In 1918, at the age of 16, Bobby Jones entered Georgia Tech to study mechanical engineering, a pursuit that contributed to the mechanics of his game and later to his design of golf clubs and the Augusta National course. He was a Renaissance man whose achievements were the products of intellect and self-discipline rather than special physical attributes, and he never placed golf above his family or his education.

After graduating from Georgia Tech in 1922, he earned a second bachelor’s degree in English literature from Harvard University, which served him well in the many articles, columns, and books he wrote. In 1927, even as his playing career was reaching its height, he entered Emory Law School, passed the Georgia bar after three semesters, and joined his father’s firm in 1928.

As president of Georgia Tech, his alma mater, I want to invoke what Ben Hogan called “the strength of the man’s mind.”