**Title IX**

I want to make it clear that the intent of Title IX was needed back in 1972, and whether we need Title IX in this day and age, I don’t know. But I do know that proportionality is unnecessary. Just because you are underrepresented in something, this doesn’t mean it should get taken away from someone who already has it.

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**Gambling**

level of dog-fighting. Gambling does nothing short of putting college athletes head-to-head for money.

The people gambling do not care about the dreams these athletes may have. They only care about their skill when it wins them money. Gambling makes the game more about the money, not the skill and the players. It almost degrades the talent the players possess, because the outcome is sometimes not based on that but rather how many points were shaved.

Fans should allow college basketball be about basketball and nothing else. Gambling does nothing to benefit players in the long run.

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What’s all the buzz? Softball takes three straight

By Matthew Bryan
Sports Editor

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By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Junior Jamie Frost slides safely into home in the Jackets’ 3-0 first game win in their doubleheader with Samford. The win was followed by two more bringing Tech to 15-10 before they host this weekend’s Buzz Classic.
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game—a game played by student

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**SPORTS COMMENTARY**
Perspectives from other campuses

**Pools bad for students, athletes?**

**By Jamie Krebs**
**Minnesota Daily**

(U-WIRE) Virginia Tech—College

basketball’s regular season is over,

and March Madness has arrived.

Let the Big Dance begin.

The beginning of the NCAA

College Basketball Tournament

means something different to ev-

eyone. It means spectacular slam

dunks, behind-the-back passes,

near-
ful upsets, triumphant victories,

and an end to a magnificent era for

some.

The beginning of the tourna-

ment also means gambling, rang-

ing from small office pools to large

bets.

Gambling in Virginia [as well as

Georgia] is illegal, any kind of gam-

bling. Gambling laws in the Com-

monwealth of Virginia are as follows: "Ille-

gal gambling means the mak-

ing, placing or receipt, of any bet or

wager in this Commonwealth of

money or other thing of value,

made in exchange for a chance to win a

prize, stake or other consideration

of thing of value, dependent upon

the result of any game, contest or event,

or turns the ball over to keep from

making points—to clear the debt,

and he didn’t get mad
**I’m a Ramblin’ Wreck from Georgia Tech and a helluvan athlete?**

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

When I walk into Woodruff Dining Hall, I usually have a nice conversation with David, the cashier. Usually it’s nothing much, we might talk about the weather or a good movie he saw or what’s for lunch today. Instead of the usual, he brought up something different Wednesday.

He said he wanted to go the baseball game.

“I’ve heard Tech has a great team and they are playing Georgia,” said David.

“They are ranked third in the country, and have been ranked first most of the year,” I replied.

“They also had a great year in basketball,” added David.

“Yeah they did, I never thought they’d make the tournament,” I replied.

“Football also had a great year,” said David.

“I think they might have a shot at the national title next year,” I told him.

I’ve been covering sports all year, yet I never realized how good we have it at Tech students. If this was United States history, we’d be in Camelot.

• Tech has the second-ranked baseball team in the country, a team that was ranked first the first six weeks of the season. They also have last season’s collegiate baseball player of the year in Mark Teixeira, albeit an injured Teixeira.

• A new men’s swimming program that is ranked 23rd in the country.

• A women’s volleyball team that finished 25-8, went to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996, and returns five starters to next season’s squad.

• A nationally-ranked football team returns 17 starters and figures to challenge Florida State for the ACC title next season.

• A basketball team, picked to finish at the bottom of the pack in the preseason that made it to the NCAA Tournament.

• A 2001 national coach-of-the-year award winner in George O’Leary (football) and a 2001 ACC coach-of-year award winner in Paul Hewitt (basketball).

In fact, every Tech team sport had a record above .500 except for women’s basketball, and they still played in the postseason WNIT.

I make a point of not being biased toward Tech; there’s nothing worse than reading a college sports section that believes its teams are the best and never criticizes. If you want that pick up a media guide. However, praise is due in this situation. Dr. Wayne Clough, Georgia Tech President, realizes it.

“Our sports are a differentiation factor between Georgia Tech and other technological universities,” says Clough, “no other technological institutions has sports programs like ours.”

The biggest problem Tech has faced has been sub-par sports facilities. Russ Chandler Stadium is not adequate for the traditional baseball power that is Tech is, and Bobby Dodd Stadium has a capacity of only 46,000. Both of those stadiums will soon face renovations.

“Construction on the new baseball field will begin this summer and the football renovations will began following the Georgia game,” said Athletic Director Dave Braine. Unfortunately, this energy can often be taken away just as quickly the following year if a sub-par season results. Rarely do teams have repeat performances. In a chat on ESPN.com, Hewitt said it will be a struggle to equal this year’s performance in the 2001-02 basketball season.

Even if Tech basketball takes a step backward, albeit a small step, a foundation has been laid for other Tech teams to take its place as a post-season caliber team.

But what is the athletic department most proud of? Georgia Tech is one of the few schools that has never violated an NCAA rule. Almost every national sports power has violated a rule, from Michigan to Oklahoma. This points to not only quality coaches and administrators, but to quality athletes.

In a world where athletes are just as likely to appear in a police lineup photo as on a highlight reel, Tech fans have reason to be happy. But they aren’t the only ones.

“It’s very important to have success, any one will tell you applications rise considerably after a good sports season,” said Athletic Director Dave Braine.

Braine’s point has been proven by increased enrollment at Virginia Tech with their football success, and even little known Gonzaga after their annual tournament runs. There is no better publicity than nationwide television audiences and Georgia Tech sweatshirts.

It’s not the capital of North Dakota
Rival Georgia emerged on top of the 15-9 slug-fest Wednesday night at a cold Russ Chandler Stadium. The Bulldogs six run, sixth inning proved to be too much for the Yellow Jackets.

The Yellow Jackets next action will be in three game series with ACC's Maryland at home this weekend. Friday's match starts at 7 p.m. and games Saturday and Sunday both begin at 1:30 p.m. The games will be broadcast in Atlanta on WREK Radio 91.1 FM.

The win in Vegas was by far the most impressive of the four tournament in the final day, finishing with a 6-under-par 72. He had the low round of the tournament in the final day, finishing with a 6-under-par 72. Matteson also finished in a three- way tie for 15th in Puerto Rico. Matteson has jumped up to 23 of the top-10s and both wins came from the wom- en's side. Freshman Renee Metivier captured the 1500 meter title with her time of 4:36:55 finishing a full three seconds ahead of her closest opponent.

The second title came from Tech's 2006 All-American Jennifer Ledbetter who’s high jump of 5-8.00 was enough to earn her the mark. The women’s performance was highlighted by Sharif Arizmendi, who placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 47.88 seconds, Montrell Per- ron, who finished second in the 100 meters with a time of 14.37 and Keith Roberson in the No. 6 spot.

The softball team took all three of last weeks home contests. Now the take a trip to Marietta for the Buzz Classic Page 32

Women's tennis hits road after pair of ACC contests

The Tech women (7-6, 1-1) split ACC home contests with Wake Forest and NC State last weekend. The Lady Jackets dominated their Sunday match with NC State 7-0, but fell 6-1 to No. 19 Wake Forest on Saturday.

Tech perfect Sunday saw Jackets Mysty Morris, Bobbi Guthrie and Jaime Wong grab wins in both their singles and doubles matches.

In the No. 1 spot, Jacket Debbie Reynolds defeated the Wolfpack's Kristen Lam in a 6-3, 4-2 (retired) contest. Morris and Guthrie also captured their No. 2 and No. 3 singles matches and No. 1 paired doubles match in straight sets.

The win was also high- lighted with wins by Mason Miller in the No. 5 spot, Kristi Sohmer in the No. 6 spot and doubles pair Jaime Wong and Laura Ozolins.

Saturday's different story for the Lady Jackets who’s only point came from Bobbi Guthrie’s win in the No. 3 spot.

The Yellow Jackets are currently ranked 36th and go out on the road to face Furman this Saturday and Georgia in Athens on Tuesday.

Track and Field starts outdoor season with a bang

Track and Field returned from their outdoor opening Snowbird Invitational to dis- play 35 top-10 finishes and two event wins.

24 of the top-10 and both wins came from the wom- en's side. Freshman Renee Metivier captured the 1500 meter title with her time of 4:36:55 finishing a full three seconds ahead of her closest opponent.

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The track returns to action at this weekend's Alabama relays.

Golf moves to No. 2, showcases three in top-100

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

After two straight tournament titles, Tech finds itself behind only one team in Golweek's Collegiate Golf Poll: Georgia.


Arizona State's Jeff Quinney was the low round of the tournament, finishing 13-under-par.

Bryce Molder, who publish- ed web diaries, was impressed by the team's performance on a course that has fast and steeply sloped greens. “We had the best team performance since I came to school here,” said Molder.

The Jackets were the only team to break par in the tournament.

The Las Vegas win follows their late February triumph in the Puerto Rico Classic, their second Classic win in a row.

"Anytime you beat Clemson and Georgia you know you've played good golf," said coach Bruce Hepple. "And, for us to make those putts and play well at the end is a great confidence builder.”

Tech had a much tougher time defending their Puerto Rico win, breaking away from a final day tie with Georgia to defeat Clemson by a stroke.

"We did not even find this out [Tech’s win] until we were at the clubhouse ten minutes later and started talking about what we had shot," said Molder in his diary.

Molder, last season's colle- giate player of the year and cur- rently ranked number one, finished third in Puerto Rico and fourth in Las Vegas.

The win in Vegas was by far Tech's strongest victory of the season.

"If I didn’t know better, I would have said Georgia Tech played a different golf course today,” said North Carolina State coach Richard Sykes. “If that were the case, for this would have been a whale of a tournament.”

The Jacket golfers have had to cope with the loss of two-time All-American and 1998 player-of-the-year Matt Kuchar due to graduation. Luckily for the Jackets, a trio of Jackets have stepped up.

Sophomore Troy Matteson has been the most impressive of the group. Matteson has the best finish of his career in Vegas, a 6- under-par, second place finish. He had the low round of the tournament in the final day, finishing with a 6-under-par 72. Matteson also finished in a three-way tie for 15th in Puerto Rico. Matteson has jumped up to 15th in Golf Week's individual rankings.

In Vegas, junior Kim Mikkelson and senior Wes Latimer finished 6th and 10th respectively. Junior Matt Weirh finished 23rd in Puerto Rico. Latimer, ranked 82nd, joins Molder and Matteson in Golf- week's top 100 players.

Tech heads to Austin, Texas March 25 for the Morris Williams Intercollegiate.

No. 3 baseball fell Wednesday to rival No. 2 Georgia in a 15-9 slugging contest. The loss came af- ter a successful three-game sweep of Kent State the week before.

Nine runs on fourteen hits was not enough for the Yellow Jackets (17-6) to overcome the Bulldogs (14-6) 15 runs on 13 hits.

Both teams fought a purely of- fensive battle on the cold, windy evening. The contest was plagued with errors, both teams posting three.

Georgia capitalized on two big innings, with 5 runs in the second and rallying for 6 runs in the sixth. The Bulldogs held the lead 8-7 after five when with two outs in the sixth runners on first and third advanced on a Richard Lewis error. The bases were subsequently load- ed which allowed Georgia's Doc Brooks to slam a three-RBI triple to make it 13-7. But that wasn't enough.

Georgia's Blake Bodenmiller fol- lowed with an RBI single to score Brooks and make it 13-8.

By Jerry Wible
Best Seat in the Stands

The biggest share of Tech's 9 points came from the third and the fourth, which resulted in only 3 runs each.

The second of Signs of life after trail- ing-7 came in the third on a Jason Perry two-run single and a Matt Morton RBI single and also in the fourth on a solo homer by Brad Stockton and a two-run shot by Richard Lewis which brought the score to 8-7.

The balance of Tech's runs came in the ninth inning. With two out, Matt Morton got the two-run homer which brought the final to 15-9.

Tech threw seven pitchers at the Bulldogs, starting with Philip Perry who allowed 5 earned runs quickly in his 1.1 inning loss. The Jacket pitching staff combined to give the Bulldogs 13 hits, 9 walks and 8 earned runs.

Georgia got four pitchers on the mound. Rob Moravek started for the Bulldogs and delivered 7 hits and 4 earned runs in his 4 innings of work. The real ace was Georgia's Bill Sharpton who threw three shut- out innings of relief and picked up the win for the in-state rival.

Georgia's hit parade featured five different Bulldogs with at least two hits. Standouts for the Bulldogs in- cluded Adam Swann who went 3- for-5, brought in four runs, and hit a homer in the second. Mark Thorn- hill and Blake Bodenmiller both went 4-for-5 and scored twice. Jeff Kep- pin and Jody Pollock also both were 2-for-5 on the day for the visi- tors.

Across the field Tech's Perry was 4-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs. Basil was 3-for-5, with a home run in the third. Freshman Matt Mur- ton helped the Jackets in the DH spot, going 2-for-5, batting in one, and adding a run a half.

Tech came off of a three game sweep (8-5, 10-3, 7-4) of Kent State University this past weekend.

The Golden Flashes made the trip from Ohio to face the Jackets and Danny Hall, who had formerly been Kent's winningest coach in history before leaving for Georgia Tech.

The Jackets next action after this weekend's series with Danny Hall's former employer.

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