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Number of kills that Lynette Moster had in last Saturday's 3-1 win over Maryland. The Lady Jackets improve to 22-4 overall and 8-2 in the ACC for the season.

90.6

Number of yards that Kerry Watkins averages per game this season. Watkins currently leads the ACC with 5.8 receptions per game, with 7.2 receptions and 102.2 yards per outing in ACC games.

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The final placing for the Tech golf team at the Nelson Invitational in Stanford, CA. The 54-hole tournament was contested at the par-71, 6,786-yard Stanford Golf Club.

22-26

Number of events that the men's and women's swimming and diving team combined to win at their season opener win against Emory.

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hint: P.J. Daniels

95

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on deck

Event	Date
WS at North Florida	11/1
VB at North Carolina	11/1
FB at NC State	11/2
CC at ACC Chmpns	11/2
VB at NC State	11/2
WS at FSU	11/2
MS at FSU	11/2

VB- Women's Volleyball, FB - Football
CC- Men's and Women's Cross Country
MS- Men's Swimming
WS- Women's Swimming

Swimming start successful with sweep of Emory

By Kimberly Rieck
Senior Staff Writer

This weekend the men's and women's swim teams will face one of their toughest challenges this season with dual meets against Florida State for both teams and a dual meet against North Florida for the women.

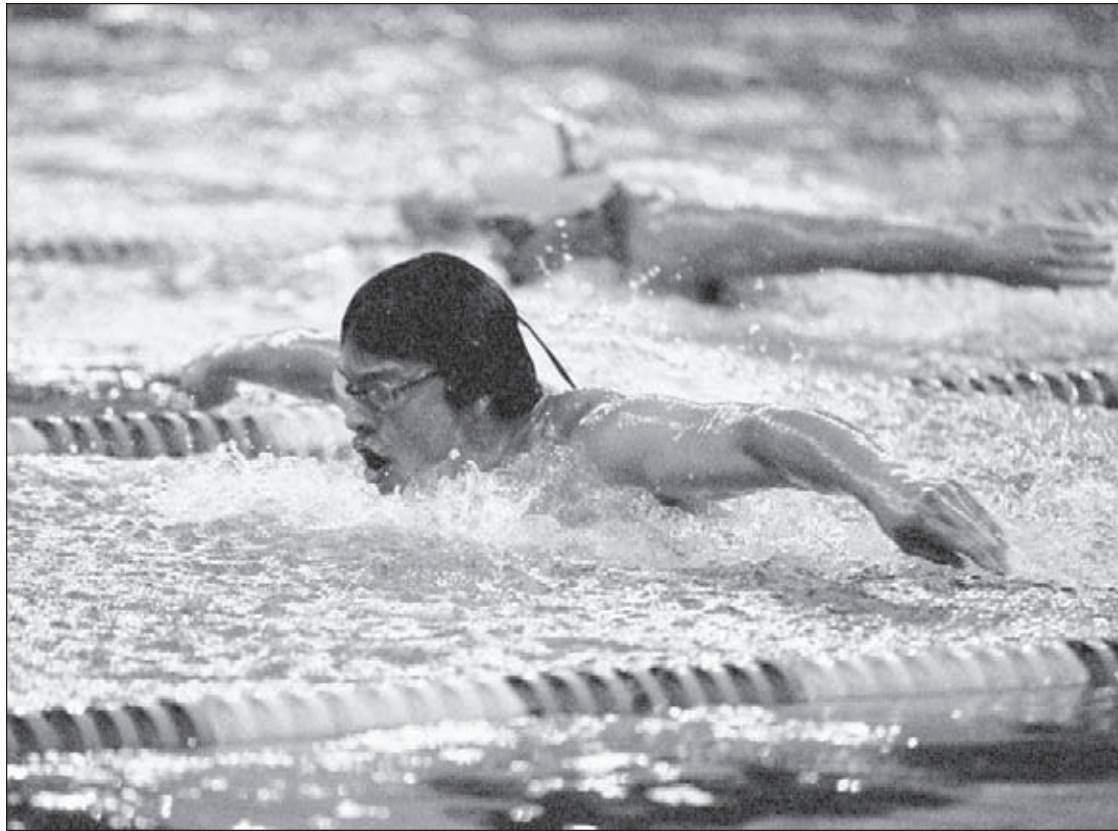
Coming off a high from the win against Emory last week, the women will first face North Florida this afternoon. North Florida is a young program similar to the women's program, but Tech's team has had the benefit of being able to train with its established men's program, while North Florida has not had the same benefit.

The Tech women's team should have the advantage in the meet but after a long, tiring week last week, the Yellow Jackets' challenge will be to keep focused and energized. On Saturday, the team faces ACC rival Florida State. If the Jackets win against North Florida, it should give them an indication of how well they will fare against the Seminoles.

Florida State performed well in the SMU Women's Classic last week against powerhouses SMU and Cal-Berkeley. While Tech's women team dominated the relays against Emory, the seminoles' 400 free relay team has already earned an NCAA-B time in the 400 free relay. The women's team is ready for the challenge though.

"Florida State will be hard because they're in the ACC but we'll give them a good race," said sophomore Anna Saum.

Since finishing in last place at



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's swimming and diving team defeated the Emory University Eagles, 154-84, while the women's team dominated with a 142-97 win. Both of the teams combined to win 22 of 26 events.

the conference championships in their first year, the team has added more depth to the team. Several freshmen performed well at the first meet, including racking up victories in individual events. Strong contributors included Ashley Kracke, Meghan DeViny and Mimi Murad in a wide range of events.

"Instead of us [the sophomores] winning an event and then having a fourth or fifth, this year we'll now

have more first, second and thirds," said Saum.

Cara DeViny, the Jacket's lone NCAA participant last year, performed well against Emory last week and should score several key points for the team. Other sophomores expected to contribute key points are Lisa Hancock in the distance freestyle events, Anna Saum in the sprint freestyle events, Moeko Wallis in freestyle and fly events and

Ann Battle in the distance events.

Tech may have the advantage in the diving events based on the Seminoles' diving squad's performance at SMU. Freshman Laurissa Prystaj has already qualified for the zone championships, while Amy Sutton's and Jessica Jopek's scores are either higher than most of the seminoles' female divers or comparable.

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Cross Country teams host ACC Championships

By Katie Neal
Sports Editor

The Georgia Tech men's and women's cross country teams will host the 2002 Atlantic Coast Conference Cross Country Championships at Panthersville's Georgia Regional Hospital Cross Country Course. The field will be tough for the Jackets, with five of the nation's top 16 teams hailing from the ACC.

"There's a lot of conference meets going on this weekend all around the country and there's not one that's tougher than the one that we're going to be in," Drosky. "We're excited about that. It was like that last year, and we know that we can run with them."

"Having been on a course, you get to know how it runs and where the areas are where you can push it and the areas where you might want to be more conservative," said Tech head coach Alan Drosky.

"That's a benefit, no doubt about it. More important is the fact that you will be running in front of friends and family that you don't typically get at most meets. There should be a lot of Tech people out there and that can only help. There's excitement and energy that you draw from having that kind of support."

Katie Griffin leads the Lady Jacket's team, as the team's top finisher in each of its meets. Griffin posted the team's best scores at the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships.

Strong races are also expected from freshman Carly Matthews, who has been the Jackets' No. 2 runner for much of the season.

Senior Brendon Mahoney should be the lead runner for the men's team. The All-American ran his first cross country race of the season at the Auburn Invitational and recorded a team-best time of 24:36.82. Veterans Joe Poliseo, Adam Jones and Daniel Moss look to be strong finishers as well. Rob Kuhn has been the Jackets' top finisher in three races and placed first among Division I runners at the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships.

football forecast

Georgia Tech vs. NC State
Arizona State vs. Washington State
Boston College vs. Notre Dame
Colorado vs. Oklahoma
Florida vs. Georgia
Minnesota vs. Ohio State
Auburn vs. Mississippi
Tennessee vs. South Carolina
Texas A&M vs. Oklahoma St.
Ohio vs. Miami

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By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Following this weekend's ACC championships, Tech will race at the NCAA South Region Championships on Nov. 16 in Knoxville, TN.

Beyond the White and Gold his own team? Michael Vick vs.

By John Parsons
Senior Staff Writer

In case you've been living in a cave, Michael Vick is incredible. He led the Falcons to a huge win last weekend against the Saints to put the Falcons in serious playoff contention.

They now sit at 4-3 and are tied with the Cardinals for the sixth-best record in the NFC. The Falcons should be able to get at least 6 more wins, which would most likely put them in the playoffs at 10-6.

As great as Vick is though, I can't see him making up for continued personnel mismanagement. In this case, I am speaking of the release of Willie Jackson. This is a player that had 81 catches for over 1,000 yards last year; yet he is somehow not good enough for more than an occasional cameo in one of the worst receiving corps in all of football.

The Falcons have stated that Jackson's release was partly of his own making because of his dissatisfaction with

his playing time. It's hard to blame him, however, for being dissatisfied when he was the only receiver on the roster with a good season to his credit.

Neither Shawn Jefferson nor Brian Finneran has ever had a 60-catch year. Shawn Jefferson has never broken 850 yards in a season and Brian Finneran is playing as a starter for the first time in his short career.

It must be hard to put together a bad team when Michael Vick is the quarterback, but the Falcons seem to be trying. The best that the current Falcons could be is a 10-6 or

11-5 team in the same mold as the Eagles from a couple years ago. Having a great quarterback creates some instant offense, but when the play-offs come Vick will need more weapons than he has.

You only have to watch the Eagles playoff games from the last few years to see an example of a great quarterback, Donovan McNabb, trying in vain to produce 30 points for his team each and every game.

McNabb still doesn't have the greatest receivers, but James Thrash and Antonio Freeman beat what they had before. Likewise, Jackson made the Falcons receiving corps better.

It's just not possible for one man to will his team to victory each and every week against the quality opponents the Falcons would play in the playoffs. Evidence for this can be seen in that

Vick had to pull himself out the game against the Saints because he was completely exhausted. Obviously, he can only do so much, but the Falcons ask for him to give every-

thing he has in every game. He'll be spent by December if this keeps up and the Falcons will collapse as soon as he does. For the sake of Michael Vick's health, please get him some receivers (not cutting them would be nice too).

As for remedying the situation, it won't be possible to get all of the weapons needed until at least this off-season.

Cutting Willie Jackson doesn't inspire confidence in me that better times are ahead, but I guess we'll see. After all, I'm just a Monday morning quarterback... and Vick is incredible.

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Athletes across country demand rights Student-athlete movement pushes the NCAA to rethink their stance on punishment and eligibility

By Maggie Rasor
Tufts Daily

(U-WIRE) Tufts University—A new organization has been launched to push for a bill of rights for student-athletes at National Collegiate Athletic Association institutions, including Tufts.

The National Student-Athletes' Rights Movement, with its proposed Student-Athletes' Bill of Rights, intends to "restore the welfare of student athletes to their rightful place at the top of the priority list at the NCAA and at all member institutions" due to concerns over arbitrary rulings and abuses of power, according to an NSARM press release.

The Bill of Rights includes proposals that vary from changing the ways schools treat teams whose members break rules and the length of time students can participate in intercollegiate sports.

The Bill of Rights also calls for athletes to have "the right to receive benefits and privileges generally available to the institution's students who do not participate in intercollegiate athletics."

The bill of rights is part of a 64-page document entitled "The NCAA Who Protects Student-Athletes?" written by Bob Timmons, a retired University of Kansas head track & field coach.

It also includes a section aimed at establishing a "fair" punishment system, responding to incidents at some institutions where entire teams were punished for rule infractions made by one or a few members.

At Tufts, however, few see that there are problems that a bill is needed to fix.

"I haven't experienced a situation in which I've been punished for something I haven't done," said

junior Pete Jurczynski, who is on the cross-country and track teams.. "I think Tufts is pretty good about being fair in that regard."

Jurczynski was in agreement with others in the Athletics Department about the fairness of the NCAA.

"The NCAA has a pretty large breadth of responsibility, so they have to maintain strict policies to ensure fairness, and I'm not op-

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Athletic Director at Tufts
University

posed to that," he said.

"My experience with the NCAA is that they have been very responsive to student needs," Athletic Director Bill Gehling said. "Institutions and conferences [such as the NCAA and the NESCAC conference, of which Tufts is a member] have advisory committees...that has been their avenue to try to give students a voice...to protect their rights."

But sailing coach Ken Legler said that rules need to be reformed so they are more clear.

"I am not an expert on NCAA

rules; they are as complicated as tax codes. As such, I am not surprised there is a student-athlete bill of rights document getting formulated," he said.

The Bill of Rights also calls for the NCAA to allow for more than four years of athletic eligibility, a policy that many disagree with but think it does not apply to Division III schools like Tufts.

"Even honor students take six years to earn their degrees in some majors," Jurczynski said. "To go in four years is crazy."

But some see this as aimed more towards large, Division I universities. "There is a much greater expectation [at Tufts] for us to be students," Jurczynski said.

"Coaches understand this, and the athletic department prides itself on the fact that the athletes at Tufts, as a whole, have a higher GPA than non-athletes."

As varsity crew member Alana Van Der Mude put it, "I came to Tufts to go to school, not to row."

Despite general satisfaction with the NCAA, Gehling feels there are areas for improvement, including "captain's practices," out-of-season athletic activity.

The NCAA has official start and end dates for sports, and until recently, out-of-season practices were forbidden. Currently the NCAA allows for limited practice outside the regular season; however the NESCAC does not.

"The NCAA has been wrestling with this for years... the fact is our student-athletes do want to get together," said Gehling.

For more information concerning the student-athlete's movement and purpose go online and visit: www.ncaastudentathletes.org.

Swim

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The key point of this weekend is to use it as an opportunity to see what competition awaits them in further ACC meets and at the conference championship.

"Our women are continuing to mature as athletes and they need to see this level of competition and they cannot shy from any of the ACC opponents, they've got to get in there and do the best they can and be competitive because they're going to have to in February to do well at conference championships," said Baron.

Last year, the Jackets shocked FSU and the rest of the conference by winning second place at the conference championships. Former Tech swimmer David Laitala even destroyed FSU's hopes of having a second individual championships when he defeated senior Devin Crock in the 100 fly. FSU had defeated the team during the regular dual meet season. However, this year the Jackets will not be satisfied with just defeating the Seminoles at conference.

"This is possibly our biggest dual meet of the season—just from the standpoint that we've never beaten them in a dual meet. Not to say we're rivals, because we like to think we're better than they are," said co-captain James Salazar. Salazar thinks the team has the talent to beat the Seminoles this year.

"We're definitely a better team than they are, but they put up a pretty good fight in the dual meets," said Salazar.

The meet should be a close one though because of several key events. FSU has expanded its diving team to six divers, and last week the male divers faced one of the nation's best diving programs, Miami, and fared remarkably well, finishing four divers in the top five—although you can only receive points for three divers.

"They're pretty strong in diving; there's no doubt about that, and though they might be pretty strong in diving, I would say they're pretty weak in the distance events," said Baron.

Tech's distance swimmers, All-American Shilo Ayalon, Eddie Oliver, Sam Morgan, and Ofir Sorias should easily defeat FSU's distance



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Tech men are now 75-4 all time versus the Emory Eagles, while the women are 2-0. Both teams open ACC play against FSU on Saturday.

divers, which include former Tech swimmer Brady Skagg's brother, Andrew Skaggs.

Statistically speaking, the meet between the two rivals has always come down to the sprint events. FSU has a remarkably strong senior sprint squad but Tech has added several impressive new freshmen sprinters including Ryan Riebesall, Teemu Kettunan, in addition to returners All-ACC Josh Hersko and sophomore Mike Comer.

"We've got some good talent and it will not surprise me if one of the freshmen steps up this weekend and shows me something that I'm hoping to see," said Baron. Baron said if the Jackets win the sprint events, it will tip the whole meet in the Jackets' favor.

The sprint 100 butterfly event will probably go to Crock this year but the Jackets have a good chance at winning the 200 fly. The breaststroke events will also be close ones for the team to win despite the return of All-ACC Tomonori Tsuji and senior Robbie Foster.

"Their breaststroke is pretty solid and Tommy and Robbie are going to have their hands full in hopes that we can sneak through and win that. Their top breastroker and Tommy's time this season are within a couple of hundredths of a second apart," said Baron.

The Jackets' strategy is simple for the meet—win the races that they're expected to and "make sure that the races that are extremely close and go either way go our way."

"It's definitely an important meet for the morale of the team and getting it set [in a positive way] for the rest of the year," said Salazar.

There will be an added fun component to this weekend—the team will get a chance to greet former teammate Skaggs at the meet.

"Brady's down there now going to grad school and I'm looking forward to giving him an earful about his new loyalties to Florida State," said Salazar.

"Hopefully when it's all said and done, we'll walk out with victories," said Baron.

Intramural Notebook

with Jack B. Nimble

They're back! IMs, that is.

Well, most of the new turf is down on the SAC field and the anticipated flag football season is underway. FIJI quickly jumped to No. 2 in the A-League standings with a 41-0 thrashing of Xi Power, previously ranked at fifth.

On the plus side for Xi Power, they didn't give up any offensive points in the second half as all three of the second half scores were on interception returns. It looks like whoever drew up the game plan needs to scrap that one.

Perhaps the most exciting finish in the week's games came in Pi Kappa Phi's 14-13 victory over Beta Theta Pi. With no time on the clock, Beta attempted the tying one point conversion with an option to the left, which the halfback threw to a wide open receiver in the end zone.

It was beautiful play except for one small detail: the quarterback had crossed the line of scrimmage before the pitch, making the halfback's pass illegal. All in all, that's quite a tough way to lose a game.

Pike currently holds the top spot in A-League with two impressive shutout wins and 58 total points scored. Backfield in Motion slipped to third.

On the women's side, Pom Poms in Motion took over the top spot with a 33-0 romp over the 4th ranked Coyote squad. Phi Mu slipped to second with 26-0 win.

Both Phi Mu and Pom Poms have outscored their opponents by a total of 39 points. The difference between the teams?

They have a .05 point difference in their sportsmanship averages. They look to be on a crash course for meeting in the championship, but only time will tell.

For those of you wondering about the enthralling world of intramural bowling, just be patient. I'll get to it soon. As for ultimate, I'm opposed to anything with the word "ultimate" in the name. It sounds too much like a Vince McMahon venture. Yet nobody gets hit. It just doesn't make sense.

Men's Dolphin's Division

Backfield in Motion	1-0
Bluefick Hounds	1-0
Crackhead Armadillos	1-0
Beta Pi	0-1
Sigma Nu Knights	0-1
The Money-makers	0-1

Men's Bear's Division

Pi Kappa Phi	2-0
Playboys	1-1
Beta Theta Pi	1-1
Chi Psi	1-1
Phi Delta Theta	1-1
Theta Xi	0-2

Women's Raiders Division

Phi Mu	2-0
Alpha Gamma Delta	1-1
Zeta Tau Alpha	1-1
Alpha Chi Omega	0-1
Ballas	0-1

Women's Chiefs Division

Pom Poms in Motion	2-0
Alpha Xi Delta	2-0
Coyote	1-0
Alpha Delta Pi	1-1
Ladybugs	0-2

football forecast

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Last week's winners:

Cornelius Ejimofor
Brian Oxford

Wayne Zhou
Mike Gerber