

**Issues of Honor**

The Georgia Tech academic Honor Code states that "the fundamental objective of the Institute is to provide the students with a high quality education while developing in them a sense of ethics." More specifically, one of the stated objectives of the Tech Honor Code is "to prevent any students from gaining an unfair advantage over other students through academic misconduct."

Did Dr. Raymond Flannery violate the spirit of this honor code when he supplied his section of Physics 2121 the exact code when he supplied his section of Physics 2121 the exact final standardized final prior to the exam? Yes. Should Dr. Flannery be reprimanded and made an example of for his obvious lack of judgement in these final days of Spring Quarter 1998? No.

Dr. Flannery’s misstep, although raising serious concerns concerning the value of his teaching methods, can be more constructively examined as representative of much broader issues surrounding professor compliance with and respect for Tech’s academic Honor Code. Without doubt, Dr. Flannery’s careless actions were in violation of the very fabric which underpins the basis of the Honor Code. Yet, the commonality of his actions among Tech professors and instructors is to such an extent that we can not punish him as an embarrassing exception.

Doubtless few Georgia Tech professors pay much attention to the faculty responsibilities outlined in the Honor Code. This fact becomes more painfully obvious in light of Dr. Flannery’s recent violation. Yes, Dr. Flannery’s Tech colleagues have a right to be insulted by his actions. But, these same colleagues must first examine their own compliance to the Honor Code before judging his.

Professors should now critique the jobs they are performing. Each faculty member must now analyze their own possible misconduct. By doing everything we possibly can to maintain the integrity of the academic Honor Code, we in turn work to uphold the value and future value of a Georgia Tech degree.

**Consensus Opinion**

I gather that Katie Grove feels victimized by tactful speech. Maybe she will feel more free if I call her a neo-Nazi nut. Her article in the Oct. 9 Technique is one of the most right-wing I’ve seen in these pages in many weeks. Are you sure she writes her own stuff? I think she must have cribbed the following section from a John Birch society tract: “These are the people who, with bleeding hearts and expensive educations, infiltrate our government and seize power to enforce political correctness and initiatives like affirmative action, the Americans with disabilities act, and Medicare. This kind of legislation is not representa- tive of positive change.”

Conspiracy talk of this kind was propounded by American neo-Nazis’ when New Deal legislation was being passed in the thirties. However, the thirties era neo-Nazis’ claimed that the government infiltrators with the expensive educations also had big noses and their last names ended with “berg” or “stein.” I’m glad to know that Miss Grove is an equal opportunity red baiter.

While I’m on the subject of red bashing, let me give Ms. Grove some pointers. When alleging that sec- tions of the government are infil- trated by advocates of the PC movement it is often helpful to state a particular government agency by name and claim a definite number of conspirators for example “There are 247 known members of the Politi- cal Correctness Movement work- ing in the State Department today.”

This makes your claim seem more real and alarming. Don’t worry if you can’t remember the number. You can use a different one each time.

It was quite clever for Ms. Grove to link legislation spanning more than fifty years into the same con- spiracy. She could make the con- spiracy sound even older and more menacing by suggesting that the plans for these laws and also those for food nutrition labels, and airbags, were hatched by Karl Marx, who founded the communist movement in the nineteenth century to spread P.C. propaganda to bleeding hearts with expensive educations...

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**Political correctness, sensitivity beneficial**

In last week’s staff editorial, Katie Grove made the point that the P.C. is a “harmful movement [that] has created legions of Americans who have labeled themselves . . . victims of society.” One point I didn’t find in her lengthy diatribe was that these minority groups have been “victims” of society.

That this criticism comes from a Georgia Tech student doesn’t entirely surprise me. The fact we are here at one of the nations premier universities makes it considerably easy for us to look down from our “Tech Tower” and say that the groups below don’t have the right to be acknowledged or represented. This is one of the most frightening as- pects of our society. We must see these minority groups as humans. Instead of dismissing the man on the street as a “bum,” we must re- member he’s still a human being man who through whatever circum- stance became a homeless person.

That citizens are able to alter their reprehensible speech towards oth- ers is woeful. We should transcend the buzzwords “political correctness” and focus more on sensitivity and awareness. Otherwise what’s to stop me from designating Katie as a “schemed b-t-h on a superiority trip” or her from discarding me as a “overly sensitive n-g-g-r whose toes got stepped on.”

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**Quote of the week:**

“I hold it to be the inalienable right of anybody to go to hell in his own way” - Robert Frost

**Hail Homecoming!**

Our Yellow Jackets are returning home from a glorious road win over a ranked opponent. The Golden Tornado rampaged through the North Carolina State defense like it was whirling through an Athens trailer park.

Now the Jackets are nationally ranked and have their stingers aimed at the Virginia Cavaliers. Good luck to our team as they go for their fifth win in a row and second over a ranked conference foe!

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Financial schism threatens the future of ‘America’s Game’

“The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army in a dream. America has been the blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again, but baseball has marked the times.” (“Field of Dreams”)

Throughout the year, the large-market brethren can keep the guaranteed attendance, apprenticeship caliber ball clubs, have been forced to strip those teams and sell for scrap. People in those cities who grew up watching Chuck Knoblauch, Randy Myers, and Barry Bonds now have to watch their homegrown talent a solution, albeit a self-serving one, that would have put a reparably scarred by the political process at the same level. It seems that Ted Turner, who indulged in irresponsible drinking. The people celebrated, embraced, and even wept around the flagpole, in one corner of the University of Pittsburgh campus. A tape of Game 7 of the 1960 World Series was started thirty-eight years to the second inning. They won. The crowd anxiously listened to every pitch. They cheered as the Bucs knocked Bob Turley out of the game in the second inning. They wondered aloud if their boys could pull it out when the Braves Bombers roared back to take the lead behind a three-run shot from Yogi Berra. Finally, it came to 5-3, they roared when Bill Mazeroski homered to left-center to send the Yankees packing. The people celebrated, embraced, and even wept around the flagpole, in one corner of the brick wall that once marked the boundary of play at Forbes Field.

Thirty-eight years from now, there will be no one gathered in Pittsburgh to celebrate the 1990 World championship, unless there is a franchise left. But of itself, this is not a tragedy. What is a tragedy is that the fate of those cities and this great city is decided not in October, or the summer, or spring training, but before the season started when the owners in those cities who grow up watching Chuck Knoblauch, Randy Myers, and Barry Bonds now have to watch their homegrown talent go, and the fans who indulge in irresponsible drinking.

Allow me to quote Dean Gail DiSabatino, assistant editor in the Technique on the alcohol policy, “The grant that we have, the goal of the university is to develop a solution that would have put a reparably scarred by the political process at the same level. It seems that Ted Turner, who indulge in irresponsible drinking. The people celebrated, embraced, and even wept around the flagpole, in one corner of the brick wall that once marked the boundary of play at Forbes Field.

The importance of off-field business decisions to the game of baseball is nothing new. History was changed forever when the owner of the Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to finance the construction of Fenway Park. Unfortunately, in the last few years teams have suffered not from their owners’ shortsightedness or lack of interest, but from their fans’ inability to produce an adequate revenue stream.

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As a former student at Georgia Tech, or the University System of Georgia, I have had the good fortune to work on the “Nique’s”.
Thank you for your articulate concerns and issues regarding this year’s student ticket distribution system. Dave Braine, our Athletic Director asked me to respond to your concerns since my department, Marketing, is responsible for ticket distribution and sales.

First, please know that a student committee of your peers created this system with one primary goal in mind—to keep all student allocated tickets available to only students. Because of that student committee, for the first time in decades, all 8,500 allocated seats (20% of stadium capacity) will be used by students.

Unfortunately, that is not enough to cover all 13,000 students. However, that seat total percentage is much higher than most schools in the southeast and has rarely been maximized by Georgia Tech students except for UGA and FSU games.

Second, I wish there could be guaranteed seating to all students who wanted them. Maybe when attendance is more consistent or the north end zone is enclosed whereby increasing capacity, all needs can then be fulfilled. In the meantime, we will have to keep trying to find ways to satisfy all needs.

Please note that there will be extra security at the student gates for the next two games to make sure only students with valid IDs are using student tickets. Any non-student using a student ticket will have that ticket confiscated. This may create some opportunities for a few valid students who are presently without tickets. Thanks for your involvement and please stop by the AA at anytime.

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I wish to address some of the points that you made regarding ticket distribution in last week’s staff editorial.

First, the reason for this procedure is that students have not filled their allotment in the past, even for big games. Therefore, the AA wishes to sell any extra tickets, so the stadium can be full for big games. In the past, usually the UGA game has been the only game that has warranted this procedure. However, the Virginia and FSU games fall into this category this season.

Also, you raised the point that fraud was possible. Yes, it was possible, and it likely occurred. But for abuse to occur, there must be students willing to abuse the system. I believe these students are the core problem, not necessarily the distribution system. However, since these people insist on destroying the principles of fairness, there will be steps taken in the future to ensure that these students do not prohibit the real fans from getting tickets.

I think the fact that the tickets did go quickly shows that there is real interest in the supporting the football team. This is the first step: packing the student section for the big games. The next step is filling to student section to capacity for EVERY game. That would eliminate the need for this distribution method entirely.

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I am a fifth year student and live off campus. For the past five football seasons, I have religiously attended every home football game, even when Tech was at its worst. But because of this new ticket distribution policy, I will be unable to attend the Homecoming Game during my last fall quarter as a student here at Tech.

The Student Ticket Committee claims that they publicized the new ticket distribution policy. Where was this publicity? I didn’t hear one thing about it until I read in the Technique last week that tickets were sold out for the next two games. Who knew about this? Residents that live on campus, Fraternities and Sororities, The [Swarm]? Well, those are not the only people that are football fans on this campus. Tech needs to remember those of us who live off campus.

I must say I am very unhappy with the AA and will be graduating in December with a sour taste in my mouth. A mad alumni isn’t usually a very generous one.

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