REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Announce ICAPP Project in Computing Science, March 30, 1999

I am proud to join with Governor Barnes, Chancellor Portch, Mr. Kight, Mr. Noonan, Mr. Richmond, Mr. Gant and Mr. Boyette in announcing this new ICAPP initiative.

The information technology industry is growing rapidly, and that is suggesting career directions to Georgia Tech students. Computing is our fastest growing major, and our College of Computing is stretched to its instructional capacity. Right now we are looking at a 26 percent increase in applications for next fall, and that comes on top of a 20 percent increase in applications last year. And they are bright kids; the computing students who come to Tech have SAT scores well over 1300.

There is just as much demand at the other end of the education process. Competition to hire computing graduates is keen. Information technology companies are investing in states where they can get workers, and that determines where our students go after they graduate.

Over the next four years, this ICAPP initiative will enable Georgia Tech to double the number computer science majors we graduate from 100 a year to 200. As we do that in partnership with these outstanding companies, they will be more committed to Georgia, because they know they can get a workforce with the skills they need in this rapidly changing field.

Our goal is for the college and the industry to grow in tandem, so that even as we double the number of computing students, more of our graduates will have jobs here in Georgia.

We are grateful to the Governor and the University System for providing ICAPP funding, and to CheckFree, Nortel and Internet Security Systems for being our partners in expanding computing education at Georgia Tech.