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Dr. Robert A. Cassanova, grandson of Mrs. Hattie Cassanova, Route 1, Clinton, S.C., has been named head of the Georgia Tech Engineering Experiment Station's Energy Research Laboratory, one of 11 laboratories within the Experiment Station.

As director of the Energy Research Lab, Dr. Cassanova is responsible for a staff of approximately 40 persons whose major responsibility is to develop energy research programs relevant to the Southeast and the nation. This includes solar, wood, combustion and energy systems research programs. These research efforts are aimed at reducing the dependence on foreign oil by substituting various forms of renewable energy for petroleum products.

Dr. Cassanova holds a Ph.D. in aerospace engineering from Georgia Tech, a masters of science from the University of Tennessee Space Institute and a bachelor of science from N.C. State University. He is the author of numerous research journal publications and has presented papers at national and international conferences. In addition, he is an advisor to the energy committee of the Georgia Conservancy.