

## **2006-07 Annual Report of Institutional Progress Georgia Tech Athletic Association**

### *Summary:*

The following pages document the athletic department's 2006-07 year, highlighted by Georgia Tech's first ever NCAA team championship in women's tennis. On the academic front during the 2006-07 school year, 114 recent and former Student-Athletes graduated from Georgia Tech. 53% of those graduating from the Bachelor's program did so with honors. Organizationally the athletic association went through significant change in 2006-07 year. The implementation of a new financial model, which includes the rollout of the TECH Fund, combined with increased institutional and student-based support, has set the ground work for long term fiscal stability.

### **Organizational Achievements and Changes**

#### *Financial Management:*

2006-07 year involved significant changes to our GTAA financial model and practices. As a result of these efforts an un-audited cash budget for FY06-07 shows a revenue over expenses balance of approximately \$800,000 for the year. This positive balance reverses a recent trend of tapping into our cash reserves to cover any annual shortfall. A major driver behind this positive annual balance is the successful implementation of the TECH Fund, our new seat donation plan. The TECH Fund, combined with a renewed focus on fiscal efficiency, plus future increases in institutional and student based support set the ground work for our long term financial plan and stability.

Other initiatives put in place this year that will impact next year's budget:

- The Student Activity Fee Committee approved the first significant Athletic Fee increase in over 17 years, a \$48 athletic fee increase from \$64 to \$112 per semester (\$224/year). The change brought the Georgia Tech student fee in line with ACC and NCAA peers. The new fee structure will be in effect in 2007-08 year and should generate an additional \$1.8+M/year.
- Institutional Support. GTAA is working with the Institute to look for improved efficiencies and cost savings from working together. Several projects are in the works that will positively impact Georgia Tech athletics' bottom line in years to come. These current projects include but are not limited to:
  - Sharing Financial Systems: GTAA and A-T Fund accounting systems are now part of the Institute's Peoplesoft system. Conversion was completed July 2007.
  - Merging related personnel functions for better efficiencies and economies of scales:
    - Physically our A-T department is still part of the GTAA but it is now officially part of the Georgia Tech's Development Office.
  - Starting in 2008 GTAA staff personnel will become Georgia Tech employees versus employees of the stand alone GTAA, a 501c3 independent nonprofit organization.

#### *Student-Athlete Support Services: (Academics)*

Reorganized in 2006-2007, this area now provides an umbrella of services including but not limited to Academic Advising, Academic Support Services, and Student Development/Total Person Program. Several functions have been formalized. At the center of advising is the EXCEL@Tech program. This successful program provides academic support and guidance for student athletes. Each participant is assigned a GTAA Academic Advisor to closely monitor the student-athlete and design an individualized academic study plan. The tutoring program has been significantly enhanced and a formal academic coaching program has also been implemented. From a facilities standpoint, a 4,500 square foot learning area has also been added called the 'Technology Center'. This new area was achievable largely due to a \$450K renovation gift from the Candler Committee. Located on the Ground Floor of the Edge Athletic Building, the Technology Center will house many of the daily academic functions beginning in Fall 2007. This area will feature a state of the art computer lab, furniture functional for individual and group study, and a study lounge. The Total Person Program continues to be one of the most comprehensive student-athlete support systems in the country. 2006-2007 efforts also resulted in an improved and enhanced program for the 2007-2008 year. This new program includes more integration with the Institute's GT1000 classes, and an enhanced/new focus on areas

including: Academic Support & Degree Completion; Life Skills; Career Planning and Placement; Counseling and Wellness; Leadership; Community Outreach, and grade specific programming.

*Rules Compliance:*

At its October 2006 meeting, the NCAA Committee on Infractions reviewed and approved the Institute's September 14, 2006 annual compliance report. The next annual compliance report to the Committee on Infractions is due by September 15, 2007. The compliance office continues to provide a comprehensive and thorough program of rules education and monitoring. In January 2007, a full-time compliance coordinator was hired to add additional help with the rules education and monitoring program. The focus of these energies is not only the coaches, student-athletes, and administrative staff of the GTAA, but also the Institute community as a whole, GTAA donors, alumni, and representatives of the Institute's athletics interests. Various pieces of collateral literature combined with rules seminars and a presence on [www.ramblinwreck.com](http://www.ramblinwreck.com) are tools of the GTAA effort's to emphasize rules compliance and protect the integrity of the athletics program. As an example, 9,000 rules education brochures were mailed to football season ticket holders with their season tickets. The assistant director of athletics for compliance meets regularly with the Registrar's Office regarding eligibility of student-athletes. Beginning with the 2006-07 academic year, the compliance staff began to input all student-athlete financial aid into the NCAA Compliance Assistant internet program and the Office of Student Financial Planning and Services reviews the financial aid data and compares the data to what is in BANNER. This new process has provided an extra checks and balances regarding financial aid for student-athletes. The Compliance Office is continuing to provide rules education with all individuals involved in the certification of financial aid and eligibility of student-athletes. Eleven staff members from the GTAA, Registrar's Office and the Office of Student Financial Planning and Services attended one of the NCAA Regional Compliance Seminars as part of the rules education program.

*Alexander-Tharpe Fund:*

The Alexander-Tharpe Fund, Inc. (A-T) continues to be the primary fund-raising arm of the GTAA. New gifts and long term pledges to A-T for FY 2007 were in excess of \$25 million.

*Marketing and Promotions:*

The marketing and promotions area has seen significant change both strategically and organizationally in the last year. The focus includes but is not limited to:

- Create Georgia Tech brand-loyalty through imaging
- Associate the GT brand with long-standing, trusted Atlanta icons (i.e., Coke, Delta, Home Depot, Chick-Fil-A, Braves)
- Change conservative perception by diversifying messages, entertainment and delivery systems
- Stress customer service, communication and accessibility
- More visibility of head coaches and student-athletes
- Reach 25-39 year old professionals living inside the perimeter
- Penetrate African-American demographic throughout greater metro Atlanta
- Continue to cultivate families and individuals living in the outlying areas of metro Atlanta

*Personnel:*

Wayne Hogan was hired as Associate Director of Athletics for Public Relations. Wayne Hogan was formerly the Director of Athletics at the University of Montana and a long-time administrator at Florida State University. Mollie Mayfield, Associate AD/CFO, who previously acted as CFO and Senior Woman Administrator (SWA) with oversight over 4 sports, was moved to solely concentrate on the business affairs of the GTAA as its CFO. Theresa Wenzel was promoted to Assistant AD and SWA with oversight over 14 sports. Theresa Wenzel most recently served as the GTAA business office manager. Prior to Tech, Theresa was an Associate AD and head women's golf coach at Sienna. Two Associate Directors of Athletics left the GTAA, Larry New and Bobby Robinson. Those positions are no longer part of the current organization.

## 2006-07 Athletic Achievements and Summaries

### **FOOTBALL**

Record: 9-5 Overall, 7-1 ACC (Coastal Division Champions), Gator Bowl

- Won the ACC Coastal Division Championship and played in the ACC Championship game for the first time
- Earned a school-record 10th straight bowl berth, playing West Virginia in the Gator Bowl on New Year's Day
- Posted a 10th consecutive season with seven or more wins while playing a schedule that included nine bowl teams (the only school in the nation to play more was national champion Florida)
- One of only six schools in the nation to play in a bowl game each of the last 10 years (Florida State, Virginia Tech, Florida, Georgia and Michigan are the others)
- Achieved an ACC record of .500 or better for the 12th consecutive year, a feat matched by only three other schools in the nation (Florida, Michigan, Southern Mississippi). Since 1995, Tech has won more ACC games than any school except Florida State.
- Win over Virginia Tech gave Tech seven victories over nationally-ranked teams in head coach Chan Gailey's five seasons. Tech has defeated at least one ranked team for 12 straight years.
- Tech's defense ranked in the Top 30 in the nation in every category
- Placed 10 players on the all-Atlantic Coast Conference team and three players on the Academic All-ACC team
- Wide receiver Calvin Johnson was the No. 2 overall selection, by the Detroit Lions, in the 2007 National Football League draft, the highest a Georgia Tech player has ever been selected in the draft. He was the ninth first-round draft pick in Tech history. Offensive lineman Mansfield Wrotto was taken in the fourth round (124th overall) by the Seattle Seahawks.
- Tight ends George Cooper (Falcons) and Michael Matthews (Giants), linebacker KaMichael Hall (Colts) and wide receiver Chris Dunlap (Patriots) signed free agent contracts and remain on their respective teams' rosters as of June 25.

All-America: Calvin Johnson (1st), Durant Brooks (2nd), Philip Wheeler (2nd)

ACC Player of the Year: Calvin Johnson

All-ACC: Calvin Johnson (1st), Durant Brooks (1st), Joe Anoai (1st), Jamal Lewis (1st), Tashard Choice (2nd), Adamm Oliver (2nd), Philip Wheeler (2nd), Reggie Ball (hm), Andrew Gardner (2nd), KaMichael Hall (2nd)

Academic All-ACC: Travis Bell, Darryl Richard, Kevin Tuminello

### **VOLLEYBALL**

Record: 20-12 Overall, 12-10 ACC (5th place)

- Posted its 13th consecutive winning season
- Won nine of their last 11 matches
- Highlight of the season was a dramatic, come-from-behind victory over nationally-ranked Duke
- Junior Ulrike Stegemann earned honorable mention all-America honors, marking the fifth straight year that Tech has had at least one all-America

All-America: Ulrike Stegemann (hm)

All-ACC: Ulrike Stegemann (1st), Lindsey Gray (2nd)

Academic All-ACC: Allie Niekamp, Abby Showers, Ulrike Stegemann

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Record: 20-12 Overall, 8-8 ACC (T-6th), NCAA Midwest Regional

- Made the NCAA Tournament for the third time in the last four years and the 15th time in school history
- Defeated three Top 15 teams during the year with wins over Memphis, Duke, North Carolina
- Finished the regular season by winning seven of nine games
- Guard Javaris Crittenton and forward Thaddeus Young were both selected in the first round of the NBA draft, the first time Tech teammates were taken in the first round the same year.

- Welcome another strong recruiting class, led by McDonald's All-American and Mr. Basketball in Georgia, Gani Lawal of Norcross, as well as Mr. Basketball in Tennessee (Class AAAA), Maurice Miller of Memphis, and Lance Storrs in Decatur, Ga., and Columbia H.S.

All-ACC: Javaris Crittenton (3rd)

ACC All-Freshman: Javaris Crittenton (1st), Thaddeus Young (hm)

Freshman All-America: Javaris Crittenton, Thaddeus Young

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Record: 21-12 Overall, 9-5 ACC (6th) • NCAA Tournament

- Recorded the most successful season in Georgia Tech history, including 21 victories, nine wins in the Atlantic Coast Conference, the program's third NCAA Tournament appearance and the first NCAA Tournament victory in school history
- Tech's 21 wins were the most for the Yellow Jackets as a Division I program, while the nine ACC victories are also a school record as the Jackets posted their first winning record in conference play
- Head coach MaChelle Joseph named Whack Hyder State of Georgia Women's College Basketball Coach of the Year by the Atlanta Tipoff Club
- Welcome one of the nation's top recruiting classes, including Parade All-Americans Iasia Hemingway and Alex Montgomery

All-ACC: Stephanie Higgs (3rd)

## **MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

ACC: 11th place

- David Herren named to the Academic All-ACC team for cross country
- Placed 11th at the ACC Championships; Herren was Tech's top individual (23rd)

Academic All-ACC: David Herren

## **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

ACC: 9th place

- Placed 9th at the ACC Championships
- Top individual was Nisha Kurian, who placed 20th at the ACC Championships and then earned NCAA All-South Region honors
- Nisha Kurian, Mary Chind and Elena Linn named to Academic All-ACC team for cross country

Academic All-ACC: Mary Chind, Nisha Kurian, Elena Linn

## **MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**

Record: 3-5 Overall, 1-3 ACC

ACC: 6th (267.5 points) • NCAA: T-37th (2 points)

- Finished among the Top 40 at the NCAA Championships for the seventh consecutive season, tallying a 37th-place finish
- Junior Evan Stowers earned All-America honors for the second consecutive season on the platform with a score of 289.25 in the consolation finals, finishing 15th overall

All-Americans: Evan Stowers (platform diving, 15th)

All-ACC: Ryan Bishop (400 IM, 3rd)

NCAA qualifiers: Evan Stowers (1-meter, 3-meter and platform diving)

School records set: Noah Copeland (200 free), 200 free relay team (Jason Bourgeois, Jacob Kwasnik, Ofer Finkler, Mauricio Sousa)

CSCAA Academic All-America Honorable Mention: Noah Copeland, Rob Miller and Ryan Bishop (all hm)

## **WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING**

Record: 4-7 Overall, 1-4 ACC

ACC: 9th (138 points)

- Finished ninth at the ACC Championships

- Junior Stephanie England earned all-ACC honors with a third-place finish in 3-meter diving, the first Tech female all-conference diver

All-ACC: Stephanie England (3-meter diving)

CSCAA Academic All-America Honorable Mention: Stephanie England, Hannah Krimm, Elizabeth Stowe (all hm)

## **WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

Indoor - ACC: 7th place • NCAA: 14th place

Outdoor - ACC: 4th place • NCAA: 19th place

- Ashlee Kidd was Tech's top performer in the NCAA Outdoor Championships, finishing third in the 400-meter dash and earning All-America honors for the eighth time. Kidd also won the NCAA indoor 60-meter hurdles.
- The team finished 19th in the team scoring at the NCAA Outdoor Championship, compiling 11 points as senior Fatmata Fofanah finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (second-fastest time in Tech history) and sophomore Kimery Hern placed ninth in the hammer throw. Both athletes earned All-America status.
- Other women's track athletes competing at the NCAA Championships included junior Shantia Moss in the 60-meter hurdles, sophomore Jacqua Williams in the 200-meter dash and freshman Samantha Musil in the discus.
- At the ACC Outdoor Championship, Kidd won the 400 meters with a track-record performance, while the 4x100-meter relay team of Kidd, Shantia Moss, Shantrell Moss and Jacqua Williams also finished first in a track-record time.
- During the indoor season, Ashlee Kidd won ACC titles in the 200 and 400 meter events, while Shantia Moss won the 60-meter hurdles.

NCAA Champion (Indoor): Shantia Moss (60m hurdles)

All-Americans (Indoor): Shantia Moss (60m hurdles), Ashlee Kidd (400m)

All-Americans (Outdoor): Ashlee Kidd (400m), Fatmata Fofanah (100m hurdles), Kimery Hern (hammer)

ACC Indoor Champions: Ashlee Kidd (200m, 400m), Shantia Moss (60m hurdles)

Indoor All-ACC: Ashlee Kidd (200m, 400m), Shantia Moss (60m hurdles)

ACC Outdoor Champions: Ashlee Kidd (400m, 4x100m relay), Shantia Moss (4x100m relay), Shantrell Moss (4x100m relay), Jacqua Williams (4x100m relay)

Outdoor All-ACC: Fatmata Fofanah (100m hurdles), Kimery Hern (hammer), Ashlee Kidd (200m, 400m, 4x100m relay), Elena Linn (3000m steeplechase), Shantia Moss (100m hurdles, 4x100m relay), Shantrell Moss (4x100m relay), Jacqua Williams (4x100m relay)

Academic All-ACC: Ashlee Kidd, Elena Linn

## **MEN'S TRACK & FIELD**

Indoor - ACC: 4th place

Outdoor - ACC: 6th place

- James Lemons II was Tech's top performer in the NCAA Championships with a 10th-place finish in the triple jump.
- Junior Jerome Miller competed in the high jump at the NCAA Championships, while freshman Steve Marcelle (discus) and freshman Alphonso Jordan (triple jump) also competed.
- Lemons won the ACC Championship in the triple jump, leading Tech to a sixth place finish overall.

All-America (Outdoor): Jerome Miller (high jump)

ACC Indoor Champions: Jerome Miller (high jump), James Lemons (triple jump)

Indoor All-ACC: Juan Cave (high jump), Jerome Miller (high jump), James Lemons (triple jump, long jump), Alphonso Jordan (triple jump)

ACC Outdoor Champions: James Lemons (triple jump)

Outdoor All-ACC: Alphonso Jordan (triple jump), James Lemons (triple jump), Steve Marcelle (shot put), Jerome Miller (high jump)

NCAA Academic All-District: Nazar Trilisky

Academic All-ACC: Matt DiDia, E.C. Gibbs, Billy Mateker, Nazar Trilisky

## **GOLF**

ACC: 1st (co-champions); NCAA Championship: 8th place

- Co-ACC Champions, along with Virginia Tech, winning Tech's 10th ACC title since 1985
- Earned their 10th consecutive NCAA Championship berth and 21st in the last 23 years, numbers surpassed by only two other schools in the nation. Finished 8th at the NCAA Championship
- Senior Roberto Castro completed a stellar career by being named a second-team All-America, becoming the fourth Tech player to earn All-America recognition all four years. He also was named a co-recipient of the Byron Nelson Award, given to the nation's most outstanding senior golfer, earned All-ACC honors for the fourth time, and was a first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America. He graduated with high honor on May 5.
- Sophomore Cameron Tringale was named a second-team All-America and made the All-ACC team for the second time. Freshman Chesson Hadley posted top-10 finishes at the ACC Championship, NCAA East Regional and NCAA Championship, and was named an honorable mention All-America.

All-Americans: Roberto Castro (2nd), Cameron Tringale (2nd), Chesson Hadley (hm)

All-ACC: Roberto Castro, Cameron Tringale

Academic All-America: Roberto Castro

Academic All-ACC: Roberto Castro, Taylor Hall, Kevin Larsen, Cameron Tringale

## **MEN'S TENNIS**

Record: 7-16, 4-7 ACC (9th)

- Earned their eighth straight NCAA berth and ninth in the last 10 years. Tech was selected to play in the NCAA regional tournament in Athens but lost to 19th-ranked Florida, 4-1, in the first round.
- Junior David North was selected to play in the NCAA individual championship in Athens, but lost in the first round.

Academic All-ACC: Scott Blackmon, Zach Rath

## **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Record: 29-4, 10-1 ACC (T-1st) • ACC Champions • NCAA Champions

- Captured the NCAA Championship in May, the first title ever won by a Georgia Tech team in an NCAA team championship. The Yellow Jackets defeated UCLA in the finals, 4-2, after having defeated California in the semifinals and Notre Dame in the quarterfinals. Tech finished the year 29-4 and won its last 21 straight matches.
- Tech hosted one of the 16 NCAA regional tournaments and won the event by defeating Furman and Kentucky at the Bill Moore Tennis Center
- The Yellow Jackets captured their third consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference championship.
- Kristi Miller, Tech's No. 1 player, reached the quarterfinals in the individual portion of the NCAA Championship. She also was named a first-team Co-SIDA Academic All-America. Miller has earned All-America honors three times in singles, twice in doubles, and has earned All-ACC honors three times. Whitney McCray earned All-America honors in doubles, only the third Tech's women's tennis player ever to earn All-America honors.
- Head coach Bryan Shelton was named Wilson-ITA National Coach of the Year.
- Five Yellow Jacket players were selected for the NCAA individual draw, Miller joined by Whitney McCray and Kirsten Flower in the singles draw. Miller and McCray also were selected for the doubles draw along with Alison Silverio and Amanda Craddock.

All-ACC: Kristi Miller, Alison Silverio, Amanda Craddock

ACC Coach of the Year: Bryan Shelton

All-Americans: Kristi Miller (singles & doubles), Whitney McCray (doubles)

ITA National Coach of the Year: Bryan Shelton

Academic All-America: Kristi Miller (1st)

Academic All-ACC: Kristi Miller, Alison Silverio, Amanda McDowell

Final Singles Rankings: Kristi Miller (No. 7), Kirsten Flower (No. 36), Amanda Craddock (No. 61), Christy Striplin (No. 63), Alison Silverio (No. 67), Amanda McDowell (No. 90), Whitney McCray (No. 94)  
Final Doubles Rankings: Kristi Miller-Whitney McCray (No. 6), Alison Silverio-Amanda Craddock (No. 26), Whitney McCray-Amanda Craddock (No. 52)

## **SOFTBALL**

Record: 54-16, 14-6 ACC (3rd); NCAA Gainesville Regional

- Georgia Tech won a school-record 54 games under first-year head coach Sharon Perkins and was invited to the NCAA Tournament for the sixth consecutive year. The Yellow Jackets went 1-2 in the regional played at Gainesville, Fla., eliminated by Texas.
- Tech finished third in the Atlantic Coast Conference this year with a 14-6 conference record and placed four players – Caitlin Lever, Savannah Brown, Aileen Morales and Whitley Haller – on the All-ACC team.
- Lever and Morales were named All-Americans by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, the first time two Tech players made the team in the same year.
- Haller was named a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-America.

All-ACC: Savannah Brown (1st), Whitney Haller (1st), Caitlin Lever (1st), Aileen Morales (1st)

NFCA All-America: Caitlin Lever (1st), Aileen Morales (3rd)

Academic All-American: Whitney Haller (2nd)

Academic All-ACC: Not available

## **BASEBALL**

Record: 32-25, 15-14 ACC (4th in Coastal Division)

- Tech finished fourth in the Coastal Division of the Atlantic Coast Conference and earned a No. 7 seed in the ACC Tournament, where the Jackets went 1-2.
- Catcher Matt Wieters was named a first-team All-American for the second time, only the third Tech player to make a first team twice. He also was a finalist for the Johnny Bench Award, given to the nation's top catcher.
- Wieters and Payne were named to the All-ACC team.
- Ten Yellow Jackets players were selected in Major League Baseball's first-year player draft, with Wieters the highest selection at No. 5 overall by the Baltimore Orioles. Payne was a supplemental first-round pick by San Diego. Shortstop Michael Fisher, outfielders Wally Crancer and Luke Murton, and pitchers Tim Ladd, Eddie Burns, David Duncan, Jared Hyatt and Ryan Turner also were drafted. All but Wieters, Duncan, Burns and Murton have signed contracts and will not return to Tech.

All-Americans: Matt Wieters (1st), Danny Payne (3rd)

All-ACC: Matt Wieters (1st), Danny Payne (1st)

Academic All-ACC: Not available