

REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Reunion Classes Kick-off Breakfast, March 3, 2008

- Pleased to join you for this breakfast to kick off the planning and fund-raising for 25th, 40th, and 50th reunion classes. (1983, 1968, 1958)
- Exciting time for students at Georgia Tech:
 - Enrollment tops 18,000 – 1,000 at other campuses or online. Retain leadership in graduating minority engineers; women increasing.
 - With North Avenue Apts, now housing 70% of undergrads on campus. Helps foster sense of community; enables us to serve students better.
 - Students as outstanding as ever: Recent Gates Cambridge Scholar, Marshall Scholar for grad study in Great Britain; Mitchell Scholar for grad study in Ireland.
 - May have seen ISyE grad student Jessica Heier featured in USA Today last month for her work in logistics for humanitarian relief efforts – great example of applying engineering to serve human needs.
- Faculty excellence:
 - Jim Foley elected to NAE; recruited NAE member Elsa Reichmanis
 - Elliott Moore gets PECASE
 - 4 Fellows to American Association for Advancement of Science
 - 4 Sloan Fellows
 - Significant increase in women faculty over past decade or so – doubled since 1994-95
- Research:
 - Expenditures at record \$473 million last year.
 - College of Mgt cited last month for growing impact of its work in economics & business.

Reshaping campus

- Marcus Nanotech Building moving into final stage of construction; expect completion in Oct.
- Preparing to begin construction on Undergrad Learning Center adjacent to library. Working with legislature to get first stage of state construction funds into budget.

- Shaping truly global university
 - Programs in Metz, France, and Singapore continue to mature and grow.
 - GTRI office in Ireland.
 - India: considering 250-acre campus
 - South Africa: Joint degree program with University of Pretoria begins next fall.
 - China: Joint degree program with Peking University going through BOR approval process.
 - Discussions underway: several opportunities in Middle East; logistics presence at Panama Canal.

- Fit these pieces together and shape of technological research university of 21st century begins to emerge.

- Reunion giving makes important contribution. Since Georgia Tech reunion giving began, reunion classes have given over \$230 million.

- Reunions an occasion to celebrate past, renew your connection to Georgia Tech in the present, and help to shape the future
 - Past: A time to awaken wonderful memories, renew old friendships. But also a time to reflect on the value of your Georgia Tech degree to your career and your life.
 - Present: A time to recognize that the value of your Georgia Tech degree has been increasing and be proud of your association with a university that has been rising through the ranks and achieving ever-higher levels of excellence.
 - Future: Time to give back with a gift that honors your class and your alma mater even as it supports future generations of Tech students who will continue your legacy and the legacy of the Institute as they, in their turn, become the leaders of tomorrow.

- Reunion class projects
 - Create opportunities for students and faculty.
 - Support excellence at Georgia Tech, which helps us retain our standing as one of the nation's premier technological universities.
 - Class names attached to need-based scholarships, President's Scholarships, study abroad scholarships.
 - Projects have also included: campus beautification, faculty support, facility renovation, library improvements.

- Last year's reunion classes set all-time records:
 - Class of 1957 raised more than \$20 million
 - Class of 1967 raised more than \$10 million
- Confident you will do well in leading and inspiring your classes.
 - Thank you in advance for your time, your enthusiasm, you effort.
 - Look forward to celebrating the results of your efforts with you at Homecoming Weekend.