

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH  
Parents' Weekend Reception, 10-06-06

- This year's freshman class:
  - Top caliber – average SAT score rose when other universities saw declines
  - Chance for success as good as if not better than any class we have seen
- Recent *US News* rankings of undergrad program
  - Top ten public universities
  - #2 in nation with 99% of faculty full-time
  - Underclassmen taught by professors, not teaching assistants – use teaching assistants as tutors, lab assistants, help with paperwork
- Continuously improving undergrad experience
  - Student advisory committee on the curriculum
  - Continually improving curriculum, redesigning courses
  - College of Computing: changing the way they teach classes to help students get through the tough courses – customizing problems to relate to different disciplines.
  - Centralized advising service
    - Always open and available
    - Counselors know the length and breadth of the Institute, not just the coursework for a particular discipline
    - Primary objective is to help student succeed at GT
  - Library on the leading edge of new technology; just had the Association of Research Libraries on campus last month exploring digital roles for libraries. GT the only campus they visited.
- Result: retention and graduation rates are up