

REMARKS BY GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Dedication of Pettit Walk behind Carnegie Building, October 25, 2002

- Thank you, David Cowan (Chem '77, 25th reunion chair) for that kind introduction.
- Pleased to have this opportunity to thank the Class of 1977 personally for the gift of the landscaping for Pettit Walk in celebration of your 25th anniversary reunion. Class pledged to raise \$200,000 for this project as part of a total class goal of \$1.3 million in giving of all types for this year.
- Challenge of meeting the facilities needs of the future while still retaining Georgia Tech's historic structures and character:
 - Building the facilities we need for a high-tech future – Technology Square, ES&T, Klaus Advanced Computing, etc.
 - Preserving and renewing the historic core of campus.
- Even as things change, we hold fast to the traditions that are part of Georgia Tech's identity. Eg., this weekend's reminiscences about your days at GT no doubt include stories about Junior's. Junior's now in a new place, but the tradition continues, and 25 years from now, today's students will tell stories about Junior's in their day. Your gift will be part of their story, continuing the tradition.
- Important part of reshaping and renewing campus is to create an attractive pedestrian-oriented green space to enhance daily life for students, faculty and staff, and make campus a pleasant oasis amid the busy streets of downtown Atlanta.
- Classes of 1950 and 1975 have already contributed to the landscaping of the Hill around the Tech Tower and Carnegie, and you can see what a tremendous difference it has made. Your gift will extend the work.
- Project now in early stages, but will include:
 - Brick paving instead of asphalt drive and concrete sidewalks
 - New beds and plantings
 - Outdoor dining area
 - Benches and bike racks
 - And, of course, a special tribute to the Class of 77
- Named for Joe Pettit, your president who signed your diplomas. Fellow alum of mine from Berkeley; came to GT in 1972 from Stanford; turned GT into a research university with a national reputation.
- Look forward to the day when work will be complete and the whole Hill will be beautifully landscaped. Hope you come back many times in the future to enjoy this special outdoor area made possible by your generosity.