

From the President, December 2009

Monday, December 14, 2009

To the Georgia Tech Community:

It's the end of the semester and the end of the calendar year, a natural point for us to pause and reflect on the year that was as well as look ahead to the coming one. For Val and me, 2009 was marked with change, moving east from Colorado to embrace this new opportunity. We have worked hard to learn the structure, listen to the people, and understand the culture of Georgia Tech. Earlier this fall, we began a campus discussion about what the technological research university of the 21st century should look like. Most importantly, we have met hundreds of people and made many new friends in the process.

Going forward, we can be sure that Georgia Tech will face its share of operational challenges, and some difficult choices still remain. Yet it is easy to remain optimistic when weighed against the passion and dedication of our remarkable students, faculty, staff, and alumni. Thank you for your good work during the past year; may you have a restful and safe holiday season.

G.P. "Bud" Peterson