

# Title IX: A History of Women's Sports at Dartmouth

By Sara Pickrell

#### What is Title IX?

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Title IX, renamed the "Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act" for its preeminent supporter in Congress, is one of the most important acts for gender equity in the United States. The act, which prohibits inequality on the basis of sex in educational programs or activities has come to protect against and prevent gender based violence, discrimination in hiring or educational opportunities, and more. Perhaps its most well-known function though is its role in the world of women's athletics. As one of the most contentious parts of the act, much debate and change has occurred since the Education Amendments of 1972 regarding the role of equality in sports. Title IX has come to enhance and provide opportunity for women athletes in the United States since its institutionalization in 1972. While compliance wasn't necessitated until 1978 and enforcement wasn't truly regulated until the late 80s and early 90s, the existence of this act continued to enhance athletic opportunities for women which in turn furthered the opportunities for future athletes. The hesitancy to enforce this rule was most likely influenced by the repeated amendments people tried to pass in order to mitigate the effects of Title IX in the athletic sphere. The predominant driver for these amendments was the belief that it would negatively impact 'revenue-producing' sports (which in nearly all instances was football.) While these amendments were eventually all killed or repealed, the fight over the impact of women's sports on men's sports continued because many schools chose to comply by cutting mens programs instead of building womens programs. This meant that they were in compliance, but were harming men's athletic programs. As time passed though, many schools changed their models in order to enhance their women's programs instead of detracting from their men's programs.

Importantly, the unsteady nature of Title IX legislation, enforcement, and compliance is important to its history and makes this history much more fluid and personal in nature than general legislative history often seems. Part of this is because the question of what equality looks like in sports was variable from the beginning. Does that mean having a single team for which men and women can try out? Does that mean having one all male team, one coed team, and one all female team? Does it mean different things for different types of sports (contact vs. noncontact?)

In the end, Title IX ended up meaning, for most sports, a men's program and a separate women's program for which there is supposed to be equivalent institutional funding and support, as long as there is sufficient student interest in those programs. But, the unique nature of gender equality in an athletic sphere and the struggle to understand what that means exactly lent Title IX its fluidity and ever changing, ever debated nature, that it still possesses today.

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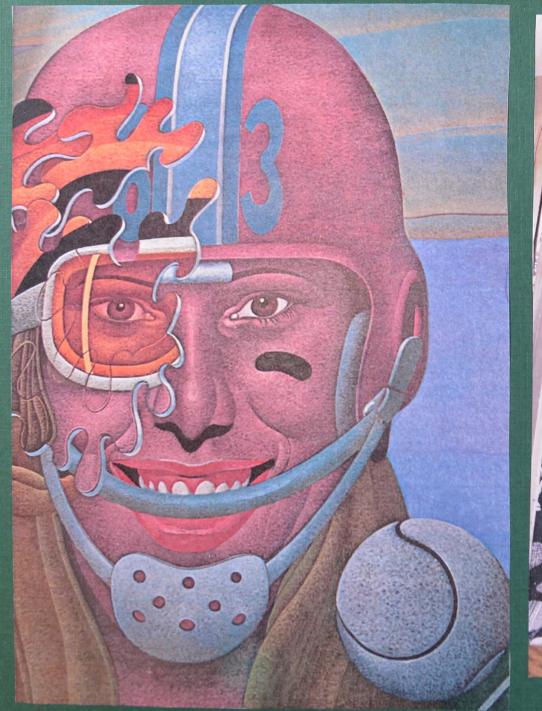
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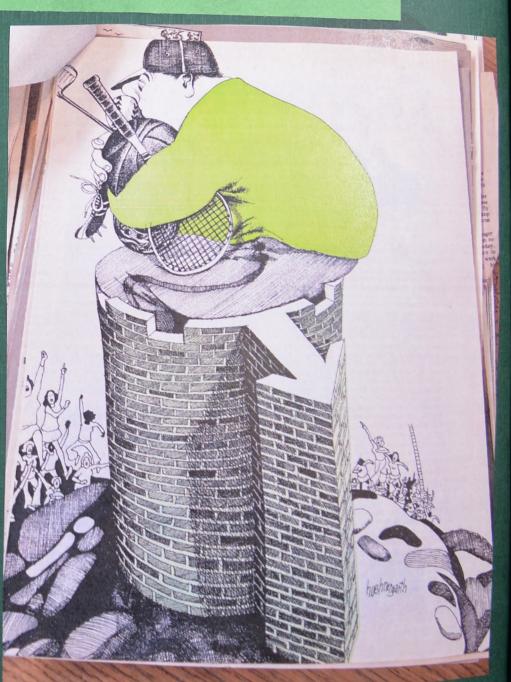
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#### Coeducation at Dartmouth

In the 1970s, as the rest of the United States grappled with the impacts of Title IX and what it would mean for women to be equal in educational settings, Dartmouth was grappling with allowing women into their institution at all. The first year that women were enrolled at Dartmouth happened to also be in 1972, and the years leading up to coeducation were characterized by much debate and question about whether or not Dartmouth should go co-ed, and if so how they would do it. The athletic department was one of the staunchest institutions against co education. The primary driver for this negative attitude was the impact that administrators could see women at Dartmouth having on men's athletic teams. (And this was before Title IX even came into being.) The reason the athletic administrators were so fearful was because of the shifts they knew would have to occur within the school in order to add women: namely the D-Plan. Instituting a 4 quarter term could greatly affect when men are on campus and the seasons in which men play sports. (If a sport crosses quarters then how could athletes take one of those quarters off?) Or, and perhaps more threateningly, if Dartmouth was to add women to the student body without increasing the total student body (which was a goal of coeducation at first) then they necessarily had to admit less men. This would limit the pool of male athletes available to the athletic department and therefore limit Dartmouth's athletic capabilities. While the D-Plan was intended to prevent this problem, over time it certainly couldn't contain an entire doubling of the student body, so questions of admissions ratios continued to plague Dartmouth throughout the 70s as the school learned how to become a coeducational institution. This meant that as the nation adjusted to and figured out the fluid nature of women's athletics, Dartmouth had to adjust to and figure out how to make our institution as fair as possible in every sphere, and athletics was only a part of that story. The lives of the women who have shaped Dartmouth history since 1972 therefore also greatly impacted the history itself, because they had to form all of their activities with such small numbers and in such an unsteady atmosphere.

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"I think we did a hell of a job achieving it, thanks to [Agnes] Aggie Kurtz."



"Aggie was very, very good. And we'll take a lot of the credit for it too. But Aggie was great. We hired the right person, and I think we had the right approach. We learned a lot from the other schools; we had the right commitment of resources in the broadest sense."

"First, she knows athletics; she's got a wonderful people ability; she has a nice balance, not uptight, not—some of the qualities you want in people, kind of nebulous things. But it was pretty clear that she wasn't going to be a strong, strong women's lib, you know, women or nothing. That was important. And I think she became convinced that the institution had the commitment that it had. She was wonderful."

Agnes "Aggie" Bixler Kurtz is truly the face of women's sports at Dartmouth. As the first woman hired, her role was to start the women's athletics program from scratch in 1972. She managed to create 6 varsity intercollegiate teams with that first class of women, and then continue to grow the program over her next 6 years in administration. After stepping down from administrative duties, she managed to coach a very successful squash program. In the early years of women at Dartmouth, women's athletics was entirely the responsibility of Bixler Kurtz, and it is to her that our current athletic program for women owes its success. The world that Aggie entered at Dartmouth in the 1970s was a transitional world from a male-only space to a newly coeducational one. Athletics similarly was a male-only space newly expanded for women, so Agnes's role was a unique one. She had to start a program with athletes who did not have the experience as their male counterparts, and with a student population of only a few hundred women. This era became characterized as one of slow growth in which the women's program, small as it was, was not much of a threat to the men's department. Agnes Kurtz intentionally cultivated this feeling, and intentionally emphasized her goal of providing for women without taking away from the men. At the same time, she had to deal with infrastructures that either intentionally or unintentionally left her struggling at times to give her athletes what they deserved.

Some coeds showed up at the basketball court I don't think they can manage in a skirt Oh I guess they can stay
Pretty faces to watch me play
But I won't let them help with this sport

Look o'er here and what do we see
A bunch of men naked as can be
No trainer in sight
Women here are a blight
So get out, to make room for jayvee

In short, we are out front on this one and recognize the necessity to do something for both the women and the men. At the risk of nit picking, our head golf coach operates out of a "closet" office under the pool stands, while Kenfield and Randall do not share space as large as the one currently occupied by all the women. "All the women is also a misnomer in that Mary Corrigan has, for the last year and a half, had her own private office. But again, this is small potatoes since we recognize the necessity to provide ample space for all.

Superior to any which the men have with the exception of the new space in Thompson Arena. If members of our men's intercollegiate teams who use the locker facilities in Davis Varsity House saw the women's facilities, they would have every cause to lodge a complaint relative to equal opportunity.

A number of faculty members, officers, and staff share the same physical education locker facility as students in the main physical education locker room, and that facility is woefully inadequate. Our visiting team facilities for men are pathetic, particularly in the basement of Davis Varsity House.

Who were upstairs locker room with long lockers?

THE DARTMOUTH, TUESDAY 7, MAY 1974

#### DCAC Cutbacks

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Varsity locker room attendants will be retained. Presently there are two men's varsity locker room attendants in Davis Varsity House and the DCAC is ad vertising for a third. The varsity and regular locker room at tendant duties for women are presently performed by Valia who will be gone on July 1.

Peters explained that an additional varsity attendant was needed at Davis House for supervision over equipment stored there and to provide continuity in supervision. The two present attendants are facing mandatory retirement in three

years.

The DCAC has also approved the hiring of a third full-time women's athletic coach for next year. Peters expressed hope she will coach gymnastics and perform training and other duties.

The DCAC cutbacks affect other areas. "General reductions across the board" were made to meet a \$70,000 reduction. Peters explained. The locker room attendant positions are being discontinued to meet an additional \$30,000 reduction recommended by the Task Force on Budget Priorities.

They turned Jesus away at the inn I've heard So why must I share space with her?
These lockers are ours
Dirty socks molding sour
Let's just crowd these coeds out the door

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And sweaters a must for winters so bold
But that's varsity bling
A men-only type-of thing
But varsity prizes must now go to those



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Aggie Didn't Ask
Why are things not fair she asked?
Well because Aggie didn't ask.
Why do we not have more money, they
wanted to know?
Well, because Aggie didn't ask.
How come we don't eat on weekend trips?
Well, because it wasn't in the budget.
Why not?
Well, because Aggie didn't ask.
We of course will comply.
We support you entirely.
But if you don't know we won't tell.

And since we didn't tell,

Well, Aggie didn't ask

In the DCAC budget process, I ask all department heads to be fully responsible for budgeting. For instance, Aggie Kurtz has overall responsibility for completing the entire budget for women's athletics and submitting same to me for review and ultimate submission to Vice President Smallwood. In next year's budget, Mrs. Kurtz requested \$1,500 for support staff and this request remains in our budget. I simply must rely on the assistant director responsible for women's athletics to adquately reflect her needs in the annual budget presentation.

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Enclosed is a summary of the physical education teaching schedule. The question of a uniform policy for all is a tough one to answer. Physical education assignments are based on time coaches have available and their job description, not sex. I don't think it is realistic to suggest that because the men's tennis coach does not have physical education responsibilities the women's coach should not. I can only repeat that overall job descriptions and responsibilities should be the criteria, and to be perfectly frank about the matter, the head coaches of women's sports do not have the workload, particularly in the area of recruiting, scouting, and magnitude of schedule which the men have.

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#### MARY CORRIGAN TO ASSUME MULTIPLE DUTIES IN WOMEN'S ATHLETICS AT DARTMOUTH

HANOUER, N.H. -- Mary Corrigan, a native of Ireland and for the past two years a member of the staff at the National College of Physical Education in Limerick, Ireland, will join the Dartmouth College staff in July, becoming the fourth woman associated with the women's athletic program initiated at Dartmouth in 1972.

Miss Corrigan will become the first trainer for women's teams at Dartmouth and will also coach the women's gymnastics team. She will also be an associate in the College's physical education department.

A graduate of Ling College of Physical Education in Dublin, Miss Corrigan taught for two years at a private school in Philadelphia, Pa., and then received her moster's degree in physical education from the University of Massachusetts in 1972.

Miss Corrigan was coach of the Irish Women's National Field Hockey Association team that toured the United States in 1972 and is a member of the All-Ireland women's field hockey team.

She will come to Dartmouth in July, joining agnes Bixler and Chris Clark on the staff of women's athletics. Miss Bixler, who came to Dartmouth in 1972, coaches field bockey, squash and lacrosse. Miss Clark joined the staff last fall and coaches women's teams in basketball and tennis. Pam Reed also joined the college staff last year as coach of women's skiing.

"Dartmouth's program of women's athletics has grown steadily with the increasing number of undergraduate women at the college," said Server Peters, the director of athletics. "We're fortunate to have Miss Corrigan, with her versatile background, joining our staff. She will be a tremendous help as a coach and equally as a trainer.

Women's teams in eight sports have developed at Dartmouth since the college first accepted women as undergraduate degree candidates two years ago.

#### 1976 FALL SCHEDULES

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Soccer or football? Dartmouth goalle Scott Blackmus (left) appears to be setting up for field goal attempt by teammate Tom Ryan (center) and startled Keene State forward can't believe his eyes. The scrimmage ended in scoreless tie, Wisnesskill.

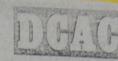
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WOMEN'S JUNIOR VARSITY TENNIS

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NEWS



May 7, 1976

FRUM: Aggie Kurtz, Assistant Director of Athletics

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in our quest for top women athletes the women coaches of Dartmouth feel that you can be a big help to us. Toward that aim we have prepared this newsletter and will be printing a more comprehensive brochure this summer.

There are many reasons why women went to one to Dartmouth: the academic challenge, the unique Dartmouth Flam, the language study opportunities and good, clean, fresh country air. To add to this we have a well established Intercollegiate Athletic Program to challenge even the finest athletes. Our program has increased steadily since it's beginning in 1972 and now includes 11 varsity sports.

Field hookey was the first intercollegiate sport for women at Dartsouth. Beginning with a 2-2 record in 1972, it has grown to the point of 50 freshmen trying out for the varnity and jayvee squade, and completed an undefeated meason with 10 games. We have participated in the post season Northeast College Tournament each year, placing 5 girls on All-College teams last year. In 1976 we will be playing in the Eastern regional championships sponsored by AIAW.

Parketball and squash teams have been active since 1972. The women's basketball team begins practice in ind-November in preparation for it's competitive season in January Games are scheduled with Trinity, Yale, Shith, Bowdoin, University of Vermont, Plysouth State, Radcliffe, Williams and Colby-Sasyur College. Plans for 1976-77 include participation in the Try League Basketball Chempionship on February 18-20 at the University of Fennsylvahia.

Squash has hed winning scasons 3 of the 4 years in its existence. Lest year we placed 4th in the Howe Cun Mational Toom event in New Mayon and also housed the Mational Intercollegiate Singles Championship at Earthouth. Many of the players on the team begin to play the game after entering college, but through practice and determination are able to learn enough to beat most of their opponents. These include Smith, williams, Radoliffe, Brown, Tale, Trinity, Middlebury and Tufts.

Communities is in its 3rd season as a versity sport. Practices start on an informal baris in the fall, in preparation for a winter season. We include teams such as Boston State College, University of Versont, Plymouth State College, Keens State College, University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Cornell, and Habsilffs on our schedule. Where possible we combine rects with the sam's beam and find this adds to the enjoyant of the program. We have first quality equipment, mostly Rissen and Rauthor systems. Dartmouth is an ideal school for semious who is interested in a first-class degree but who wishes to stay with a sport and progress as much as possible with academic pursuits taking first priority.

The third season of the women's swim team got underway in early October with the first meet being an invitational meet of six tunes in November at Harvard-Radoliffe. Rounding out the fall program were meets with the University of New Esspehire and Mt. Solyake before New vacation. Pollowing the break the team continued its season in Mtd-January, swimming five meets between January 17 and the New Essimal Championship meet in mid-Bebruary. On the schedule were dual meets with Harvard-Radoliffe, Andover, and Springfield. Double dual meets were hald with Extery Waine and University of Varmont/Kasna. The future of wecca's avisming at Dartzouth looks bright with more und more applicants expressing a tesire to continue their swimming at Dartzouth. With the superb feellities of Spelding Pool and Karll B. Nichael Fool, there is every reason to believe that there will be continued interest in the development and maintenance of Dartzouth Wesen's Nichalng.

For the past three years the women's tennis tean has operated as a variety team playing it's competitive schedule in the spring. As a result of large student interest, the women's tennia program has migor expansion in above for the future. For the spring of this year (1976), a justor varsity team has been established with it's own couch and competitive schedule. Next year, varsity and junior varsity team will be competing in both the fall and spring.

#### The End of A Decade

The three prong rule was implemented in 1978 as a way for schools and organizations to have a mechanism by which they could measure Title IX compliance. Schools had to be in compliance with one of the following three prongs:

- 1. Participation Opportunities are proportional to the student body. (e.g. if the school is 47% women, athletes should be approximately 47% women, with about a 3%point buffer)
- 2. Schools must have a history of and continued action to expand programs (if not meeting prong 1)
- 3. Schools must provide the opportunities to "fully and effectively" meet the interests of the student body (if not meeting prongs 1 and 2)

In 1978, things finally came to a head, and the earliest stage of women's athletics at Dartmouth ended. In a report entitled "The Status of Women's Athletics," Agnes Bixler Kurtz enumerated the many areas needed for improvement in equity in Dartmouth's Athletic Department. She explained the many flaws from inadequate facilities, unequal budgets, and unfair numbers of male and female coaches along with their unfair salaries as some of the many reasons for her frustration with the department's gender ratios and policies. She additionally explained that the students of 1978 were fully aware of the inequities and unlike the adults running the administration, the students were not there a decade ago, so did not see all of the progress the school had made, but only the impact on their lives at the time. That impact was negative, and thus the students saw the negatives. She ended up stepping down from her administrative duties to focus on only coaching (as most men's coaches were able) in that same year.

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## FLASH FORWARD 50 yrs Ariana Ramsey, Olympian!





"When Louise O'Neal came, she was quite different and she did push and would become assistant director and later associate director of athletics at Dartmouth College, but that took much too long and a great deal of blood was shed over that."

"And then we hired somebody who wasn't so wonderful to succeed her, Louise O'Neal, we got taken by Yale on that."

"But athletics was the last bastion besides that. And a woman named Louise O'Neal, whom you've probably heard people speak of. She was the basketball coach at Connecticut, University of Connecticut, and she's the one who led the women's team to national prominence, a prominence it still has today. She is one of the fiercest, strongest, determined individuals I have known in my life. She was an orphan. She was raised in an orphanage. And she brought with her selfreliance to the point of...just astonished. She was prickly, very prickly, actually. But that was all right. And she fought for women in athletics, and she took an enormous amount of trouble from the athletics department because almost everybody in that department, all the men, truly did not want equal access for women because it cost them money. I mean, that was mostly what it was. You know, it was going to cost more resources, resources that would come from male athletics—men's athletics. Plus they just simply were not interested in it very much; it was just very, very male in that basic sense, that place. And so she fought like the devil. And it happened, and it happened under her. It truly did. And then she wanted to be the director of athletics, and I've forgotten the person who stepped down, and of course, wouldn't have wanted her to do it at all. And she didn't get it."



Louise O'Neal may be one of the most contentious figures in the history of women's athletics at Dartmouth. She took over from Agnes Kurtz as the main administrator for women's athletics initially, but as the administrative structure for Dartmouth's Athletics program changed in the 80s, she became head of all intercollegiate sports. She was a contentious figure, because her approach was very different from Aggie Bixler Kurtz's. Louise O'Neal entered Dartmouth at a time when Title IX compliance was federally mandated if relatively unenforced, women comprised a larger makeup of the student body, and perhaps most importantly, women were not coming in with a "oh we've come so far" mentality, and instead could only see the inequities that existed in front of them. Because of this, the previous decade's policy of building up women's programs without ever ruffling the men's programs was no longer a feasible solution. The women were big enough to threaten the men's program (budgetarily). This did not mean the goal of the women's program was to take away from the men's, but instead that there were now enough women in the institution at all that they constituted more of a percentage of the athletic budget, and they were going to ask for their due. This was especially encouraged by O'Neal who, after the structural shift of the department, changed budget requests from yearly percentage increases to zero sum budgeting for all teams, male or female. This necessitated every team justifying every expense, and was only one of many policies implemented by O'Neal that changed the men's and women's programs to a single intercollegiate program. This change was not always met with joy, and O'Neal's fiery personality lent those decisions she made which were already contentious an even more contentious edge.

## Athletic department announces reorganization

The College has reorganized the adminis-Athletics Scaver Peters 54.

function," Peters said.

Burnham, former assistant director of tion." athletics for 12 years who oversaw the men's the new areas of alumni affairs and devel- over the last ten years."

under Peters, who became the College's fourth director of athletics in 1967.

Louise O'Neal is the new associate director of athletics in charge of all intercollegiate 16 men's teams, and, since 1972, a full range team programs. For the past three years she has served as the assistant director of athletics responsible for women's sports and facilities management.

Kenyon Jones is the new associate director of athletics for the physical education and intramural programs with which he has been involved for 15 years.

A "nationwide search" is currently underway to fill the fourth position of associate director of athletics for financial affairs, operations and facilities management and employee programs, according to Peters.

The reorganization has changed the old division of women's and men's sports to one between "athletic programs" and "support functions, or facilities and operations," Peters explained.

"In my opinion, it doesn't make sense that women should be on one side of the ledger and men on the other side of the ledger," Peters said. Programs and support functions are "a more logical separation," he added.

The reorganization was planned by Peters, President of the College David T. McLaughlin, and the two former associate directors O'Neal and Burnham, according to

The appointment of the new president "seemed an appropriate time to take a fresh look at the administration of the athletic

"When we began reviewing the adequacy of women's teams now totalling 14. of our administrative structure with Presitration of the athletic department in an at- dent McLaughlin last spring," Peters said, tempt to deal more effectively with growth in "we became aware that it has been too long its athletic programs since coeducation be-gan ten years ago, according to Director of since we had looked at our organization in terms of goals, priorities and work load, es-"The most significant change in the reorganization is Mr. (Alden) Burnham's new added a series of intercollegiate, intramural on individual sports such as golf, horseback and physical education programs for women did in the reorganization is Mr. (Alden) Burnham's new added a series of intercollegiate, intramural on individual sports such as golf, horseback riding, sailing, skiing, swimming, squash and that almost doubled the scope of our opera-tennis for both men and women.

teams among other administrative activities, growth came with the advent of coeducation is now the associate director of athletics for but "There has been continuing expansion

The Dartmouth College Athletic Council Three more assistant directors will work (DCAC) sustains a program of physical education and sports competition of exceptional breadth, Peters noted,

In keeping with the College's commitment to the development of the whole person, DCAC also administers a three-term physipecially the cumulative impact of having more than three dozen sports, with emphasis on individual sports such as golf, horseback

It conducts during all four terms an ex-According to Peters, a good deal of the tensive program of intramural competition in some 33 sports involving approximately 80 percent of the College's undergraduates. In addition, DCAC provides facilities sup-port for several club sports, employee athletic programs and community programs.

Peters noted that before Dartmouth's reorganization plan was completed, he studied In intercollegiate competition, it supports the programs and future plans of the athletic (Continued on page 10)

SEAVER PETERS Director of Athletics

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(Continued from page 1) departments of the seven Ivy League colleges, as well as those of some ten other col-

His findings confirmed that the new Dartmouth athletic administrative structure is consistant with those of most of its peers. It was also noted that Harvard and Yale are both undergoing similar reviews of their athletic departments.

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Everyone always goes looking for gold.

They fight for it and dream of it. They make maps with pretty Xs and little dotted lines making it hard for anyone to find.

They search far and wide, looking for a victory, looking for a prize.

But somehow they've missed the sleeping dragon who lives just up the road.

She is keeping her gold.

She is amassing it.

Piling it.

Guarding it.

And she knows that one day, they will be coming for it.

## Sports

## Shadow Of NCAA Looms Over Women's Athletics

AIAW Injunction Turned Down, Appeal Is Final Hope For Survival

## State Of Athletics Healthy

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## FLASH FORWARD

Her Video Spurred Changes in Women's Basketball. Did They Go Far Enough?

Sedona Prince's viral TikTok from the 2021 N.C.A.A. women's tournament led to a gender equity review in college basketball and to changes in the women's event.

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## With Trash Talk and Top-Tier Talent, Women's Basketball Is Beyond Ready for Its Own TV Deal

If the last week has shown us anything, it's that women's college basketball is ready for a long-awaited opportunity to demonstrate its value.

EMMA BACCELLIERI - APR 7, 2023



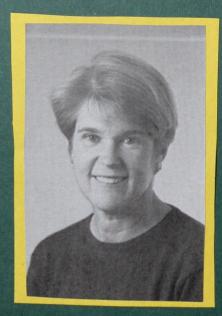
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"It took a long time till we managed to get a woman into... A big problem was in the area of sports news. Sports news would come out and it would consist entirely of the news of the male teams. A little tiny amount, when they happened to remember it, about women's teams. It would be ironic because over several years the women's teams, on the average, did much better than the men's teams. But eventually, Kathy Slattery [Kathleen "Kathy" Slattery Phillips] was hired there, who did a fine job there. Eventually, there too we got a woman in there. But really, in a way, that did not get corrected till there was a change in the head of the sports information section, because the previous incumbent of it seemed quite prejudiced against women's athletics."

IT NEVER DAWNED ON ME until later what the animal crackers were about.

Kathy Slattery Phillips"Slats" to those of us who knew her—kept a huge jar of them on her desk in Alumni Gym. Each day on their way to or from practice a steady trickle of hungry athletes would stop to scoop up a handful and swap a quick bit of banter with Slats.

It was all about the banter. Slats formed lasting relationships with generations of Dartmouth athletes over those animal crackers.



#### Kathy

There once was a woman named Kathy
Whose nicknames were quite catchy
Those names were not nice
But they certainly helped us write,
And we learned a great deal
Stopping by her room between meals
Greeting us there was always a herd
Of creatures whose heads were waiting to be sheared
And as we munched on those beasts who went crunch,
Chatty Kathy would chat
And she'd joke and she'd laugh
While tired weary athletes came by for a snack



#### **Dartmouth College** ATHLETICS

1995-96 Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act (EADA) Report

For the anademic year July 1, 1995 - June 50, 1996 Propared September 20, 1996

#### Athletic Opportunities

1995-96	Mon	Women
Undergraduate Enrollment	2,228	2,023
Percentage	52.4%	47.6%

	Men	Women
Dasetori	24	1000
Baskettall	16	15
Cross Country	15	15
Field Hockey	1 2 3 5	23
Football	85	1000
Golf	10	10 -
lce Hockey	27	20
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Riding (coed) #	0	25
Rowing	29	32
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Saling (coed)	18	16
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Spacer	21	25
Softball	The second	17
Squash	16	16
Swimming/D-ving	20	21
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Track & Field	49	36
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TOTAL	302	350
PERCENT OF TOTAL	52.8%	47.2%

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	Men's Teams	Women's Teams	Co
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Cross Country	87.544	\$6,828	
Field Hockey		841,735	
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I live in the corners

A mouse scavenging for cheese.

But I'm scared. I've been burned before, and I'm alone. Sometimes, you put out a treat and I think it's for me.

I am so excited, for the little bit of attention I'm shown.

You gave me a morsel and I should be grateful.

I mean, I'm a rodent living in your walls.

You didn't ask for me.

You don't want me.

And if you could, you would get rid of me.

But I am a mouse.

So I am never alone.

Wherever I go others will follow. So you can kill me, sure, but you can't kill us all.

We thrive in the dark. We live in the corners.

And so yes, at first I'll be cautious, and grateful.

You gave me a morsel. That's all I need.

Just enough for me to go home and breed.

Now there's so many mice living in your walls. We're in your basement and the rafters.

We're in your dormitories, your fields, but worst of all your locker room halls.

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COLDEN ERA FOR WOMEN. ATLANTA GAMES A TRIBUTE TO 24-YEAR-OLD
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One of the unique aspects of women's athletics and Title IX's placement in history that was exacerbated by its flexibility and progressive or cyclical nonenforcement was the bonds that therefore formed between women whose lives were greatly impacted by athletics. While at Dartmouth the women were bonding by creating teams and joining clubs, across the nation, different women working in different universities all had one another's backs as well. There were so few female athletes, even fewer female heads of women's programs, and such minimal support oftentimes from people outside the women's athletic spheres, that these coaches and athletes and administrators often bonded across the nation, or across departments internally. Sometimes, like here, that looked like sending one another articles and reports that they had found. Other times it would be a little note while scheduling games that encouraged competition but also support for one another's programs as they grew.

## With no female athletes, football poses problem

ally expands its intercollegiate athletic program to meet and the women, "Jaeger said.

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ease of its interested attricts. For example, the women's volleyball team achieved fully-funded varsity tatus this year, while the men's tatus this year.

varsity men's teams and 15 fully-funded varsity women's teams.

There will be 16 fully-funded about 125 men, Lyons said.

Between varsity and junior-var-sity, the football program carries

Brown and Title IX

Brown University of

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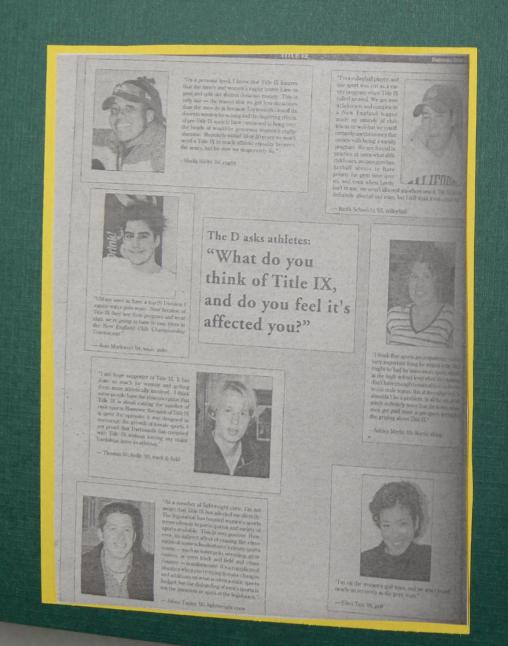
has considered asking to have foot-ball exempted from Title IX rules, sity to club-varsity status in April sion in the First Circuit Count.

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"We have a large number of men claiming the decision had discuss

Other coaches praised the Col- favor of the plaintiffs, agreeing six

Reichley wrote, "Nothing in the Brown University demoted four of Title IX's requirements is inco-



## In some areas, Dartmouth exceeds Title IX expectations DARTMOUTH SPORTS from page 83

Dartmouth complies with the spirit of Title IX beyond what the letter of the law requires, particular in the area of finances.

Over the past four years, the percentage of the athletics department's total operating expenses allocated to men has declined from 57.9 in 1998-99 to 53.8 last year. Dartmouth spent only \$112 more per capita for each male athlete, far better the \$803 spread the Women's Sports Foundation pegs as the Division I average.

Dartmouth is also on the forefront of gender equity in terms of athletics administration. Harper is one of the few female athletic directors in Division I, a member of an 8.4 percent minority. Dartmouth also has a far greater percentage of women coaching women's teams this is changing as women's athletics feels the than most schools in America.

None of this is required by Title IX, and neither is the policy of umbrella fundraising the college has in place for all of its sports with different teams for each gender, like hockey and basketball. All direct solicitations of funds to alumni are under the auspices of a gender neutral organization. like the Friends of Dartmouth Hockey. Whatever money comes in is split evenly between the men's and women's teams in the particular sport, which is particularly helpful to the women's teams since they do not have as many alumni on which to draw for support.

Dartmouth male and female athletes alike said they felt Dartmouth has achieved gender equity in sports.

If there is any disparity between the genders, it is the higher national profile of the women's teams.

"Pretty much every major woman's sport

competes at a high level on a national scene," men's basketball captain Greg Friel '03 said. "The men's teams haven't been as good as the women's programs in my tenure at the school."

Harper, who coached the women's lacrosse team for years before working her way up through the athletic department's administrative side, sees a bigger comparative advantage for Dartmouth teams recruiting women over those recruiting men.

There still is a bit more focus on academics and things that you're going to do later in life for women than there is for men," Harper ex-

This phenomenon often leads women athletes to choose schools like Dartmouth based on academics first, but, according to Harper, cumulative effects of the last 30 years of Title IX more and more each year.

Whereas Dartmouth used to be one of the few schools offering certain athletic opportunities for prospective athletes, the increased participation in women's sports at all levels has lead to an ongoing proliferation of teams. Every year, women's collegiate athletics resembles men's more and more in every aspect, not just recruiting.

While there is currently a heated debate about Title IX compliance on the national level so much so that there is currently a 15person committee reevaluating how it has been designed and enforced, such controversy does not exist at Dartmouth.

"It's heartening to find that Dartmouth is an example of how Title IX can be successful when a university has the right priorities," Donna Devora, a two-time gold medal winning swimmer and member of the committee, said.





Vivian Lee '03

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By JEFFREY BEYE Staff Writer

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## Title IX largely benefits whites, leaving minority women out

BY TRACY LANDERS

outspoken triendliness make her a perfect cox- with a smile. avain for the women's light-weight crew team-

share her cultural background.

Corning from Columbia, North Carolina, sport. Her family had only seen her run track in racial — inequality.



basketball with young black men.

"No one had a concept of what I was doing... Kiva Wilson's sleuder frame, big voice and we don't have crew in Columbia," Wilson said

In becoming a coxswain, Wilson joined the small group of female minority students who at she still wanted to row.

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Title IX, a federal law that effectively man-portant goal for the College. Wiscon returned home her first winter break and dated the rapid creation of scores of new women's

That's mainly because many varsity sports, with the notable exception of basketball, are of a sport is far more important, she said. dominated by white athletes. Because Title IX have been added that generally don't attract minority recruits.

golf team, Lee has had success in a traditionally

college sport when she was 13. Her family, like experience. that of many college athletes, has always helped I don't think I could play golf if [my parents]

didn't support my golf career," Lee said. such as golf proves to be of little relevance to ity status that ultimately takes precedent. women whose families cannot finance their tal-

The reality of the situation is evident to many minorities "Wilson said. high-profile female athletics advocates, such as Harper said that despite not offering scholar-quit," Wilson said.

a predominately black high school and play club Tina Sloan Green, former national lacrosse coach and executive director of the Black Women in Sports Foundation.

Title IX really helped white women," Green r told the Los Angeles Times, pointing out that minority women have not been able to keep up.

Dartmouth's defining characteristic as an lvy

Athletic Director Joann Harper said that increasing diversity in its athletic program an im-

Nevertheless, Harper emphasized that the Wison returned home her first winter or each and the distribution of the distribution popularity with minorities when deciding whether to create a new team. The nation-wide popularity

Softball and volleyball, both added in the midaims to bring the total number of women and 1990s, are the two most recent additions to the men players to parity, a lot of women's programs female athletic program, and have attracted some

For Kisa Brannen '03, playing softball as a Thirty years after Title IX's implementation, minority in her hometown of Los Angeles was the lack of ethnic diversity on her golf team nothing special Japanese and Native American comes as no surprise to Vivian Lee '03. As a Brannen and her younger sister were recruited Korean American and captain of the women's toplayon predominantly white lvy League teams.

The ethnic structure of her team may have surprised her at a first-year practice or two, but Unlike Wilson, Lee started competing in her ollege sport when she was 13. Her family, like experience.

Brannen said race has had no real effect on her giving women of color opportunities as a "I don't think the ky League dos as "I don't think th

"Everyone for the most part just gets really it could," Harper said. her pay for the equipment, green fees and sum-ner lessons that have allowed her to gain skills. "Jealous on spring training in Florida when I get the darkest and they just burn," Brannen said.

Wilson, Lee, Harper and Brannen all agreed that coaches are constantly on the lookout for out resources. Equality of opportunity for expensive sports minority talent, but it is talent rather than minor-

rowers. But that group doesn't contain a lot of Title IX-driven athletic system as a who



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Wilson, meanwhile, is dissatisfed

to support her through difficultadies "They make a concerted effort to bring in fast that she's not optimistic about the health

35 Cents

## Large football budgets fuel the Title IX debate



Wednesday, April 5, 1995

## Court ruling casts new light on Title IX

Despite ruling against Brown, officials say Dartmouth is in compliance

By JEFFREY BEYER Staff Writer

lege continues to provide equitable spite a federal ruling on Wednesday that redefines the application of Title IX, a federal regulation prohibiting gender discrimination in activities at schools that receive federal fund-

stripped two men's teams and two Director Dick Jaeger said. women's teams of varsity status. Raymond Pettine ruled on Wednesday that in doing so, Brown violated

undergraduates with an adequate 45.1 percent of participating athletes number of athletic opportunities.

Dartmouth officials say the Col- women, the percentage of female Registrar. athletes at the school was not conresources to its female athletes desistent with the percentage of fe-Education's Office of Civil Rights male students.

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tually the same number of opportu-tests. In 1991, Brown University nities as males in athletics, Athletic

athletes more equal," he said.

The Dartmouth College Athletic Title IX by not providing its female Department projects that by 1996,

in varsity sports will be female. About Pettine said although Brown of 47 percent of undergraduates are fers 16 sports for men and 16 for female, according to the College

The U.S. Department of set up a three-pronged test to deter-At Brown, 38.1 percent of its ath- mine whether schools are in comletes are women and about 51 of its pliance with Title IX, and Associate Director of Athletics Josie Harper At Dartmouth, females have vir- said Dartmouth passes all three

Under the three-pronged test, educational institutions are consid-"Dartmouth has constantly been ered to be in compliance with Title Senior U.S. District Court Judge making the ratio of male to female IX if a school's ratio of female to male athletes is "substantially proportionate" to the ratio of women to

See COMPLIANCE, page 10

## **JOSIE HARPER '47a**

he thesaurus provides the synonyms of educator, mentor and teacher for the word "coach." Josie, you are the ultimate "Dartmouth coach," having filled that role for our student-athletes as the women's lacrosse coach and then for our coaches as our Director of Athletics and Recreation.

Yours is a story of winning and success since joining the Dartmouth athletic department in 1981 to coach the women's lacrosse team. During the next eleven seasons you compiled an overall record of 88-69, taking the team to the NCAA tournament in 1983 and winning the first Ivy League Championships in 1986 and 1987, followed by an ECAC Championship in 1988. Also excelling in international competition, you coached the 1986 U.S. World Cup team and assisted the 1982 U.S. team that won the world championship. You were inducted into the Wearers of the Green in 1999 in recognition of your achievements in coaching at the national and international level.

Dartmouth quickly recognized your leadership skills and in 1987 asked you to also assume the position of Assistant Director of Athletics. As with the coaching profession, your management career skyrocketed: In 1992 you hung up your coach's whistle for a full-time position in athletic administration. Promotions to Associate and Senior Associate followed, and in 2002 you were named the seventh Director of Athletics and Recreation at Dartmouth College.

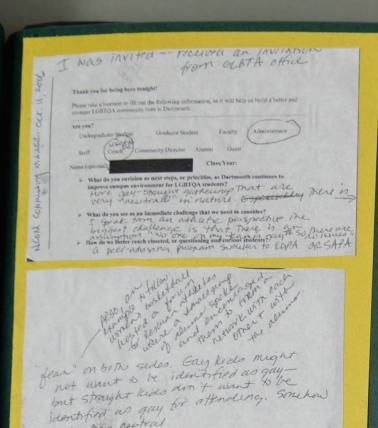
As a coach, you aggressively and methodically pulled together all of the various components essential to a winning team. The same applies to your approach as athletic director. Extraordinary capital improvements have been made to College athletic facilities during your tenure: Renovations to Alumni Gym provided a 14,000-square-foot fitness center for all students; the Burnham Soccer Field and Sports Pavilion opened in 2007; the Floren Varsity House offers a 10,000-square-foot strength training center, study room for athletes, and offices for many coaches; and this spring we dedicated the Red Rolfe Field at Biondi Park. These represent only a few examples of the physical improvements made under your leadership.

A leader in your field, you are the first woman to serve as athletic director at an Ivy League institution. You have been honored by your peers in both the administrative and coaching arenas. You were named the 2000 National Association of College Women Athletic Administrators Division 1-AA Administrator of the Year. The ECAC selected you in 2001 as the ECAC Female Athletic Administrator of the Year and then honored you again in 2005 with the presentation of the Katherine Ley Award in recognition of your leadership and advocacy for women coaches and administrators. In 2006 you were inducted into the National Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

As impressive as this long list of accolades sounds, it is the welfare of the Dartmouth coaches, athletic staff, and student-athletes that tops your priority list and is appreciated by all. As women's basketball coach Chris Wielgus recently said, "Josie has been such an important part of the fabric of this community that it is hard to imagine her not being here."

Josie, we will keep your whistle hanging by the door in case you want to stop by and join us on the field sometime during your well-deserved retirement. In recognition of your 28 years of extraordinary dedication and service to Dartmouth College, the Dartmouth Alumni Council honors you and extends our sincere appreciation.





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Coaches Discussion

#### SURVEY COMMENTS

These are some direct quotes from the surveys (both coaches and athletes) that we thought would be interesting for you to see. The bold is the question from which the comments were taken. Note that the athletes and coaches survey questions were slightly different.

#### Has sexual orientation been addressed?

"Yes, in general terms."

"Yes—treating everyone with respect."
"Making good decisions, being leaders, workshops, tolerance of any 'difference."
"Crossing the line for coaches to address sexual orientation in public."
"It doesn't matter—there is no need to address it."

#### Should it be addressed?

"If people feel uncomfortable, then yes [I will address it]"

"If there is a need."

"It was addressed before I came to Dartmouth."

#### If you were GLBT, would you feel comfortable coming out to your team (or coach—

separate questions)? If no, why?
"Awkward"
"Weird" "Gays are not respected" "Gaybashing"

"They are older" "Not included" 'Stigma' "Not necessary" "Fear of criticism"

"Coaches don't need to be privy to my personal life."
"They wouldn't know how to react/what to say."

"Too personal to talk about with a coach."
"Awkward, especially in the locker room."

"It's such a 'masculine' atmosphere. I would feel like I didn't fit in under their

"Personally I don't think my sexual activity is any of their concern."

"If so of important to my sport."
"If so of important to my sport."
"I don't think that anyone on the team would be supportive. I feel as though they

#### How often do you hear homophobic comments? Examples:

"You're so gay"
"That's gay"

"We make fun of the boys for being gay in the shower "Started up after the juniors voted the class president."

Most surveys with comments here, qualified the reasons for homophobic or

"Nothing serious, lighthearted." (Then wrote, "gays are gross" on the back of survey)

"Locker room jokes, nothing too bad"

"Not intended to be offensive (i.e. Man this weather is gay)"

#### If you were openly GLBT, do you feel there would be repercussions for playing time, varsity status, etc?

"Yes, harder to establish actual playing ability."

#### Are you interested in learning to be an ally to GLBT athletes?

"Don't know what this entails"

"I'm already an ally"

"N/A"

### What aspects of creating a comfortable environment for GLBT athletes do you feel you can control?

Lots of responses given...here are a handful "RESPECT"

"Create an environment where they can feel comfortable discussing issues/problems and comfortable enough to bring partners to games/tailgates."

"Leading by example, respecting personal choices and decisions."

"Be there to listen, not try to change them but work with all of them."

"Make athletes accountable, educate."

"Being aware of "boy" talk, how language and awareness might make others

"Diversity training,"

"Dialogue and discussion."

#### Additional comments.

"The team on whole is very accepting and this stems from great leadership from the coaching staff."

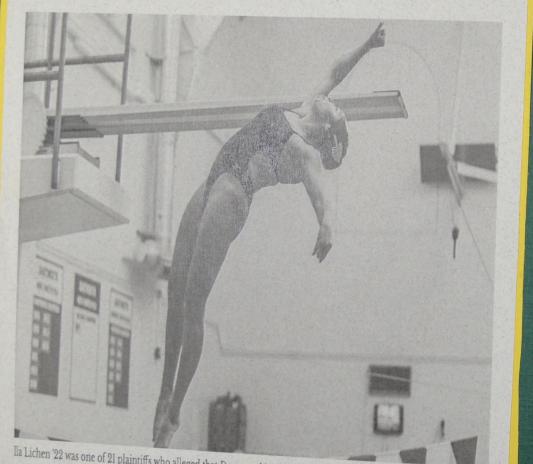
"I think it's important for coaches to just reinforce now and then that they promote GLBT friendly spaces. Programs that promote awareness of famous GLBT athletes are very effective."

"It's just really awkward when someone's gay but doesn't admit it to the team out of fear, because then people talk about it more than they would if it were just out in the open. Otherwise its awkward cuz you don't know why they don't wanna tell you, and things are super weird when you're showering together."

"This is a waste of my time/money."

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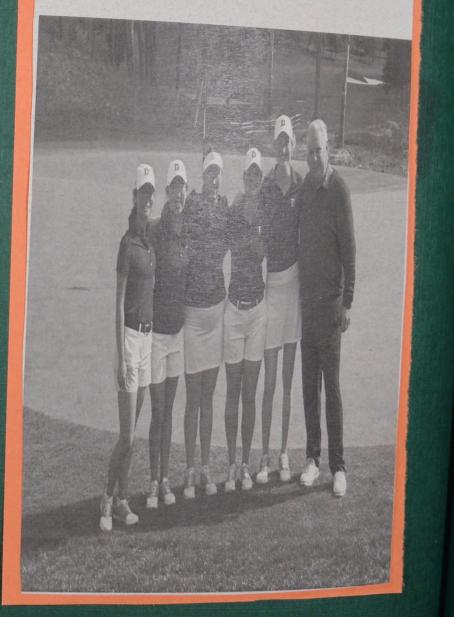
lla Lichen '22 was one of 21 plaintiffs who alleged that Dartmouth's athletic cuts violated Title IX.

Source: Courtesy of Eleanor Zwart

# Athletic Department releases Gender Equity Plan following 2020 Title IX case

The Gender Equity Plan outlines how the College will ensure gender equity in varsity athletics by the 2023-2024 academic year.

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Doing this research has been incredibly interesting, but there are still many different directions in which to continue building the history of women's athletics at Dartmouth. The primary lenses through which this history needs to be further studied are the intersection of women's athletics with other marginalized identities. There is little in the official record about the lives and experiences of women of color who were athletes at the time of implementation and what their lives looked like. (Except for the occasional article about how Title IX often leaves out women of color.) Similarly, the lives of queer athletes—while mentioned somewhat in the early 2000s—still needs to be much more deeply studied. This is especially true in the early eras of women's sports where the questions of what it means to be feminine and what athletics' intersection with the female identity is like were highly debated and majorly impactful to the early years of sport. Because much of the silent history of women's sports is found in the margins, those women who possessed other aspects of their identities which could have further marginalized them deserve more attention and study than I have been able to do this term. There is so much to the history of women's athletics at Dartmouth and in general, and its impact on the broader world of education in the United States, and there are many avenues that still need to be looked at when piecing together this story.

Additionally, this story is still being written. The next step for Title IX will most likely be addressing transgender and nonbinary athletes and their contributions to women's sports and the world of women's athletics. The role of money in college athletics will also continue to change and grow these programs. Additionally, media coverage and viewership nationally will continue to shift. As women's programs grow, viewerships will too, and thus media coverage may become an even more important part of the story of Title IX. This history is brand new, it has only been 50 years since Patsy Mink managed to get Title IX passed, and in those 50 years, amendments have been proposed, passed, and repealed changing the shape of Title IX. This history has not been static, and still has so much room to grow. Title IX's implications in the sports world have certainly not been fully realized, so even as we celebrate the history of the women who have come before, we must also recognize that what happens with Title IX in our generation will impact the lives of the women who come after.





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