I. Introduction
   A. Recognize GT grads
   B. Diversity of GT alumni careers
   C. Recognize UGA grads

II. Community of scholars
   A. 18 or so institutions of higher education in Atlanta and its surroundings
   B. Vibrant community of scholars
   C. That Atlanta is home to all of these colleges and universities is surely one of the reasons for its success.
   D. Basketball analogy
   E. Tech fills technological niche

III. Tech’s past
   A. The 60s

IV. The present
   Today—13,000, with 9,500 undergraduate students and 3,500 graduate. Growing off-campus enrollment
   
   A. nationally competitive research university ranked number six in industry-sponsored research. Our research expenditures total approximately $180 million per year. Research funds account for much of our budget. Although we are a state school, less than 30 percent of our budget comes from the state.

   B. Scholastic engineering rankings
C. Architecture, School of Management rankings

D. Overall rankings

E. Freshman statistics

All in all, not bad numbers for a small school in the southeast. I’d say our academic achievements have definitely helped earn our spot in the starting lineup.

V. Versatility

A. Students
• Ayodele Embry
• Jennifer Clarke
• Paul Sewell

B. Research
• evaluating electric vehicles;
• creating “smart” windows and walls to cut down on noise pollution;
• using virtual reality to help individuals overcome their phobias; and
• determining criminal activity patterns with artificial intelligence and neural networks.

C. Economic development
   1. EDI
   2. ATDC

In 1994 alone, ATDC’s 58 graduate companies posted revenues exceeding $200 million. All of these companies are located in Georgia and together these companies employ more than
D. Football coach Vince Lombardi once said: “The achievements of an organization are the result of the combined efforts of each individual.”

E. 60 interdisciplinary research centers on campus, offering vital, practical research in areas like biomedical engineering, microelectronics, and telecommunications.

F. Georgia Research Alliance
   According to Governor Miller, the type of research funded is that which has “practical applications for key Georgia industries.” In the past three years, the GRA has attracted more than $200 million from private industry and the federal government.

VI. The future
   To sum up, I believe Georgians have every right to be proud of its School of Technology. The question becomes: What about our future? Will our winning tradition continue?

A. Casey Stengel once said: “Predictions are hard, especially about the future.”

B. The challenges include:
   • Shifting priorities in Washington
   • Deferred maintenance problems
   • Funding to level of our real competition
• Surviving the Olympics

C. Opportunities

• Olympics and Olympics-related facilities

• Positive environment for higher ed in Georgia - Governor, economy, energetic new Chancellor, GRA

• Georgia and society needs what Georgia Tech has to offer more than ever before

• Support of our great alumni

D. The game plan

• Solidify and improve reputation as one of the top technological universities in nation—improve in non-engineering areas essential to being a major university.

• Develop potent programs in the over-arching issues of day—e.g., biotechnology, telecommunications, environmental technology. Cannot achieve alone—need partnerships.

• Capitalize on Olympics facilities to create powerful learning environment for our students on campus - promote increased student volunteerism.

• Increase presence in continuing ed and distance ed

• Work in sustained partnership with city of Atlanta to see it
develop as a center of high technology and a place where people want to live.

VII. Conclusion