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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.

Title IX is being misrepresented and is killing male sports at the college level (i.e. baseball, wrestling, swimming and diving, gymnastics,

track and golf). Even after 91 years, Boston University cut its football program, UCLA 16 gold medals later dropped its swimming and diving program, and there are only 26 men's gymnastic teams across the country.

At this time, the NCAA has about 7,800 sports programs for men and about 8,300 for women, with 19 NCAA sports for men and 26 for women, including eight "emerging sports" for women (rowing, water polo, equestrian, synchronized swim-

ming, bowling, archery, ice hockey and precision skating). How is this equal opportunity when there are 500 more athletic programs for women than for men with seven more sports to choose from?

Defining fair in the athletic department is obviously viewed differently by many people. Facts are facts, and it is obvious to me the women are not thinking twice about who they run over in their process of seeking equality, while the males fight to keep their sports alive.

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

The people gambling do not care about any 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.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Georgia Tech Men's Tennis team defeated Clemson 5-2 Wednesday. Tech is now 12-3 overall and 2-0 in the ACC.

Whats all the buzz? Softball takes three straight

By Matthew Bryan
Sports Editor

Tech softball (15-10) scored wins in a doubleheader against Samford and in their contest with Arkansas last week to pave their way into this weekend's Buzz Classic.

Tech's 4-0 win over the Razorbacks came at home on Wednesday afternoon. The Jackets struck first with junior Jamie Frost crossing the plate on an Erin Hawley RBI double in the bottom of the first frame.

The only remaining points in the contest came in the bottom of the third. Frost hit a single to bring up Ellen Styer who reached on an error. The play once again brought up Hawley who hit an RBI single and managed to move to second on the play. With runners on second and third Arkansas catcher Danica Howlett bobbled the throw from second base and allowed both run-

ners to score making the final 4-0.

Hawley finished the game 2-for-3 with a pair of RBIs and pitcher Erin Voeltz (7-6) scored the win which represented her second solo shutout in her last two appearances. Voeltz gave up three hits, and recorded five strikeouts.

The win over Arkansas came on the heels of the Jackets Saturday doubleheader with Samford. Tech left the Bulldogs scoreless 3-0 and 2-0 in the games.

In the day's first contest Tech made the first two blows in the bottom of the first inning. Tara Knudsen was sent to first after being hit-by-pitch only to cross the plate two batters later on a Tasha Waugh home run.

The only remaining run came in the fifth when Waugh earned the RBI on a sacrifice fly which scored Frost from third.

Tiffany Goodman (7-4) picked

up the win for the Jackets. She allowed five hits in 6-and-a-third innings before being relieved by Voeltz.

The second game proved a little more difficult for the Jackets who were unable to draw blood from Samford pitcher Brianne Mertens until a Soraya Reddick leadoff single in the sixth inning. Sara Wissmann followed two batters later and reached on a fielder's choice only to have Frost draw a walk to load the bases. The feat was followed by a Styer single which allowed Reddick and Wissmann to cross the plate to make the final 2-0.

Voeltz grabbed the win for the Jackets and struckout a season-high eight batters.

The Lady Jackets next appearance will be Saturday at 3:00 p.m. in this weekend's ninth annual Buzz Classic. The Tech hosted Classic will take place in the Al Bishop Softball Complex in Marietta.



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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SPORTS COMMENTARY Perspectives from other campuses

Pools bad for students, athletes? Effects of Title IX seen daily in collegiate sports

Staff Editorial
The Collegiate Times

(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 everyone. It means spectacular slam dunks, behind-the-back passes, tearful upsets, triumphant victories and an end to a magnificent era for some.

The beginning of the tournament also means gambling, ranging from small office pools to large bets.

Gambling in Virginia [as well as Georgia] is illegal, any kind of gambling. Gambling laws in the Commonwealth of Virginia are as follows: "Illegal gambling means the making, 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 or thing of value, dependent upon the result of any game, contest or any other event the outcome of which is uncertain or a matter of chance, whether such game, contest or event, occurs or is to occur inside or outside the limits of this Commonwealth" (leg1.state.va.us, "Virginia Statutes and Ordinances").

Illegal gambling is a Class 3 misdemeanor under Virginia law (leg1.state.va.us, "Virginia Statutes and Ordinances, Penalties for Illegal Gambling").

What few pool participants realize is that college basketball is just a game—a game played by student athletes. College basketball is not a means to make money for everyone.

There are some advocates for college sports betting. They claim

gambling and betting add innocent thrill to the game.

The thrill of the game is already there with great plays, overtimes, alley-oops and last-second shots where the entire crowd holds its breath.

Gambling adds no thrill, and it certainly does not add innocent thrills.

Gambling puts undue pressure on college students. It can lead to point shaving, illegal transactions involving money and violence when someone gets too far in debt to be able to pay.

When the gambling spills into the laps of the student athletes, it becomes dangerous. The athlete's playing and college academic careers are put into jeopardy.

This is what happened to two former Arizona State basketball players.

The situation began with one player who had gotten in more than \$10,000 in debt to a student bookie. He agreed to shave points—when the player intentionally misses a shot or turns the ball over to keep from making points—to clear the debt, and he persuaded another teammate to help him shave points off three more games.

When more than \$1 million was bet on a game, the FBI became suspicious. The setup was discovered and traced back to a Chicago crime ring (ncaa.org, "Sports Wagering: Don't Risk It").

The former Arizona State basketball players were arrested and convicted of sports bribery. One is now sitting in jail while the other is awaiting sentencing (ncaa.org, "Sports Wagering: Don't Risk It").

Sports gambling brings the sport of college basketball down to the

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By Jamie Krebs
Minnesota Daily

(U-WIRE) University of Minnesota—I first want to let you know that I am a female student majoring in computer science here at the University of Minnesota. I am emphasizing this point because I want to discuss how Title IX is affecting college sports.

Let me give you exactly what Title IX states: "... No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance ..."

Title IX is supposed to be applied to every aspect of a federally funded institution, such as the University of Minnesota, not just its athletic department, yet the athletes are the only ones affected by it. It appears the problem with Title IX is not the law itself, but the proportionality rule that is hidden within.

The proportionality rule says that an academic program's population must parallel the University's student population. So, in other words, if a university has 55 percent female students and 45 percent male students, then every department must also reflect this ratio.

What does this have to do with equal opportunities for male and female students? As a witness to the technology department here at the University, it is definitely not 45 percent male and 55 percent female. Does this mean I am not receiving the same opportunity as the next person? Of course not. I pay just as much as the next person does, and in return, I get to use the computer labs and resources the University

provides just like everybody else. So why do female athletes feel they are being denied the opportunity to play sports?

What the universities are doing to compensate for proportionality is that instead of adding female programs, they are cutting male programs. I really don't know if the women athletes out there realize what fighting for Title IX is actually accomplishing. While 5,800 athletic opportunities have been added for women in the past 10 years, more than 350 NCAA programs involving about 21,000 male athletes have

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been terminated since 1991. That's roughly 10 percent of the male athletes participating in that period.

There are currently 200,000 male and 125,000 female college athletes in the NCAA. As the present trend continues, proportionality will be achieved with 140,000 male athletes and 140,000 female athletes. This cuts 60,000 more male opportunities, and we might see the extinction of some Olympic male sports at the college level. I am pretty sure that these female athletes who support Title IX do not have the intention of terminating male sports, but these are the facts.

Along with all of this, in forcing universities to be proportional by cutting men's programs, they are actually denying future athletic opportunities for women. If a school has 500 male and 300 female athletes and it cuts the athletic opportunities of 200 men, then 200 women who might want to participate in the future might never get the chance.

The main argument on the female side to keep this proportionality clause is the fact there are so many women out there who are interested in playing sports, but they just don't have the opportunity to play.

My answer is to ask whether you have tried looking at intramurals to find all these females out there who are dying to play varsity sports in college? I can guarantee you there are considerably more males who participate in intramurals than females, even though anyone can play because it is done solely for the love of the game.

This past spring, the University added women's rowing. I am not at all saying that women's rowing shouldn't be a varsity sport, but why should the women get a sport added when there were males denied the chance to even try out for the golf team? If the interest was so popular for rowing to become a varsity sport, why were there advertisements for female students to try out?

There were flyers hanging all over campus, along with chalk advertisements on the sidewalks—even in the Daily they had to advertise to get girls to try out for the team. They didn't even require that you had any experience in rowing. These male golfers didn't get to see advertisements saying, "Don't Go Out For Golf, Too Many Interested."

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STAFF COMMENTARY

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 as Tech students.

If this was United States history, we'd be in Camelot.

- Tech has the second-ranked golf team in the country, including the top-ranked golfer and last season's player of the year in Bryce Molder.

- Tech has the third-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

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Dr. Wayne Clough
President

NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1996, and returns five starters to next season's squad.

- A women's cross country team that finished 31st at the NCAA Championship Meet, their first appearance in the championship meet.

- A nationally-ranked football team that 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 institution 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.

The baseball stadium's capacity will more than double from 1,800 to 5,000 and Bobby Dodd's capacity will increase to 55,000. The new facilities will only help draw more recruits and fans to both sports.

In another attempt to stabilize Tech's athletic future, Braine has already met twice with Hewitt about restructuring his contract. He went

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Athletic Director

before the athletic board Wednesday to seek final approval for restructuring.

That's just the concrete facts. But the new energy surrounding the athletic program at Tech largely due to the football and basketball teams overachieving performances this past season.

"We really surprised a lot of pundits after that winning [basketball] season," said Clough.

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.

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Softball takes three

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

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Dawgs, not Jackets left standing

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.

By Jerry Wible
Best Seat in the Stands

No. 3 baseball fell Wednesday to rival No. 22 Georgia in a 15-9 slugging contest. The loss came after a successful three-game sweep of Kent State the weekend 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 offensive 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 loaded 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 followed with an RBI single to score Brooks and make it 13-7.

The Bulldogs 7-0 lead came after only one and a half innings on a myriad of hits including a Mark Thornhill RBI double in the first and an Adam Swann two-run double in the second.

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

The first signs of life after trailing 7-1 came in the third on a Jason Perry two-run single and a Matt Murton 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 on a Jason Basil 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 put 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 included Adam Swann who went 3-for-5, brought in four runs, and hit a homer in the second. Mark Thornhill and Blake Bodenmiller both went 2-for-4 and scored twice. Jeff Keping and Jody Pollock also both were 2-for-5 on the day for the visitors.

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 Murton helped the Jackets in the DH spot, going 2-for-5, batting in one, and adding a run himself.

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



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Third baseman Victor Menocal, a normal at shortstop for the Jackets, makes the long throw to first in their Saturday contest with Kent State University. Tech captured all three in the series with Danny Hall's former employer.

history before leaving for Georgia Tech.

The Yellow Jackets next action will be in a three game series with ACC foe 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.

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



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Bryce Molder continues to captain the golf team through a great season, with two straight wins for the team and five top-ten finishes for himself.

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

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

Tech (292-279-273=844) dominated the Las Vegas Intercollegiate field on March 11 beating runner-up and top-ranked Georgia (300-28x38-280=868) by 24 strokes. Tech finished 20 under-par in the tourney.

Arizona State's Jeff Quinney was the medal winner, finishing 13 under-par.

Bryce Molder, who publishes a web diary, 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 Hepler, "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 collegiate player of the year and currently 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 it wasn't for them, 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 team, a trio of Jackets have stepped up.

Sophomore Troy Matteson has been the most impressive of the group. Matteson had 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 Kris Mikkelsen and senior Wes Latimer finished 6th and 16th respectively. Junior Matt Weibring finished 15th in Puerto Rico.

Latimer, ranked 82nd, joins Molder and Matteson in Golfweek's top 100 players.

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

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's perfect Sunday saw Jackets Mysti 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 highlighted with wins by Mason Miller in the No. 5 spot, Kristen Roberson in the No. 6 spot and doubles pair Jaime Wong and Laura Ozolins.

Saturday told a 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 display 35 top-10 finishes and two event wins.

23 of the top-10s and both wins came from the women'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 sophomore Jennifer Ledbetter who's high jump of 5-8.00 was enough to earn her the mark.

The men's performance was highlighted by Sharif Azim, who placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 47.88 seconds, Montrell Person, who finished second in the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.37 and Keith Schuler who took second with a high jump of 6-8.00.

Track returns to action at this weekend's Alabama re-lays.