

Hockey comes up short at Challenge

By Patrick Odneal
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More than 8,000 fans filled the Savannah Civic Center this past weekend to watch a sport that comes to town only once a year—ice hockey. The Tech hockey team, along with squads from Florida, Florida State and UGA, all competed to try to win the coveted Thrasher Cup.

However, for the second year in a row, the Yellow Jackets settled for second place after losing to the UGA Ice Dogs in the championship game.

On Jan. 14 Tech downed Florida State 3-2 to make it to the championship before losing to UGA 4-2 the following day.

In the Florida State game, Tech took the early lead by scoring two goals in the first period. Christian Gattung scored the first goal of the tournament about halfway through the first period off a pass from Chris Beaugard.

Later, with just 17 seconds left in the first period, Amos Fernandes added the second goal, scoring off a rebounded shot by John Warrick.

Florida State came back in the second period and tied the game at 2-2. This broke a scoreless streak that Tech goalie Nick Rice had held over the previous eight periods of play. He finished the game with 21 saves on 23 attempts by FSU.

Four minutes into the third period, Gattung scored his second goal of the night to give Tech the 3-2 lead that the squad held for the rest of the game.

Later that Friday night, Tech's biggest rival, UGA, beat Florida 6-0, which meant that the Tech-UGA game on the following day would determine the tournament champion.

The game was sure to be an



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The club hockey team lost narrowly to the UGA Ice Dogs in the Memorial Health Hockey Classic held in Savannah Saturday. Several skirmishes broke out between the two rivals.

entertaining event; the Ice Dogs were the defending champions, but Tech beat them 4-3 in their previous match on Nov. 12. Combine these two factors with the fact that thousands of rowdy fans would be watching. Then, add the clean, old-fashioned hate, and a great game of ice hockey is almost certain to ensue.

The game certainly matched all of the hype. From the beginning, the two teams scopped

for opportunities to smash each other into the boards. When the refs weren't looking, fists would fly and sticks went slashing, fueling the intense crowd.

"There were letting things go farther than [they] should just because that was getting the crowd excited [in the UGA game]."

James Waring
Freshman hockey forward

game, five men were in the penalty boxes as fans wondered when the No

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utes and finally Morrow made some shots and deflated them."

Morrow was more excited about his defensive play than his career night on offense after the game.

He deflected much of the attention on his shooting after the game by saying, "I just want to make sure I make better defensive plays than offensive plays. That's what I go into the game thinking."

Tech faced its final non-conference test of the break in a highly anticipated New Year's Day matchup against the Kansas Jayhawks. The Jackets ended Kansas' season last year, winning a thriller in the Elite Eight.

This time, Kansas returned the favor, defeating Tech. The Jackets pulled out to a quick lead, but could not hold it.

Tech seemed to lose its momentum after Elder, one of the team's senior leaders, and most productive scorer from the wing, left the game due to injury in the first half.

Despite 26 points from Jarrett Jack, Kansas, who never held a lead until overtime, rallied for a 70-68 victory in front of the deafening crowd at Allen Fieldhouse.

Effects of Tech's run to the title game last year could be seen over the break as all three games were played at almost full capacity, with crowds of over 9,000 for all three home games.

While Tech dropped its only tough games over the break to Gonzaga and Kansas, the impressive play by the freshmen is an encouraging sign.

Tech will need to see continual improvement from Morrow, Dickey and Fredrick to survive the brutal conference schedule and make another run come March.

All three of the freshmen were able to gain valuable playing time in the non-conference schedule to help prepare them for the rigors of ACC play.

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Genericman Strikes Again! Mwah ha ha ha ha!
I don't understand Reggie Ball...HOW ON EARTH do you just
toss the ball away on 4th down w/ game on the line????
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Can Chan.
Taylor Bennett for President.
A Home at the End of the World (Colin Farrell) -- best inde-
pendent film 2004!!
WHAT'S INSIDE THE FANNY PACK!?!
I wear my sunglasses at night.
it was a nice one, too.
he asked to borrow it, and then he just walked off with it.
i feel better now, but i still don't have my pencil
aww, the would-be pencil thief realized what he did and brought
my pencil back to me
matheson 4th floor is the best place to get whacked with balls
Dodgeball on matheson 4th is the best ever
who knew alexander the great was like totally eva?(eva=gay)
nirav from orlando, fl doesn't know how to put the TP on the
dispenser
this past technique - maybe thats why i caught my room mate
looking at animal porn... eww
forget that silly red bunny hop - i saw USHER and SNOOP
DOGG on campus
pop tart aint in fort wang y0
The 80s will never be cool, no matter what Jonathan says
this is to the one any only kid asking questions in jarrio's class
- SHUT UP
Hey old/crusty/farty alumni: stay home to watch basketball
games so poor students don't have to move 5 times
Also, why don't you participate in cheers every now and then?

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are forced into tough situations, but the team has not looked the same without Elder in the lineup.

Jack has taken over the scoring load so far in ACC play, averaging 19 points per contest, but the team has seen the offense stagnate at times without Elder in the lineup.

In the two losses in North Carolina last week, Tech was guilty of committing 36 turnovers while only recording 20 assists. This is a particular point of concern as Head Coach Paul Hewitt has stressed that the team's offense is much better when the Jackets pass the ball well.

On the bright side, the Jackets showed signs of being a much tougher and stronger team, mounting a furious comeback against N.C. State that just fell short, an effort the team certainly hopes will carry over to tomorrow's game.

Although ACC newcomer Virginia Tech is expected to finish in the lower half of the conference, Tech must come out ready to play against the Hokies. The team features a balanced attack with five players averaging more than nine points per game. Virginia Tech won its first ever ACC game against Clemson on January 15th and played a tight game against Florida State in Tallahassee, which is one of the most difficult places to play in the league.

Although it will be a difficult contest for the Jackets, it is certain they will welcome a chance to come home and "get well" against Virginia Tech, both literally and figuratively.

It is anticipated that Elder will return to practice this week and could play against Virginia Tech, and a difficult series of games is ahead for Tech.

The Jackets must stay focused and not look ahead, but the squad certainly is aware of a matchup against highly-regarded Wake Forest as well as trips to Maryland and Duke looming in the near future.

Young women's hoops squad impresses

By Vishal Patel
Contributing Writer

The women's basketball team has continued its dominance of non-conference games under head coach MaChelle Joseph. Entering ACC play last week, Tech had posted an impressive 10-4 record, which is comparable to last year's mark at the same point. What has changed is that the Lady Jackets are doing the job without the veteran senior leadership of last year's seniors and instead with the raw talent of their senior-less squad.

"Our approach has been totally different from all my years of coaching because the approach with this team has been to improve—every day, every game situation, and every practice we see is an opportunity to get better," Joseph said.

After a team-building road trip to Costa Rica and their first exhibition win against the EA Sports All-Stars since the 2001-02 campaign, this season began with five straight convincing home victories, the highlight of which was a 55-49 win over Georgia, No. 6 at the time.

Describing the home win against the Bulldogs, Joseph said, "It was special because we could set that precedent this early on I think it goes a long way in establishing a rivalry that will be one of the best rivalries in college basketball."

This past week, Tech came back to Atlanta for a two-game homestand

including their ACC home opener in a loss to Virginia and a dog fight with ranked Maryland before the Terps proved too tough to handle.

Finally, they went to Durham to challenge the top-ranked Duke Lady Blue Devils. They made their mark on the game, posting the largest lead any team has had on the Lady Devils this season at 15 points only to see it slip away with a 33-10 run by Duke to go ahead of the Lady Jackets.

"I would like for us to have a winning record," Joseph said. "I would like for us to make postseason play, but this year the ACC is tougher than it has ever been and we are younger than we have ever been and that is a dangerous combination. I like this team, I am excited about this team, and their desire to compete is one of the best I have seen."

To really grasp how well this team has done, it's important to realize that seven players play at least 20 minutes—three of which are freshman, including guard Chioma Nnamaka from

Sweden, and guard Jill Ingram from North Carolina. Those two are the second and third leading scorers on the team, respectively.

This is an exceptionally young bunch; the team does not have a single senior on the roster. Although this might lead one to believe that the team lacks experience and leadership, the team had put its trust into guard Stephanie Higgs, from Lawrenceville. Prior to the season opener, half of her teammates voted her to emerge



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The women's basketball team beat UAB 74-49 on Jan. 3. The team's success against non-conference teams has led to a 10-4 record. The young team does not have a senior on its roster.

as the player with the most surprising upside. Through 14 games, she has emerged as an effective leader, pacing the team with 14.2 points a game, grabbing 4.7 rebounds a game, and placing second on the team with 2.0 assists per game and 1.7 steals per game.

Junior forward Jessica Williams said, "My expectations for this season are really that we come together as a team, not so much as how many wins we get or many losses we have but that we [strive] to get better every single game, every single practice, every single day and I think then the wins will come."

Much like for the men's hoops squad, defense has been the key to success for the Lady Jackets, who are second in the ACC in field goal percentage defense, holding opponents to less than 35 percent

shooting. The team is also third in the ACC holding opponents to less than 54 points per game.

"I think our defense has set the tone," Joseph said. "We've been fortunate to hold a lot of the top teams in the country to below 60 points and any time you do that you give yourself an opportunity to win... One of the trademarks I have tried to instill in the last year and a half is that we are going to rebound and we are going to play defense."

Walking into Joseph's wide and spacious office, one could not help but to look around. Looking to the left, a white board full of quotes—some religious, most of them motivational—caught my eye. Sticking out happened to be a quote very descriptive of Coach Joseph's philosophy; "Every problem is actually an opportunity in disguise."

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Yes, in fact, I have killed many people because I play and enjoy VIOLENT video games. I even killed your little brother last week

Violent video games teach me that the most effective way to kill someone is to circle-strafe them while bunny-hopping
And who needs ladders? I just rocket-jump whenever I need to get on the roof

Hi, I'm a old/crusty/farty alumni and I'm going to come to the game at half-time and kick poor students out of their squatted seats...

...and then I'm going to leave with 5 minutes left in the game (a.k.a. eternity)

One day when I am old and farty, I promise to watch basketball games at home, so that one student can have a good seat that otherwise would've gone to my shriveled-up butt

Wow, the irony: I flunked Fluid Mechanics because I partied too much that semester, but now I work for Jose Cuervo.

I don't wanna work today. My manager's a prick. Got me looking at a car when we haven't even finalized coverage.

And the claimants won't file 1st party.

Maybe that's why everyone in my office drinks so much.

Guess I better get in the shower and go to work. Take it up the ass, like any other day.

No

what the hell, someone stole my freaking play-doh.

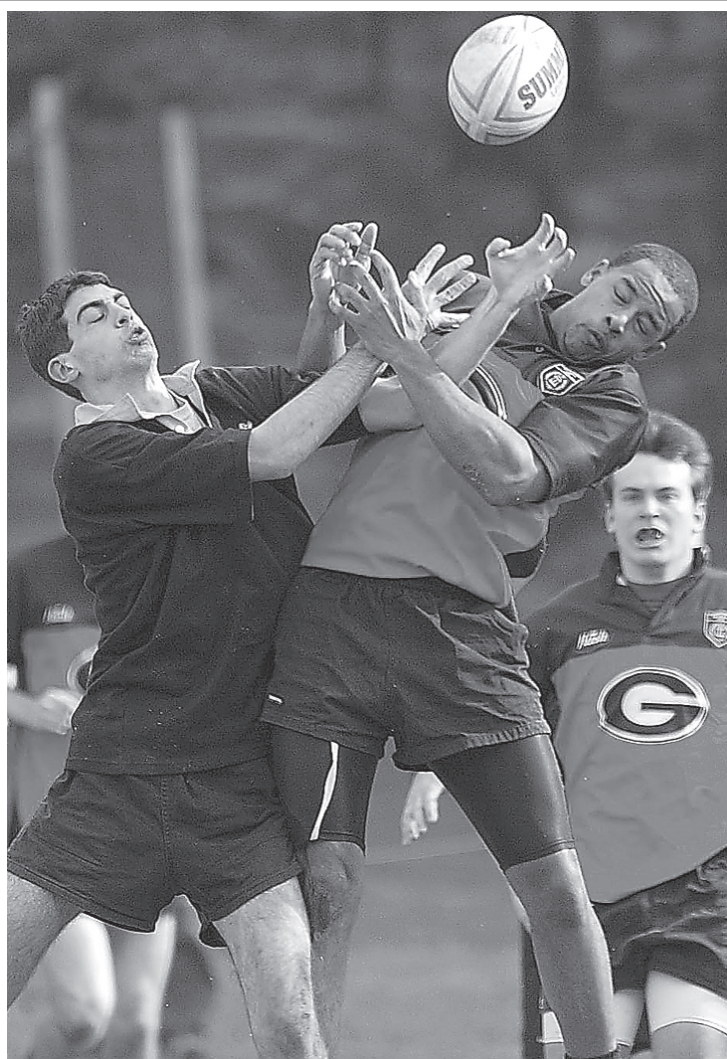
Um...hello, Technique? Your online version went from THWUGA issue to the one that preceded it...

um...hello, we're on vacation.

Let's get on top of your game here...those of us that aren't on campus would like to read the slivers

interesting...TWO uga math courses equal calculus 1 at Tech!

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Burger Bowl Brawl: Tech's rugby team battled rival University of Georgia on Saturday. They came away victorious, defeating UGA 13-10. Diehard fans came out to watch the contest in the freezing weather. The team plays Clemson University tomorrow at Woodward Academy. You can also catch them in action against Auburn at the Burger Bowl on February 5.

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out. The Jackets added two more touchdowns in the third quarter along with a safety in the waning moments of the fourth quarter to earn the win.

With Jon Tenuta returning as defensive coordinator and suffering only the loss of James Butler at safety, the Tech defense should be one of the top defenses in the land next season. At season's end, the NCAA statistics for the season have the Jackets in the top 25 across the board.

The Jackets are 12th in the nation in total defense allowing just less than 300 yards a game. The rushing defense was 13th giving up just over 100 yards a game, and could have been even better if Eric Henderson had not missed the first three games of the season. In those games, the Jackets gave up 525 yards on the ground, including the 42 that they gave up against Samford.

In the remaining nine games of the season the defense gave up 758 yards on the ground and held six of these opponents to under 90 yards. The passing and scoring defenses were ranked 24th and 21st respectively.

The major question mark for next season will be the production from the offense. Tech loses three offensive linemen in Andy Tidwell-Neal, Leon Robinson and Kyle Wallace. They also lose starting fullback Jimmy Dixon and receivers Nate Curry and Levon Thomas.

Not only will Gailey and offensive coordinator Patrick Nix have to replace these key players, but they will also have to improve on one of

the worst offenses statistically in Division 1-A.

The lone statistical bright spot for the Jackets is that the team ranks 49th in the nation in rushing yardage, gaining 162 yards per game, but the running game is the only position where the Jackets rank in the top 80 nationally out of 117 schools.

After the strong performance in the Champs Sports Bowl, the Jackets impressed several members of the national media, and the Jackets should be ranked in the top 25 for

“For these last two games of the season, I thought ‘just forget it and play.’ I knew what I could do and ...was capable of.”

Reggie Ball Sophomore quarterback

the first time under Chan Gailey when the season opens.

Next season, the Jackets will face one of the most difficult schedules in the nation. They will open up on the road against Auburn. Tech will also be traveling to play Virginia, Virginia Tech and Miami while hosting Georgia in the annual Thanksgiving weekend game.

The key areas of concern for next season will be if Reggie Ball can develop over the spring and on into the fall as the kind of quarterback that can lead the Jackets to the next level.

Ball admitted to a great trans-

formation in the way he approached the game over the past couple games of the season. If more performances like the one he turned in at the Champs Sports Bowl are the result, it could be a great junior season for the quarterback.

“I felt that I didn’t have to prove anything. Last two games of the season, the Georgia game and this game, I felt I carried a load into the games and in the back of my mind I kept feeling like I had to prove something to everybody. But, for these last two games of the season, I thought, ‘just forget it and play.’ I knew what I could do and what I was capable of,” Ball said.

The other key will be if the Jackets can find the replacements that it needs on the offensive line, and can be healthy enough throughout the season to not look like a MASH unit. If the offense can catch up with the defense, Tech will be a strong team to contend with next season, and could vie for the ACC title if not being a major player on the national scene.

The Auburn offense and defense will be losing several key components as will Virginia Tech, Miami and Georgia. The door is open for Tech, but if the offense doesn’t improve, the Jackets will be staring down the barrel of another mediocre season, and the school record for consecutive bowl appearances could come to an end. However, if the offense from the Champs Sports Bowl shows up next year, with a poised Reggie Ball, an electrifying Calvin Johnson and a strong rushing attack led by P.J. Daniels, the Jackets could be headed back to the upper echelon of college football.

Holiday schedule prepares hoops for ACC play

By Joseph Jeong
Contributing Writer

Tech defended their home court over the holiday break, but couldn't remain amongst the undefeated as they lost to a hot Gonzaga team in Las Vegas.

They fended off admirable challenges from James Madison, Charleston Southern and Lafayette despite playing unimpressively over extended stretches. Tech took care of business at home despite some bumps, but it could not overcome good shooting by Gonzaga on the road and had to settle for a 3-1 record over the Christmas holidays.

The non-conference slate, which ended with a heartbreaking overtime loss at Kansas, helped prepare the Jackets for ACC play and set a rotation. The injury of freshman standout Jeremis Smith early in the season was also smoothed by the non-conference schedule.

Tech opened the break with a game against a familiar face but on the other side of the court. James Madison's coach Dean Kenner was an assistant on Coach Paul Hewitt's staff until last season.

Hewitt credits Kenner for bringing the tough defensive play for which Tech is now known, and Kenner has brought the same mentality to James Madison as evidenced by their first half performance where they held Tech to just 36 percent shooting from the field.

However, Tech responded with its own tenacious defense and shut down JMU's offense as well holding them to just 17 points and 18 percent shooting from the field in the first half. Eventually, superior athleticism and talent came through, and Tech won by a comfortable 25-point margin, 72-47. Hewitt, pleased with the defensive performance, said "Defensively, we're very good and we'll get better."

However, he was not too pleased with the offense, particularly the passing ball.

"We've got to pass the basketball better. When we pass the ball, we're a very good offensive team. When we don't pass the ball, we have some trouble scoring," Hewitt said.

No Tech player had a particularly strong offensive showing, but a balanced attack with 4 players in double digits led by Isma'il Muhammad's 14 points, secured

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Paul Hewitt
Basketball head coach

the win.

After seeing off James Madison, Tech flew out to Las Vegas for their only road game during the break, against Gonzaga. This time round, despite an excellent game from Will Bynum, Tech was unable to remain among the nation's unbeaten as they fell to the Zags 85-73.

Despite an admirable job of holding down Gonzaga's talented forward Ronny Turiaf, who was battling some nagging injuries, Tech was unable to contain Gonzaga's duo of Adam Morrison and Derek Raivio. Morrison put up 24 points despite the Jacket's best defensive efforts and Raivio chipped in with a career high 21 points to hold off a late rally.

Morrison and Raivio combined to shoot 18 for 29 from the floor. Even more impressive

was the fact that most of Morrison's and Raivio's points came tough outside jumpers. "I don't want to give anyone the idea we were giving up layups. Morrison made a lot of tough shots," Hewitt said after the game.

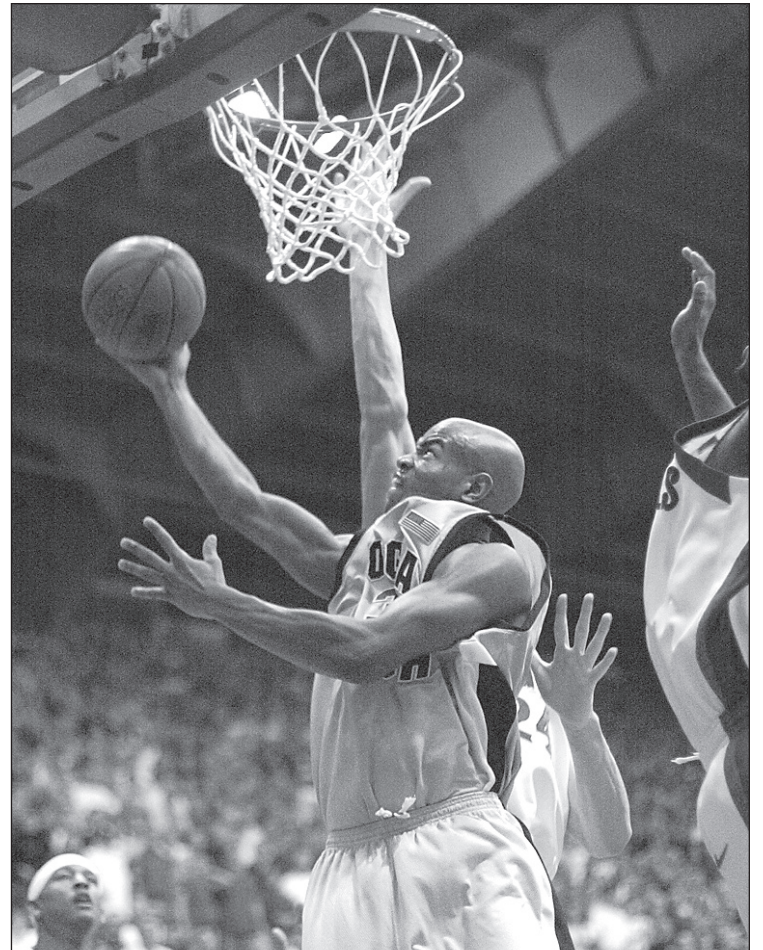
Coming off that tough road loss, Tech responded by turning in their best performance over the holidays with a 90-48 win over Charleston Southern. In true Hewitt style, this was a complete team effort as all 12 Tech players got minutes and five players scored in double digits.

The only black mark of the game was the benching of senior B.J. Elder in the second half. Hewitt was tight-lipped about the whole situation, saying it was just a decision he made.

Amongst the many bright spots of the game though, it was the play of Tech's freshmen trio, Ra'Sean Dickey, Anthony Morrow and Zam Fredrick, that stood out. They combined to score 26 points and pull down 10 rebounds, going nine for 17 from the field. Hewitt was full of praise for the freshmen after the game. "You're going to see those guys play a little more because the one thing [they] can do is score. They can really score: Zam, Anthony, Ra'Sean. I've just got to find a way to get them into the lineup, Anthony in particular," he said.

Hewitt's words were prophetic as Tech closed out the year with a 92-58 win over Lafayette, led by Morrow's career high 20 points. On paper, everything went as expected in Tech's 34 point win. Lafayette's a non-scholarship program with just one returning starter who happens to be coming back from an injury.

The final score indicated it was indeed a blowout, what it failed to show was how tough Lafayette played and how the game was not



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In a rematch of last year's Elite Eight game, Tech lost to Kansas in overtime on a New Year's day game played in Lawrence, Ks.

in the bag until the last five or so minutes of the game. Tech turned in one of their least impressive performances during the break, but thanks to the continual improvement of Morrow and Dickey, and just an overwhelming edge in athleticism, this game turned into a blowout in the waning moments.

Morrow's career night was punctuated by big shots that deflated the valiant Lafayette Leopards rally. Dickey also continued his impressive play with 15 points in 15 minutes. Anchored by the strong

performances by the freshmen duo, Tech's bench actually outscored the starters 47 to 45 in this game.

Hewitt was effusive in his praise for Coach Fran O'Hallan and his team, "Fran's team played very well today. They put on a clinic on how [run] to that motion offense that we [also] run. The final score was certainly not indicative of how well Lafayette played. They played extremely well, they ran their offense to a T. They got whatever they wanted for 35 min-

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real commitment to excel, traveling to the competition drop zone in Florida once a month to train. The team chose to travel rather than to jump locally both because of weather concerns and to gain as much knowledge of both the plane and area they would be using to jump at Nationals.

Up to 20 practice jumps were made each weekend, rapidly increasing the team’s knowledge and experience with the formations they would be expected to create.

Despite the fact that a typical jump from 10,500 feet would result

in approximately 65 seconds of free fall, in competition divers are only given 35 seconds in which to try and earn points.

“Twenty years ago, people said that a five-man formation was impossible. [Our 12-man formation] just goes to show you how far the sport has come. ”

Kevin Patrick
Skydiving team member

Each team is given a set of four formations drawn from a published pool of formations to which all teams have access.

On a competitive jump, teams are expected to accurately cycle through the set as rapidly as possible, earning a point for each formation successfully completed, so familiarity and precision

are key to a strong showing.

A cameraman brought by the team jumps with them, recording all of the actions during the jump so judges can evaluate the team’s work

once they reach the ground.

The team also traveled to Orlando several times to work in a vertical wind tunnel. This provided longer periods to work on their individual skills, as well as group work.

At \$10 per minute, however, not a second was wasted by the team, even though that does, as Patrick noted, “make it cheaper than [what] that much free fall during jumps [costs].”

Outside of the four-man team competition, the weekend was just as much of a success for other Tech skydivers. A two-man team, GT Propel, took second place. In individual competition, Adam Chamely and Shane Migliore took first and second respectively in the Intermediate Sport Accuracy event.

Geoffrey Loy took second place in the Novice Sport Accuracy Event. Furthermore, the GT Fusion Freefly duo of Patrick and Bartlett took fourth place in the freefly test event. The weekend culminated for the Tech participants with a group dive that linked all 12 Yellow Jacket divers in

one formation.

“Back twenty years ago, people said that a five-man formation was impossible. It just goes to show you how far the sport has come”, Patrick said. Twelve Tech divers linked together in a single formation set a new school record.

This competition was the last for several of the divers involved. GT Fusion’s members are all graduating in the next three semesters, so the next group of Tech skydivers is needed.

The club has facilities at Skydive Atlanta and meets every Monday in room 251 of the CRC from 6 to 7 p.m.

The success of Fusion is evidence

that this is a sport that can be quickly learned given the time and resources needed. The club encourages any interested individual to come by a meeting.

The seven jumps and several hours of classroom training needed to become a certified skydiver can be done in a week, or stretched over several months, depending on weather, resources and time constraints.

For those that have experienced it, the feeling is like

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Kevin Patrick
Skydiving team member

no other. “When you are about to jump out of a plane, anything else going on in your life stops,” Patrick said. “Looking out, it is like you are jumping into a picture.”

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Pathetically (or maybe not), ive been thinking about the girl I met at the library for a long time!
time to move on with everything
Win Yuschenko win KGB’s after me, heeeeeeeelp!
Bread makes me poop
mangoes are yummy!!!!
I <3 Nique
Being graduated is great. I love not having homework or group projects.
presidential or personal, sometimes its good to trim the bush
Announcing Tech’s Most Eligible Bachelor Website...
To those with Many, Mini bottles at library during finals. Cheers.
So there were three functions at a bar... and in walks Mr. Differentiation Man...
I always leave the water running at the sink to compensate for the water-free urinals at the Student Center.
I just decided to Double Major, Bless me!
Apparently my Physics II professor wants me to be able to tie my shoes using math and science.
Baka.
Hello World
Women’s bball...it’s so quiet it’s like walking into K-Mart
It’s depressing to an extent
Eat at Moe’s ... if you wanna spend 8 dollars for a burrito.
canchan.com
The south’s liveliest newspaper is anything but lively & their sports page sucks
This school needs more green..
I’m a real boy!
We’re losing!!!
Save a tree ... eat a beaver.
“Sliver me timbers”? Sounds painful.
It’s the third day of school and I’m already freakin tired
bombs go “ka-pluey” not “ka-boom”
Feminists suck.
To the physics whiners: Take it like a woman! Now, Bend!

Football rolls past Orange, looks to future

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

For the second consecutive season, Tech football goes into the off-season riding high with confidence after drubbing the Syracuse Orange 51-14 in the Champs Sports Bowl on Dec. 21. The Jackets capped off the season with their third consecutive seven-win season under Chan Gailey.

Last season the Jackets defeated Tulsa 52-10 in the Humanitarian Bowl but were unable to take that momentum to end the season in the top 25. With this year's win, the Jackets kept the number-one bowl winning percentage in college football of .667, and are 6th with 22 bowl victories just behind Penn State and Oklahoma.

"In general there were six good weeks and five bad weeks," Gailey said. "These guys played real hard and our coaching staff did a great job. I'm really proud of this coaching staff."

The Jackets scored on four of their first six possessions, which also included the end of Travis Bell's school-record streak of 15 consecutive made field goals on

a 48 yard attempt on the Jackets' second possession of the game. Bell ended the year making 15 of 17 field goals with a new school record for accuracy by a placekicker of .882. The mark also put the first-year kicker 5th overall in the nation in accuracy.

The Jackets strong performance was led by the arm of Reggie Ball, who threw for two touchdowns and 207 yards along with one interception. Ball garnered Most Valuable Player honors for the game.

"I don't know statistics, I know [Ball] performed extremely well in the ball game [against Syracuse]."

Chan Gailey
Football head coach

not only happy for the team, but I'm happy for him as an individual."

P.J. Daniels also looked like his old self after recovering from the knee problems that sidelined him for much of the latter part of the season. Daniels rushed for 119 yards on 17 carries.

Chris Reis picked off a pass from Syracuse quarterback Perry Patterson on the second play of the game and took it 20 yards for the touchdown. The Orange answered with a quick touchdown, but failed on the extra point to bring the score



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

P.J. Daniels scored two touchdowns and ran for 119 yards to help the Jackets beat Syracuse 51-14 in the 2004 Champs Sports Bowl. It was Tech's eighth bowl appearance in as many years.

to 7-6. That would be all they could manage until the outcome was no longer in question as the Tech defense was determined not to give up anything easy.

After the Orange touchdown, Ball led the Jackets on a 10-play, 80-yard drive that took up less than four minutes on the clock. The drive was capped with Calvin Johnson catching a ten-yard fade route in the back of the end zone.

Tech closed out the first quarter with an 80-yard touchdown pass as Ball hit senior Nate Curry in stride going down the sidelines to give Tech a commanding lead.

The stifling defense of the Jackets held the Orange to a three and out on the ensuing possession, and the special teams unit came up big blocking the punt and giving the Jackets' the ball at the Orange 14-yard line, where Daniels capped off

a four play drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

After trading punts, Syracuse pinned Tech down at the six-yard line, but their defense couldn't stop the Jackets on this night. The offense marched down the field mostly unopposed in ten plays that ended with Johnson taking an end around in for the score from five yards

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Tech's hockey club faced the rival UGA Ice Dogs in the finals of the Thrasher Cup in Savannah over the weekend. Page 26

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Members of the Tech community with ties to affected areas detail the disastrous tsunami and its aftermath. Page 11



by the numbers

1,859

The number of kills that Lynnette Moster made in her career at Tech, putting her first on the school's list in that category. Moster was the first person in ACC history to earn all-American honors three times. She now plays professional volleyball in Puerto Rico.

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The pre-season national rankings of the baseball team—The Yellow Jackets rank No. 13 in *Collegiate Baseball's* preseason poll and No. 19 in the poll from *Baseball America*. The team returns 20 letter winners from last season including shortstop Tyler Greene who was selected as a preseason All-American by *Collegiate Baseball*. The season opener is Feb. 11 against Georgia State, which will be played on campus at Russ Chandler Stadium.

6-2, 6-1

Score by which No. 25 ranked Tech athlete Jose Muguruza beat No. 2 ranked Ryler DeHeart of the Univ. of Illinois at a men's tennis tournament in Puerto Rico. The team picked up 24 wins at the Puerto Rico Classic on Jan. 13-15, facing tough competition from schools such as the University of California and the University of Illinois. The men's team is currently playing in the USTA/ITA National Indoor Championships.

58' 7.50"

Distance in feet and inches that senior Zeb Sion threw the shot at the Kentucky Invitational on Jan. 15, a new school record that broke the old mark he had also set. Sion was named a Wendy's Student Athlete of the Week for Jan. 17 along with track and field star Chaunte Howard and tennis ace Jose Muguruza. The track and field team travels to Johnson City, Tenn. for the Niswonger Invitational indoor meet this week.

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Final ranking of the Tech volleyball team in the *USA Today/CSTV* Top 25 Coaches Poll. It is the third straight year that the team ended the season ranked in the top 25. The volleyball team finished with an overall record of 27-7 and were 16-0 in ACC play before advancing to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA tournament.

Skydivers rise to occasion



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Tech's skydiving team forms a 12-way formation. The club has been extremely successful over the past few years, and it came away with a second-place finish in the four-way competition this season.

By Andy Holt
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The Tech skydiving club leapt into competition over the semester break, with 12 students making the trip to the National Collegiate Skydiving Championships in Florida.

Several of the club's teams did extremely well in the competition. GT Fusion, with members Jonathan

Bartlett, Rebecca Murray, Kevin Patrick and Elizabeth Stoner, took second place, failing to beat out a team from the Air Force Academy by a single point.

GT Airlock, with members Omar Mireles, Shane Migliore, Adam Chamely, and Nate Fisher captured fourth place. Viscosity, with Tech members Allison Yasitis and alum Craig Sellars, took third.

This is quite a feat for the relatively inexperienced Tech squad. Three out of the four members of GT Fusion have been jumping only since October of last year.

Bartlett, a more experienced skydiver, "acted as sort of a player-coach for us," Patrick said.

The members of the team made a

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Hoops looks to bounce back

By Kyle Thomason
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Coming off of consecutive losses in North Carolina, Tech is looking to pick up their third ACC victory against Virginia Tech this Saturday at 4 p.m. in the friendly confines of Alexander Memorial Coliseum, where they are undefeated this year.

In splitting its first four ACC games, Tech has had to adjust to playing without B.J. Elder, the team's top scoring wing player. Elder's absence has pushed freshmen Anthony Morrow and Ra'Sean Dickey into a great deal of action in ACC play and has expanded the roles of several other players such as Mario West.

The Jackets have come to rely on the freshmen and expect production from them on a nightly basis.

"There's nothing catching us off guard, we're putting them in there to produce and Anthony Morrow and Ra'Sean Dickey are playing great minutes for us and hopefully they keep it up throughout league play," said junior point guard Jarrett Jack.

This experience will undoubtedly prove helpful for the Jackets as the season progresses and these players

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By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Jarrett Jack scored 24 points and was 10 for 10 from the foul line, but it was not enough to down the Tarheels on their home floor.

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Moster signs pro volleyball contract

During the winter break, Lynnette Moster, a 2004 volleyball All-American, signed a one-year professional contract with the Carolina Gigantes of the Puerto Rican professional league. In her first game with the Gigantes, Moster led the team with 17 kills and 13 block assists. Follow her professional career (and brush up on your Spanish) at www.LasGigantes.net.

Howard qualifies for NCAA meet

Women's track star Chaunte Howard won the high jump at the Kentucky Invitational indoor meet on Jan. 15 with a mark of 6'1.50". That is an automatic qualifier for the indoor NCAA championships. At the same event, she also earned automatic qualifiers for the 200-meters and the 60-meter hurdles. For her achievements, Howard was named a Wendy's Student Athlete of the Week.

Women's tennis at Mich. Invitational

Kacie Anson and Dasha Potapova were undefeated in both singles and doubles play at the 2005 Michigan Invitational as they helped propel Tech to a very strong tournament finish. The women's team won 21 of 22 singles matches and seven of nine doubles matches. They competed against players from LSU, Michigan and Eastern Michigan. The team starts their long dual-match season this semester.

Choice transfers from Oklahoma

Tashard Choice, a running back from the University of Oklahoma, transferred to Tech this semester. He will have to sit out the upcoming 2005 season and will have two seasons of eligibility remaining when he takes the field in 2006. Choice was a local standout in high school, playing at Lovejoy in Clayton County.

Football players on All-Bowl Teams

Following Tech's impressive 51-14 thrashing of Syracuse in the Champs Sports Bowl, several Jackets were honored for their performances. Reggie Ball was selected as MVP of the game, lineman Brad Honeycutt was named to ESPN's All-Bowl team, paving the way for 286 rushing yards for the offense. Freshman defensive tackle Darryl Richard was named to *Sports Illustrated's* All-Bowl Team, registering two sacks.