Georgia Tech Foundation

President G. Wayne Clough
October 1, 1999
Latest Rankings

• *U.S. News & World Report* (Aug)
  – 40th among all national universities
  – 10th among public universities

• *Black Issues in Higher Education* (July)
  – 1st in PhDs to minority engineers
  – 2nd in bachelor’s and master’s to minority engineers
Enrollment

- Slight increase to 14,054; about where we want to be as we prepare to slow growth
- Slight increase in freshman class, PhD students
- Outstanding freshman class: most diverse and most talented with SAT of 1305
- Most popular majors: computer science and computer engineering; computer science majors doubled since 1995
Faculty

• Hired 70+ new faculty
• Filled six chaired positions
• 8 CAREER Awards in the past year
• Don Giddens, NAE
• Robert Dickinson, NAS
Research

- FY 1999: sponsored research expenditures totaled $271 million
- Fifth consecutive record high
- Fourth nationally in industry-sponsored research
Construction Update

- Biosciences and Bioengineering Building: ribbon cutting Oct 12
- Structures Engineering and Materials Research Lab: open
- MRDC-II: will open next February
- Combustion Lab: under construction
- Environmental Science and Technology Building: will break ground in early 2000
Special Initiatives

• GRA presented $50 m budget request to Governor

• GTREP
  – enrolled first students in August
  – interest stronger than expected
More Special Initiatives

• Yamacraw Mission
  – 16 new faculty positions
  – $4 m research
  – $25 m venture capital fund
  – $300k continuing education
  – $13 m budget increase requested for next year

• Metro Chamber begins implementation of IOM initiative to recruit 520 high-tech companies to Atlanta
Capital Campaign

- Fall schedule of Roll Out events underway
  - Philadelphia
  - Chicago
  - Atlanta
  - South Florida
- Special gifts:
  - Tom and Marie Patton
  - John P. Imlay Jr. Dean’s Chair
  - Milt Stewart School Chair
Research and Policy Agenda

• Science Coalition meeting in Washington:
  – Met with White House Chief of Staff Jack Podesta and Assistant to the President for Science and Technology Neal Lane
  – Visited with Georgia Delegation

• GT to host Office of Science and Technology Policy hearing on Oct 13

• Faculty in key policy positions:
  – Catherine Ross, executive director of GRTA
  – Oliver McGee, deputy assistant secretary for transportation technology policy, USDOT