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Dr. Albert P. Sheppard has been named acting Vice President of Research for Georgia Tech by Tech's President, Dr. Joseph M. Pettit.

Dr. Sheppard will succeed Dr. Thomas Stelson, who is on a year's leave of absence while he serves as Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Solar Energy in the U. S. Department of Energy.

Sheppard has been at Georgia Tech since 1965 and for the past five years has served as Associate Vice President for Research.

He has degrees in physics from Oglethorpe College and Emory University in Atlanta, and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Duke University.

Dr. Sheppard has served on the National Board of Directors of the Engineering Research Council, and on the National Science Foundation overview panels for liaison between industries and universities. He was co-organizer of the Southeast Consortium for Minorities in Engineering.

His broad base of engineering expertise includes solar energy, gasohol, electronics, lasers, microwaves and microcomputers.

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