

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Alumni Association Phoenix and Burdell Societies Dinner, November 17, 2005

- Pleased to have this opportunity thank you for your generosity to Georgia Tech.
- Phoenix and Burdell Societies made up of our most generous donors of all – those who give substantial sums of unrestricted dollars. You are true stewards of Georgia Tech, providing ongoing resources year by year. We are grateful for your faith in us and for your constancy.
- Your gifts are critical to Georgia Tech and help us to be good stewards as well:
 - Help to fill in the spaces between the designated gifts and fund essentials.
 - Allow us to respond quickly in taking advantage of unexpected opportunities.
 - Gives us flexibility to meet unexpected challenges.
- Some examples of what Roll Call has enabled us to do during the past year:
 - The recent and ongoing events in Pakistan demonstrated how devastating earthquakes can be. Led by Associate Professor Reggie desRoches, Tech civil engineers are working to reduce loss of life and property from earthquakes. Specifically, they are developing Shape Memory Alloys, which are building materials that can withstand ten times more disruption and debilitating change than typical building materials without permanent damage. Unrestricted gifts to Georgia Tech helped to purchase several pieces of equipment used to test these new materials under the simulated stress of earthquakes.
 - Ivan Allen College, home of Tech's Schools of Modern Language programs and International Affairs, and at the heart of making us a truly global university. Small travel grants from unrestricted funds help faculty participate in important international conferences, giving Tech a physical, visible presence as a global player:
 - Vicki Birchfield, international affairs prof, was the only American presenter at a major conference in Paris.
 - Cecilia Montes-Alcala, Spanish prof, was a presenter at a conference in Barcelona.
 - \$50,000 in unrestricted funds supported four new undertakings with China:
 - A summer study abroad program for GT undergrads led by our faculty.
 - A two-way student exchange program with Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
 - The establishment of a dual master's degree program with Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
 - The Sino-U.S. Global Logistics Institute Forum held last month.
 - Support for the Student Life Fund, which sponsors fun activities for our campus community, such as

- Georgia Tech Night at Six Flags
 - Midnight Breakfast
 - Sting Break Concert
 - Dean of Students' "Welcome Home" initiative to get the new school year off to a great start
- As you can see, Roll Call often provides us with the seed money to get things going.
 - Very careful how we use these unrestricted funds; parcel them out in small increments.
 - But very often use them in situations where we can leverage them to do something much bigger.
 - Your gifts are a critical resource, and we are deeply grateful for your support.