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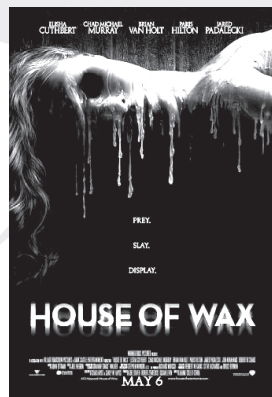
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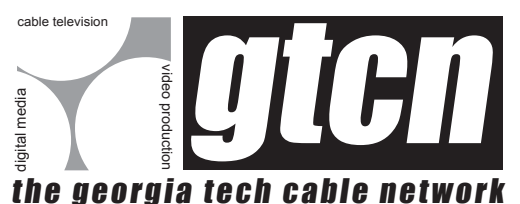
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# Women's basketball drops final home game

By Randy Darnowsky  
Contributing Writer

The women's basketball team played its final home game of the season against the Virginia Tech Hokies last Sunday at the Alexander Memorial Coliseum. Five seniors played in their last home game. Megan Harping, Cheytoria Phillips, Lauren Sauer, Kasha Terry and Jessica Williams were all honored before the game. But the seniors ended with a loss, as Virginia Tech won 70-54.

Sophomore Chioma Nnamaka was the leading scorer for the Jackets, scoring 25 points, 15 of which came in the second half.

"I thought Chioma stepped up and played a big game. From start to finish she carried us offensively, defensively and rebound wise. I thought she was all over the place. And you couldn't ask any more of her," Head Coach MaChelle Joseph said after the game.

Overall, rebounding has been a strong key for this team all season. The Jackets currently rank first in the conference in offensive rebounds.

Junior Stephanie Higgs, with 11 points, was the only other Jacket to score in double-figures.

Three seniors for the Hokies

scored in double figures. Kerry Garin scored 19 points while Kirby Copeland and Dawn Chriss scored 13 and 12 points, respectively. Joseph commented on the play of the Hokie seniors.

"I look at key seniors on other teams stepping it up and winning key games for people. At every game that we lost, there were key seniors stepping it up and making big plays....I look at this [game] no differently. I thought their seniors played big, and they out-hustled us. They knew they were playing for the postseason," Joseph said.

"I asked the kids to play hard and be competitive, and Virginia Tech out-hustled us. I never say that about our team, but it's unfortunate," Joseph said.

At 12:26 left in the first half, after a defensive rebound, sophomore Jill Ingram made a jumper to put the Jackets within one point of the Hokies. The Jackets would never be that close again for the rest of the game. At the end of the first-half the score was 29-18.

The two teams played the second half about equally, as the Hokies increased their lead by just three points. With 14:54 left in the game, the Jackets came to within seven points on an 11-2 run, capped off by

a made jumper by Nnamaka.

Later in the game, the Hokies went on an 11-2 run to lead by 16 points with nine minutes left in the game. The largest lead for the Hokies was 20 points in the game, as Tech never had the lead.

The Jackets were able to convert only eight of their 35 attempts during the first half, and shot just 30.5 percent in the entire game.

"It was senior night and everyone was very excited, and we weren't focused on a 'W' at all. Second half wasn't enough to pick it

back up," Terry said.

"Overall, I was disappointed about this game. I am looking forward to the away games, going back to practice, and getting these last two wins."

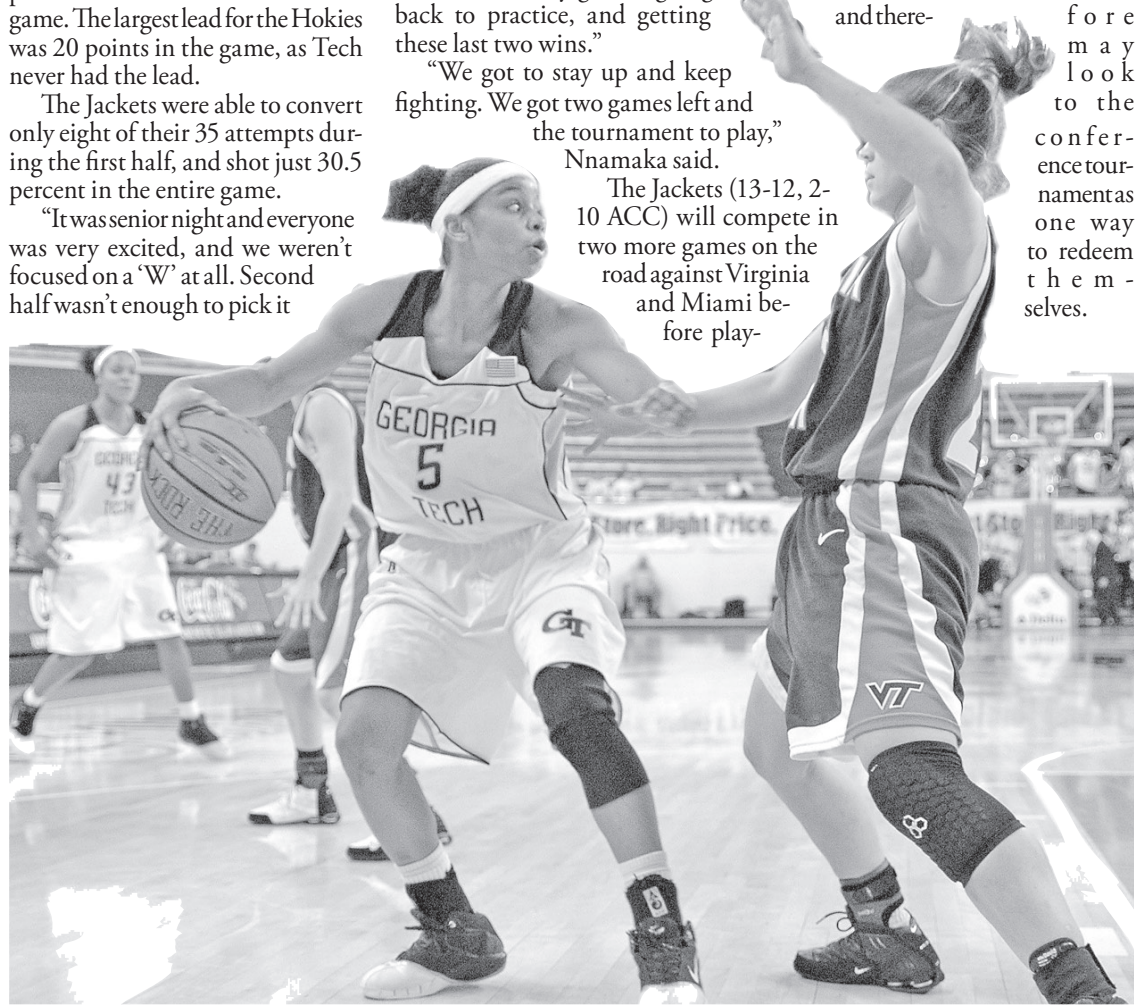
"We got to stay up and keep fighting. We got two games left and the tournament to play," Nnamaka said.

The Jackets (13-12, 2-10 ACC) will compete in two more games on the road against Virginia and Miami before play-

ing at Greensboro in the ACC Tournament.

The Jackets are ranked second-to-last in the ACC, and there-

fore may look to the conference tournaments as one way to redeem themselves.



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore guard Jill Ingram tries to find an opening in the Virginia Tech defence. Teammate Chioma Nnamaka (left, #43) looks on. Ingram earned six points in 28 minutes of play against Virginia Tech.

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# Softball wins Panther tourney for third-straight year

By Kate Patton  
Contributing Writer

After an intense two-day competition last weekend at the Lady Panther Invitational, the softball team face Eastern Kentucky and Georgia State to end the tournament last Sunday. The Jackets downed the Panthers 9-4 to win their third-straight Lady Panther Invitational.

"We knew we had tough competition, so we came out with the mindset that we had to play hard and do our best and never give in," freshman Lacey Richardson said.

Day one of the tournament saw the Jackets open with a 12-4 win against GSU in five innings. Sophomore Whitney Humphreys pitched the first three innings, allowing five hits, three runs and one earned run but striking out three. Freshman Whitney Haller threw the last two innings and allowed

one hit and one run.

The Tech offense, however, pulled ahead to a 7-0 lead after three innings. After GSU came back with four runs, the Jackets ran away with the game adding five more runs. Tech scored a season-high 12 runs on 11 hits and had two errors, while GSU scored four runs on six hits and had three errors.

The Jackets started game two against Kennesaw State leading 1-0. However, KSU would take advantage of Tech's season-high four errors to take the lead. Tech never recovered. The Jackets scored four runs on six hits while KSU scored five runs on six hits and had two errors, as Tech

lost 5-4.

The Jackets went on to face Eastern Kentucky on Sunday and started the first inning with two errors and loaded bases. However, Tech went on to redeem themselves by scoring

five runs in the second. They went on to secure three more runs and eventually the 8-0 win. The Jackets scored eight runs on eight hits and committed three errors, while EKU had no runs

on no hits and had one error. With the win Tech faced Georgia State in the championship game. The first inning got off to a rough start as the Lady Panthers started off with a

four-run lead. But the Jackets would surge back.

Pitcher Humphreys fought GSU off to allow junior Christine Sheridan and sophomore Savannah Brown to tie it up 4-4. With runs from Haller and Hosier, Tech secured the game at 9-4 and won its third straight Lady Panther Invitational.

"It's a great feeling to win. I think there was a lot stronger competition this year in the championship game. They hit very well, but we came back," Brown said.

Two of the women's softball players received special recognition.

Brown was named the ACC co-player of the week on Monday for leading Tech to a 5-1 record and ending the week with a .647 average. Richardson was named one of the Tech student

athletes of the week. Richardson pitched her first no-hitter against Eastern Kentucky on Sunday to help with the 8-0 victory in five innings. She also pitched an impressive three scoreless innings against Kennesaw State

on Sunday.

The Jackets play in the Leadoff Classic today and tomorrow in Columbus, Ga. and will face Alabama, Hofstra and Michigan.

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Freshman Pitcher

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**Savannah Brown**  
Sophomore Catcher



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# Strong pitching, freshmen help Jackets to 8-0 start

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets completed a sweep of Kennesaw State over the weekend and swept the doubleheader against Eastern Tennessee State on Tuesday. Tech improved to 8-0, but the schedule gets more difficult starting against No. 6 Tennessee.

The Jacket pitching staff saw the emergence of two freshman starters who combined for 11 shutout innings last week.

True freshman David Duncan was given the start for Tuesday's doubleheader. Duncan found out only hours before the game that he would be pitching due to the threat of inclement weather on Wednesday.

Despite pitching six shutout innings, Duncan did not factor in the decision. The Jacket bats were cold for the first inning. Duncan was charged two runs in the top of the seventh and left the game up 2-1 after a throwing error broke the shut out. Chris Hicks was unable to get the hold, but did get the win.

"I've been very impressed with both [the freshmen]," Head Coach Danny Hall said. "Ladd pitched great for us on Sunday, and Duncan pitched outstanding [Tuesday night.] I wish [Duncan] could have gotten the win."

Steven Blackwood broke the tie with a two-run double in the three-run seventh inning to give the Jackets the victory. Tim Gustafson pitched the final two innings for his second save of the season.

"We only scored five runs today, but I thought we hit the ball hard," Hall said. "I'm very happy with the way we started, but there is a long way to go."

Red-shirt freshman Tim Ladd preceded Duncan by pitching five shutout innings when given the start for Sunday's game against Kennesaw State. Ladd wasn't given any run support to work with during the cold afternoon

hours, but the bats warmed up midway through the afternoon when three runs were scored in the bottom of the fifth and two more were added in the sixth. Wes Hodges and Whit Robbins each had two hits to lead the offense.

"I've been waiting, and I got my opportunity," Ladd said. "I was caught off guard, but I was still ready. I got settled in from the third inning on and felt myself become more comfortable and stronger."

The first game of the doubleheader on Tuesday saw the Jackets jump out to an early 7-2 lead and cruise to a 7-3 victory. Ryan Turner was given the win after six innings of work. Jared Hyatt was given the save after pitching the final three innings.

Despite each side having three errors during Friday night's game against Kennesaw State, Blake Wood won a pitcher's dual 3-2. Trailing 1-0 going into the bottom of the second, Jeff Kindel doubled to score Hodges to tie up the game.

Whit Robbins drove in Kindel on a single and then a groundout drove in Matt Wieters in the third inning. Those would be the final runs of the games for the Jackets, but they would survive a few late threats by the Owls and get the win.

The team defeated the Owls 7-0 in the Saturday game. Blackwood led the Jackets going 4-4 and scoring three runs. Lee Hyde and freshman Chris Hicks combined for the six-hit shutout.

Robbins leads the Jackets with 17 RBIs and is hitting .394 on the year. He also leads the team with two homeruns.

"It's a lot of fun," Robbins said. "I'm fortunate to be hitting around the type of hitters that get on base. It's hard to mess up with when there are two or three guys on base....I'm more relaxed [this year] and am seeing the ball better."

The Jackets will be in action for the Baseball at the Beach in Myrtle Beach, S.C. this weekend. They will face No. 6 Tennessee today, Virginia Commonwealth on Saturday and Coastal Carolina on Sunday in the round robin tournament. The Volunteers eliminated the Jackets from the NCAA Super Regionals and Coastal Carolina defeated Tech 7-6 last season. Both teams defeated Tech at Russ Chandler Stadium.

"Tennessee is very good," Hall said. "Atkins is probably one of the best left-handers in the country. We know that we'll have a tough game....That will be a good tournament and three game cap for our team."

Mike Trapani is expected to make his return to action this weekend. He has been out since the midway point of the Georgia State game a week and a half ago with a hamstring injury.

Brad Rulon (right) tosses a scoreless inning against Kennesaw State. Solid pitching has been one key to Tech's 8-0 start this season. The baseball team is ranked No. 3 in the country and faces No. 6 Tennessee today at 3:30 at a tournament in Myrtle Beach.

Photos by Tim Dennis and Julia Bunch



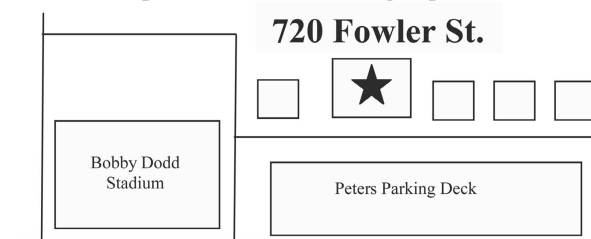
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# Freshman Tringale wins at Hawaii, looks ahead

By Michael Warwick  
Contributing Writer

Freshman golf standout Cameron Tringale jumped out to a blazing start to the spring season with an impressive victory in the University of Hawaii-Hilo tournament two weeks ago. Tringale paced a field that included six of the top 30 teams in the nation and led his team to its second title on the year.

A native of Orange County, Calif., Tringale began his golf development at the age of 10, when he became a steady performer on the junior golf circuits with consistent top 10 finishes. Tringale was named an honorable mention All-American by the American Junior Golf Association and earned the Los Angeles Times Orange County player of the year honors.

One of the highlights of his pre-collegiate play came in the summer of 2005 when he placed ninth in

the stroke play portion of the U.S. Junior Amateur and advanced to the round of 16 in match play. Further, Tringale was an alternate for the U.S. Amateur.

After a fall season that included one top-five finish, he claimed the victory with solid rounds of 65, 67 and 70. In the final two rounds, Tringale surged to top the number one ranked player in the nation, Pablo Martin of Oklahoma State.

Tringale talked about his recent success. "I think the experience of playing and getting comfortable with myself in these collegiate events has helped," he said. "My decision-making on the course has drastically improved since I showed up here at the beginning of the year. I finally put three good rounds together. In the other events I always had at least one good round, and I finally managed to string three together."

With the win, Tringale vaulted to No. 35 in the *Golfweek*/Sagarin

College Golf Rankings.

Tringale said his role is "trying to help the team win and prepare for the NCAA tournament." The

**"In the other events I always had at least one good round, and I finally managed to string three together."**

**Cameron Tringale**  
Freshman Golfer

Tech golf team has a record of high finishes in the national championship, including second place in last year's tournament. The NCAA golf championship will be hosted this year by the University of Portland

at the Crosswater Golf Club in Sunriver, Ore.

Tringale also gave some insight into how the team is preparing for the postseason and what it will take to succeed. He said, "We've been growing the type of grass that they have at the host course at our practice facility so we can get used to it and learn to gradually adjust. We also try to play when the conditions are tough, because there is usually at least one day of nasty weather at the NCAAAs."

Though the team qualification process is tough, involving anywhere from two to six rounds, Tringale has traveled to every tournament this year. Tringale credits much of the improvement in his golf game to this exposure to high-caliber players.

"It's great having a couple of the best players in college golf around all the time. I have learned a lot from Roberto [Castro], Kevin [Larsen] and everyone, and [I] wouldn't have

been as successful without them."

Tringale also attributes his quality play to the help of Head Coach Bruce Heppler. "He's been great. He can help me with my swing and with learning how to play the game more efficiently and effectively. He's coached a lot of great players, so he obviously knows what he's talking about."

At the completion of a competitive spring season, Tringale plans on a summer schedule of play to include such prestigious amateur tournaments as the California Amateur, the Player's Amateur and the Southern Amateur, among others.

Following victories at the Waikoloa Village golf course on Hawaii's Big Island under difficult conditions, Tringale and the Tech golf team look forward to the Puerto Rico Classic Feb. 26-28. Tringale will no doubt be looking to continue his superb play as the Tech team marches towards the national championship.

## Diving from page 31

2:01.96 in the 200-yard butterfly, Stojanovska churned her way to a fifth-place finish. Dropping to a seventh place finish in finals in the 200-yard freestyle, Stojanovska clocked a NCAA 'B' standard of 1:49.53. Stojanovska also earned an NCAA 'B' standard in the 500-yard freestyle, finishing 12th with 4:53.67.

Breaking out for a final farewell, Kracke ended the season with a stellar performance and season-best times. Clocking a 2:01.77 in the 200-yard backstroke, Kracke pushed for a seventh place finish and earned an NCAA 'B' time standard. Kracke also had a seventh-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke event.

Stowe rounded out the leaders with an eighth place finish in the

1650-yard freestyle, finishing with a 16:50.33 to earn an NCAA 'B' time standard. All NCAA 'B' standard finishes will be considered for invite to the NCAA national swimming championships in March.

Sophomore diver Stephanie England finished sixth in the three-meter board while senior Laurissa Prystaj placed 13th.

The Jackets graduated eight seniors last year, and their presence was missed in the water and on the deck at ACCs this year.

"[By graduating eight seniors,] we lost a lot of leadership. They were the first class to graduate. At ACCs they didn't score much last year, but we lost their depth," Stowe said.

The women showed a mixed performance at ACCs, with season-best times paired with other races that were off their best mark.

"We didn't do as well as we

wanted, but we are only in our fifth year. We learned a lot for next year. We learned what we need to do as a team and [to] support each other. We are already excited about next year," junior Alison Walker said.

Stowe has made a remarkable impression on the team both in and out of the water. Her tenacity over the past two years has earned her three school records and a trip to the NCAA national championship as a freshman.

"Stowe is a really hard worker and has a positive impact on the team because she never complains. We can look up to that," Walker said.

Stowe had an excellent second year with the Jackets, but she felt slightly disappointed in her ACC performance.

"I am pleased with the season in review. I swam good in-season times and trained hard. That was

more frustrating though for ACCs. Everyone was swimming a lot of in-season times while being shaved and tapered. I think that's how a lot of people felt," Stowe said.

Already back at practice and focused on the upcoming season, Stowe reveals her dedication to the team. "Now that ACCs are over, we will start recruiting again. We already have some [girls] lined up to come.... I am excited about the freshmen coming in," Stowe said.

Stowe, a high-level performer on the high school level, broke out in the college setting by dropping a tremendous amount of time and emerging as a team leader even as a freshman.

"[Swimming varsity] was very similar to swimming high school because [of] similar coaches. But coming into college I did more morning practices and weight train-

ing. I was able to practice with more distance swimmers. [Tech had] people specifically to train with me. That pushes you harder, having that person [swimming] next to you," Stowe said.

Stowe is a leader by her work ethic and knows the importance of dedication. "I feel that training hard sets the tone for everyone else too," Stowe said.

Her passion for the water stands above all else and keeps her going through the rough times this sport dishes.

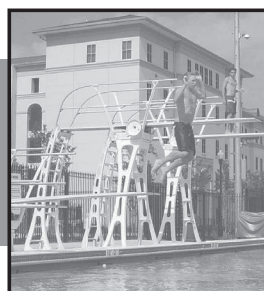
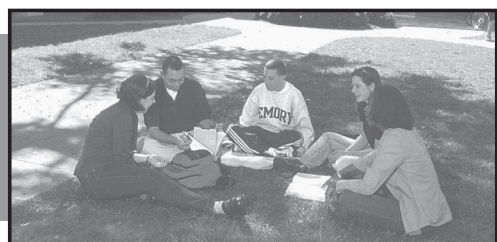
"I enjoy [swimming]. It's easier to work hard when you enjoy it," Stowe said. "There are times when you don't feel like practicing, but the love gets you through."

The women finished a solid season and look to next year for an opportunity to continue to improve. The men's ACCs are this weekend.

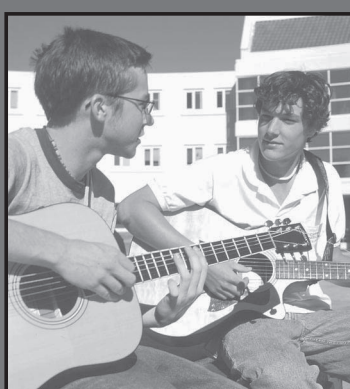
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# by the numbers

## 5-21

J.J. Redick made just five field goals in 21 attempts in Wednesday's game on campus. Redick started the game shooting just 2-17, which was his worst performance since his freshman year when he shot 2-16 in a loss to Kansas in the Sweet 16.

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The number of RBIs that Whit Robbins has over eight games to start the season. He has eight more RBIs than the next closest beesballer, Steven Blackwood. This is particularly noteworthy because Robbins usually hits in the sixth spot in the order.

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The current national ranking of the women's tennis team.



By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Matrix match:** The rugby club team faced Georgia Southern on Saturday in USA Rugby South competition. At the Burger Bowl, fans watched the team lose 24-6 in the ever-important matrix match.

# Stowe leads team at ACCS



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore Elizabeth Stowe swims for the Jackets at last year's ACC Championships, hosted by Georgia Tech. This year, Stowe finished with an NCAA 'B' mark qualifying time in the 1650-yard freestyle.

By Halley Espy  
Executive Editor

Tech's women's swimming and diving teams joined by the men's diving team jetted off to Maryland last week to compete in the women's ACC championships and men's ACC diving competition Feb 15-18.

The women put up a ninth place finish. Florida State captured its first ACC championship title with 596.5 points, edging out second-place finisher Virginia who had 562 points. North Carolina came in third with 517 points. Virginia Tech (409), Maryland (383), Clemson (374), Miami (237), NC State (206.5), Tech (189), Duke (160) and Boston College (79) rounded out the field.

Sophomore diver Evan Stowers led the men's diving competition with an incredible performance, pushing him to win the ACC title in the three-meter competition and to earn All-ACC honors with a

second place finish in the one-meter event.

"[Winning the ACC title] meant a lot more than could be put in an article, but ultimately it was mostly a confidence booster for me going

**"My goal going into the [ACC] meet was to just garner an All-ACC title, which is placing in the top three..."**

**Evan Stowers**  
Sophomore Diver

into the NCAA zone meet," Stowers said.

"My goal going into the [ACC] meet was to just garner an All-ACC title, which is placing in the top three....Winning the ACC title ex-

ceeded my expectations," he said.

Only the second diver in the Tech's history to capture an ACC title on the three meter, Stowers, along with teammates, gained tremendous momentum going into the men's ACC swimming championships this weekend in Maryland. Junior Tony Burkhardt placed sixth in the one meter and 12th on the three-meter board. Sophomore Peter Doblar rounded out the points with a 13th place finish on the one meter to put Tech third in the field going into the swimming competition.

"[Winning] was definitely a moral booster for the team. We are in third after diving," Stowers said. "It put more fuel to the fire."

Junior Vesna Stojanovska, senior Ashley Kracke and sophomore Elizabeth Stowe all earned NCAA 'B' cut standards and captured top eight finishes at finals during the weekend to lead the Lady Jackets.

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## TEERING UP WITH TRINGALE

Freshman golfer Cameron Tringale took on some fierce competition at a tournament in Hawaii and finished first. Page 30

## ENTER EARTH DAY

Even though Earth Day is close to two months away, Facilities has announced plans for the festivities. Page 12



## No. 1 Duke comes from behind to top Jackets



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

J.J. Reddick shoots a jumper from the top of the key. Tech held Reddick to a 5-for-21 shooting night, but could not hold a second-half lead.

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The Jackets played perhaps the best half of basketball in two years, but another second-half collapse plagued Tech. The No. 1 Duke Blue Devils overcame a five-point halftime deficit to win 73-66 on Wednesday.

"We played well for about 35 minutes and showed a lot of immaturity in the last five," Head Coach Paul Hewitt said. "We committed some pretty bad fouls. I hate to say we did it to ourselves, but we did. They were bad, silly, unintelligent fouls."

The Blue Devils were able to absorb the 70.8 percent shooting by the Jackets in the first half to avoid the upset and pick up the win at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

"It's not about playing well, it's about winning the game," Hewitt said.

The Jackets fell to 10-15, 3-11 in the ACC. Tech is 8-33 all time against teams ranked No. 1, and the Jackets have still not won a home game against Duke since the 1995-96 team that featured Stephon Marbury and Matt Harpring under the helm of Bobby Cremins.

On a night that saw J.J. Reddick attempt to break the ACC career scoring mark, Reddick missed 15 of his first 17 shots. The final miss in that span led to a rebound and put-back by Josh McRoberts that gave Duke the lead with 9:42 left in the game. The Blue Devils hadn't had the lead since the opening minute of

the game when they led 2-0.

Reddick then caught fire and scored the next seven points of the game that capped a 15-0 run and took the wind out of Tech's sails. Reddick made just one bucket the rest of the way but still scored 22 points on the game, propelled by 91.67 percent free-throw shooting. Nine of his last 11 points came from the charity stripe, and he fell nine points short of breaking three records in three games.

"When you have a player of Reddick's caliber that is having an off night, you can't bail him out by putting him at the line," Hewitt said.

Sheldon Williams scored 26 points and had 11 boards to make up for the early offensive performances of scoreless Sean Dockery and Reddick.

Second half collapses have become a trend for the Jackets as a team. Since the Centenary game on January 10, Tech's lone victory came against N.C. State. Tech has blown six halftime leads in the 12-game span.

"It's interesting," Hewitt said. "I've got to be careful what I tell my teams because the first day of practice. I told them, 'This team is talented. I know you can play with anybody in the country for 20 or 30 minutes. But do you have the mental and physical toughness to win the game down the stretch?'"

Jeremis Smith led on offense, scoring 18 points after shooting 8-14 from the field to go along with 12

rebounds. Zam Fredrick continued his strong play scoring 13 points with nine assists. Ra'Sean Dickey battled foul trouble in the second half, but scored 14 as well.

After guarding Reddick for 16 minutes of the first half, Anthony Morrow battled foul trouble, a thigh bruise and cramps in the second half. Morrow scored all four of his points in the first half, and was attributed with playing one minute and picking up three fouls in the second half. This was the first game of the season that Morrow did not hit a three-point shot.

West went down with cramps with five minutes to play in the game, and the team suffered a major brain cramp after jumping out to a 47-39 lead early in the second half.

The Jackets made an 8-2 run in the first minute and a half after intermission, which made the box score look more respectable than it was. The Jackets scored a total of 11 points between 18:30 and 0:46 remaining in the second half.

Tech led by as many as eight and led 39-34 at the conclusion of the first half. Tech shot 17 of 24 in the first half, but only shot 36 percent in the second.

The Jackets will return to action on Saturday at 1 p.m. for the final home game of the year against Wake Forest.

When asked how to beat the Demon Deacons on senior day, Smith mentioned two key players. "Stop Justin Gray, stop Eric Williams and that's pretty much all," he said.

## Men's tennis starts 4-0, prepares for No. 28 Auburn

By William Bretherton  
Staff Writer

The men's tennis team took on Alabama last weekend at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. The Jackets faced the Crimson Tide in a match that was moved indoors due to inclement weather. The Jackets won 6-1 to improve to 4-0 for the season while the Crimson Tide fell to 3-2.

"It is always good to get a win against a good, experienced team like Alabama from a good conference like the SEC," Head Coach Kenny Thorne said. Alabama is currently ranked No. 51 in the nation while Tech is ranked No. 32.

The day started off with the Jackets winning their first two doubles matches to take an early 1-0 lead. Tech's pair of sophomore Scott Blackmon and junior Zachary Rath defeated Alabama's Javier Bes and Billy Mertz 8-5 in the first doubles match.

In the second doubles match, sophomores Jordan Delass and George Gveslesiani easily disposed of Andrew Felsenthal and Dan Buikema of the Crimson Tide 8-3.

The Jackets took a 2-0 lead over Alabama after David North defeated Mathieu Thibaudeau in straight sets 6-4, 6-2. Following that, Zachary Rath defeated Javier Bes 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 to increase the Jackets lead to 3-0.

Alabama earned its first and only point of the match from Joseph Jung's hard-fought victory over Marko Rajevac 4-6, 7-6, 7-5. After this, sophomore Jordan Delass clinched the match against Alabama by

picking up the fourth point of the match. He defeated Billy Mertz 7-6, 6-3.

"I got to clinch the match. It is always a good feeling to be the guy to put the fourth point on the board, to be able to seal the deal." "I got to clinch the match. It is always a good feeling to be the guy to put the fourth point on the board, to be able to seal the deal. Everybody was going nuts,

and it was a lot of fun to be out there and win the match for the team," Delass said.

After the match was clinched, George Gveslesiani defeated Andrew Felsenthal 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 (5). Scott Blackmon won his match over Sammy Struyf 6-3, 6-0.

The Jackets picked up their fourth win over Alabama after defeating



By Tim Dennis / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech tennis started off strong against Alabama by winning the doubles point against the Crimson Tide. The Jackets never looked back en route to a 6-1 home victory over Alabama to stay undefeated.

Furman 7-0, Middle Tennessee State 4-3 and most recently Georgia State 6-1, which was played last Wednesday, Feb. 8.

The Jackets should be pleased with their successful start to the season, and Thorne joked about how he feels about playing in matches that are closely contested.

"I like the more comfortable matches better than the closer ones. I already have enough white hair

and don't want to end up looking like Bobby Cremins," Thorne said.

The Jackets continue their eight-game homestand and look to stay undefeated this weekend as they go up against the No. 28 Auburn Tigers at noon on Sunday at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. It will be the first time this season that Tech faces a higher-ranked opponent, and therefore the Tigers may be the greatest test this season for the Jackets.

## 2006 Lacrosse Home Games

Sun. Feb. 26	Auburn	12:00
Fri. Mar. 3	Arizona State	3:00
Sun. Mar. 5	Miami	1:00
Wed. Mar. 8	Clemson	2:30
Fri. Mar. 31	Virginia	2:00
Sun. Apr. 2	Virginia Tech	12:00
Thu. Apr. 13	Boston College	2:30
Fri. Apr. 14	Maryland	3:00

The ACC championship will be April 20-24 in Cary, N.C. and NCAA regionals begin May 13.