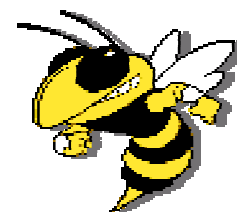


# INTEGRITY NEWS

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## Fall 2003 OSI Academic Integrity Stats

8/18/03– 1/4/04

- ⇒ Total cases forwarded to OSI: **138**
- ⇒ Total cases resolved: **124**
- ⇒ Total cases resolved through the Honor Committee: **7**
- ⇒ Total cases resolved through administrative resolution: **117**
- ⇒ Total students found responsible: **82**
- ⇒ Total students found not responsible: **42**
- ⇒ Total cases pending: **47**

## ACADEMIC INTEGRITY AT TECH

### Academic Violation Stats: Charges Data Total Graduate and Undergraduate Students Fall Term 2003: 8/18/03– 1/4/04 Cases Resolved

Total: College of Architecture	Total: College of Computing	Total: College of Engineering	Total: DuPree College of Management	Total: Ivan Allen College	Total: College of Sciences	Total: Other	TOTAL	Department/ Forwarded to OSI
0	0	9	0	0	3	0	12	<b>C1: Unauthorized Access</b>
0	7	19	2	0	32	0	60	<b>C2: Unauthorized Collaboration</b>
3	0	13	1	14	5	1	37	<b>C3: Plagiarism</b>
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	<b>C4: Falsification of Work</b>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>C5: Alteration of Grade</b>
0	0	5	0	1	7	0	13	<b>C6: Deliberate Falsification</b>
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	<b>C7: Forgery</b>
3	7	46	3	15	48	2	124	<b>Total Cases Resolved</b>

*This segment of the newsletter will cover recent statistics of the Office of Student Integrity. The focus will be on the latest trends at Tech regarding academic integrity. STATS will be run semestery and yearly for the newsletter and other various research based projects. The data is divided into colleges.*

- Term:** First day of a semester through the day before the next semester.
- Primary Violation:** The most important and underlying aspect/charge of the case.
- Charges Data:** Each case is calculated by the primary violation of the case, therefore there may be more charges within one case. Additional charges are not reflected in this data.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Currently the GT Honor Code requires faculty to report any instances of academic dishonesty to the Office of the Dean of Students (ODOS).
- If you injure a student academically without due process (reduce a grade for cheating without working with ODOS); *you* have legal liability.
- The Honor Code contains broad definitions, therefore you must define what is acceptable for your course and each assignment. Eg: unauthorized collaboration.
- Information on how to forward a case to the Office of Student Integrity is on our website at:  
<http://www.deanofstudents.gatech.edu/integrity/page.php?facultyfaqfull.htm>

*The Office of Student Integrity (OSI) is located in the Student Services building and is housed within the Office of the Dean of Students. The Student Code of Conduct and Academic Honor Code were created to outline what the Institute expects and how it will respond if those expectations are not met. At the same time, Tech is an educational institution and, as such, the primary goal of the judicial system is to encourage our students to learn to make better decisions.*

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## HONOR ADVISORY COUNCIL'S CORNER

*What students want faculty to know. . .*

- The Chair of each school has been contacted by the HAC faculty liaison. Please feel free to use these liaisons as a direct communication source with the HAC.
- The Council has developed a syllabus checklist that will soon be sent through all faculty liaisons. We hope it will be a helpful tool in outlining class expectations.
- Please feel free to contact the Council for presentations about Academic Integrity and the services the Council can provide. We are also available for 3-5 minute presentations during the first class of each semester.
- New HAC officers for the 2004-2005 school year: Jonathan Olinger, Chair; Chad Conley, Secretary; Michael Odom, Treasurer. Please send any questions or comments to [honor@gatech.edu](mailto:honor@gatech.edu).

## RESPONDING TO ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

- 59 students have completed the Academic Integrity Seminar to date. None of the students who have completed the seminar have returned to the Office of Student Integrity for academic misconduct charges. **Thank you** to the facilitators who made this new program possible: Kimberly Blue, ME Academic Advisor; Leigh Bottomley, Office of the Provost; Colin Potts, Computing; Daniel Tedder, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.
- The Academic Integrity Committee is working hard and will be proposing sanction guidelines that will amend the current sanctions for academic violations. For more information or questions about the committee and other proposed changes please contact the chair of the committee, Thomas Morley at: [morley@math.gatech.edu](mailto:morley@math.gatech.edu) or 404-894-2700.

## FACULTY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITY!

- **We Need Your Help!**- We are in need of faculty facilitators for the Academic Integrity Seminar! You can visit the online portion of the seminar at: <http://webct.gatech.edu/> Visitor login ID: guest3, password: 1003 . Faculty interested in facilitating please contact Ericka McGarity via email: [ericka.mcgarity@vpss.gatech.edu](mailto:ericka.mcgarity@vpss.gatech.edu) or 404-385-1562. Facilitator training will be provided.

## AROUND THE WORLD IN ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

*Keep academic integrity in the forefront of your mind,  
in and out of the classroom. . .*

- *There is software to help you:* iParadigms Turnitin, MyDropBox LLC, Wcopyfinder, & more.
- Plagiarism-detection programs create digital fingerprints of entire documents and compare them against material on the Internet and other sources, including proprietary academic and media databases.
- “Most authors, whether a student or professional author, they think the odds of being found out are so remote that they'll play the odds and think they're just fine.” - John Barrie, President, iParadigms  
NY Times, April 7th 2004

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### Honor Quotation of the Month

**“Honesty is the  
cornerstone of success,  
without which all  
confidence and ability to  
perform shall cease to  
exist.”**

**Mary Kay Ash**

### The New Honor Advisory Council Members:

Jesslyn Beattie  
Ashley-Anne Harrison  
Claudia Huang  
Thomas Steiner  
Clayton Tino  
Whitney Vail

## THIS MONTH'S HELPFUL CLASSROOM HINTS. . .

### Excerpt from the Honor Advisory Council's syllabus checklist:

As a means to advocate ethical behavior at Georgia Tech, the Honor Advisory Council has created a bulletin in order to both substantially reduce the “gray areas” in regards to academic misconduct for every assignment, test, quiz, etc., and aid you in creating clear, detailed syllabi. We, the Honor Advisory Council, are a group of students who seek to promote academic integrity and ethical behavior in the GT community. By putting together efforts such as this, we hope to decrease the number of academic violations at Georgia Tech. Below is an example of a recommended guideline to follow when creating your syllabi. For more information on the Honor Advisory Council, the Honor Code and a complete list of guidelines, please visit our website or contact us at [www.honor.gatech.edu](http://www.honor.gatech.edu).

As a general guideline, the Office of Student Integrity and the Honor Advisory Council recommend that each faculty member use their first class of the semester to stress academic conduct issues in a clear and specific manner. Also, briefly repeat your policies throughout the semester. This helps set the tone for student conduct during the semester, and may cause the student to think twice before considering cheating.

### Define what authorized collaboration is and what unauthorized collaboration is for your class.

This area can be broken down into at least two categories, such as: Homework/Projects and Quizzes/Tests. There is one statement that would be very beneficial to apply to both of these categories. This statement being: “Unless specifically identified as group work, quizzes, tests, take-home-tests, homework, etc. are to be completed alone.”

After dealing with many academic misconduct cases involving ambiguity over collaboration/cheating issues, we strongly recommend you avoid the phrase “*You may work together, but all work must be your own.*” This statement is not precise or clear to students, and many misconduct issues have come up as a result of it.

Here are some possible examples that would be beneficial in crafting your syllabi:

*“When working on homework, you may not work with other students, and doing such is a violation of the GT Honor Code. Submitting any work other than your own is also a violation of the Honor Code.”*

Or

*“When working on homework, you may work with other students in the class. However; you must turn in separate copies (or one copy), of the homework with the following written on it: your name, the names of everyone you collaborated with, and (insert anything else you would normally require on an assignment.)”*

Or

*“Cheating off of another person's test or quiz is unethical and unacceptable. Cheating off of anyone else's work is a direct violation of the GT Honor Code, and will be dealt with accordingly.”*

**FOR INFORMATION ON GEORGIA TECH'S POLICIES & PROCEDURES OF  
ACADEMIC INTEGRITY, AND HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION.**

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