



Colleges Track Hundreds Of Thousands Of Students Using Their Phones

Students are being conditioned by the hundreds of thousands to live in a dystopian, all-seeing Technocracy where social engineering and behavior modification are the norm. □ TN Editor

*“Graduates will be well prepared ... to embrace **24/7 government tracking and social credit systems.**”*

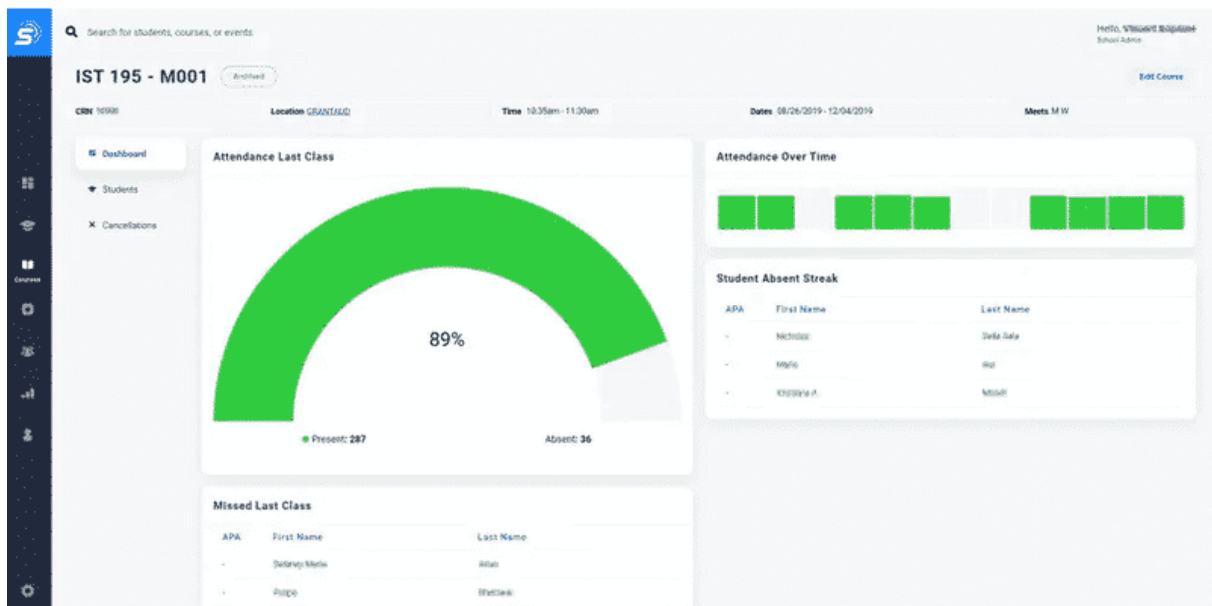
An app created to track the attendance of ‘less academically inclined’ college athletes is under fire, after over 40 schools have begun using the technology to **monitor students campus-wide**, according to the [Washington Post](#).

Developed by former college basketball coach Rick Carter (who is currently under a restraining order by DePaul University for allegedly threatening the athletic director and head basketball coach), the Chicago-based SpotterEDU app uses Bluetooth beacons to ping a student’s smartphone once they enter a lecture hall. About the size of a

deck of cards, they are installed in covert locations on walls and ceilings.

School officials give SpotterEDU the students' full schedules, and the system can email a professor or adviser automatically if a student skips class or walks in more than two minutes late. The app records a full timeline of the students' presence so advisers can see whether they left early or stepped out for a break. -[Washington Post](#)

Syracuse University IT instructor Jeff Rubin uses the app to encourage his students to attend lectures – awarding “attendance points” to those who show up. Rubin is also notified when students skip classes.



“They want those points,” said Rubin. **“They know I’m watching and acting on it. So, behaviorally, they change.”**

According to Rubin, his 340-student lecture has never been so full at around 90% attendance.

Double Secret Dystopia

Understandably, not everyone is thrilled with the **intrusive new technology**, which many argue breaches students’ privacy rights on a massive scale.

“We’re adults. Do we really need to be tracked?” said sophomore

Robby Pfeifer, a student at Commonwealth University in Richmond, which recently began using the campus' WiFi network to track students. "Why is this necessary? How does this benefit us? ... **And is it just going to keep progressing until we're micromanaged every second of the day?"**

School and company officials, on the other hand, argue that monitoring students is a powerful motivator and will encourage students to adopt habits geared towards success.

"If they know more about where students are going, they argue, they can intervene before problems arise," according to the *Post*.

That said, **some schools have taken things further - assigning "risk scores" to students based on factors such as whether they are going to the library enough.**

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