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Visiting professor takes on controversial issues in lecture and Q&A

By Leslie Francisco
Contributing Writer

Tech does not have a particular reputation for stepping on students' rights, but those who attended Dr. Anne Dupre's discussion on Thursday night know that voicing an opinion may be harder than it sounds.

Dupre gave a lecture in the Student Center Ballroom on Thursday, Sept. 20 as a part of the Finding Common Ground initiative. The seminar, entitled "Taboo Topics: How Free is Your Speech at Tech?" dealt with controversial issues facing college students such as the first amendment, Title IX, sexual harassment, personal liberties and the vague line between legality and illegality.

Courts all over the country are struggling to establish a list of what they consider allowable and unallowable. For example, schools and universities have to contend with student violence and administering an acceptable punishment for the students who pose a risk to their classmates. After the Columbine High School tragedy and similar incidents, most schools and universities have taken increasingly serious precautions against violence.

Threats, even said jokingly, are not taken lightly anymore, and students who are different or who seem to be outsiders are carefully watched. Is this an invasion of privacy? Is it a product of stereotypes that single out individuals who are unique or perhaps just introverted?

"This is now a post-Virginia Tech world. People are nervous about students who act irrationally, and when people have fear, they overreact," said Dupre, a professor of educational law at the University of Georgia.

In order to maintain order on campus, authorities must take seemingly overcautious measures to prevent potential attacks.

Violence against innocent people is what these laws and regulations are trying to prevent, but what constitutes "innocent?" Judicial officials are having a difficult time deciding what an individual must do to be stripped of the "innocent" label.

For instance, a University of Florida student was recently tasered at a political event—was the student a victim of police brutality, or was he truly a danger to the others present?

"[Law enforcement officials] have to battle the line between liberty and order. They must maintain order, as they are afraid of disruption. They must also observe the liberties guaranteed citizens by the Constitution: they can't

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Student leaders attend Summit

By Aileen Li
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Tech is not only an institute full of engineers, artists and scientists; it is an institute of leaders and entrepreneurs.

With so many well developed organizations on campus, Tech students get a full taste of leadership before stepping into the real world.

Consequently, Tech offers many opportunities for student leaders to develop their skills and better govern their organizations.

Last Sunday, the President's Council Governing Board (PCGB) held its annual President's Summit program at the Student Center.

PCGB was established to promote communication and collaboration among all student organizations at Tech and to increase organizational interaction and capabilities.

"PCGB is an excellent way for diversely involved student leaders to use the skills that they are developing to better serve all student organizations and the Tech community as a whole," said Tauhira Hoossainy, the chair of PCGB.

The aim of the Summit is to promote interaction between organizations and give presidents and executive members of campus organizations tools to make their organizations more successful.

The day consisted of networking, panels, discussion groups and workshops to promote interaction between all Georgia Tech student organizations.

"Summit brings together the presidents and the highest executive members of campus organizations together to develop their own leadership skills in areas directly relevant to Georgia Tech student life," Hoossainy said.

Although the Summit is a good opportunity for all current and future leaders to broaden their views, the program is not open to all students as of this year.

"Invitations are sent out to all organizational presidents, and they are can bring one guest to the event," said Danielle McDonald, the director of Student Involvement and the Advisor of PGCB.

Throughout the day, guests participated in personalized programs focused on what they consider to

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A panel of former Tech student leaders answer questions at the closing Q&A session at this year's Presidents' Summit. The event was planned and presented by the President Council Governing Board.

Honor Advisory Council promotes academic honor

By Jameel Khan
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While most Tech students are familiar with the consequences of an Honor Code violation, fewer are aware of the initiatives that exist to protect, promote and to inform students about the Institute's academic integrity.

The Honor Advisory Council is an independent student-run organization that promotes awareness of the Institute's Honor Code and Academic Integrity throughout the Tech community.

This perception, however, is changing due to innovative campus-wide initiatives the council has been implementing in an attempt to publicize its importance as an information resource to students about the Honor Code, academic integrity, and the process in general.

"By our nature we are a proactive group, so we are going to try and go out and tell people about the Honor Code and about Academic Integrity," said HAC Chair Eli Riddle.

One of the council's most important educational programs is their annual presentation at FASET.

"It's a big chance for us to talk with the freshmen right when they're getting here and tell them what the expectations are of a Tech student concerning the Honor Code," Riddle said. In addition to FASET, the council also speaks at Freshman Convocation, GT1000 classes, and TA Orientation.

"We are really trying to put the idea of the Honor Code and HAC in the public eye and help people realize that the Code is a daily thing in the life of a Tech student," said Sam Vojdani, a second-year undergraduate member who is heading up the new PR campaign.

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> Second Year HAC member

The council is currently revamping many of its presentations, enhancing their website, creating new mediums such as movies and skits, planning engaging events and advertising more. HAC members also hold weekly office hours, which are available to all students for general advising purposes.

Honor Awareness Week is another big event the council hosts every fall semester.

Last year HAC had an open panel discussion on ethics and integrity with guest speakers such as Tech Athletic Director Dan Radakovich and associate professor of Public Policy Richard Barke.

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trample all over people's rights," Dupre said.

Dupre also mentioned the use of video in today's society. YouTube and other video-publishing web sites provide a secret window for strangers to watch videos posted by students or their friends. Knowing that there is an ever-present chance that a seemingly innocuous mistake can end up on the web adds a sense of reluctance to everybody's daily routines.

For that very reason, Dupre does not allow her students to videotape her lectures. Her reasoning, however, is not because she is afraid that she will end up all over the web, but that her students will.

If a student answers a question incorrectly, then when that student graduates and decides to run for office, it will not be difficult for his or her opponents to find propaganda material if it is on YouTube.

"Take the Miss Teen South Carolina mistake for example. That poor girl has one screw-up, and suddenly there are all these videos of her on the internet. Can't a girl get a little bit of privacy?" Dupre said.

The topic addressed by the majority of the seminar was free speech. How are people supposed to know what is protected under the "free speech" umbrella and what is not? The line between free speech and verbal harassment is very hazy.

For instance, it is common knowledge that running into a movie theatre shouting "FIRE!" is not protected under "free speech," but what about voicing political views and opinions? If a group of students wanted to rally against a certain political figure or movement, they would be allowed to do so – unless it gets out of hand.

According to Dupre, in front of the student union at the University of Georgia, there is a certain area of campus called the "Free Speech Zone." In this area, students are allowed to protest whatever they see fit, and the university cannot bother them.

"Of all places, a college campus should be a place for people to voice their opinions," Dupre said.

Political protests have a reputation for being mildly vicious, but the really infamous events involve religious or racial propaganda. Religions especially differ greatly in the kinds of things that their followers believe.

It is to be expected that people will passionately defend their own religion against all other religions. Here's the free speech catch: the arguers have to determine what is accepted as "an outlet of personal opinion" and what constitute fighting words against other religions.

Moreover, authorities are struggling to decide what to do with student organizations that operate against the norm. High schools support clubs and groups, and the principal is responsible for allowing groups permission to establish themselves.

However, several high schools have had to completely abolish club involvement because certain "unworthy" groups wanted to form. Is this right? Should a high school, firstly, be able to deny certain kinds of student clubs the right to meet? Secondly, when the school realizes that they cannot deny specific clubs to meet, should they be able to completely do away with clubs entirely?

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Students pass the microphone to voice their opinion at the Taboo Topics session, which took place last Thursday in the Student Center.

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Dr. Anne Dupre, an educational law professor at the University of Georgia, presents her lecture and Q&A on current social taboos.

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Another important topic discussed was how speech encompasses every means by which humans communicate.

Not just spoken words, but picket signs, t-shirts and bumper stickers are all ways that Americans choose to voice their opinions. Some people wear t-shirts that are highly offensive and crude just because they are permitted to do so. Should these determined people be allowed to wear t-shirts with their slogan of choice? Many people believe that some slightly vile apparel is acceptable, but at what point do they become hateful?

The United States is wrestling with decisions like these every day. The freedom granted under the First Amendment is indeed a double-edged sword.

The freedom to voice opinion is essentially the backbone of American political philosophy, but Dupre brought to light in her discussion the issues that seem to straddle the line between socially acceptable and unacceptable.

While no one may readily have an answer or clear way to define citizens' rights, the important action is to reflect on them and not take them for granted.

Professor explores global diplomacy in new book

By David Lowry
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A crowd of 25 to 30 people gathered as a Tech professor sat reviewing his notes. Last Wednesday, Sept. 19, Adam Stulberg, an associate professor in the Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, discussed his latest book *Well-Oiled Diplomacy: Strategic Manipulation and Russia's Energy Statecraft in Eurasia* at Barnes and Noble in Tech Square.

"I wanted to see how states can use globalization as a tool," Stulberg said.

His book focuses on Russia's use of energy as a tool for statecraft. Although Russia is currently defined as a "weak state," it has had an extraordinary effect on the international community in the last decade. Stulberg credits this success to Russia's skills in strategic manipulation.

"I try to offer an alternative way to think about persuasion," Stulberg said.

His book looks at how states can affect desirable situations without resorting to threats while redefining statecraft.

Stulberg did not start this project on his own. Senator Nunn, a U.S. senator from Georgia from 1972 to 1997 and the namesake of the Sam Nunn School , asked Stulberg to investigate Russian statecraft.

"It's a curious puzzle, but what is power?" Stulberg said, referring to Russia's simultaneous power and weakness.

Well-Oiled Diplomacy investigates how Russia uses its vast amounts of natural gas, oil and other fuels to affect the international policies of other states over a period of ten years.

Russia is the only state in the world that can totally rely on its own energy resources, especially coal, natural gas and oil. Although countries like Saudi Arabia have large amounts of oil, they lack the other natural resources.

What does his book suggest? "Well, energy is hugely important," Stulberg said. Russia's use and control of its natural gas reserves allowed it to manipulate at least two other states.

One of the unique aspects of the book is its perspective. Almost all books that discuss statecraft approach the subject from a Western view, and from the view of the United States in particular.

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> **Associate Professor, INTA**

But his book looks only at Russia and four states surrounding Russia. The contrasting point of view could not have come at a better time.

"This book is in the middle of a rife debate," Stulberg said.

He also indicated his hope that the shelf life of the book would increase because of the timing, as it touches on pertinent topics in global politics today.

Globalization, or the integration of economic, cultural, political and social customs through increased international relations, is bringing the nations of the world closer and closer together every day.

Even though Stulberg began to write his book years ago, he believes that the ideas in his book will become more and more applicable as time progresses.

In addition to describing the fundamental ideas behind his book and how it came to be written, Stulberg also stayed behind for a brief question and answer session.

Several members from the audience raised questions about Russia and the book's relevance towards the rest of the world.

When asked about modern implications towards subjects such as nuclear development in Iran, Stulberg could only say that Russia should not have a significant impact. It concerns a different resource in a different part of the globe.

Stulberg also assured the crowd, however, that Russia's clever use of its natural resources will impact the European Union.

"Obviously, the EU has woke up to its rising dependence on hydrocarbons," Stulberg said.

But the effects of this "curious puzzle," as Stulberg put it, are yet to be seen fully. "This issue is not going away," Stulberg said.

For those who want more information, Stulberg also suggested that the idea of strategic manipulation will be at the Nunn forum in March.

Although this is his first public book written on his own, Stulberg has co-authored two books before.

These books, *Managing Military Revolutions* and *Preventing Nuclear Meltdown* also explore international relations in a state-to-state context.

By Colin Ake /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stulberg presents a talk on his newly released book, *Well Oiled Diplomacy* last Wednesday at Barnes and Noble in Tech Square.

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I wonder if Six Falgs is better than Six Flags
2 little columns of Slivers just doesn't cut it. Nique needs to cut some of their crappy stories so more slivers get printed
GIMME YOUR MONEY!
ATTN Intl Students: OIE gives tuition waiver to all intl students, check their website for more
Chan Gailey couldn't inspire a starving man to eat.
OIE Tuition Waiver application open International students should apply
bennett is a flop; fire chan gaily
&No, I can't.
who or what is coming this fall? sure isnt the football team
ATO embodies all that is classless in America. I'm just saying...
Arthur is a poop head.
GT's ATO = Dregs of American affluence
The editors need to ask people who they were aiming at in the BC game. Most people won't say the players or cheerleaders. The refs just happened to blow hard and deserved everything thrown at them.
"The article alleges that one of the factors was the influence of alcohol"
Gasp! Alcohol? At a college football game? Oh no!
I <3 GT internet... downloaded a 500 meg update in less than a minute!
IHTFP
to whoever keeps baking in Brown 3rd floor: it's not fair to make the hall smell good and not share!
Gators against obnoxious people - I would have tasered Andrew Meyer too!
growing up sucks
guilt: not just for catholics
why are the robots so sad?
E F Shibeshi! Please say the Shibeshi!
Everyone needs to get the Valve Orange Box and play Team Fortress 2 - it works even though it won't be released for 2 weeks
In post-humanist existential theory it is safe to say that Arthur is a poop head.
I go to sleep wondering if Yingjie still challenges us: "Is that right?"
dear 'other woman' from last week: the ratio is alr3eady bad enough without 1 guy having 2 women

By Ben Keyserling /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Chris Fehn gives a presentation on the Career Tech Portfolio to student leaders during lunch at this year's President's Summit.

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be the most important needs of the organization or their leadership styles.

In addition, they are given the opportunity to attend a number of workshops and mingle with some of Tech's administrators to further improve their leadership and communication skills.

The theme for this year's Summit was "Fortify Your Organization," with clever session titles like "Event Planning Like a Rock Star."

A number of Tech's administrators provided workshops and seminars to fully meet the need of Tech's young leaders.

Just to mention a few, Sally Hammock, the associate director for Programs at the Student Center, focused her workshop on how to effectively hold and manage a meeting. The workshop provided strategies to evaluate an organization meeting and taught leaders to make them more productive and enjoyable at the same time.

Stephanie Ray, associate dean of Students and the Director of Diversity Programs, presented scientifically formulated programming strategies for both active and exhausted student leaders.

Knowing how important it is for an executive team to set the tone as a whole for the organization, Amy Stalzer, the assistant director of Success Programs, gave valuable advice on how to select the best officers, members and advisors.

Additionally, Danielle McDonald hosted a session on how a leader's personality style can influence his/her leadership and how to meet the needs and get the best from an executive team and organization.

With more than 90 RSVPs, PCGB felt that the event was overall very successful.

"The event went extremely well; we had great speakers who hosted great workshops," McDonald said.

Students who went seem to have benefited from this event as well.

"I think the Summit gave me a great opportunity to network with Tech administrators and alumni, talk to them and learn from them," said Katie Dieterman, the president of Omicron Delta Kappa.

"I've already started using some of the resources that I learned from the workshops provided and I hope to utilize the tools I learned and make a difference in my organization," Dieterman said.

PCGB plans to continue fostering communication initiatives between the members of the Presidents' Council, which is comprised of the presidents of all the student organizations.

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> **Tauhira Hoossainy**
> **Chair, Presidents' Council Governing Board**

"We plan to move forward with Presidents' Council meetings as a forum for campus presidents," Hoossainy said.

The first Presidents' Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11. The president or an equivalent representative from every student organization on campus will be invited to discuss both specific and general issues concerning organizations.

Want to get involved? PCGB typically holds recruitment early in the spring semesters and is tentatively planning to conduct a recruitment drive at the end of this fall semester.

Now that this year's Summit event has ended, students can look forward to other PCGB events such as Up with the White & Gold with Ambassadors and the Burdell's Best Awards.

By Ben Keyserling /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stephanie Ray, Associate Dean of Students energizes her attendees at her session by having them dance to "Party Like a Rock Star."

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A relatively small organization, the council is comprised of thirteen members: an advisor from the Office of Student Integrity, two graduate students ten undergraduate students. Spanning only ten years, the council has seen tremendous improvement since its inception.

"Every year that I have been on the council I think we have been moving forward," said Stephen Thompson, HAC Vice Chair.

"Since the Honor Code is getting older, it is getting more established and I think that is one of the most important roles that HAC has... to help get the Honor Code more established in the campus community," Thompson said.

"The Honor Code is so much about community and people sometimes see it as being punitive or just a bunch of rules when really we want people to think about it as community," said Mitch Keller, one of the graduate student HAC members.

Keller has certainly contributed to spreading awareness in his five years on the council by reaching out to graduate and international students.

"We started a program to work with the Office of International Education on international student orientations in providing an optional session there to talk about cultural differences in academic integrity," Keller said.

Keller also commented on the strategies the HAC uses to reach students in the most effective manner.

"We try to keep it interactive and case-study based so they can talk about [various issues]," Keller said.

In addition to proactively educating students about the Honor Code, HAC also provides a seminar on ethics as a supplementary requirement for people who are found responsible of an academic violation.

Students from HAC will lead a group of other students in discussion about what honor and integrity are and what they mean to both the Tech community and life after college.

Formerly called the Academic Integrity Seminar, the scope of the program has expanded and is now called the Ethics Seminar.

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> **Mitch Keller**
> Graduate HAC member

"We have some neat activities in the discussions that are brought up in the seminar because our process here is an educational process, so we know that people are going to make mistakes. We feel that college is the time for people to learn from those mistakes," Riddle said.

Riddle also noted that the seminar is an important way to identify behavior in violation of the Honor Code and to take the appropriate measures to correct it.

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> **Eli Riddle**
> Chair, HAC

"This seminar is a chance for students who might have messed up and cheated to learn to take something away from that...hopefully that carries on into the community," Riddle said.

It is important to note, however, that there exists a clear dichotomy among the Honor Advisory Council and the Honor Committee regarding judicial hearings for academic violations.

While the Honor Committee conducts the hearings and makes decisions concerning sanctions, HAC serves to mainly advise students on the overall judicial process and to educate them on the Code.

Every year, members from the council also attend at least one national conference on ethics and academic integrity.

"This is a great opportunity for the council members to discuss with other schools issues related to academic integrity and find out how other schools are educating their student body about honor and integrity," said HAC Advisor David Dial. Also a Judicial Coordinator in the Office of Student Integrity, Dial plays an important role with the Honor Advisory Council.

"My role as an advisor is to help students on the council understand the policies regarding academic integrity at Tech so I can better help inform them about the policies and statistics surrounding academic integrity so that they can then turn around and better serve the Tech community," Dial said.

The story of Tech alumnus Bobby Jones calling a double-stroke penalty on himself in the 1925 U.S. Open might have cost him the Championship by just one shot, but his decision not only embodies the true meaning of integrity, but it also illustrates that honor and integrity apply to much more than just the classroom.

For more information concerning the Honor Advisory Council, please send an e-mail to **honor@gatech.edu** or contact any member on HAC. Also visit the web site for more information: **http://www.honor.gatech.edu**.

By Jon Drews/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

HAC members Taylor Narewski, Michael Gilbert and Ashley Newton discuss upcoming projects and initiatives at one of their meetings.

WHAT IS THE HONOR CHALLENGE?

By Blake Israel/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

"I commit to uphold the ideals of honor and integrity by refusing to betray the trust bestowed upon me as a member of the Georgia Tech community."

Prominently displayed on plaques in classrooms, the Honor Challenge reminds students of their duty to maintain the integrity of their academic work by following the statutes of the honor code.

According to the Honor Advisory Council website, "through the work of the Honor Advisory Council, students have continued year after year to not only educate the campus as a whole, but to create a foundation of integrity for our community."