

Beyond the White and Gold

Freshman shows his muscles in football world

By Derek Haynes
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He may not get noticed much, he doesn't have an agent, and he won't be leaving school without graduating to make millions of dollars.

He's a hard worker, a solid student, and a good athlete, averaging over 17 ppg in a high school intramural league.

There is no question he is studious, he's an electrical engineering major—but he's only a freshman so there's plenty of time to change.

Four days in fall semester, he had classes at or before 9 a.m., definitely no easy task for a freshman experiencing his first taste of dorm life.

When his name appears in the Technique after another successful week, he talks to his friends and family about it. Nothing major, nothing overboard, just good-natured communication. Very few au-

tograph requests have filtered in, but Tech isn't exactly a school filled with extreme sports fans.

He's playing some kind of sport almost every day, when he needs a break from studying he plays a quick game of basketball on a small bas-

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ketball hoop in his dorm room that he shares with Jeff Lev, a biomedical engineering student from Lilburn, Ga. Yes, the same Lilburn that our man is question hails from.

The hoop that they play on is low enough that even Tech's starting point guard Tony Akins could dunk on it.

He even holds the room's long-distance free throw record making 5-5 shots. Although the rim is broken now, the memories of his escapades will linger for some time.

He does have a sense of humor as indicated from his mail form on his webpage. One of the pulldown menus asks: "How do you know me?". Another question beg for your age. One of the answers: "55-555."

One of the great things about this man—legend might be a more correct term for this young gun around media circles in the *Technique* office—is the fact that despite his success week in and week out, he doesn't let it get to his head.

"He's cool," says his roommate Jeff.

Congrats to the cumulative football forecast winner Matthew Young.

Intramural Notebook

with Jack B. Nimble

SAC's newest member: the LDS

The talk of campus has not been my return to Tech after a winter hiatus to the Bahamas with one my girlfriends, Anita, but it instead seems to be a strange looking metal contraption attached to a fence corner at SAC fields.

Now, Anita says sometimes I can do things only a robot can do, but this hunk of metal has me beat. One thing I can't do is determine the chance of a lightning strike. This distant relative of Johnny 5 can.

According to Intramurals Czar **Dan Hazlett**, this instrument is a Lightning Detection System. It measures the atmosphere and will produce a very loud horn for 15 seconds should the chance of lightning be 30 percent or greater within a one-mile radius. When the threat disappears,

it will produce three five-second blasts.

The Lightning Detection System, funded by SGA, also has a strobe light for the early morning and late evening hours when Anita and I are deep in slumber.

I can't help but think how much more free time **Ben Franklin** would have had, had he been alive today with this system. He would love this—no more flying a kite all day waiting for a lightning strike. According to several of my friends, electricity has already been discovered. But hey, who knew!

Folks, I'll be back soon with my early season predictions. I'm excited about basketball even though prime-time player **David Ewing** decided to leave the IM leagues early for the NCAA.

FB Timeline

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It was the sixth year in a row that the Georgia Tech—Clemson game had been determined by three points.

October 6—The No. 17 Yellow Jackets win on the road against Duke, 37-10. Godsey threw for 295 yards and two touchdowns.

October 10—Greg Gathers was named ACC Lineman of the Week after he had eight tackles, two sacks, and three tackles for a loss against the Blue Devils. Gathers leads the ACC in sacks with seven so far. Manget receives ACC Specialist of the Week honors for kicking three field goals and four extra points for a perfect against Duke.

October 11—No. 15 Yellow Jackets lose to No. 20 Maryland in overtime, 20-17. It gives Maryland Head Coach Ralph Friedgen his first victory against his former school.

November 1—Kelly Campbell is one of 11 semifinalists for the 2001 Biletnikoff Award, presented annually to the college football's top receiver by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, Inc.

November 1—No. 23 Georgia Tech defeats No. 22 North Carolina, 28-21. Manget sets an ACC and school record of 120 extra points. Joe Burns ran for a career-high 198

yards and one touchdown.

November 5—Joe Burns is named ACC Offensive Back of the Week. Punt returner Kelley Rhino was honored as ACC Specialist of the Week.

November 10—No. 17 Yellow Jackets fall to Virginia in a heart-breaking 39-38 loss when the Cavs scored a touchdown with 22 seconds left to go. The Jackets had three 80 yard touchdown drives in the 4th quarter, only to have Virginia manage to take the lead away from them again. Georgia Tech quarterback George Godsey enjoyed another record-setting performance in the Yellow Jackets' loss to Virginia, setting school records with 39 completions, 486 yards passing and 477 yards of total offense. He threw one touchdown and scored two more.

November 15—Dan Dyke was named to the 2001 Verizon University Division Academic All-District III team.

November 17—No. 23 Georgia Tech defeats Wake Forest, 38-33.

November 24—No. 19 Yellow Jackets fall to No. 23 Georgia Bulldogs in a devastating 31-17 loss.

November 28—RB Joe Burns, WR Kelly Campbell, OT Nate Dorsey, PK Luke Manget, DL Greg Gathers, SP Kelley Rhino named to first team All-ACC teams. DL Nick Rogers and DB Jeremy Muires, Jr. are named to second team all-ACC teams.

November 28—Tech accepts Seattle Bowl invitation.

December 1—Tech loses to Florida State, 28-17.

December 9—After seven years, George O'Leary leaves Tech to become Head Coach of Notre Dame. Mac McWhorter is named as Interim Head Coach.

December 11—Dan Dyke is named to the Verizon Academic All American team for the third straight year.

December 14—George O'Leary resigns as head coach from Notre Dame after a scandal concerning falsified information on his resume.

December 20—Joe Burns was declared academically ineligible to play in the Seattle Bowl. He was Tech's leading rusher this season with 1,165 yards, and 14 touchdowns on 282 carries. Later Burns chooses not to return to school, and decides to enter the NFL draft.



By Ian Clark / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

George O'Leary will be coaching this fall for the Minnesota Vikings as a defensive line coach. Mike Tice, Minnesota's new coach, played for the former Jacket coach at Central Islip High School in Long Island, NY.

December 27—Georgia Tech wins the inaugural Seattle Bowl in an upset victory over No. 10 Stanford, 24-14. Mac McWhorter wins his first and only game as head coach. After the game the players lobby in the press conference and on the field for the Tech Athletic Department

to hire the amicable McWhorter as Tech's 11th head coach.

December 29—Georgia Tech picks Miami Dolphins Offensive Coordinator Chan Gailey, who previously served as the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys, as successor to George O'Leary.

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seconds off the shot clock—resulting in a lot of final scores in the fifties.

Both teams are overwhelmingly young, while Tech has one stand-out senior leader and State has two. Neither is incredibly big in size, although both have a lot of athletes, and both can go pretty deep into their bench and distribute a lot of fouls. Tech seems to have the edge in shooting, while NC State probably has a better ability to drive to the basket and crash the boards, and plays more solid defense.

A major problem for the Jackets: they have no center. 6'7" forward Eddie Nelson has done an incredible job filling in the middle as an undersized freshman, but it will be a long road through the ACC slate unless Schenscher is able to come back and effectively contribute. NC State is not dominant in the center position, but so far has relied heavily on 6'8" sophomore Marcus Melvin and 6'9" freshman Josh Powell to

anchor the frontcourt. Going into Tuesday's game Powell led the team with 18 blocks.

As for the rest of Tech's frontcourt, Clarence Moore has contributed heavily and shown great athleticism, but is definitely undersized and can be easily taken on the post. Robert Brooks is not a real offensive threat and can be at his most effective if he is collecting rebounds.

Look to the backcourt in this game to see the exciting players. Tony Akins is the heart and soul of Tech's team, and both he and Marvin Lewis can shoot the lights out. Similarly, Anthony Grundy and Archie Miller are the senior leaders on State's team and have been through the worst and know what it takes to win. A born scorer, Grundy is not a great shooter; in fact he has one of those unorthodox, ugly shooting motions, but he can find his way to the basket, and always seems to light up the Tech defense for 20

plus a game. He will also pick up a few steals on the defensive side. A 5'9" sparkplug (who really can't be taller than 5'7"), Miller is deadly from three-point range, but does not bring too much else to the table aside from leadership. The difference in the game may lie in the performance of the wing players; when Isma'il Muhammad heats up for Tech, he appears unstoppable. The same can be said for State's 6'6" guard Julius Hodge. Already having been named ACC rookie of the week, he is one of many freshman on NC State. In most of their games so far, as goes Hodge so goes the Wolfpack. Melvin and Powell cannot be ignored themselves inside, but stopping Grundy and also Hodge would be in Tech's interests if they are to win the game. That combination is very similar to the one Clemson had in their victory over GT.

Tech has not played well at Reynolds Coliseum, and the atmosphere is one of the toughest in the ACC. Tech won't win against a surprising NC State squad: Pack 72, Tech 63.

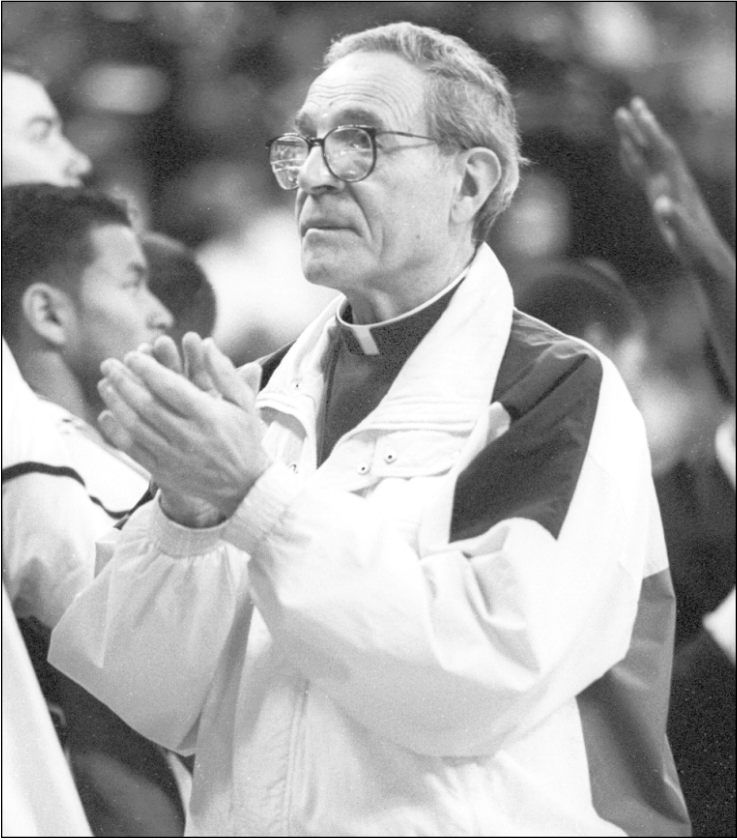
At the Big Show Icers swarm Dogs 8-3



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech's Ryan Hughes carries the puck along the boards in Tech's dominating victory over the Dogs. The crowd, estimated at over 10,200, saw the club team improve their record to 13-1.

Faithful Fan



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Father Mario claps after the playing of the national anthem before Tech's game against Maryland. Mario, who says he isn't much of a sports fan, first started attending basketball games in Bobby Cremins' early years.

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got here, they were all young enough to be my own kids, and now, even my grandkids.”
He shows the same affection when he speaks of ministering to the sports teams at Tech. “I love every one of them,” he said. “I love my job, and just being with the players.”
It was during the early years of Bobby Cremins’ era as the men’s

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Father Mario

basketball coach that Father Mario came to find his place on the bench alongside the players. The tradition carried over to Tech’s football team, thus establishing Father Mario’s place as the chaplain to both squads.
Even though he has been deemed the ‘athletic priest,’ he will be the first to tell you that he truly “knows nothing about the sports.”
“I don’t even play golf,” he said, smiling. “I know, I know, that as a priest, I am supposed to play golf... but I enjoy reading and traveling the most.”
The worst aspect of his jobs?
“The school breaks,” he said. “I feel like my life is empty during that time. It’s like my family is gone when the kids go home.”
His life has taken him to many locations in both the United States and abroad, yet he says he has found his place at Georgia Tech. His position here has been his first and only job on a college campus and he says it will be his last. But do we get to keep him here for much longer?
“You bet,” he said. “I don’t want to retire. The only way I will leave Georgia Tech is to be carried out in a box.”

Offensive boards propel rising Tech Women’s Hoops to win



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Local product Fallon Stokes drives to the hoop in Tech’s 61-58 home win over the Maryland Terps on Monday evening. The sophomore forward from Riverwood had seven points and eight rebounds in 31 minutes.

By Kimberly Rieck
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In football, the Yellow Jackets tied for fourth in the ACC with three other teams. The men’s basketball team is currently last in the conference. However, it looks like Georgia Tech (8-6, 3-3 ACC) might get the chance they’ve been waiting for all year—to get back into the “thick of things” and into the top of the ACC Standings with Women’s basketball.
On Monday night, the Lady Jackets defeated Maryland (8-7, 2-3 ACC) 61-58 in a game that switched leads several times. By the end of the first half with the score knotted at 30-30, the teams had switched leads three times and tied the score eight other times.
The Terps rallied back in the opening of the second half, gaining an eight-point lead. However, the Lady Jackets managed to stop Maryland’s resurgence by making crucial

plays at the right time.
“I think the play of the game was when we were down by eight and Megan Isom tipped the ball and got the steal” said Coach Agnus Berenato. Isom’s play led to the tying of the game by Milli Martinez.
After Tech took the lead in the second half, Maryland came close again to reclaiming it when Renneika Razor gave the Terps a two-point lead with a pair of free throws. Sonja Mallory regained the lead for the Jackets with three straight points. Then, to secure their lead, the Jackets made 10 of 12 free throws over the final minutes of the game. With 15 seconds left, Terri Daniels made a three pointer for the Terps, to make it 59-58, but then Tech ended the Terps hopes by sinking two free throws to make the final 61-58.
“The offensive rebounding on their part was very strong at critical parts of the game,” said Chris Weller, the Terp’s head coach. “They just got inside too easily on us.”

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Questions for Chan Gailey?

He's on campus after Miami's exit from the NFL Playoffs. Submit questions you'd like to ask to sports@technique.gatech.edu.

Womens' hoops on a role

After sneaking by Maryland Monday evening 61-58, Agnus Berenato's squad evened their ACC record at 3-3. **Page 31**



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Number of All-ACC team members leaving Tech before their graduation. Guard Niesha Butler and runningback Joe Burns left to pursue hopes of playing professional ball.

11

Number of recruits verbally committed to Tech as of Wednesday. Leading the group are DL Terron Pullen and WR Xavier McGuire.

13, 22

Preseason rankings of the Tech baseball team by *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball* polls, respectively. Tyler Parker made both All-American teams.

69.43

Bryce Molder's stroke average for the 2001 season, his senior season. On Jan. 12 he became the first Tech athlete to receive the coveted NCAA Today's Top VII Award.

365

Number of games Tech basketball coach Paul Hewitt has coached in his career without losing three games in a row, a streak that ended after the recent Maryland loss.

10,200

Number of fans that attended the GT-UGA hockey game in Philips Arena in which the Jackets won 8-3. The Icercs average attendance is around 200.

on deck

Event	Date
TM at ACC Indoors	18
TW at Georgia Invit.	18
SW vs. Clemson	19
MB at NC State	19
TR at UNC Invit.	19
WB at Florida St.	20
MB vs. Virginia	22

MB - Men's Basketball SW - Swimming TM - Men's Tennis TR - Track TW - Women's Tennis WB - Women's Basketball



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Isma'il Muhammad drives to hoop as Maryland's Byron Mouton goes for the block. Muhammad, who had 10 points and four boards in 19 minutes of action, has been an electrifying presence for Tech off the bench.

Young cagers head to NC State's hostile den

By Brian Alexy and Robert Cunningham
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Tech has not fared well against NC State over the last few years, and this year does not look to be any easier. Fresh off of a big comeback win over Clemson on Tuesday, the Wolfpack has already posted huge wins this season over Syracuse and Virginia. This year looks like the season that Pack coach Herb Sendek will finally get to quiet his critics and bring State back to the Big Dance for the first time since '90. NC State matches up very well with Tech in a lot of areas, and there are a few distinct differences between the teams that should foretell the

outcome of the game.

With such young teams, the game could come down to the coaching. Sendek and Hewitt run very different systems. Sendek is a former pupil of college basketball maestro Rick Pitino, and it is reflected in his demands from his players. While relatively calm around officials—similar to Hewitt—Sendek really gets his players' faces and constantly challenges them to perform better. Sendek fell under media scrutiny last season when Gerald Williams, son of NBA player Gerald Wilkins and nephew of NBA great Dominique Wilkins, complained about not getting enough playing time and not enough involvement in the offense. Sendek,

however, did not cave and continued with the way things were; now Wilkins is gone (transferred to his uncle's alma matter, UGA), and the Pack is having their best start in years. Sendek is also another young coach like Hewitt, and may not get the benefit from the officials that the likes of a Kryziewski or Williams at Maryland might get. The biggest noticeable difference in coaching styles is the tempo of play—the new system Hewitt brought to Tech clearly favors the run-n-gun and full court press. State has for years played a slowed-down tempo, relying on smothering defense and set plays that run the full 35

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Tech's most faithful fan going strong

By Katie Neal
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Most people don't notice this person, but for the past two decades he has been there walking the field and sitting the bench come game time. This avid Tech fan attends every football game, almost all home basketball games, and travels at least twice a season with the men's basketball team and at least once with the women's team. Still need hints?

Approaching seventy-five years of age, he might be the oldest person on the sidelines, though you would hardly think this fit and trim man has even close to that many years under his belt. When he isn't around the athletes, he can be found on Tech's East Campus talking with both students and faculty. The man in question is

Father Mario di Lella O.F.M., the campus minister of Georgia Tech's Catholic Center.

Known to most simply as 'Father Mario,' this Franciscan friar has been at Georgia Tech for over three decades now. Since September 10, 1970, he has poured his heart and soul into his work on and off campus as a minister and feels the work has paid off.

"I've never been happier in my life," said Father Mario.

Father Mario came to Georgia Tech after more than twenty-six years of active duty as a chaplain in the Air Force Reserves and six years building a ministry in Thomasville, Georgia. Retiring as a full Colonel, he has received numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Medal for his outstanding service with the military.

Since his time at Tech, he has been made an honorary member of both ODK and the ANAK society.

But his favorite award? "It has to be when Georgia Tech named me an honorary alumnus," he said. The Georgia Tech Alumnus Award is the highest decoration that Georgia Tech bestows, so it is understandable why it is his favorite. He received the award in 1990, when the institution was 105 years old, also making him the 105th person to be honored.

Energetic, outgoing, and very humble when asked about his awards, Father Mario explains that his job is really all about people. "The kids," he said. "I love the kids... and I call them 'kids' with a capital 'K' because when I first

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The Jackets' hectic 2001 football season comes to a close

By Kimberly Rieck
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July 31—The freshman class reports to campus for the first time. The promising freshman class has 22 scholarship athletes comprised of three quarterbacks, six offensive linemen, five defensive linemen, four linebackers, three defensive backs, one running back, one tight end, and one receiver from 11 states.

August 3—Varsity squad reports to campus.

August 6—First practice of the season.

August 26—No. 10 Jackets win season opener against Syracuse, 13-7. The game set a record for the lowest attendance in 19 years with 41,517 people present. Campbell broke the school record for receiving yards on a 72-yard hookup with Godsey early in the second quarter. The reception pushed him past Harvey Middleton, who had 2,291 yards from 1994-97. Campbell now has 2,392 yards. The catch was also the longest in Kickoff Classic history. Joe Burns carried the ball 37 times, tying a Kickoff Classic record. Campbell was also named Kickoff Classic MVP.

August 29—George Godsey is among 20 college quarterbacks nominated for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award given to the nation's top senior quarterback.

September 1—The Yellow Jackets begin their 89th season at Bobby Dodd Stadium, the oldest on-campus stadium in NCAA Division I-A, ranked No. 10. The team triumphs over the Citadel with a 35-7 victory. Luke Manget made five extra points to break the ACC record for consecutive PATs with 97. He broke the mark of 93 set by Jess Atkinson of Maryland from 1981-84. Kelly Campbell sat out the game with an ankle injury, as did Will Glover with a calf injury, and Marvious Hester with a hamstring injury.

September 8—Ranked at No. 10, Georgia Tech defeats Navy 70-7. The 63-point margin of defeat was the largest for Navy in the 121-year history of the program. It surpassed a 70-14 loss at Michigan in 1976. It was also the most points that Navy had given up in a home game.

September 12—After the September 11 terrorist attacks, ACC and university athletic directors decide to suspend all scheduled athletic events until a later date. As a result, No. 10 Georgia Tech's game against No. 6 Florida State is postponed until Dec. 1.

September 24—Georgia Tech decides to enact stricter security standards for home football games because of the recent terrorist attacks.

September 29—No. 9 Georgia Tech loses the ACC opener to No. 23 Clemson in overtime with a score of 47-44. Clemson's quarterback Woodrow Dantzler took advantage of middle linebacker Darryl Smith's elbow injury in the second quarter.

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