The Georgia Tech Good Samaritan Provision was endorsed by the Student Regulations Committee on February 10, 2011. The purpose of this provision is to encourage students to act responsibly and it applies to both students and student organizations who are brought before OSI or the Department of Housing for alcohol related issues. It is the hope of many at the Institute that this new provision will encourage students to seek assistance for students in need from both Institute and Emergency personnel without the threat of disciplinary action deterring them from taking on this responsibility. Similar provisions are at work at numerous other Institutions across the country and preliminary findings show that the statutes are helping to keep students safer when the use of alcohol is involved.

**Did you Know??**

In the United States, a standard drink is any drink that contains 0.6 ounces. Generally, this amount of pure alcohol is found in:

- 12 oz regular beer
- 5 oz glass of wine
- 1.5 oz shot of liquor

*source: CDC*

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**STUDENT HONOR COMMITTEE: AN UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR**

As a member of the Honor Committee since 2007, and its newly elected Chair, I would like to offer fellow faculty members a few observations based on my experience with the Committee. One is the importance of clarity in communicating what is expected of students in a particular class, and what is not allowed them in the course of doing the work of a class. The students of Georgia Tech come from different cultural and educational backgrounds, and are of a different generation too, and we can’t suppose that they all share precisely our assumptions as to just what constitutes legitimate academic activity. I don’t mean to suggest that our students do not have a shared notion of what is honest and honorable. But the devil is in the details, and over the past few years it has become clear to me just how important it is to communicate as clearly and precisely as I can just what I expect.

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I would also like to make this appeal to my fellow faculty. When we submit a possible violation of the Honor Code to OSI, we are asked to provide a certain level of documentation, such as test copies, the assignment in question, the source that the questionable work was assumed to be plagiarized from, etc.

When a case comes before the Committee and this documentation is not complete, it makes the Committee’s task of determining the facts of a case even more complex and ambiguous than it usually is. The presence of the faculty member who has made the complaint is also extremely helpful. What may seem to you like a cut and dried case may not be quite so clear to the Committee.

Your willingness to be present and to clarify what is obscure in a given case is invaluable, even if it is inconvenient.

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Undergraduate Student Judiciary: Chief Justice’s Corner

With new younger members of the board gaining experience over the past year, the overall drive and mission of maintaining student integrity remains at the core of the UJC’s cause and serves as the standard by which all of those involved operate.

This year has seen a couple of major policy changes relating to non-academic cases. One major change is the passing of the Student Organization Code of Conduct Procedures. This change will allow any student organization, accused of breaking the organizational code of conduct, to go through a fair hearing process with the Office of Student Integrity. This process is very similar to the current process for an individual that has been accused of breaking the student code of conduct. Since the passing of this bill, the UJC has not heard an organizational specific case, but will be prepared to hear any case that arises.

Throughout the past year, one of the biggest surprises for the UJC has been a large drop in the number of cases. This is actually great for the Georgia Tech community to have a decreased number of non-academic cases around campus. During this slow spring, the UJC has taken a look inward to see how we can improve our role and abilities as the Judicial branch of the SGA. As a result, we have implemented a way for a non-sitting Justice to aid in explaining the hearing process to the involved student(s). The board has also created a plan to be more proactive in raising student awareness on campus, specifically targeting incoming freshmen during the fall semester.

Last, but maybe most importantly, the UJC is continuing to challenge itself to conduct more advanced training sessions to kick-off the Fall semester. The UJC will be implementing all of these plans immediately to be prepared for the start of a new school year this fall.

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A Note from the Director

As we begin another Fall academic semester at Tech, I would like to remind the entire GT community why we do what we do. As noted throughout the newsletter, it is the responsibility of the entire community, from the students to the staff and faculty, to help us create a culture of care at Georgia Tech. In this culture, we ask students to make good decisions about their behavior and care enough about themselves and others to seek help when needed. Likewise we ask faculty and staff to care about the tradition of integrity and honor upon which GT is founded by providing clear and appropriate information regarding expectations and possible violations of policy. While a culture of care is a lofty goal, it is one that is essential to the continued level of excellence that exists at the Institute. We are all part of this work and it is only through the trust we place in ourselves and others that we can achieve that for which we strive.

In the Office of Student Integrity (OSI), we are here to help you attain this collective goal. We can answer questions about policy, discuss issues one on one and help hold the community accountable to their actions. It is with the continued support of the faculty at large, the Student Honor Committee, the UJC and the Honor Advisory Council that we will help create a culture of care of honor at GT. We look forward to the upcoming year. Please do not hesitate to call upon us.