

**Notes for Georgia Tech President G. Wayne Clough
Georgia Tech Alumni Clubs, January, 2003**

Busy year – from visit by President George W. Bush to poetry reading with 1,100 people.

Milestones – Students

- Applications strong at undergraduate and grad levels; 15,000 applications total
- Highest qualifying scores in history.
- Top scholarship outcomes - Truman, 2 Goldwaters, 2 Gates Millineums, British Marshall, Fulbright and Rhodes; remarkable accomplishment
- Largest number of African American engineering graduates at all degree levels; reinforces our commitment to diversity in all the right ways.

Milestones- Faculty

- Hired 47 new faculty last year
- 13 NSF CAREER awards, following 13 last year for 72 total – second in nation; 2 PECASE winners.
- Record research levels, seventh years in a row (#1 for % research with industry)
- Cited by Southern Growth Policy Board as nation's best in technology transfer
- Filled 16 endowed chairs; still benefiting from campaign and gifts; Marie Thursby – tech transfer, Bill Rouse – ISYE, Al Merrill – cellular and molecular biology, Tom Lux - poetry

Milestones- Athletics

- 15 of 17 teams qualify for post-season play; largest # of teams and individuals in Georgia Tech history
- 5 coaches named ACC coaches of year
- Baseball in College World Series
- Women's volleyball wins ACC Championship.
- Football 6 years running to bowl, won Seattle Bowl
- New football coach – Chan Gailey, great person
- Baseball stadium one of best in nation; football stadium – finished phase I, looks great – next stage after season to bring capacity to 55,000 – will be one of best places to watch college football in nation

Undergraduate Initiative

- Undertaken to refocus efforts on success of bright students coming to Tech; faculty have been essential to this commitment; retention at 91%, all time high.
- Mid-term grades
- Undergrad research – excellent response. Over 90% of faculty involved
- Leadership program – started this year, will be in place in full next year
- Study abroad

New Facilities

- Technology Square - Innovative project that is extending our campus into Midtown and reconnecting us across the divide created by the freeway. \$300 million for all projects north and south of Fifth Street; moves Management College into business community; provides Georgia Tech a much needed continuing education and hotel and conference facility; builds Georgia's electronic design center next to campus; all to be open summer of next year.
- Georgia Tech Rec Center – not only encloses aquatic center, but also provides for entirely new recreation facility for students, faculty and staff. Meets need of much larger student body with creative facility.
- Environmental science & technology and biomedical engineering buildings, part of unique new life sciences and technology complex

Challenges – Refocus Because of Budget Cuts; Keep Momentum

- Build on progress – Strategic Plan.
- Continue to rely on support of our alumni