### **Intramural Notebook**

## Championship games cap off first phase competitions

**By John Parsons** Staff Writer

The first phase of intramurals is over and all the champions have been crowned. Many of the usual suspects are took home championships yet again, such as Lambda Chi in ultimate and Backfield in Motion in A-League flag football.

Both cruised through their regular seasons and into playoffs. Backfield in Motion was not really challenged until the playoffs where they lost the Independent Championship to the Bluetick Hounds be-

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fore rebounding to take the School Championship Tournament. Lambda Chi's ultimate team never lost a game on its way to the title.

In the co-rec league, the BGDs won the flag football championship after shutting down TKE Co-Rec 27-0. BGD was led by quarterback Neal Baker. The team had three touchdowns in the first half.

TKE Co-Rec had previously defeated Sigma Epsilon and the undefeated No. 1 seed Spongebobbers in the quarterfinals. BGD went undefeated this season and had playoff wins the week before against Cloudy Glennmen and FIJI Co-Rec.



By Jaime Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Phase 1 intramural competitions gave Tech students a chance to begin the new school year with a competitive edge. Perennial champions Lambda Chi Alpha took home the ultimate frisbee championship trophy and T-shirts.

InIt2WinIt defeated the Beta Dragons for the B League Flag Football Championship after shutting them out with a 21-0 mercy rule victory. InIt2WinIt had to play earlier in the night before the matchup.

The two teams had been the highest-ranked in the B league this year in a field of over 90 teams. The Beta Dragons were good sports after the loss, even tipping their hats off to

the champions at the end of the night.

Women's football produced the biggest surprise of the first phase when Alpha Gamma Delta knocked off top-seeded Phi Mu in the semifinals. Phi Mu had outscored their regular season opponents by a combined 64-0 overfourgames, including a 27-0 thrashing of Alpha Gam to clinch the top seed.

Alpha Gam got their revenge,

however, with a 13-2 upset to make it to the finals, where they lost to a Pom Poms in Motion team grateful to not have to play Phi Mu.

In the other two sports of the first phase there were no surprises. The Chemists won the sand volley-ball championship. They won last year's independent championship, but lost out to Lambda Chi for the school title. This year, MBA Frats was the team's primary foe, but the

Chemists won out.

Finally, in whiffleball, FIJI took home fraternity and school-wide trophies, while Infield in Motion took home independent honors.

The Flag Football School Championship this year was between the Bluetick Hounds and Backfield In Motion, both Independent A league teams.

The championship began shortly before 11:00 p.m. on Oct. 15. The two teams had only met previously in the A league championship game in which Bluetick Hounds won by only one point.

Both teams scored a touchdown

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on their first two possessions. Backfield drove 66 yards downfield for their first touchdown. On Bluetick's first possession, the team threw a 50 yard pass to get great field position.

After 44 minutes of sliding and even a pair of ripped shorts, Backfield in Motion defeated Bluetick by one touchdown. The final score was 34-28.

Next up is phase two, where Lambda Chi, Beta and Calsberg will look to continue their soccer dominance.

For more information on intramurals, visit www.sac.gatech.edu/IM.

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## Golf trio leads Tech to first place crown

**By Kimberly Rieck** Sports Editor

Freshman golfer Roberto Castro helped lead Tech to its first team title of the season on Tuesday with a final-round score of 2-under-par, 70.

The title was the first team title for Tech since a tie for first at the NCAA East Regional in 2002. The 54-hole tournament was held at the par-72, 7,036 yard Old Memorial Golf Club.

Beginning with the opening round, the Jackets dominated the field. Tech was the only team to have three sub-par rounds, including the final-round score of one-under-par, 287.

The team's 54-hole total of 22-under-par, 272-283-287-842 was better than No.1 Florida. Florida finished in second place with seven-under-par, 276-292-289-857.

The Jackets had a tournament score of 842 and the score ties the tenth best 54-hole score in school history

Castro was the top individual performer for Tech with three sub-par rounds and a second place finish. His final score was eight-under-par, 68-70-70-208. Castro was only three shots behind Florida's first place winner Matt Every.

Junior Nicholas Thompson finished in a tie for sixth place at fiveunder-par, 67-69-75-211. Freshman Kevin Larsen recorded his first top 10 finish of his collegiate career when he placed ninth.

Finishing sixteenth, junior Chan Wongluekiet had the top round of the day for Tech with a score of three-under-par, 69.

The team's next tournament will be the Hooters Collegiate Match Play Championship.



By Eric Aufderhaar / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After several tough tournaments against top-ranked opponents, the Jackets' golf team took home the gold at the Old Memorial Golf Club in Tampa. It was the team's first team title since the 2002 NCAA Regional.

## Golf trio leads Tech Jackets face hard times on court

**By Kimberly Rieck** Sports Editor

Over the past week, both the men's and women's tennis teams faced tough competition at the South Carolina Fall Invitational and ITA Southern Regionals respectively. The championships were held at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex at the University of Georgia's campus.

Last Monday, the women's team concluded its play at the ITA Southern Region Championships with a win from sixth-seeded Kelly Anderson

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Lyndsay Shosho fell to Florida State's Roxanne Clarke 0-6, 7-5, 7-5 in the second round.

Christina Denny from the Seminoles' side defeated Tech's Alison Silverio 6-2, 7-5 at the championships in the second round.

Anderson went on to win three sets in her next match, but wfell to Florida State's Anca Dumitrescu in the quarterfinals. The score of the match was 6-3, 4-6, 6-2. Dumitrescu was the third seed in the tournament.

The women's team will return to action today when it plays in the



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior tennis player Scott Schnugg returns a serve during a match. The tennis team faced tough competition at last week's South Carolina Invitational. Freshman Zachary Raff advanced to the quarterfinals.

Vanderbilt Invitational.

On the men's side, freshman Zachary Rath advanced to the quarterfinals of the singles consolation draw at the South Carolina Fall Invitational in Columbia, S.C.

Rath opened up the invitational with a win over South Carolina State's Jiri Vasciek in the first round. In the quarterfinals, Rath had difficulties against College of Charleston's Bastain Moldehnke, falling in straight-sets 6-3, 6-0.

The next highest-ranked competitor was freshman Jack DePaolo. DePaolo won his opening-round but lost to NC State's Matt Simeon in straight sets with scores of 6-3, 6-

The Jackets will compete in the ITA Region II Championship in Chapel Hill, N.C., Oct. 24-26.

### ramblin'

by katie neal



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After Dan Dyke graduated, Hal Higgins had big shoes to fill in the punter position on Tech's football team. Higgins has conquered many challenges during his career at Tech including beating Hodgkin's Disease.

Technique: What has been your game meal? favorite memory in football while

you've been at Tech? Higgins: My favorite memory would have to be the first time I ever stepped on the field to play, the opening

game of the 2001 season in Giants stadium against Syracuse, although my first punt this year against BYU was a pretty special feeling.

'Nique: If you could play any other sport here, what would it be and why?

Higgins: I always dreamed of playing basketball at Tech when I was a kid. Basketball is my favorite sport; God just didn't think that was in my best interest!

'Nique: What teammate or coach has taught you the most—or have you learned the most from--about the

Higgins: Coach Wilson has brought a lot of creativity to the game, but I learned the most about me and how I play the game and how the game affects me from my daddy.

'Nique: Do you have any pregame rituals, and if so, what are they? Higgins: I wouldn't really call it a ritual, but I always go throw around with Dan Burnett about an hour and a half before the game starts. This helps us with the weather conditions!

'Nique: What's your favorite pre-

Higgins: After 5 years of the same meal, I would have to say chicken parmesan with lasagna on the side.

'Nique: What sports did you play as a child and why did you decide to focus on football?

**Higgins:** I grew up playing football and basketball. Baseball was a sport to pass time in between the other two seasons.

I always wanted to play college basketball but somehow

Coach Brooks wanted me

to walk on

the football team. So I did and I now owe everything to Butch (and he reminds me everyday).

'Nique: What do you want to do after graduating from Tech?

**Higgins:** After 5 years here I thought I would know the answer to that

It looks as if I don't want to do anything, but that's not true.

I would like a job dealing with

sports and television (some type of commentator or something) or I think I would like to pursue a career in real estate.

senior punter

'Nique: Do you think football players are regarded differently than the other athletes at Tech? If so, why?

Higgins: No I don't think so. We might be iust more recognizable...except us kickers!

'Nique: How do you think your time away with Hodgkin's disease affected your work ethic and view of football?

Higgins: My illness changed my life completely. I really try not to take anything for granted, yet on the other hand, I don't stress myself on any-

thing either. It really taught me what's important and what I don't have to sweat.

'Nique: If you could only tell next year's freshman recruits just one thing, what would it be? Higgins: Listen to the upperclassmen.

'Nique: How do you think most of your teammates would describe you? Higgins: I'd say as a humorous fellow who loves sports but has a problem combing his hair!!

'Nique: What is something that most people would be surprised to learn about you?

Higgins: I have extremely flat feet and I can only breathe out of one side of my noise!

### sliver box

Somebody help. I'm too lazy to study for Accounting test this Thursday. I wonder if osmotic will help if I sleep over my notes tonight.

Anyone want to go with me to the pre-screening of "Intolerable

Tech sux. what we actually need is for girls starting to ask guys out. That'd surely enhance gender equality here.

Life is like a box of chocolate elsewhere, but here life is like a boxfull of chocolate wrapper.

Thank you 'Nique for helping me to procrastinate the study of Accounting test. Your sliver box rocks!

Whats the deal with the paper shortage in the ME computer labs?? 500 pages cost \$4.50, so ONE in-state undergrad's tuition can buy 356,444 sheets! Thats about 8.5 times the amount currently stocked

I had a sliver stuck under my fingernail once.

I am not witty enough to get into the Vent... lucky for me the Technique will print ANYTHING!

And at least five people will read it!

Radiohead

hey daniel: e.s.a.d. is really not that funny, it's dangerous

queer eye for the straight jacketq

if your hair is long and gross, cut it - don't run your fingers through it. and dude, wear some shoes!

and please. longer shorts. please

it takes 3 to frolic!

I went out last night. I need to get into shape.

Ich mag deinen rock =)

We need to KEEP OUR COMPOSURE!

I love the Monteezee

Decimoprimer mandamiento: NO DAR PAPAYA

Hey, gimpo. I LIVE at the beach. So shut yer mouth.

Whew, Falcons got the CRAP beaten out of them, AND the Braves lose early in the playoffs once again...it seems that all is right with the world once again

One player does make that much of a difference....on the bright side, the Falcons will get a nice draft pick out of this season

I thought it was a joke that the falcons would lose less than tech....now thats scary, two crappy ass teams and tech would have more wins than the falcons...Im cold

Red Sox and Cubs go to game 7 of the World Series and Armaged

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### Tech Hockey triumphs over Mary Washington

Tech Hockey went 2-0 last weekend against an undermanned Mary Washington College. The club team improved its record to 4-1-0 on the year. They will be playing next weekend in the Circle City Tournament in Indianapolis.

Tech's hockey team also did some community service this weekend. Members helped out with Habitat for Humanity Saturday before the game.

### GT Paintball takes first place in championships

Tech's club paintball team defeated Clemson, Southern Poly, Embry Riddle, Purdue, Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Georgia at the NCPA SACC Championships.

The preliminary rounds of the tournament placed Tech at the top of the roster after the team gained a substantial lead with zero losses. In the finals, Tech had two wins and one loss. The next tournament will be Nov. 8 in Winder, Ga.

### Men's crew competes at the Head of the Charles

Last weekend, Tech raced at the world's largest two-day rowing event when it competed in the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston last weekend.

The event featured over 6500 competitors and had crowds of over 350,000 people. In the men's lightweight 8+, Tech was No. 18 out of 24 boats with a time of 15:30.026.

Justin Steigerwalt finished third out of 33 entries in the men's lightweight single with a time of 18:27.177. Steigerwalt defeated many current and former national team rowers at the regatta.

#### Crew teams win medals, trophy in first race

In the season opener, Tech's crew teams defeated teams from the University of Georgia, Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Georgia State, among others to win the team points trophy at the Chattanooga Head Race Oct. 11.

GT Crew took home ten medals—three gold, six silver and one bronze in the men's and women's races. The crew team will have a home race tomorrow at Lake Lanier.

## Georgia Tech 24, Wake Forest 7 Tech wins faceoff with Deacons



By Christopher Gooley/ STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After a thrilling homecoming win against N.C. State, the Jackets went on to defeat Wake Forest at home in a decisive 24-7 win. Quarterback Reggie Ball received ACC Rookie of the Week honors after the victory.

**By Andy Holt** Contributing Writer

The Yellow Jackets' offense continued to find itself against the Demon Deacons, piling up 441 yards in a decisive 24-7 victory over Wake Forest.

In a day of career highs, P.J. Daniels rushed for his best total ever, 174 yards, and Jonathan Smith continued to outdo himself, catching 194 yards worth of passes from Reggie Ball.

Ball completed 12 of 24 passing attempts with no interceptions and two touchdowns. Daniels set the high mark for rushing yards in the ACC so far this season.

The Yellow Jackets also put in a

sterling effort on the defensive side. James Butler had an interception and a blocked field goal, and defen-

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sive coordinator Jon Tenuta brought his usual excellent preparation and game plan to the field, putting a strangle-hold on Wake's tricky flexbone offense.

The only dim spot on a bright day for Tech was special teams, with punter Hal Higgins being replaced in the second half by Andy Thomson. Short punts were a problem throughout the game, but kickoff returns and coverage continue to improve.

Overall, Tech dominated the game even more than the score would lead one to believe. With near-perfection on both sides of the ball, Tech looked their best of the season

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## Rabbitt shows the tortoise isn't faster as he racks up wins



Photo Courtesy Georgia Tech Athletic Association

ACC standout Kyle Rabbitt has proven that Tech's cross country team can compete with top ACC teams after placing first at the Auburn Invitational. Rabbitt has placed in the top five in all of his events so far this season.

Contributing Writer

Opening this season with a fifth place finish at the Wake Forest Alumni Invitational, Kyle Rabbitt proved that he could help guide this year's cross country team. Rabbitt fell only a few seconds behind now-injured teammate Neil McDonagh.

In high school, Rabbitt was a cross country and track standout at Landmark Christian School in Tyrone, Ga. He earned allmetro honors from the Atlanta Track Club on five separate oc-

casions in his prep career.

At the 2001 NCAA South Region Championships, he received all-region honors and a sixteenth place finish.

Rabbitt followed the high Wake Forest finish with an incredible performance at the Auburn Invitation-

Rabbitt cruised to victory as he broke away from the pack with one kilometer remaining in the race, finishing in 24:47 and beating a field of 259 runners. Rabbitt was named ACC Runner of the Week for his efforts at the Auburn meet.

'It was a great win; I watched the race in high school and it felt awesome to win a race I had been watching for years. It felt surreal winning the race, because I always pictured myself running this race in high school," Rabbitt said.

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Head Cross Country Coach

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Alan Drosky

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However when the Georgia native was running the race, he was focusing on other things beside the

"When you are running the race you just hope you can hang on, because there is lots of pain," said Rabbitt.

Besides his own performances, Rab-

bitt is focused on those of his team. He has turned into one of the main team leaders and an example for the younger runners this year.

"Kyle is a good kid who does a good job of leading by example.

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**Kyle Rabbitt** 

Runner

there is lots of pain."

He trains hard and can balance running and school really well. Most

kids couldn't do what he could," said Alan Drosky, Cross Country Head Coach. Drosky said Rabbitt runs around 90 to 100 miles a week while balancing his school work.

Coming into the season, Rabbitt had several goals for himself and his

team. "I would really like to win the conference meet and place in the top 25 in the national meet. It depends on the recovering of McDonagh. If he comes back helping we

are looking to finish top three in the conference," Rabbitt said.

Although Rabbitt has done well thus far, the most important meets of the season are yet to come. "The true test for Kyle will come up in the conference meet. If he runs well he has a very good chance to win. It depends who has a good day and runs well. Even though he has only run in two races this year, he has yet to disappoint," Drosky said.

Rabbitt's preparations for this season and the indoor track season have not even reached full potential

"My focus this time of year is track, so I'm still not training to my potential. I still believe I will improve coming into the track season and the first indoor 5000," Rabbitt

Drosky agrees that the best is yet to come for the runner. "Kyle will continue to improve throughout the

> year. The only thing that could stop him would be a possible injury. He has done a great job figuring out what he wants to accomplish and what he needs to do accomplish these

goals," Drosky said. If Rabbitt and his teammates are successful, Tech's Cross Country team will be one of the top contenders in the ACC and in the national

### sliver box

don ensues...dont say I didnt warn you

Shay is on a love song download rush, damn fall love.

rb-sorry to hear about the f with the gf...give me a c if you need a h

being grown up isn't half as fun as growing up :-/

Eh? Just what is this exactly?

i want to work in an m&m's factory

shake ya tail feather!

To 90% of the people on the DDR machine: It's called DANCE

DANCE Revolution not STOMP STOMP Revolution

skeet skeet....nothing like the good ol' sliver in da box

The Falcons have gone from Suck...to Blow!

New creed on life, I dont give a \*\*\*\*, \*\*\*\* all of you and screw you guys, I'ma going home

Kerry Wood? The hell! Marlins had that game....

Screw that ex gf of mine....(pretty sure someone already is...:(...)

I want an interest bearing money shrub! Then I wouldn't have to resort to prostitution.

when' hello kitty gonna make a comeback?

god i'm a stupid cunt

why doesn't slater wear any shoes? thats gross.

people who don't like kill bill are fucking clown shoes

Against Me! rocks my face offf

bitches get stitches

do you know where tokyo is? It is so far away

It looks like it is I who has penetrated you

silly caucasian girl thinks she can fight like a samurai

I'm not a satanic sex god anymore Dewey

I think you're tacky and i hate you I'm gonna be the next canadian dracula

You're not canadian.

I'm not a vampire either

omg roofl

god my roomates are monkeys

if its called tourist season, why can't we shoot them?? Two Bits Man... I know you don't know me, but you make me

laugh and I wanted to let you know.

I've had all of my TBS inoculations, so feel free to talk to me. If ever, oh ever, a wiz there was...The Wizard of Oz is one because...because, because, because of the wonderful things he does!!

i bent my wookie

### V-ball

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"We were playing at

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**Kele Eveland** 

Volleyball Player

the team was subsequently ranked atop the ACC preseason poll and No. 12 in the AVCA/USA Today Preseason Coaches poll for 2003. All those are nice, but an undefeated mark through 20 matches and a No. 4 ranking were hard-earned.

It is difficult to climb up the AVCA Coaches poll, especially for the up-and-coming Tech squad, but the team has done so by remaining consistent and getting the timely kills and plays that can closeout a match or shift momentum. The ranking did not come overnight but over a hectic stretch of four consecutive matches against

ranked opponents.

The stretch began with the US Bank/Arby's Invitation in Lincoln, Neb. The Jackets would put their ranking to the test against Michigan State (then No. 17), Santa Clara

(then No. 13)

and volleyball juggernaut Nebraska (then No. 5).

After sweeping the first two teams, Tech took part in a colossal battle against a Cornhusker squad that had not lost at home since 1999. In the first big test of the program, Tech defeated Nebraska in five games and took over the No. 5 spot.

Without any time to celebrate or soak in the accomplishment, the Jackets turned right around to play a very tough and then No. 25 Wisconsin the next Friday. Tech went down two games to none in the match, but produced a great comeback to beat the Badgers in five games.

Nebraska may have been the toughest match but the battle against Wisconsin has been the defining moment of the season.

"After coming off the high of beating Nebraska [during the previous weekend], it was extremely tough going down 0-2 to a good team like Wisconsin... that win showed a lot of character," said Bond Shymansky, Head Volleyball Coach.

The players credit their coach as helping them get to this record-breaking point in school history. "Coach Shymansky is good at finding ways to motivate us and maintain our focus, and he always has a positive take no matter the situation," said Jayme Gergen, middle blocker.

"Coach is honest, prepares us well, and lets us know exactly what to expect from each match," said

Kele Eveland, set-

With so much going on around the record-breaking early season run, one of the biggest problems could be maintaining focus throughout the not-as-difficult second half.

"We were playing at a very high level of volleyball

during the beginning of the season...we just have to stay focused," Eveland said.

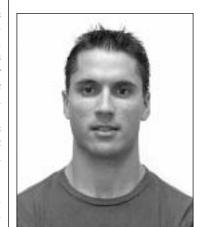
The team has only lost one game in ACC action while compiling a conference record of 8-0. One of the biggest matches will be when Tech faces Maryland at home. The Terrapins gave Tech its sole loss.

Shymansky and his defending conference champions will then face-off against the University of Georgia on Nov. 11, in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

"We're hosting it in the [Alexander Memorial] Coliseum so we can have as much fan support as possible," Shymansky said.

Before the team competes against the Bulldogs, the Jackets will play North Carolina tonight at 7 p.m.

# faces in the by katie neal



### Roland Sperlich Ph.D. Candidate Hockey-Goalie

Originally from Montreal, Quebec, Roland Sperlich is no stranger to the game of hockey. Sperlich graduated in three years with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Merrimack College in Massachusetts while being an all-academic player on the school's Division I team.

After obtaining a full scholarship for graduate school at Tech, Sperlich joined the Tech hockey club. Earning the Coaches Award his first and third season with the Jackets, Sperlich helped take the team to the Nationals and as well as winning the Thrasher Cup in Savannah for the past three consecutive years. In his downtime, he is currently working on his doctorate thesis in the field of power amplifier linearization.



## Alex Stewart Senior Basketball-Point Guard

Alex Stewart, a senior from Roswell, GA, is the Yellow Jackets' returning point guard under new Head Coach MaChelle Joseph. Stewart earned All-ACC honors for the first time in her career following her performance in the 2002-2003 season. She led both the team and the ACC in free throw percentage as well as assists per game, racking up a total of 90 assists. Her highest scoring game of the year came from 17 points against St. John's, after having a school-record-tying 10-for-10 in shots from the free throw line.

Stewart and the rest of the team will see their first action Nov. 8 in an exhibition game in Atlanta against the Premier Players.



### Dan Burnett Senior Football-Kicker

Dan Burnett, the senior place-kicker for the Yellow Jacket football team, had a big pair of shoes to fill after Tech lost one of the ACC's best in Luke Manget, but he is doing a fine job of filling them this season.

Burnett, a Management major from Lilburn, GA took over for an injured Manget on numerous occasions after he joined the team as a walk-on in 1999. Burnett was three-for-four in field goal attempts in the Jacket's 29-21 win over NC State.

Named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll for 1999-2000, Burnett's award list extends all the way back to 1992 when he was a national runner-up in the NFL's Punt, Pass and Kick competition at age 11.

## **SPORTS**

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### For the love of the game

On the other side of the spectrum, Tech's club teams have been traveling across the country for competitions. Find out how several of our top teams fared. Page 33

### We are the champions

After months of blood, sweat and tears, flag football and whiffleball intramural seasons have ended. Find out who took home the gold. Page 30



# numbers

Number of times quarterback Reggie Ball has been named ACC Rookie of the Week this season. Before Maryland's game, Ball had completed 45 of 84 passes for 616 yards, four touchdowns and two interceptions.

Number of consecutive years Tech's recruiting classes in baseball have been ranked among the top 16 in the country. Baseball America has ranked the 2003 freshman class as the fourth best in the nation.

Number of years the men's swim team has finished in the top four at the ACC Championships. The team begins its season tomorrow at home against N.C. State.

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Last year the Tech golf team captured a first place team title. Tech captured first place earlier this week at the Gary Koch/Cleveland Golf Intercollegiate in Tampa.

Number of kills Alexandra Preiss and Lynnette Moster each recorded when No. 4 Tech volleyball defeated Florida State in three games last Saturday. With the victory, the team earned its 20th win of the season, remaining undefeated.

### atlanta thrashers challenge

hint: GT Volleyball

Here's the number...what does it represent?

To enter email the Sports Editor at sports@technique.gatech.edu with the correct answer to the challenge. A winner will be selected from among the qualified entries. The winner will receive a pair of tickets to an Atlanta Thrashers home game, where admission is always \$10 for a seat in the \$36 section with a student ID. Visit www.atlantathrashers.com for more info on college nights.

## No. 4 Tech makes history

By John Scaduto Contributing Writer

It seems as if the accolades and accompanying expectations will never end for Tech Volleyball this year. At about the midpoint of the season, the Jackets are 20-0 (8-0 ACC) while having lost only five games total throughout that entire stretch. And the team has shown no signs of slowing down.

The squad has seemingly done it

"After sweeping the first two teams, Tech took part in a colossal battle against a Cornhusker squad that had not lost at home since 1999."

all. Weekend sweep of three ranked teams, including a fifth-ranked Nebraska on their court? Done. Weekend sweep of ACC rivals? Done. AVCA National Player of the Week and multiple ACC Player of the Week honors? Done. ACC Tournament Championship and NCAA Tournament run? On hold.

Not that this wasn't expected every player from last year's conference champion squad returned, and

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Junior Marisa Aston goes in for the save during one of the team's victories at home. The team has made school history this year with 20 straight wins overall and eight straight wins in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

## Baseball hosts fall preview series



By Charles Frey / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After a successful 2003 season that ended in an ACC championship for Tech, the baseball team is starting the 2004 season with the annual White & Gold series. The team showcased its highly ranked recruiting class there.

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Tech's nationally-ranked baseball team concluded its four-week fall practice with the annual "White & Gold World Series" this week at Russ Chandler Stadium. The series

was a best of three games intrasquad event and was free to the public.

Fans had the opportunity to "tailgate with the baseball team" and get an early look at the defending ACC champions before the Tech-Maryland game.

It was also Tech fans' first op-

portunity to see the baseball team's freshman class. The class has been ranked as the fourth best recruiting class in the nation by Baseball America's annual rankings.

Tech's recruiting classes have been ranked among the top 16 in the country eight years in a row.

# shorts

### Griffin, Duvall receive honors

Cross country athletes Katie Griffin and Cristan Duvall earned the Wendy's Georgia Tech Student-Athletes of the Week Award for Oct. 20. Griffin led Tech to a first-place finish at the Clemson Invitational after placing third in the meet with a five-kilometer time of 17:56. Duvall helped the Jackets place fourth at Clemson after racing a personalbest time of 25:38 in the eight-kilometer race.

### Tech to take on Samford in '04

Tech's football team has added NCAA Division I-AA member Samford to its home schedule for next season. Samford will receive \$175,000 for traveling to Atlanta. Head Coach Chan Gailey once coached Samford as well.

### Coaching Clinic set for Oct. 25

Tech's women's basketball staff will host a coaching clinic on Oct. 25. The clinic will feature a number of keynote speakers, including high school coaches from around the Southeast. The clinic will also have a question and answer session with Yellow Jacket players and coaches.

## football

Ohio State vs. Indiana Notre Dame vs. BC Georgia vs. UAB Duke vs. N.C. State USC vs. Washington Tennessee vs. Alabama Auburn vs. LSU South Carolina vs. Vanderbilt Arkansas vs. Mississippi Northern Illinois vs. Bowling Green Submit your picks at: nique.net/footballforecast

> Last week's winner: Nick Bendler

#### **Event** VB vs. UNC 10/24 VB vs. NC State 10/25 MT at ITA Region II 10/24 WT at Vanderbilt 10/24 MWS vs. NC State 10/25

VB- Women's Volleyball, MT- Men's Tennis, WT- Women's Tennis, MWS-Men's and Women's Swimming