Institute celebrates Peterson’s presidency

By Kate Comstock
Focus Editor

The Institute will be hosting a full day of activities to celebrate the investiture of President “Bud” Peterson, Tech’s tenth president, on September 3. The events aim to celebrate the historical event with the Tech community.

“As students, we are extremely lucky to be able to partake in this entire process – from the investiture to aiding in the development of the Strategic Plan,” said Alina Staskevicius, Undergraduate Student Body President.

“This year, we have the unique opportunity to literally shape the future of our Institution,” Staskevicius said.

The day will begin with the 11 a.m. Investiture Ceremony in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Many distinguished guests including Atlanta mayor Shirley Franklin, several Georgia state legislators, presidents from other Georgia universities and all Tech faculty are just some of the guests invited to the event.

Students are also encouraged to attend the ceremony. Therefore, all classes will be cancelled from 12 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.

Among other things, President Peterson is expected to speak about the launch of the Institute’s Strategic Plan. Peterson’s Strategic Plan features goals for the Institute that he hopes are achieved over the next 25 years.

After the Investiture Ceremony, President Peterson will host a Strategic Plan discussion to discuss the points of Tech’s strategic plan for the future.

Students and anyone interested in Tech’s future are encouraged to participate in active discussions with President Peterson and representatives from the Office of the President regarding the plan.

The meeting will take place in Tech Square. There will be two meetings, an hour and a half long each, where five different topics regarding the Strategic Plan will be discussed.

The meeting is intended for students to take an active role in the Strategic Planning process and gives President Peterson the opportunity to explain his vision for the Institute.

“As students, we often hear that we are at the heart of everything our administration does. So, it is our responsibility to share in the Investiture of our new President. It is our duty to participate in the Strategic Planning process with the campus leadership, and communicate our ideas and vision for the future of Tech,” Staskevicius said.

To wrap up the Investiture activities, SGA is organizing a Campus Welcome Back Celebration in Calloway Plaza at 7 p.m.

The event is a student-led celebration that will feature student organizations as well as free food and T-shirts.

Representatives from SGA promise that there will be plenty of high quality entertainment for the students and faculty to enjoy.

The final of the day’s celebrations will be a fireworks show in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

This event is a chance for the Tech community to come together and celebrate with the new president, as well as an opportunity to start a new Tech tradition.

If the event is popular enough with students and faculty, the Welcome Back Celebration could become a regular fixture in the fall schedule.

“[I’m] really excited with the opportunity to have this event. It’s a great opportunity to foster the welcome back spirit in the Georgia Tech community,” said Corey Boone, SGA VP of Communications.

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How do I find a faculty mentor?
Find the meaning behind these historic buildings

By Reem Mansoura
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While frantically running around campus trying to get to classes to dorm rooms, most students don’t take the time to stop and appreciate the historic value of the buildings they spend so much time in. Some buildings were named after important presidents, deans and professors of Tech. To help you out, here is a list of major Tech buildings and the significance behind their names.

Harrison Residence Hall
The Harrison Residence Hall is named after President Edwin Harrison, Tech’s sixth president. Harrison earned a master’s in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1918 and received his doctorate from Purdue University in 1952.

Glenn Residence Hall
The Glenn Residence Hall is named after William H. Glenn, an alumni who graduated from Tech in 1891 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is known for his help in the creation of the Georgia Tech Alumni Association, of which he became president in 1921.

Klaus Building
The Klaus Advanced Computation Building is named after Christopher W. Klaus. He is a founder and former CEO of Intertek Security Systems which he founded in the early 1990’s while he was a student at Tech. Klaus became a generous contributor to Tech when he gave a $15 million naming gift to build the new home of the College of Computing.

Russ Chandler Stadium
Russ Chandler Stadium is named after Tech’s Director of Athletics from 1951-76 and football coach that led the football team to one of its most successful periods in their history.

The expansion rebuilt the lower East seating, bumped the seating capacity up to 55,000.

The Cherry Emerson building, the home of Tech’s biology department, is named after alumni Cherry Logan Emerson, ME 1908 and EE 1909.

The Cherry Emerson building is located on the Georgia Tech campus and is one of the oldest on-campus fields in 1905 but did not become a permanent facility until students build the stands with the money the grants donated. The original seating only held 5,600 spots but by 1925 the stadium’s capacity had reached 30,000.

The stadium underwent a steady series of renovations to add more seating. After the South Stands were demolished in 1985, the William C. Wardlaw Center was built for the Athletic Association.
Every fall semester, thousands of students, parents, faculty and alumni flood Tech’s campus to partake in an old Jackets’ tradition: tailgating before football games. Tailgating began decades ago when friends, neighbors and families came together to celebrate in anticipation for an upcoming sporting match. Traditionally, tailgating parties occurred around vehicles in open parking lots, literally on tails of open truck-beds. Over the years, the art of tailgating has evolved and expanded to include tents, lounge chairs, televisions and green spaces. Though tailgating is growing rapidly, both in followers and in flair, it still serves its original purpose for bringing people together to celebrate the team and the game. If you are a tailgating professional, lucky you. If you’re new to tailgating, there’s no better time to start than now. Follow this tailgating guide and tailgate your way through a fantastic football season, no matter what the score is at the end of the day.

Tailgating 2009: Your guide to a perfect tailgate

Tailgating checklist

The essential gameday accessories

- Grill: small enough to cart around with you, but large enough to grill dozens of unneeded hot dogs and burgers. If you can’t handle a grill, try to befriend someone who can.
- Charcoal: for the grill, nothing else please. It has taken facilities months to get the lawns back up to par after the water ban ended, and they are just so pretty.
- Hot Dogs and burgers: tofu dogs, or corn, and potato chips, cheese, french fries, coke, beer and any other necessary beverages. Also, don’t forget hamburger buns and ketchup or other condiments. Everybody forgets those.
- Cooler: While any ice-storage contraption will work, preferably electric rolling cooler with multiple storage compartments. Watch out though, those things are vehicles, and come with all the subsequent laws.
- Boombox: any sort of noise maker will work, from expensive car radios to expensive computer sound systems, as long as it will play whatever music you need to get excited for the game.
- Tent: not the camping kind, the tall kind that you set up for limited shade and to stake out your private tailgating territory. Tents must be either blue, white or gold, and should be adorned with Tech logos and symbols.
- Chairs: your parents have some leftover from soccer games that they aren’t attending any longer, steal them and relax in style while your peers lounge on the ground. These are especially handy when one is tailgating in a parking lot away from benches.
- Football tickets: while obvious, new ticketing policies make it even more important to make sure you have registered or paid for a seat and have your BuzzCard in hand when you enter the stadium.

Location, location, location!

When it comes to tailgating, location is everything. With Yellow Jacket Park overtaken by the construction of the Clough Undergraduate Learning Center, green space is limited on campus. Try these alternative locations for pre-game revelry:

- The parking lot behind Howey-Physics building is always full of alumni and their kids grilling out and hovering over their cars.
- Skiles Walkway is a central location with a great view of the band’s warm-up and nearby restrooms. Plus, with the addition of a new green fence, it is even more shady than before.
- Architecture lawn, or at least what is left of it, is a safe refuge from construction, also with handy bathroom access, and easy viewing of the shenanigans at Greek houses.
- The green space behind Tech Tower, a classic location complete with historical markers, makes for a more sedated tailgate.

All about the pre-game

While grilling and eating might seem like the only thing to do at a tailgating party, spice up your fun with these games:

- Play football, flags if you have any on hand or touch if you don’t fear the asphalt.
- Watch television or listen to the radio, especially pre-game commentary. If you aren’t interested, try watching other, less-important games, say, SEC games?
- Paint faces. While initially more attractive to the younger crowd, you haven’t really attended a game until you have done so in yellow and black face paint, chest paint and potentially arm and leg paint.
- Play cornhole, horseshoes or any other game that involves throwing small objects at arbitrary targets. Don’t keep score though. The only winning that matters on gameday is Tech’s.
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Music to a Jacket’s ears

After hours of waiting, no matter how enjoyable, the game is always a welcome change of pace, complete with a new sound track. See our Freshman Survival Guide for complete lyrics.

• The fight song Ramblin’ Reck, in which you will declare you are a Ramblin’ Reck from Georgia Tech and a Hell of an Engineer, no matter what your major is.
• Up with the White and Gold is another fight song, traditionally played after touchdowns. Like all good Tech cheers, this song calls out down with the red and black, no matter what school we are playing.
• The Budweiser Song. This is the easiest of them all to learn. You simply bounce your legs and yell “When you’ve said Budweiser, you’ve said it all.”
• The Good Word. What’s the Good Word? To Hell with Georgia! How ‘bout them dogs? Piss on ‘em!

Dress her in white and gold

Even if you aren’t the lucky daughter of an alumni, there are plenty of wardrobe options for gameday.

• Uniformed homogeny, a la The Swarm or marching band, will never go out of style. These classy fans dress the part every game day and help make sure the stands are full of screaming white and old gold.
• Go in preppy-formal, even if you aren’t Greek. There are so few excuses these days to wear bow ties and gold ribbons, use the few you have.
• Paint faces. Yes, already mentioned, and a perfectly appropriate gameday stable. This accessory is best paired with matching chest paint. Ladies, please wear matching garments as needed.
• If all else fails, throw on a t-shirt and get out there. Also, remember to look out for games like the White Out or Old Gold, where special wardrobes are requested, and sometimes provided for you in the form of a free t-shirt.
Tickets to all shows in the Ferst Center’s 2009-2010 Season go on sale to students on Thursday, August 20 at 10 a.m. at the Ferst Center.

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Limited ticket availability. All programs subject to change.

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Looking for a job? Check out these helpful tips

By Kate Comstock
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Feeling a little blue because you didn’t get your dream job/co-op/internship this summer because of the crumbling economy? Don’t despair, you are definitely not alone. A new school year is a new beginning, and with it brings new opportunities to land that dream job.

A great place to start or continue your search is the Division of Professional Practice and Career Services. The Division of Professional Practice can help those looking for a co-op, internship or a work abroad position.

Career Services can help provide resources for students also looking for an internship or work after they graduate. The Division of Professional Practice and Career Services have databases, P2D2 and CareerBuzz, where students can look through employer job postings. Both offices have countless resources about anything that might be necessary in finding a job including resume critiquing and interview tips.

“After tapping into these two offices, my two biggest pieces of job search advice are: A) network and B) be focused,” said Ann Blasick, Assistant Director of the GT Co-op Program. Networking can seem intimidating but can actually be accomplished anywhere.

Websites like LinkedIn and Facebook can often provide a great way to meet other people that your friends and contacts know who might be able to help you get an inside contact at a company that you are interested in.

Tina Payne, Assistant Director of Career Services, explained that being focused means that you are very aware of what kind of work and the type of organization that you are looking for and that is especially important when so many people are looking for jobs right now. This might include a great deal of research but will help you in the future when you are speaking with potential employers because they will see that you have specific goals for yourself.

“I would argue that being focused is more important than having a very high GPA or tons of leadership experience,” Blasick said.

“The first step to being focused is taking time to figure out what you want to do including the type of work, type of organization, location, and work environment,” Blasick said.

Also, never underestimate the power of a good resume; this advice is true even when the economy is doing well.

“Prepare a powerful resume that will give you a competitive edge when interviewing for co-op or internship opportunities,” Payne said.

“Highlight your academic achievements, leadership skills, employment history, computer skills and honors,” Payne said.

One of the best ways to make sure that you find a job is to begin your search early, apply to a variety of places and practice, practice, practice.

The earlier you begin your search and begin to build relationships the better off you are. Blasick suggests to start looking six months before you actually need or want the job.

“On average, employers start looking for candidates about six months in advance,” Blasick said.

“Most recruiters start recruiting in the fall at the Career Fair. It’s really easy to meet company representatives there to gain initial contacts that you can use to open doors,” said Becca Belka, third-year MGT, who has had a co-op at Canvas Systems since 2008.

For more information on how you can land your dream job, visit http://www.propractice.gatech.edu/.

Tech alumna to run for city council representative

By Emily Chambers
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On July 4 Tech administrator Bahareh Azizi announced her candidacy for the Atlanta City Council District 6 seat representing Midtown, Morningside, Druid Hills and Virginia Highlands after the incumbent, Anne Fauver announced that she would not be running.

She joined fellow candidates Steve Brodie, Liz Coyle, Alex Wan and Miguel Gallegos. Azizi, who has lived in the same building in Midtown ever since enrolling at Tech, is focusing her campaign on safety, community development and education.

She declared her candidacy at 7 p.m., Flag 137, Technique. Azizi received her doctorate from Tech in 2005 and stayed with the Institute, completing post-doctoral research in the chemistry and biochemistry departments. She recently began work in an administrative position within the chemistry and biochemistry departments.

“The knowledge I have from working with [research facilities] and helping them grow will help me with some institutions in the city”, Azizi said of her two positions.

“Georgia Tech is a huge asset not only to Midtown but also to the city of Atlanta as a whole, at Tech we breed some fantastic students and if they fall in love with the city…we can utilize the product of Tech, these great students, as an advantage for the city,” Azizi said.
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• Volleyball
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Room 117 Student Services Building

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August 26th 12:00pm

Office Registration
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August 26th - 9:00am-5:00pm

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