

NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Nunn Forum dinner, March 26, 2006

- Pleased to welcome you to the Sam Nunn Bank of America Policy Forum. Grateful to Bank of America for sponsoring the forum.
 - Celebrating 10th anniversary of forum this year – first one was held in 1997.
 - Brings together noted academic, government, and private sector experts to discuss important, timely national and international policy issues.
 - As usual, an outstanding group of presenters and panel members featured tonight and tomorrow; looking forward to another excellent forum.

- This year's theme: The Impact of Information and Communications Technologies on Economic Development, National Competitiveness and Social Justice.
 - Rapid technological change, especially in communications technologies, set the stage for the global economy that is emerging around us today.
 - Impact is both positive and negative:
 - Is leveling the global playing field; the United States cannot expect to dominate the world economy as much larger skilled workforces and technology markets emerge in Asia.
 - Is redefining wealth, changing the “haves” and the “have-nots” based on knowledge and access to communications technology rather than land or natural resources.
 - Is a tool that can be used for negative ends like terrorism as well as for positive ends.

- All of these impacts and more will be on the table for discussion tonight and tomorrow under guiding hand of Sam Nunn, a man we all respect and admire.
 - Served 24 years in U.S. Senate.
 - Chaired Senate Armed Service Committee and became a leading spokesman for national defense.
 - Author of the Nunn-Lugar Act, which provided incentives for the successful disarmament of the former Soviet republics when the USSR broke apart.
 - Founder of the Nuclear Threat Initiative to reduce global threats from nuclear, biological, chemical weapons.
 - More recently, has had the keen perception that the end of the Cold War did not diminish the need for national and international security, but rather opened new doors for the rise of terrorism.

- Proud to claim him as member of GT family:
 - Attended until he realized not cut out to be engineer and transferred to Emory to pursue law.
 - Became affiliated with GT in 1996 when retired from U.S. Senate.
 - GT School of International Affairs named for him.

- GT recognized his leadership with 2004 Ivan Allen Prize for Progress and Service.
- Pleased to turn program over to Senator Sam Nunn to say a few words about this year's forum and introduce tonight's special guest speaker.