
Matt Ventrusca, postdoctoral fellow in the School of History and Sociology, will discuss Scanning Brains and Reading Minds: Sport’s “Concussion Crisis” and the Curious Case of CTE from 4 to 5:30 p.m., in Room 104, Old Civil Engineering Building. hse.gatech.edu

Sept. 13
School of Psychology Professor Richard Catrambone will discuss The Life of a Professional Novice: Task Analysis and Instructional Design at 3 p.m., in Room 250, Coon Building. psychology.gatech.edu

Sept. 13
Guest speaker Yossi Oren, a senior lecturer (assistant professor) at the Department of Software and Information Systems Engineering in Ben Gurion University, will lead a discussion On the Security of Smartphones with Clumsy Owners from noon to 1 p.m., in Room 9126, Klaus Advanced Computing Building. isap.gatech.edu

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no charge for travel to and from jobs, Sutton says, although they prefer not to go too far afield because of their busy schedules of classwork and rowing practice. The more advanced notice and the bigger the window of opportunity customers can give for doing a job, the better, he adds. “We’re never going to outright turn anything down if we can make it work.”

The club gets a lot of repeat business, Sutton says. That was the case with Holland, who manages an apartment complex not far from Tech and has used Rent-a-Rower twice to move items from one furnished unit to another.

“Everything they did, they did quickly,” she says. “It wasn’t like, OK, I’m going to mone on down with this one pillow—they would load their arms full where they almost couldn’t see over it. I’ve hired other people who would take 30 minutes to drive in one nail when they were charging by the hour!”

Holland, whose father and husband both graduated from Georgia Tech, also tipped the students (although it’s not required), and because she feels an affinity for the Institute, she also donated $200 to the club for their endowment.

“That’s how impressed I was with these guys,” she says. “The parents of all these kids should be proud.”

Tech rowers compete at the Head of the Charles event in 2016.

To learn how you can Rent-a-Rower, Sutton says, just email fundraising@gtech.com. With fall semester just starting, now’s a good time.

“We’ve got all these Crew members — Georgia Tech students — and most of them are moderately intelligent,” he says wryly. “There are not too many jobs that are too physically or mentally difficult for us to do.”

PLANTING THE SEEDS’ FOR THE LIVING BUILDING

The Living Building at Georgia Tech will be a first-of-its-kind facility for the Southeast. With a launch event scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 12, the Office of Campus Sustainability is building excitement for the project with a series of events, titled “Planting the Seeds,” for the campus community.

Events are planned that reflect six of seven “petals,” or Living Building Challenge. For more information and to RSVP to events, visit sustain.gatech.edu/plantingtheseed or facebook.com/sustainatgtech. Learn more about the Living Building at Georgia Tech at livingbuilding.gatech.edu.

• Beauty Petal
  Community Mural Painting Day, Sept. 8
  10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

• Place Petal
  Community Service Project Saturday, Sept. 9

• Health and Happiness Petal
  Campus Bike Ride Saturday, Sept. 16

• Materials Petal
  DIY Compost Board Tuesday, Sept. 26

• Water Petal
  Water Scavenger Hunt Sept. 11-15

• Energy Petal
  Turn Down the Watt Dates TBD

The Living Building at Georgia Tech will sit at the corner of State Street and Ferst Drive.

FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Jason Borenstein, director of Graduate Research Ethics Programs and associate director of the Center for Ethics and Technology, will serve a three-year appointment as editor for Research Ethics for the Online Ethics Center.

Morris B. Cohen, assistant professor in the School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, received a National Science Foundation CAREER Award for his project entitled Exploiting the LF/MF Radio Band for Ionospheric Remote Sensing.

T. Richard Nichols, professor in the School of Biologic Sciences, has been named an honorary member of the American Physical Therapy Association. Nichols was recognized for his research on motor skills.

School of Interactive Computing Assistant Professor Devi Parikh was named recipient of the 2017 International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence Computers and Thought Award, considered to be the premier award for artificial intelligence researchers under the age of 35.

Beril Toktay, professor of operations management and Brady Family Chair in the Scheller College of Business, was elected a distinguished fellow of the Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Society.

Zhong Lin (Z.L.) Wang, Highwater Chair in the School of Materials Science and Engineering and Regents Professor, was awarded the 2017 Global Energy Prize at the International Conference on Nanotechnology, Nanomaterials, and Thin Films for Energy Applications. Wang also was recently honored as American Chemical Society Publications’ most prolific author.

Lauren Wilcox, assistant professor in the School of Interactive Computing, was selected to the inaugural class of the Association for Computing Machinery Future of Computing Academy.

Alasdair Young, professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, has been named co-editor for Journal of Common Market Studies, a journal for EU studies.

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The building improvements also include enhanced accessibility for ADA compliance, additional green space, and additional bicycle racks. The project is on schedule to be completed in May 2018.

The Savant Building (pictured above) is receiving improvements to the first floor interior and overall exterior. The current project involves removing non-historic structural elements on the first floor and creating a new suite for the office of the Dean of the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts. In addition, windows and entry doors will be replaced to restore the building’s historical appearance. This project is anticipated to be completed in late February 2018.

This area is under construction to install landscaping upgrades from the Burger Henry Building to First Drive. This work is following underground utility infrastructure work. Planned improvements will enhance the pedestrian experience on Atlantic Drive, create a walkable corridor with better lighting, and will improve ADA accessibility and flows of pedestrian traffic. This phase is expected to be completed in the beginning of 2018.

The event will cover the project’s design, construction, and planned programs. The latest construction work is focused on renovation of the library tower and removal of the connecting bridge and walkways between library buildings. This phase is scheduled to be complete at the end of 2018, when the tower will reopen and function as the upper Georgia Tech Library. At that point, renovation will begin on the Price Gilbert portion. The entire project is scheduled to be completed and fully open in early 2020.

This floor has been completely gutted except for the currently occupied by Facilities Management’s Operations and Maintenance staff, will be completely renovated. All existing walls, ceilings, finishes, and systems in the area will be demolished.

The Georgia Tech Police Department hosts its annual Safety Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tech Walk. Officers will provide demos of equipment and talk with members of the campus community.

For a more comprehensive listing of events, or to stay up to date, visit calendar.gatech.edu.
Renovating Tech’s Most Iconic Building

After being closed for renovation for more than a year, Georgia Tech’s most recognizable landmark reopened this summer with changes inside and out, from the garden level to the fourth floor.

The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Administration Building, better known as Tech Tower, underwent a redesign of some of the office space; a major upgrade of its plumbing, electrical, and heating and cooling systems; and the addition of a second interior fire exit stairwell and a new elevator. Other unforeseen problems were also discovered and repaired or brought up to code.

A before-and-after photo essay highlights photos from 2015, before the renovation, and those taken after the renovation. A small selection of photos is included here. For the full photo essay, visit c.gatech.edu/towerrenovation.

(Left) exterior fire escape stairwells have been removed, and handrails were added to an existing stairwell to bring it up to code. (Middle) The public corridor on the ground floor, with its entrance on Uncle Heiney Way next to Highland Bakery, was made more inviting and brought up to the standard of the public corridors on the other floors. The corridor walls will be used to exhibit rotating art and/or poster sessions. (Above) On the second floor, an archway that had been hidden behind a wall years before was reintroduced into the space, which was Tech’s original library.

CLASSIFIEDS

VEHICLES

2006 Harley Davidson B83L, vivid black. V&H long shots, quick release windshield, black engine guard, new battery, new tires, fully serviced, 8,900 miles, great shape. $4,000 OBO. Contact Gilbert, 770-377-6767.

REAL ESTATE/ROOMMATES

1BR, unfurnished, newly renovated condo, walking distance to Tech. Has all kitchen appliances, laundry room w/ new W/D, spacious bathroom, gated parking. $1,295/mo. 1075 Peachtree Walk, Unit A-106. Contact Julie, 678-825-0426.

Looking for young working professional, graduate student, or visiting professor to rent private bedroom and bath (w/ access to all living spaces) in Buckhead. $800/mo. Includes utilities, cable, internet, parking. Fully furnished large condo in small private community. Neat, clean home. Walking distance to food markets, restaurants, entertainment, shopping, public transit. Request 1-year agreement. Contact 404-514-7652, reba.darr@gmail.com.

2BR/1BA condo for sale. 1,100 sq. ft., hardwood floors, separate living and dining rooms, street level, beautiful courtyard, reserved parking and storage. Two blocks from Lindbergh MARTA station. Call 404-307-8182 for showing.

3BR house for rent in Marietta. About 30 minutes from Tech. $950/mo. Call 770-855-5647.

Male employee seeking roommate to share 1BR apartment near Lenox MARTA Station. Very quiet, near shopping. Contact Jose, 404-904-0202.

MISCELLANEOUS

Free loving, playful young adult female calico cat desperately needs a forever home. She is spayed, has her shots, and is litter-box trained. Email Marilyn Smith (ms55@gatech.edu) or Josie Giles (josie@gatech.edu).

One-of-a-kind Signature Bryan Ashley marble top cherry wood bedroom dresser/vanity. Like new. $300. Contact taylormons41208@yahoo.com or 678-508-2462 for photos.

Vintage 1960s Magnavox AstroSonic console stereo unit. Working turntable and radio w/ auxiliary input. Speakers need some work. Cabinet in excellent condition and has good sound. Asking $75. Call 404-735-7611 or email james.corbett@gti.gatech.edu.

Oak table, round, 48-in., four legs, w/ two 10-in. extensions and six fancy-back chairs. $170. Contact james.cagle@mse.gatech.edu.

Free yellow jacket nest removal. Nests to be used for research in the School of Biology. Call 404-385-6311 or e-mail michael.goodisman@biology.gatech.edu.

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