NOTES FOR GEORGIA TECH PRESIDENT G. WAYNE CLOUGH
Dedication of Jennings Courtyard, College of Management, April 25, 2008

- Technology Square is a major part of the dynamic expansion and reshaping of the Georgia Tech campus. College of Management Building reflects two major goals of that reshaping.

- First goal: connect Georgia Tech with its neighbors, especially with Midtown’s growing high-tech business community.
  - College of Management used to be buried deep inside campus – little visibility or access.
  - Technology Square location makes it visible, easy to collaborate with technology businesses, from the start-ups in ATDC and the young firms at the Biltmore, to giants like AT&T, the Federal Reserve, IBM, Crawford Long medical complex
  - New location incorporated the College into the economic heartbeat of Atlanta.

- Second goal: create beautiful outdoor living spaces for our students, faculty, staff, and alumni to gather.
  - Jennings Courtyard is one of those special spaces.
  - Putting COM on bustling West Peachtree in the heart of Midtown required a counterpoint; the Jennings Courtyard is that counterpoint – a quiet place to relax, study – or have a party.
  - Beautiful view into the soaring atrium of COM with its Chihuly glass artwork adds special touch.

- Special place deserves a special name. Delighted to name it for Mansfield and Genelle Jennings, Jr.
  - When we conceived Technology Square, knew that there would be no state funds for this project; would have to find the funds on our own.
  - Some facilities in this complex generate revenues to help pay the cost of their construction – e.g., GT Hotel, Global Learning and Conference Center, parking deck.
  - Management Building, however, had to be built entirely with philanthropic dollars. Some said it couldn’t be done. But incredible group of GT alumni and friends rose to that challenge.
  - Genelle and Mansfield Jennings among that group; made a significant contribution ($1.25 million) to the construction of the College of Management building. Their contribution was matched by an anonymous gift, so it had double impact.

- W. Mansfield Jennings (IM, 56)
  - Skilled, insightful businessman who successfully navigated his way through the telecommunications upheaval of the late 90s; chairman of ComSouth Corp.
  - Serves on Bd of Regents; GT is unique institution in the System, so we are very fortunate to have someone on the Board who understands Tech.
Earlier significant gift created W. Mansfield Jennings Endowment Fund, which provides unrestricted support for the Institute’s leading priorities.

Has been a privilege to know him on personal level; can personally testify that he is an excellent bird hunter.

At this time would like to ask Genelle and Mansfield to join me, and we are going to unveil the plaque designating this special space the Jennings Courtyard in their honor.