NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Busbee Center Dedication, Monday, November 8, 2004

- Georgia Tech is pleased to join with Centergy in honoring former Georgia Governor George Busbee through the naming of the George Busbee Center for Global Economic Development and Innovation.

- Gov Busbee was on the leading edge of moving Georgia into a high-tech, global economy:
  - Recognized early on that advanced technology was the economic wave of the future. Worked hard to jump-start the state’s high-tech industry sector.
    - Created ATDC – nation’s first university-based high-tech incubator.
    - ATDC will celebrate 25th anniversary next year.
    - Has large new home at Tech Square – outgrew original building on 10th St.
    - “Franchises” at GCATT, Warner Robins, Savannah, and soon to open in Columbus.
    - Many awards, most recently from U.S. Dept of Commerce.
  - Busbee also ahead of his time in seeing the global economy coming:
    - first Georgia governor to travel widely on trade missions;
    - developed strong relationships with Japanese; created the Southeast U.S.-Japan Association in 1975 to foster increased trade, investment, and economic collaboration. Six other SE states besides Georgia.
    - Today Georgia is 1st in SE and 4th in nation in Japanese manufacturing and investment, largely the result of his initiative almost 30 years ago.

- Today, we enjoy the fruits of his labors and continue to build on the strong foundation he laid. That is particularly apparent at Technology Square.

- Georgia Tech conceived and built Technology Square to bring our business programs and services into the high-tech business community that was beginning to evolve in Midtown – helping drive the development of a focal point and hub for advanced technology for the city of Atlanta and state of Georgia.
  - Moved College of Management here from central part of campus
    - College focal points: management of technology, entrepreneurship
    - Mutual engagement between students/faculty and the high-tech business community
  - Tech Square home to GT Office of Economic Development and Technology Ventures, run by Wayne Hodges
    - Advanced Technology Development Center
    - Economic Development Institute
  - Global Learning and Conference Center connects GT to the world
• GT’s goal to become one of the world’s true international universities – onsite degree-granting and research platforms in Metz, Singapore. More to come? Many other working partnerships with international universities.
• But also connect to world online through the GLCC. Course delivery in both directions among our own campuses, plus other degree students in places like Bangalore, India, and among armed forces in Iraq (keeping up with work using laptop in their tents).
• GLCC also center for professional education for Georgia’s technical workforce. GT Hotel next door for those who come from out-of-town for short courses.

• Tech Square – an expression of the far-sighted vision of George Busbee that Georgia would be a full participant in the high-tech, global economy. Very fitting, appropriate to remember his name and his contribution to our state in this place.