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keep playing.” Tech played Florida State next and sent them home with their fifth consecutive loss to Tech. Tech defeated the Seminoles 18-2 and forced the 10-run mercy rule to be put into effect. The rule was a new addition to the tournament and came into effect after the losing team bats in their half of the seventh inning. Tech had to overcome perhaps their greatest obstacle in the championship game. Virginia had beaten Tech in the previous six contests and Tech was trailing 3-2 going into the top of the seventh. The team finally broke through against the Cavaliers pitchers for two runs. The Jackets held on and Matt Wieters picked up the save to go along with the victories that he picked up in the first two games of the tournament. “I guess you could say that it was sweet revenge [to beat Virginia],” Hall said. “They had our number and beat us six straight times. To beat them for the championship that’s a feather in our cap.” Junior Shortstop Tyler Greene was named as a first team All-American by USA Today Sports weekly to go along with his ACC Tournament Most Valuable Player honors and being named as a first team All-ACC selection. He is the 13th player in Tech history to earn such honors by at least one publication. Greene is batting .370 with 12 home runs, 69 RBIs and 30 stolen bases on the season. Wieters was named first team All-ACC and was the Freshman Player of the Year. Wieters delivered early in the season to earn National Player of the Week honors and was

twice named conference player of the week. Wieters is batting .368 with 63 RBIs and only 26 strikeouts on the season. The right-hander also has a 2.68 ERA in 24 appearances with six saves. Wieters also boasts a three-to-one strikeouts-to-walks ratio. Hall has been awarded the ACC Coach of the Year for the third time in his 12-year tenure at the helm of the Jackets. Hall has the most wins (526) and the highest winning percentage (.699) of any coach in the history of Tech. “It’s a team award,” Hall said. “It says that our team played very well. I give the players and my coaching staff equal credit. I think it’s a reward that should be shared by everyone on the team and the staff. It’s not one person that makes this team go.” Junior outfielder Steven Blackwood and sophomore third baseman Wes Hodges were also named as first-team All-ACC selections. Tech will be hosting a regional starting today where they will be playing Furman at 4 p.m. Furman has won their last seven games. The South Carolina Gamecocks and the Michigan Wolverines who will be in action in today’s first game join the Jackets and Paladins in the regional. The winner of each game will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. while the losers will meet at 12 p.m. South Carolina has been to each of the last three College World Series, while Michigan has won 22 out of the last 27 games that they’ve competed in. The last time that the Gamecocks were in Atlanta for a Regional was in 2003 when the Jackets were swept out of the tournament without the two teams ever meeting.

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“After dropping the first set, I thought that there was no way I was going down,” said Shosho. “I thought that I still had so much left in me to give, so I came out in the second set and fought from the first point on.” They met up the Hurricanes in ACC Championship final. After picking up the doubles point, the Jackets lost the first three single matches but battled back and won the final three matches of the day. Alison Silverio captured the Most Valuable Player honors for the tournament. “I think it’s so hard to win an ACC title and it’s hard enough to get into the finals, much less complete the task by winning the tournament,” Shelton said. “The girls on the court are the ones that got it done though, they deserve all of the credit.” The Jackets were selected to

host a regional after being selected as the sixth-seeded team in the nation. The team breezed through the regional defeating Winthrop (4-0) and Pepperdine (4-0) to advance to the Jacket’s first Sweet 16. “I’m really proud of this team,” Shelton said. “It’s been a great season. The girls played well, and it was a

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**Bryan Shelton**  
Tennis head coach

convincing win, which feels good. We took care of the doubles point, and then we got off to a good start in the singles and were able to close the door at the end.” Tech’s run ended with a 4-3 loss to the eventual national runner-up

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exclamation point was the tournament. It was just confirmation that we were the best team.” Tech swept through the ACC tournament without a loss. Sallinger pitched 19 out of a possible 21 innings and didn’t allow a run in any of the three games. She was named the ACC Tournament’s Most Valuable Player. The team defeated North Carolina State in the first game 2-0, then beat Virginia in the second game 3-0 before winning a 1-0 game against seventh seeded Virginia Tech in the championship game. “It was very exciting to win our second ACC Championship,” Sallinger said. “I’m honored to win MVP honors and I was just trying to pitch as well as I could to give my team a chance to win.” Despite being ranked as high as No. 16 in the polls at the conclusion of the ACC Tournament, the Jackets

were a No. 3 seed heading into the Athens Regional. “It was disappointing that we were a three seed,” Earleywine said according to [ramblinwreck.com](http://ramblinwreck.com). “It started us off on a frustrating

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**Ehren Earleywine**  
Softball head coach

note.” The Jackets defeated Kansas twice in the regional, but lost to Georgia twice. In the first game, Sallinger pitched all nine innings to pick up the complete game after extra innings. Tech was unable to carry the momentum and were defeated by the Bulldogs 8-1 to send the team

Texas Longhorns. After winning the doubles point, each of the singles matches stayed close until the end. The No. 17 doubles team of Miller and Silverio qualified as an at-large for the doubles tournament that was held in Athens last week. Miller and Silverio ran into the No. 9 Florida doubles team and fell (6-4, 6-1). They finished the season as the top doubles team in Tech history with an overall record of 26-13. Freshman All-American Miller advanced to the Sweet 16 in the singles competition. Miller’s campaign came to an end against Northwestern’s Audra Cohen (6-3, 2-6, 6-0). Miller’s 42 wins this season breaks the previous Tech record of 30 that was set by Bobbi Guthrie (1997-98) and Jaime Wong (2000-01). Tech will be returning every player next season with the exception of Baylor transfer Dasha Potapova who was the No. 2 singles player on the team this season.

into the loser’s bracket. In the top of the first inning, second basemen Aileen Morales suffered a fracture in her foot after turning a double play. Georgia’s Kim Wendland slid hard into second base, taking Morales out of the game. Wendland was hit by a pitch at the top of the fourth inning. Tech defeated the Jayhawks 5-2 in their second match up. The Jackets were down early on Sunday in the championship game against Georgia. A seventh inning rally fell short and the team lost 2-1. “The bottom line was that unfortunately we weren’t hitting when it became crunch time,” Earleywine said. These were the final games for a group of seniors that includes Jessica Sallinger, Kirin Kumar, Katie Donovan and Liz Bartle. Since the group has arrived on campus the Jackets have gone 188-76. Sallinger leaves Tech holding the ACC record for strikeouts (1,398) and career wins (109).

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## Jack declares for NBA draft

Junior guard Jarrett Jack announced on May 5 that he would be making himself eligible for the upcoming NBA draft. Jack has elected to not sign an agent and will be eligible to attend the NBA's pre-draft camp in Chicago on June 7-10 at his own expense.

Jack has until June 21, a week before the draft, to remove himself from consideration, or he will lose his remaining eligibility.

Jack led Tech to the Final Four in 2004 and has led the team to a 64-37 record under his watch. Jack is currently 26th at Tech in career points (1,265) and fifth in assists (543).

## Golf starts NCAA Championship

After a final round push to finish 3 strokes above No. 10 Georgia Southern, the No. 3 Jackets made the cut and will be playing this weekend for the NCAA Championship in Owings Mill, Md.

This will be the team's eighth consecutive year playing for the NCAA Championship. They have finished in the top-five four of the last five years.

## Track advances eight to NAAs

The women's track team placed sixth and the men finished 25th at the NCAA East Regional this past weekend. Senior Dore Madere broke the school record in the women's discus throwing 170 feet, 9 inches and Chaunte Howard won the East Region women's high jump title for the second consecutive year.

Ashlee Kidd, Andriane Lapsley, Shantrell Moss, Dana Rogers, Brandy Depland and Montrell Person all qualified to join Madere and Howard for the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

## Warren gets top job at Jacksonville

On April 20, assistant coach Cliff Warren accepted the men's basketball head coaching position at Jacksonville University.

Warren has been on Head Coach Paul Hewitt's staff for the last eight years. In that time, he helped lead Tech and Siena to a combined seven postseason berths, including four NCAA Tournament bids.

Warren had been instrumental in developing point guards Tony Akins and Jarrett Jack. Warren has added the Tech influence to his staff by hiring former forward Jon Babul and former point guard Winston Neal.

## Baseball captures ACC Tourney crown



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Third baseman Wes Hodges throws the ball to first. Hodges was among three players named as first team All-ACC selections for Tech.

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

Tech baseball won the ACC regular season championship and the tournament title. They are now preparing for the NCAA Regionals that start today.

The ACC regular season title came down to the final weekend of play. The Jackets needed at least one win and a Miami loss to guarantee the title. Tech lost the first two games at North Carolina by one run each. The Jackets came alive beating North Carolina 8-1 in the series finale to clinch their second consecutive ACC regular season title. The team was predicted by the conference coaches to finish third in the conference at the start of the season.

For the second time in three years, Tech has captured the ACC Tournament Championship and earned the automatic spot in this weekend's NCAA Regional.

"I think the ACC regular season you are playing everybody and the team that plays the most consistent from beginning to end wins," Head Coach Danny Hall said. "That says a lot about our club's consistency. In the ACC Tournament, when the

league's best eight teams are participating, we were the best over those five days. That says a lot, too. They are different but equal."

Tech opened the tournament against eighth-seeded Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons jumped out to a 7-0 lead at the end of the third inning. Tech refused to give up and came roaring back putting six runs

on the board in the bottom of the fifth. Tech trailed by one going into the bottom of the ninth. A throwing error brought in the tying run and Wes Hodges hit a sacrifice fly to drive in the winning run.

In Tech's second game, Florida State scored a run in

the sixth and three in the seventh to take a 4-0 lead. Tech responded with five runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to advance to the championship game of their bracket.

"You don't want to get behind the way [we] did," Hall said. "To our team's credit they kept battling and won those games. You have to play the game as it unfolds and it doesn't matter whether we are way ahead or way behind you have to

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## Softball falls to UGA



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

All-American Jessica Sallinger prepares for a pitch. Sallinger helped the softball team win the ACC regular season and ACC Tournament.

By Michael Clarke  
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With the conclusion of the NCAA Tournament and the graduation of several seniors, including All-American pitcher Jessica Sallinger, the Jackets softball team has come to an end of an era. The Jackets won the ACC regular season crown as well as the ACC Tournament before finishing runner-up to UGA in the Athens Regional.

Tech's season ended with a .780 winning percentage and came one win short of the school record for wins set in 2002. Tech clinched the

ACC regular season on May 6 with a win over Maryland and a record of 11-4 in the conference, earning the team's first ACC title.

"The regular season was more exciting to win for me because it showed more of a theme of success over time," Head Coach Ehren Earleywine said. "When you're talking 15, 18, 20 games in the regular season and then in the tournament we just won three games and we are champion. The regular season was exciting for me in terms of it showed that we had consistency and the

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## Women's tennis reaches first Sweet 16; run ends with difficult loss to Texas

By Michael Clarke  
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Tech's women's tennis team ended the season as the No. 6 team in the nation after advancing to the school's first ever Sweet 16. The team rounded off the year by winning the ACC regular season and the ACC Tournament. The Tournament win was the school's first conference championship in tennis. The Jackets season came to an end at the rackets of eventual national runner-up Texas (4-3), and the team concluded their season with a record of 21-4.

The Jackets captured the ACC regular season title after tying Miami with a 9-1 record in the league, but held the tiebreaker after defeating the Hurricanes earlier in the season. The team clinched the title with a 5-2 victory over North Carolina.

"It seems like every time our backs are against the wall, we are finding the answers out there on the court," Head Coach Bryan Shelton said as reported by [ramblinwreck.com](http://ramblinwreck.com). "After losing yesterday to Duke and knowing that we had to come in here and win today to get that title, we really stepped up big."



By Raymond Chafin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman Kristi Miller aims a backhand. Miller advanced to the Sweet 16 in singles.

Tech followed up by winning the ACC Tournament. Tech knocked off Florida State 4-1 to reach the semifinals where they defeated North Carolina 4-2. Junior Lyndsay Shosho clinched each of the matches for the Jackets.

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