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Integrity survey shows rise in student honesty

By Mary DeCamp
News Staff

Thanks to the Academic Honor Code, Tech students appear to be more aware of cheating and the appropriate actions to take when it occurs.

Last April, the Office of the Dean of Students and the Office of Institutional Research and Planning conducted an academic integrity survey to investigate how the Academic Honor Code has affected students and faculty, how students' cheating should be dealt with, and how the Tech community views general aspects of academic integrity.

This survey extended and improved upon a survey conducted in 1997 by including faculty and teaching assistants. Among the improvements were an expanded number of students and faculty being interviewed, a separate faculty survey, and the inclusion of a sanction model.

Students were asked about their observations and experiences regarding cheating and the Honor Code. Faculty members were given questions on their policies discussing and dealing with cheating and other forms of academic misconduct.

Approximately 22.6% of student responses and 11.4% of faculty and teaching assistant faculty responses were used in compiling the survey results. Overall, the results of this survey show that the majority of students at Tech are aware of the Honor Code and take it seriously.

The majority of faculty members talks about and enforces the

Honor Code and takes action when it is violated.

"I feel very confident that we're doing positive things," said Associate Dean of Students Karen Boyd. "I don't think we're done."

Comparing the results from this year's survey with those obtained in 1997 shows that the Honor Code has made students more aware of cheating and how to respond to any action of cheating that might be witnessed.

As stated in summary documents, "the 2000 Academic Integrity survey reveals that Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code seems to have positively impacted the climate of honesty on campus. While differences occur between student and faculty interpretations and actions, the campus community as a whole is more aware of the impact of misconduct."

The statistics of the survey were compiled by Dean Boyd and Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino and sent out to various administrators.

Some of the responses gathered from this survey include that over half of the students that responded first heard about the Honor Code through FASET, over 50% of the students had observed cheating on homework, and that the most common form of cheating recognized was obtaining assistance from a peer when it was prohibited.

The survey also indicated that the majority of students surveyed would ignore cheating by other stu-

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Feature Photo Exercising Free Speech



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

As a preacher ordered women students to go home and hollered about Hell last Friday afternoon, a large crowd gathered near the middle of campus in part to hear students taunt and argue with the zealot.

Freshmen request condoms in dorms

By Tony Klumper
Assistant News Editor

With the number of sexually active college students on the rise across the country, many students feel that not enough is being done to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases on college campuses. However, at their October 2 meeting, the Glenn-Cloudman Hall Council passed a bill that many students feel will help to address issues of unprotected sex.

The bill, which called for the

purchase and distribution of condoms in both Glenn and Cloudman Halls, was proposed by freshman Michael Handleman, a Glenn section representative.

"Most every other college provides students with condoms," said Handleman. "Georgia Tech is lagging behind in ignorance."

When the bill was presented to the hall council, there was much debate as to whether the bill was actually needed. The proposal called for the spending of \$70 to buy 1,000 condoms from the Student Health

Center. At first, many members of hall council felt that it was frivolous to spend \$70 on condoms when they were available for free to individual students at the Health Center.

However, as Glenn resident Ravi Pentaparty pointed out this is not always a logical option. "I think it's a good idea to provide condoms in the dorms, because like the presenter said, most people don't want to run to the Health Center at two in

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What is HAZING?

Part one of a multi-part series

The issue of hazing is rapidly becoming a controversial subject on college campuses across the nation as college administrators and students alike are realizing the true severity and breadth of the problem. However, many college students are still unaware what actions may be considered hazing by administrators. In the upcoming weeks, the *Technique* will feature articles from all sides of the issue in an attempt to answer the question, "What is hazing?"



"If you're doing something that's wrong, you need to stop it. I want the students to see the benefits of being honest."

Karen Boyd
Senior Associate Dean of Students

Drawing lines among shades of gray

By Tony Klumper
Assistant News Editor

Throughout the past few decades, the issue of hazing has remained an important subject of discussion at colleges across America. However, in the past few years, due to instances such as the death of a MIT student due to excessive drinking in a hazing situation, hazing has once again found itself in the spotlight. Because of these instances, college administrators throughout the nation are now realizing how serious a problem hazing is becoming.

Even though 41 states now consider hazing a crime, there has only been one national study completed on the issue. According to an ABC News report, the study was conducted by Alfred University in May 2000 and detailed many issues dealing with hazing in the twenty-first century.

One question that the study

does try to answer is the question of "what is hazing?" According to the report, hazing is any kind of activity that "produces mental or physical discomfort, embarrassment, harassment, or ridicule."

Over 48% of college students in America admitted to having been a victim of hazing.

However, even this definition does not give a clear definition of hazing to students and administrators on campuses across the country. The study also found that over 48% of college students in America admitted to having been a victim of hazing of any form.

Due to the fact that almost

half of the college students in the nation have been hazed, it's no surprise that Georgia Tech has not escaped the increase in hazing activities. Recently, a question of the definition of hazing has arisen on the Tech campus.

On Sunday, October 1, the Inter-Fraternity Council Judicial Board met to rule on a hazing case involving the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

At the meeting, Pi Kappa Phi was accused of four counts of what the council considered hazing. The fraternity was charged with having mandatory late work sessions for its new pledges, making pledges carry heavy objects, participating in public acts of humiliation, and making pledges participate in activities without a reasonable purpose.

One such activity of Pi Kappa Phi is an annual initiation ritual involving the lining up of

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the morning for a condom,” said Pentapaty.

According to Glenn Building Representative Matt Smithson, the debate over the bill continued for almost an hour with many students bringing up some interesting arguments, such as one female student who was concerned that her parents might see the condoms in the bathroom when they came to visit. “I thought it was one of the best ways we could use our funds,” said Smithson.

Once the debate on the issue ended and the bill was finally voted on, the result was almost unanimous support for the purchasing of the condoms, which was a surprise to Smithson. “[From the debate] it sounded like a lot of people were against [the bill],” Smithson said. However, after voting, only one representative opposed the bill. Two more abstained from the vote.

Glenn section representative Ehsan Sasharzadeh felt that he was one of the members who changed his opinion on the issue during the debate. “At first I was a little shaky about this issue, but when I hear the explanation I saw that it’s very important, especially now with all the STD’s, that people have easy access to protection,” Sasharzadeh said.

Although the purchasing of the condoms has been approved, the question remains as to how the condoms will be distributed to the residents. Initially, Handleman planned on placing them in containers in all



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Michael Handleman holds up condoms in a Glenn bathroom. A bill he proposed to his hall council passed with only one dissenting vote.

of the bathrooms. However, this plan did not sit well with some housing staff members. Many of the Peer Advisors and Peer Leaders felt that if the condoms were left in the bathrooms, they would be wasted in an immature manner.

“One of [Housing’s] arguments was that we weren’t mature enough to handle it,” said Handleman.

“Putting them in the bathroom is irresponsible, I believe,” said Bob Morton, Assistant Director of Housing. He expressed concern that practical jokers would abuse the condoms or make them unusable. “It’s just not a safe practice. There’s a lot of liability there. Whoever presented the bill will have to figure out the best way to distribute them.”

The idea was then proposed to let the PA’s and PL’s control the condom distribution, but Handleman feels this creates another barrier to having easy access to protection. “I don’t think that anyone should know if you’re having sex or any type of sexual activity.”

Even though many would feel uncomfortable going to their peer leader for a condom, Pentapaty does not agree with this view. “I would most definitely feel comfortable going to my PL for a condom, because if we placed them in the bathroom, I just know people would abuse the privilege,” said Pentapaty.

Conversely, there are many PL’s and PA’s who would not feel comfortable distributing condoms to their residents. “If I am asked to distribute condoms, I will refuse, and I will do everything in my power to get them out of housing,” said Glenn

peer leader Tim Hardcastle.

Although there are those who disagree with the bill, the majority of the Glenn-Cloudman Hall Council agreed with the bill, which according to Handleman proves a very important point. “If it passes with a majority [vote] in hall council, that says something, that the students want it,” said Handleman.

The *Technique* was unable to receive the opinions of numerous peer leaders in Glenn because a Department of Housing staff advisor asked her staff not to comment on the situation to members of the *Technique* staff.

“I have had conversations with people from the *Technique* trying to gain information about the condom issue from the last hall council meeting. I am asking you as your staff advisor not to speak to them about the meeting,” said Staff Advisor Chrissy Sewell in an e-mail sent Wednesday evening to members of the Freshman Experience staff.

The question remains as to how the condoms will be distributed. Although all students may not have agreed with the decision, hall council secretary Kim Holton feels the issue was addressed properly.

“I’m glad that hall council can be an outlet for an issue of student health and that we are able to be a groundbreaking hall council on this important and controversial issue,” said Holton.

“Of all the people who should have access [to condoms],” said Handleman, “it should be the Freshmen.”

News briefs

SGA Elections Committee Applications sought

Students looking to make a difference, want to affect how the Student Government Association works, and value the fair and honest election of SGA leaders may want to consider joining the SGA Elections Committee.

The Student Government Association is currently seeking energetic, dedicated, and creative students to serve as members of the 2000-2001 Elections Committee. This committee oversees and operates the SGA spring elections. For those interested, applications will be available Friday, October 6, in the SGA Office (Suite 131 Student Services Building) or on-line at <http://sga.gatech.edu>. Applications are due Tuesday, October 17, by 5:00 p.m. in the SGA office.

Resume workshop to be held Tuesday morning

The African American Student Union and Texas Instruments will co-sponsor a resume workshop on Tuesday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m. in the Student Center Theater.

Admission to the workshop is three copies of a current resume. Food will be served.

Movie Committee presents Mission: Impossible 2

This weekend, the Student Center Movie Committee will present *Mission: Impossible 2* starring Tom Cruise, Ving Rhames, and Thandie Newton.

Showings will be on Friday, October 6 at 7:00 and 10:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7 at 4:00, 7:00 & 10:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Center Theater.

Admission is \$2 with a Tech ID, \$3 without.

Student Center seeks to fill leadership positions

The Student Center is recruiting for its 2001 leaders. Openings are for the positions of the Student Center Officers (President, Vice President, and Treasurer) as well as for the Programs Board Chairs.

The center seeks enthusiastic, committed, organized individuals who want to have fun, meet some great people around campus, and be challenged.

No experience is necessary. To pick up an application, come to an information session on either Monday, October 16 at 6:30 p.m. in Student Center room 343 or Thursday, October 26 at 3:30 p.m. (Room TBA, look for upcoming announcements)

If you are unable to attend, please contact VP Daaimah Jones at vicepresident@stucen.gatech.edu. Application deadlines are Tues, Oct 31 at 4:00 p.m. in the Student Center Programs Area located on the 3 Floor. Officer Interviews are Monday, November 6. Chair Interviews are Thursday, November 2 and Tuesday, November 7.

Announcements? E-mail news@technique.gatech.edu

Council Clippings

UHR passes resolution supporting arts

By Mary DeCamp
News Staff

The October 3 meeting of the Undergraduate House of Representatives had greater attendance than usual, as many members of the chorale and other music ensembles attended the meeting to show support for a resolution supporting the Music Department. This resolution asked for support for the expansion of space provided to musical ensembles.

Chemistry representative Rusty Johnson spoke in favor of the passage of the resolution and presented reasons why it was in the best interest of the Tech student body to pass the bill. Johnson felt that the current conditions the Music Department has to work with are less than adequate, and this bill is part of the process of working to move into better facilities.

After much discussion among the representative, the Tech cho-

rale bill was passed.

Another highlight of the meeting was the swearing in of the new SGA representatives for Civil Engineering, Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Public Policy and the sophomore class. However, it was announced that the Schools of Mathematics, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Science Technology and Culture, and Architecture were still in need of representatives.

In addition, a representative from the Buzz Card Center spoke about all of the changes that will be taking place with the Buzz Card program in the near future.

Not only has a new Web site with updated information been created, but students are now able to make on-line deposits to their Buzz Card funds with a credit card from any computer on or off campus.

The Buzz Card Center is now planning to equip various food and beverage machines around campus with the ability to take Buzz Cards.

Within the next few months, a total of 32 machines, in locations such as the Student Center and Brittain Rec, will be able to perform this new function. A beverage vending machine outside of the Buzz Card Center is already equipped with this option.

Vice President David Moeller reported that the JCEUL, a program created to address such issues as teaching assistant training and midterm course evaluations, is having continued success. President J.R. Spriggle reminded everyone that the Student Advisory Council Conference will be held October 27-29 in Albany, GA.

The Undergraduate House of Representatives meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm in room 117 of the Student Services Building. All students are welcome and encouraged to attend, however students can contact their class and major representatives if they have any opinions or comments.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Kent Siebenek and Erica Young look on during Tuesday night's UHR meeting. Siebenek was sworn in as the Aerospace Engineering representative. Several resolutions passed, including one supporting the Music Dept.

Update Home Park unrest

Student residents call neighborly tensions a myth

By Jennifer Hinkel
News Editor

In reponse to a September 8 article on Home Park, several student residents came forth to argue that “tensions” were the result of one woman’s dissatisfaction with students living in the area.

Linda Rivera, the resident in question, told the *Technique* that “a lot of people around here simply hate students,” citing problems such as “drunken binges, loud screaming, [and] parking all over the place,” near her Hampton Street home.

“We feel that this whole issue has been blown out of proportion,” wrote Hampton St. residents Jason Lunz, Neal Zaher, Michael Shirk, and Brandy Mitcham, who have often been targeted by Rivera’s complaints.

“The one or two times per semester we throw a party, we always notify our neighbors beforehand and ask them to let us know if we get too loud. They’ve never had any problem with it, and we’ve been on good terms with them for the year and a half we’ve lived here.”

“[Rivera] has this history of hassling anyone she can,” said Lunz. “It’s become obvious. By no stretch of the imagination have we had a ‘big, wild party.’ But she’s never once spoken to us, or called, or anything.”

When police have reported to Rivera’s calls, no citations were issued.

No other neighbors have complained about noise, although Lunz admits that cars parked on the street could cause problems for emergency vehicle access.

“Some of the bigger issues [in Home Park] are really more related to binge drinking than parking,” said Jennifer Burke, president of the Home Park Community Improvement Association.

“I don’t see [neighborhood relations] as being a general problem,” said Lunz. “I’ve liked all the neighbors I’ve had in Home Park.”

“We don’t have problems in Home Park,” said Shirk. “We’re all just trying to have a good time.”

“There is no correlation with big parties and Tech students,” added Lunz. “Half of the people who live here don’t go to school, and many others don’t go to Tech.”

Both Lunz and Shirk feel that Tech administration acting on Home Park issues would be unfounded.

“What possible authority could they have?” questioned Lunz.



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students in Home Park report no problems dealing with their non-student neighbors. Some residents had complained in past months.

Academic Integrity Statistics

- 35.7% of students’ professors do not provide copies of old exams and/or sample test questions.
- 13.8% of faculty believe they could trust their students during an unproctored exam; 32.8% of students feel they could be trusted.
- 81.2% of students feel an ‘F’ is appropriate if a student cheats on a final; only 2.9% feel an ‘F’ is appropriate for any instance of academic misconduct.
- 61% of faculty feel a student giving assistance should be sanctioned the same as a student receiving assistance; only 35.6% of students feel the same.
- 34.1% of students and 40.6% of faculty feel that graduate students should receive harsher sanctions than undergrads.
- 60.3% of students and 71.8% of faculty feel that Teaching Assistants or Graduate Assistants should lose their assistantships if found guilty of academic misconduct.
- Comparing survey results this year with those from 1997, 56.8% of students witnessed cheating by peers on homework in 2000, while three years ago only 38.2% witnessed the same.
- 89.9% of students say they have never cheated on an exam; 59.8% say they have never cheated on homework.
- 2.3% of students say they occasionally to frequently cheat on exams; 13.1% say they occasionally to frequently cheat on homework.
- 24.3% of students feel that their professors clearly define cheating; 15.4% feel their professors’ explanations of cheating are unclear.

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dents, but only four percent of faculty would ignore it.

62% of the faculty members surveyed said they explicitly explained academic integrity expectations from students, but only half of the faculty who recognize cheating follow the appropriate steps and report the occurrence to the Office of the Dean of Students.

Slightly over half of the students who responded said they never cheated on college exams, homework, labs, or computer programs. Only a third of students surveyed this year say they have not witnessed cheating by their peers, as compared to 47% not witnessing cheating by their peers in 1997. 60% percent of students surveyed in 2000 said they would ignore cheating; 75% of students surveyed in 1997 said they would ignore cheating.

Slightly over half of the respondents in 1997 admitted to cheating in high school, as compared to 47% of the 2000 students surveyed

A majority of 81.2% of students surveyed thought that an ‘F’ should be assigned if a student cheats on a final exam, compared to 71.4% of faculty. However, 9.2% of faculty members surveyed thought that an ‘F’ should be given for any instance of academic misconduct compared to 2.9% of students.

“[The survey] clearly said that the environment for honor is improving on Tech’s campus,” said Boyd.

Clough prepares State of the Institute address

By Kim Holton
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On October 19, President Clough will deliver the annual State of the Institute address in the Student Center Ballroom at 11:00 a.m. The multimedia presentation and speech will consist of two parts.

“First, President Clough will talk about the highlights of the changes and accomplishments of the past year, followed by plans for the upcoming year,” said James Stovall, president of ODK, the national leadership honor society which will sponsor the event. The main goal of the address is to keep the student body informed of what is happening now at Georgia Tech and what the plans are for the future.”

Students can expect topics such as discussion of SAC II, the bookstore move, and the 5th Street de-

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President, Omicron Delta Kappa

velopment project.

“One topic that will be a major portion of his speech is the teaching and learning initiative that Dr. McMath proposed and has been mentioned around campus lately,” said Stovall. Following the presentation, President Clough will field questions from the students.

“The reason why I feel this is important to the student body is because students are often unaware of what is happening on campus,” said

Stovall.

“When a new plan is looking to take in student feedback, students should know what is being planned so that they can give their input. Often, students do not let their opinion be known until it is too late. Also, if there is an issue that is not being addressed, students can make the problem known. By being aware, students can look to get involved in areas to affect the development of Georgia Tech.”

Feature Photo



By David Ziskind / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

As midterms approach during Tech’s fourth semester in history, a student commits to studying his course material with hopes of an A.

Provost search continues

By Elizabeth Costner
News Staff

After a 21 year career at GA Tech, Provost Dr. Mike Thomas announced his intention to resign this summer.

He will be moving to a new position as executive director of the Center for Internet Research, Policy, and Application, a new center at Tech for the integration of Internet-related research.

The search for a new Provost has already begun with “an ad that will probably run this week or next week” said Thomas.

The search committee will screen applicants for the position, check references, and invite some applicants to interview for the position on campus. After the list has been narrowed down to three candidates, President Clough will choose a new Provost.

The search committee includes one undergraduate student, one graduate student, one dean, members of the faculty, Dean of Students Gail DiSabatino, and head of the Office of Information Technology (OIT) John Mullin.

Several criteria exist for choosing a new Provost for the Institute.

“[The committee seeks a candidate who] has a strong academic background and a successful academic career who has already been in a position of academic leadership” said Thomas.

“[As Provost], the deans of each

of the six colleges report to me. Everything on the academic and research side is reported through me, enrollment, co-op, OMED, center for enhancement teaching, international programs, and OIT.”

In addition to continuing these responsibilities, the new Provost will help “keep GA Tech moving forward,” said Thomas.

“For the past ten years, we have had the best freshman class in the country. We need to keep that ranking up and continue to get good faculty and students.”

“Georgia Tech owes Mike a huge debt for his astute leadership that helped us achieve major strides in national recognition,” said President Clough. “Personally, I have enjoyed our working relationship and thank Mike for all he has done to help me in making the difficult decisions that are needed to advance the Institute.”

“[I] will be responsible for increasing collaboration, expanding research opportunities and forging new research alliances in such areas as information security, information technology policy, e-business and new hardware and software systems,” said Thomas of his new role on campus.

“This is a perfect opportunity for Georgia Tech, and Mike Thomas is the ideal person to lead this effort. If anyone can coordinate our efforts and improve Tech’s visibility in an area critical to our future, it’s Mike Thomas,” said Clough.



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Provost

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all the pledges in front the Dean Griffin stature at midnight and having the pledge educator ask the pledges numerous questions of chapter and fraternity history. The big brothers then help the pledges answer the questions that become increasingly difficult.

Although some felt this was an example of hazing, the fraternity felt the purpose was to show that the big brothers would always be there to support the pledging members.

Members of Pi Kappa Phi were present at the meeting to defend some of their actions. The representatives of the fraternity told the council that Pi Kappa Phi’s did not purposefully intend to participate in hazing activities.

“It never would be Pi Kappa Phi’s intention to humiliate or embarrass our members,” said fraternity representatives during the hearing.

After hearing both sides of the argument, the IFC Judicial Board decided that the fraternity was guilty of all but one of the counts of hazing. Pi Kappa Phi was not found guilty of making pledges carry heavy objects.

According to Dean Karen Boyd, Pi Kappa Phi set a very good example when dealing with the issue of hazing on campus.

“I saw what occurred and my understanding was that the fraternity was very forthright and quick to take responsibility early on,” said Boyd.

Boyd expressed the desire of the Dean of Students office to work with organizations that take responsibility and commit to the prevention of hazing.

“If you’re doing something that’s wrong, you need to stop it. I want the students to see the benefits of being honest,” said Boyd.

The Pi Kappa Phi hazing situation brings up a question for most Tech students: the question of what should be defined as hazing and where the line between what is hazing and what is not should be drawn.

Although the IFC Judiciary Council found Pi Kappa Phi responsible for hazing, they realized that the degree of the hazing was not serious enough to take a more weighty action, such as suspending the fraternity from campus.

Instead, sanctions include meeting with Mark Douglas, Greek Affairs Coordinator, to review the member education process. The meeting must be held before November 3.

The top officers of the fraternity must also prepare a presentation for the membership about the event in question, its background, and why it was determined to be a form of hazing.

Pi Kappa Phi has agreed to revise the ritual as needed to eliminate any form of hazing.



By Otto Chiang / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Pi Kappa Phi was found guilty of violating three parts of the IFC hazing code. Stay tuned for upcoming coverage investigating campus opinions on hazing in an attempt to answer questions and define “what is hazing?”