

Dr. Peterson
Director of Athletics Press Conference
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- Thank you for joining us today. Earlier this week Georgia Tech announced that after a national search we have selected Mike Bobinski to serve as the Institute's director of athletics, presiding over our program that includes some 400 athletes participating in 17 intercollegiate varsity sports. Today, we wanted to share a bit about the search process, and give you an opportunity to hear from Mike and ask questions.
- For the past 12 years Mike Bobinski has served as associate vice president and athletic director at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, overseeing a broad-based athletic program of 18 NCAA Division I sports. Mike brings a background of 25 years of athletics management combined with a wealth of experience in the business world. Admirably, student athletes at Xavier University have a 97 percent graduate rate, ranking 11th in the country just behind Harvard, Yale, and Duke.
- Mike Bobinski's personal integrity and leadership skills, combined with his successful track record in athletics and business, uniquely qualify him to lead Georgia Tech's program.
- Mike is joining Georgia Tech at a time of strong growth and momentum. New athletic facilities include the John and Mary Brock Football Practice Facility, the McCamish Pavilion, and the Ken Byers Tennis Center, just dedicated yesterday. Georgia Tech's teams and athletes are gaining recognition in athletic competition as well as academically. We have much to be proud of, and much to build upon. We look forward to partnering with Mike in our quest for excellence in all areas.
- I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul Griffin for stepping up to serve as Georgia Tech's acting athletics director during the past two and a half months. He has continued the strong leadership of our Athletics Department, serving in a key role to provide the kind of continuity we needed.

- I would also like to thank our search committee for their efficient and thorough work. Leading the team has been Steve Zelnak, Georgia Tech alumnus and a longtime friend and supporter of the Institute.
- Under Steve's leadership, the search team defined attributes and the background needed for the ideal candidate, set up a web site to solicit feedback and keep the community informed, and partnered with a search firm to identify and interview outstanding candidates to find the right person for the job.
- Because of their good work, today it is my pleasure to introduce to you Georgia Tech's new Director of Athletics Mike Bobinski.