

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



John H. Sununu, of Salem, New Hampshire, is President of JHS Associates, Ltd. and a former partner in Trinity International Partners, a private financial firm.

Governor Sununu, from 1992 until 1998, co-hosted CNN's nightly "Crossfire" program, a news/public affairs discussion program.

Governor Sununu was commissioned Chief of Staff to the President of the United States on January 21, 1989, and served in the White House until March 1, 1992. As chief of staff, Governor Sununu oversaw the daily operations of the White House and its staff. He also served as Counsellor to the President. The Governor is a member of the Board of Trustees for the George Bush Presidential Library Foundation.

Governor Sununu became New Hampshire's 75th Chief Executive on January 6, 1983, and served three consecutive terms prior to joining the White House staff. He assumed office with a background of nearly 20 years experience as an educator, engineer, small businessman and community leader. The Governor gained both regional and national recognition through his chairmanship of the Coalition of Northeastern Governors', the chairmanship of the Republican Governors' Association, and his election in 1987 to the chairmanship of the National Governors' Association.

From 1963 until his election as Governor, he served as President of JHS Engineering Company and Thermal Research Inc. In addition, he helped establish and served as chief engineer for Astro Dynamics Inc. from 1960 until 1965.

The Governor attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, and earned his Ph.D. there in 1966 in Mechanical Engineering. From 1968 until 1973, he was Associate Dean of the College of Engineering at Tufts University and Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering. He served on the Advisory Board of the Technology and Policy Program at MIT from 1984 until 1989. He is a member of the National Academy of Engineering.

The Governor is married to the former Nancy Hayes. They have eight children.

# The George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Annual Distinguished Lecture

## *The Engineer in the Public Policy Arena*



John H. Sununu  
President, JHS Associates, Inc., and  
Former Governor of New Hampshire and  
White House Chief of Staff

Thursday, April 11, 2002  
3:30 p.m.  
Auditorium in the Van Leer  
(Electrical Engineering) Building

## SYNOPSIS OF THE LECTURE

### *The Engineer in the Public Policy Arena*

Good public policy needs engineers to be good public policy makers. There isn't much new and better that happens in the world today that isn't made possible by some innovation in engineering.

But all the changes that make life better also make life a bit more complicated. To deal with those complications, we develop public policies, laws and regulations to provide the framework for the operation of an orderly, beneficial society.

While engineers continue to drive real progress and improvements to the quality of life, they generally have been reluctant to get involved in the process of developing public policy. Unfortunately, they have long considered that arena as being more appropriately the domain for other professions such as lawyers. In fact, however, society needs a more active involvement in policy development by those who understand both the potential and the limitations of technology.

Engineers need to think more seriously about accepting the responsibility of public office. If the problem solvers of the world don't participate in making public policy, then policies will be developed by those who don't know how to solve problems.

## PROGRAM

Introduction	Dr. Ward O. Winer Woodruff School Chair
Distinguished Lecture	Dr. John H. Sununu
Question-and-Answer Session	Drs. Winer and Sununu
Presentation of the Woodruff Medallion	Dr. Ward O. Winer
Reception	George P. Burdell Plaza (Adjacent to the Love Building)

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### THE WOODRUFF LECTURE

The George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Annual Distinguished Lecture was established in 1990 to honor an engineer who has made an outstanding contribution to society and to provide a forum for that person to address the Georgia Tech community. The lecture is made possible by an endowment established for the Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering by the late George W. Woodruff (class of 1917). Thus, the occasion is also an opportunity to remember and honor Mr. Woodruff's own contributions as a distinguished alumnus and as a benevolent and generous citizen of Atlanta and the State of Georgia.