

By Raymon Chafin / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Practice begins:** The Jackets have lost five seniors and point guard Jarrett Jack from last year's team. Sophomore Anthony Morrow is Tech's top returning scorer and will help fill the void.

## Crew

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"The Head of the Chattanooga was a stepping stone for us. It was something to build on. We accomplished all we needed to from this race," Austin Nichols said.

The women's crew teams had impressive performances as well. In the women's singles event, Tech took first with a time of 20:55.7. In the women's championship eight, the two women's boats finished 12th with a time of 20:47.7 and 14th with a time of 22:25.8.

"Our team did really well. Our women's team this year is a very young team. We only have two experienced rowers, or rowers with more than a year of experience. So everyone else on the varsity team is just moving up from being a novice, which is how you start out on crew," Kristie Ludvigsen said.

The next regatta for Tech's crew teams will be the Head of the Lanier at the Olympic course on Lake Lanier. The team will be looking to prepare themselves for the bigger regatta later in the fall in Boston, the Head of the Charles, which will be the most competitive regatta on Tech's fall season.

"We are going off sixth at the Head of the Charles. This is the big race in the fall for us," said men's Head Coach Rob Canavan.

The long-term goal for Tech's crew team this year is to medal at the Dad Vail regatta in Philadelphia in May every year. This event is the equivalent of nationals for other club sports and is considered the pinnacle event for collegiate crew.

"Last year, our men's lightweight

four boat won the Dad Vail regatta. The heavyweight eight made it to the petit final, which is like the final for the top six. We got seventh or eighth. That's racing against all of the big schools like Michigan, Grand Valley or UNC. The women had two boats in the finals. The lightweight four boat and the women's pair got fifth in each of their events," said Ludvigsen.

Canavan has been coach of the Tech crew team since 1994. Before that he was a scholarship rower at

**"Our women's team this year is a very young team. We only have two experienced rowers..."**

**Kristie Ludvigsen**  
Third-year crew member

Temple University. He has been to the World University Games with the Vesper boat club.

When the Pan-American games were in Cuba, Canavan won the gold medal and he met Fidel Castro while getting his medal. He tried out for the U.S. national team but injured himself at the tryouts.

Canavan began his coaching career at Tulane in 1990. While finishing up his master's, he found that he liked Atlanta and Tech. He coached the Atlanta Junior Rowing Association soon after. While in the process of doing this, the Tech crew

team spotted him on the water and offered him the job as coach of their team. Canavan was noticed for how well he brought discipline to the team on the water.

One athlete Canavan points out on this year's team is Austin Nichols, who has been a proven leader for the men's crew team over the past three years. "He always shows a hard work ethic, and he is always there to motivate the team," Canavan said.

Ludvigsen is now the president for the crew team. She got her start in crew at Lassiter High School when a friend of hers told her to come out to a practice her senior year. As a rower for Tech, she has won gold at the Southeastern Regional Championship in the women's pair, as well as finishing fifth at the Dad Vail regatta.

Theresa Mara is also a third year on the crew team. Unlike the others, however, she is a coxswain and not a rower. "I was working out at the CRC and one of the coaches came up and told me that I should come to a meeting, and that was it."

She was recruited for her small size. The typical coxswain weighs between 110 and 120 pounds. Coxswains are meant to be small because out in the water they are dead weight due to the fact that they don't do any rowing. While the coxswain does not help push the boat forward, her position does serve great importance to the boat.

"It's my job to get the guys ready for practice, get them on the boat and into the water. The biggest part of my job is steering, and getting the guys motivated. Basically, I become the coach inside of the boat."

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## ACC

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In the second match last weekend, Tech swept the Georgia State Lady Panthers 30-17, 30-22, 30-22 in a match that lasted one hour and 17 minutes.

The Jacket offense was led by freshman Allie Niekamp who had 32 assists and fellow freshman Lindsey Gray who had 15 kills. Kellogg followed with 12 kills. Randall as libero led the defense with 12 digs, and Miller added six block assists in the victory.

The final match of the weekend saw the Jackets shutout the Boston College Eagles 30-23, 30-16, 30-16. Showing no ill effects after playing their third match in 24 hours, Tech's defense played well against the Eagles, allowing the Eagles to hit only .067 for the entire match.

Laband had 13 digs and Randall followed with 11 digs to lead the Jacket defense. Kellogg had 18 kills. Sophomore Ulrike Stegemann had 11 kills. Laband led with 36 assists to key the Jacket offense to victory.

With the three victories, Tech moves to 9-6 overall and 5-1 in the ACC this season. Tech's next match will be against North Carolina tonight in Chapel Hill at 6:30 p.m. The winner of that game will take the sole lead of the conference. On Saturday the Jackets will play at N.C. State at 5 p.m.

North Carolina plays Clemson on Saturday while Maryland plays Wake Forest and Duke this weekend.

With the new structure of ACC volleyball, one without a conference tournament at the end of the season and one where each team plays every conference school home and away, there's no telling what record will be good enough to win the ACC.

# Tennis competes well at home

By Patrick Odneal  
Sports Editor

Some members of the men's tennis team got to play on the home courts last week as the team hosted the Georgia Tech Fall Invitational.

In doubles action the team of George Gvelesiani and Jordan Delass won the 16-team B flight bracket by defeating a team from Vanderbilt 8-5 in the championship game.

Gvelesiani also won his first-round singles match by defeating Mississippi's Jordan Delass 6-2, 6-2. Delass was the No. 6 seed in the bracket, while Gvelesiani was not ranked in the bracket.

Four Jackets competed in the tournament in singles play, and all four won their first-round matches. Delass defeated Carey Rubin of Kentucky 6-2, 3-6, 1-0 (8). Junior Zachary Rath defeated Tennessee Tech's Boria Zarco 7-6, 6-4. Sophomore Scott Blackmon beat Michele Panzeri 6-4, 6-4, in addition to the singles win by Gvelesiani.

Blackmon and Rath teamed up in doubles and were the No. 1 seed for the tournament in Flight A. After a bye the first round, they defeated Vanderbilt's Andy Mack and Evan Dufaux. They then downed a duo from the University of Tennessee before losing in the championship game of the flight.

The men's team competes this weekend in Columbia, S.C.

The women's tennis team, meanwhile, is playing in the ITA South Regional tournament this weekend at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex at the University of Georgia. The event is slated to run from Thursday to this



By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore George Gvelesiani paired with classmate Jordan Delass to win the B flight in doubles competition of the Tech invitational.

Sunday. There will be 21 schools attending, and the competition looks to be strong.

Four national top-10 players are from schools in the southern region. The current No. 1 player in the nation is Jennifer Magley of the Florida Gators. Alabama's Robin Stephenson ranks No. 4. Georgia's Shadisha Robinson ranks No. 6, and sophomore Kristi Miller represents

the Jackets as the No. 8 ranked player in the nation.

In doubles action, Robinson and Caroline Basu from Georgia are ranked as the best pair in the nation. Miller and junior Alison Silverio are No. 5. South Florida's team of Gabrielle Duch and Neyssa Etienne rank No. 7. Florida's Magley and Diana Srebovic are No. 8 in the nation.

## Women's hoops starts practice

The women's basketball team will start practicing tomorrow at 9 a.m. The team returns all five starters and 12 letterwinners from last year's team that went 13-14. The Jackets return their two top scorers in junior Stephanie Higgs and sophomore Chioma Nnamaka. Higgs and Nnamaka were All-ACC honorees last year.

## football forecast

Everyone is welcome to participate in the football forecast. Go to [www.nique.net/footballforecast](http://www.nique.net/footballforecast) to submit your picks. This week's games are:

- Georgia Tech at Duke
- Alabama at Mississippi
- Auburn at Arkansas
- Florida at LSU
- Florida State at Virginia
- Georgia at Vanderbilt
- Miami at Temple
- Michigan State at Ohio State
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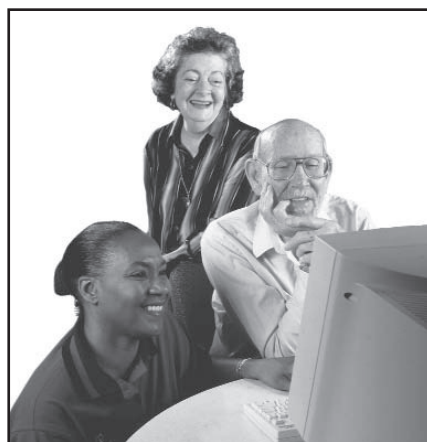
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# Experienced baseball squad starts fall practice



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This year's baseball team returns many starters, including Tim Gustafson (23), Lee Hyde (27), Blake Wood (30) and Whit Robbins (16). The Jackets also have a highly-touted recruiting class.

By Asif Heerji  
Contributing Writer

The Jacket baseball team opened fall practice last week at Russ Chandler Stadium. The team returns after a very successful 2005 season that saw the Jackets finish with a record of 45-19 overall and 22-8 in the ACC. The Jackets finished first in the ACC for both the regular season and the conference tournament, although they have lost at home in the NCAA Super Regional two seasons in a row.

Head Coach Danny Hall returns for his 13th year at Tech and leads a veteran group of players that returns 20 letter winners from the 2005 season. The team also welcomes a highly-touted batch of 12 newcomers into the program.

"We are very motivated and very

excited about taking our season a step further and playing in the college world series for a championship. We've been close enough to know that we can do it, and now we've just got to work each day to improve on the little things to get over that last hump," said Josh Holliday, who serves as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator.

"On paper we definitely have a good team. We have a lot of position players that started for us and played back. Our pitching staff is pretty much back in tact," Hall said. "I think all those guys that were starters for us last year are better [this year]. Some of the guys who had some minor roles in our bullpen are better. So I think our pitching staff has a chance to be really improved."

Two Jackets spent the summer improving their skills on the USA

National Team. Sophomore Matt Wieters and junior Wes Hodges were two of 22 players chosen among non-draft eligible college players throughout the nation.

"It was a great experience. We traveled all around the world and got to see a lot of different cultures. [Hodges] and I just had a blast doing it," Wieters said.

Hodges led the team with a .397 batting average in 267 at bats. Wieters hit .366 last season with 227 at bats.

Hodges and Wieters both earned All-ACC honors last season, along with senior left fielder Steven Blackwood, senior right fielder Jeff Kindel, senior second baseman Mike Trapani and junior pitcher Blake Wood.

Wieters was also named the ACC rookie of the year as he hit .366 with 10 home runs and 68 RBIs. In ad-

dition the versatile Wieters sported a 2.85 ERA from the mound in 41 innings pitched while notching six saves in 2005.

The incoming class of recruits looks promising and was tabbed as one of the best in the nation. It includes junior college transfer Wally Crancer, Jay Dantzler and Chris House in the outfield, catcher Jason Haniger, and infielders Russell Harben, Nick Wenderoth, Ryan Tinkoff and Luke Murton, who is the brother of Tech alumni and current major leaguer Matt Murton.

On the mound Tech returns four of five pitchers who started last season, including left-handers Ryan Turner and Lee Hyde, and right-handers Blake Wood and Tim Gustafson.

Gustafson began last season as a setup man, but started key games toward the end of the season.

"[Gustafson] was very valuable for us in our bullpen last year. He did start two key games for us—the ACC

Tournament Championship game and the regional championship game against South Carolina. He was a very big reason that we had the kind of year we had," Hall said.

Wieters will anchor the pitching staff. He assumed the closer role in the second half of last season. Joining him are junior right-hander Jared Hyatt, sophomore right-hander Brad Rulon, sophomore left-hander Tim Ladd and senior left-hander Ryan Self.

In addition Tech will get back two relievers in red-shirt sophomore John Goodman, who had elbow surgery which kept him out of the

2005 season, and red-shirt freshman Eddie Burns, who missed nearly all of the 2005 season. Neither player lost a year of eligibility from last year's season.

In addition to the veterans, Tech welcomes 6'9" freshman left-hander David Duncan who chose to forego professional baseball to attend Tech. Duncan dominated in high school, posting a 31-4 record in his career while striking out 299 batters in 200 innings pitched and compiling an ERA of just 0.91.

"This education and this atmosphere... were more valuable than the dollars [the Minnesota Twins] were offering me. So I thought it was the best decision. Here not only do I get an education, but I also get to

grow as a person, which you can't really do much in the minor leagues."

Other incoming pitchers include right-hander Chris Hicks and left-handers Jake Sullivan and walk-on Michael Hurts.

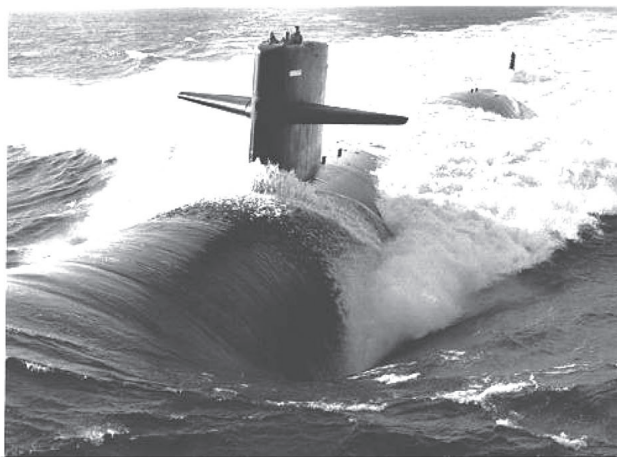
Bryan

Prince, a former Jacket catcher, joins the coaching staff as a volunteer coach. He was a career .353 hitter from 1998-2001 at Tech and played in the minor leagues from 2001 to 2004.

"He's got a world of knowledge that he can share with these guys, a world of experiences he had not only as a player here, but as a student. He'll be a valuable addition to our staff," Hall said of Prince.

The Jackets continue fall practice for the next two weeks. The fall season will culminate in the annual White & Gold Series, a best-of-five intra-squad series starting Oct. 22.

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The 1-5 Duke Blue Devils are on a three-game losing streak. Against Virginia Tech, the Blue Devils had 35 yards of total offense while the Hokies scored 45 points. In six games this year, the Blue Devils have been outscored by opponents by a total of 201-96. Sophomore running back Justin Boyle has led Duke with five rushing touchdowns, which puts him fourth in the ACC in touchdowns for the season. Junior defensive end Eli Nichols leads Duke with three sacks on the year which ties him for third in the ACC. The Blue Devils will try to create a repeat of their home victory against Tech in 2003.

**"It's a big game for us. We desperately need to play well and have a chance to win. Our program needs that right now..."**

**Ted Roof**  
Duke Head Coach



By Ed Chyau / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## DUKE (1-5) VS. GEORGIA TECH (3-2)

By William Bretherton  
Contributing Writer



### Four Key Questions

• **Will the woes of the special teams continue for the Jackets?**

This season the Jackets have had a tough time on special teams. Travis Bell has struggled this season, completing five of 10 field goals. In addition the kick coverage has been a weak point, and the Jackets will face a good returner in running back Ronnie Drummer, who is Duke's leading return man. Drummer has a 100-yard return for a touchdown this season. Duke is second in the conference in total return yards with 484 for the season. Tech must cover the kicks better in this game, as well as solve their kicking woes. If the Jackets are able to improve their special teams, then it will lead to fewer opportunities for the Blue Devils to keep this game close.

• **Will any of the wide receivers step up against Duke to take pressure off of Calvin Johnson?**

In last week's game against N.C. State, Johnson amassed 10 receptions for 130 yards receiving. The rest of the receiving corps had 149 yards passing with 11 receptions. This isn't as bad as in games past, but Tech receivers can use the game against the Blue Devils to try to improve their level of play. Earlier in the season Damarius Bilbo stepped up against North Carolina for eight receptions for 131 yards and a touchdown. Against Auburn Pat Clark led the Tech receiving corps with six receptions. So the other receivers are not unproven, but they need to build on these in later games.

• **Can the Jackets keep from overlooking Duke?**

With a record of 1-5, the Blue Devils are arguably the weakest team on Tech's schedule. This is the perfect trap game for the Jackets before they take to the road to face off against No. 6 Miami. While Duke has a record of just 1-5 they are not to be overlooked. Last time Tech traveled to Durham, they suffered a defeat at the hands of the Blue Devils. Before that day, Duke had not won in 30 conference games. Tech had been caught off guard by a then 2-7 Duke team under new head coach Ted Roof. The Jackets went into that game as favorites just as they do for this weekend's game.

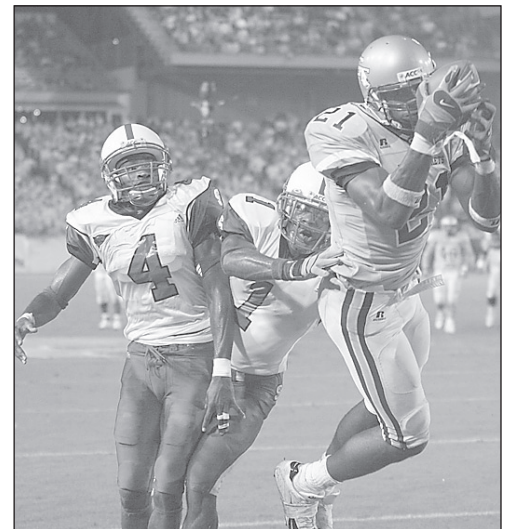
• **Will Tech limit the number of mistakes against Duke?**

The Jackets must keep penalties and turnovers to a minimum in a game where they are expected to win. While Tech has a 1.20 turnover rating for the year, which ranks second in the ACC, the Jackets have turned the ball over at bad times in their last two defeats. Ball has thrown four interceptions and only two touchdowns in the last two games. The Jackets should look out for cornerback John Talley, who has three interceptions this season. This puts him in a tie for the lead in the conference.

The Jackets come into this game after losing the last two games. The loss against N.C. State was their first at home against the Wolfpack since 1988. Even in these two losses, there have been standouts for the Jackets. Wide receiver Calvin Johnson is showing no signs of going into a sophomore slump, as he has accumulated 28 receptions for 508 receiving yards with five touchdowns. Freshman linebacker Phillip Wheeler leads Tech as well as the ACC with his three interceptions this season. Senior running back P.J. Daniels is third in the ACC in total rushing yards with 437 for the season.

**"It's a challenge for any football team to recover from two losses after everything was going so well in the beginning..."**

**Chan Gailey**  
Tech Head Coach



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## SINGLE AND STILL SMILING

Life on campus without a boyfriend or girlfriend is preferable for many. Read what some students say about single life. Page 13



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Blindsided:** With 32 seconds left in the game Reggie Ball threw an interception that went into the hands of an air-born Calvin Johnson who lost control of the ball after a hit by Wolfpack cornerback Marcus Hudson. N.C. State won 17-14.

## Jackets jump to top of ACC

### Tonight's showdown with UNC will break tie for first

By Brad Beglin  
Contributing Writer

The Tech volleyball team completed an impressive set of wins last weekend, upsetting then No. 25 Maryland 3-2 Friday night, and then routing both cross-town rival Georgia State and ACC foe Boston College 3-0 on Saturday.

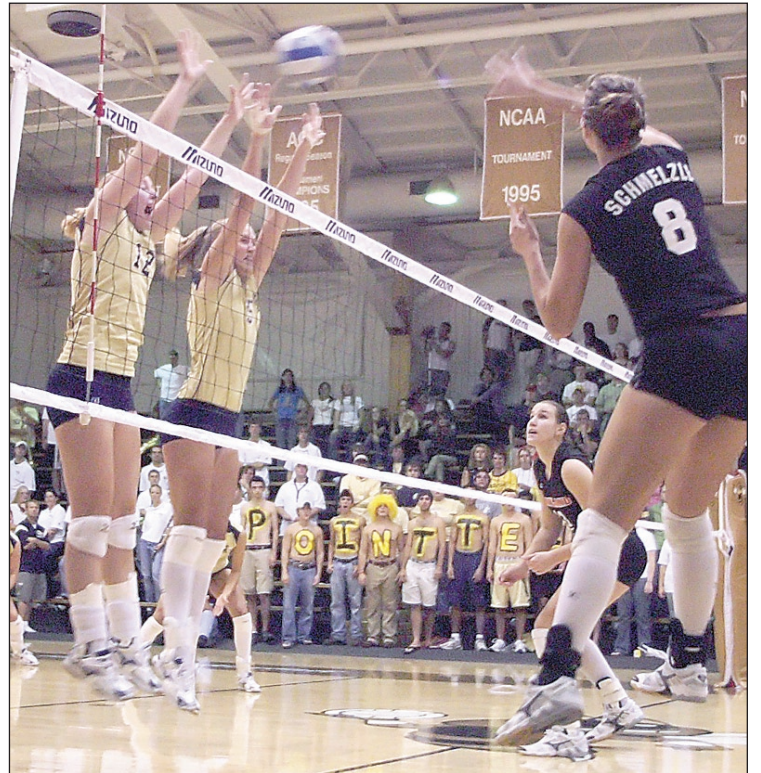
With the wins, the Jackets move to 5-1 in conference play and join the top three teams in the ACC, each with one loss. Maryland and North Carolina both have conference records of 6-1.

"Now we are right back where we want to be, which is leading the conference," said Head Coach Bond Shymansky, who also said that the weekend "turned out better than I could have imagined. That was kind of a story book for us, in terms of the way we wanted it to go."

In the first match of the weekend, the Jackets beat the previously unbeaten Maryland Terrapins in five games 22-30, 30-26, 17-30, 30-24, 19-17.

Three freshmen led the Tech offensive attack. Talisa Kellogg, Callie Miller and Laura DeMicheli had 17, 13 and 15 kills respectively against the Terrapins.

Senior Lindsey Laband led the defensive effort with 10 digs, while senior Jennifer Randall and Kellogg each completed nine digs.



By Scott Medway / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

With two conference wins against Maryland and Boston College, the Jackets moved up to a three-way tie for first place in the ACC.

Laband also lead the team with 48 set assists.

The possible crucial turning point of the weekend came late in the second game of the Maryland match. With Tech trailing 23-25, the Jackets rallied to win the game

30-26 behind a key block by Laband and two kills by the Jacket front.

"I think we knew that we needed to at least get that win under our belts," said Laband.

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## by the numbers

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The score that freshman golfer Cameron Tringale shot on Tuesday at the final round of the Jerry Pate National intercollegiate golf tournament in Birmingham, Ala. Tringale's four-under-par score helped the Jackets take first place at the tournament. Red-shirt freshman Taylor Hall and junior Kevin Larsen each shot 69 as the Jackets prevailed over the second-place Georgia Bulldogs with a six-stroke margin of victory.

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The number of athletes on the men's and women's swimming and diving teams who are originally from a country other than the United States. The countries of Canada, Finland, Israel, Macedonia, Mexico and Turkey are all represented.

The teams compete against Georgia today at 4 p.m. in a home match at the Tech Aquatic Center.

One highlight of the upcoming season will be when Tech hosts the 2006 Men's NCAA Championships at the end of March.

## Crew teams see success at first regatta

By William Bretherton  
Contributing Writer

Crew first debuted at Tech in 1985 as a club sport, and 20 years later it is one of the most prominent clubs on campus. Over the years the Jackets have had many competitive teams and have sent four rowers to the U.S. national team, an impressive feat considering that crew at Tech is not a varsity sport.

This summer Jordan Smith was the first men's heavyweight rower from Tech to medal for the national team. He was awarded the bronze medal at the World Championships in Gifu, Japan in the men's pair with coxswain event.

Smith joined the Tech crew team his sophomore year with no previous experience before graduating from Tech in 2003. Among the other Tech alumni to make it to the national team were Cliff Cantrell and Mark Mallard.

The men's and women's crew teams began their seasons at the Head of the Chattanooga regatta this past weekend in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Regattas are organized by three categories: distance, number of people in the boats and weight class. In the fall season the races are five kilometers long. The weight limits for crew members in the lightweight class are 135 pounds for women and 165 pounds for men.

Anything above these weights is classified as open weight or as



By Darren Sabino / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's and women's crew teams opened the 2005 season last Saturday at the Head of the Chattanooga in Tennessee. Tomorrow the teams race on Lake Lanier as they prepare for national competition.

heavyweight. In the spring, however, these weight limits are trimmed down to 130 pounds for women and 160 pounds for men in the lightweight boats.

The boats are organized by the number of persons they hold—either two, four or eight. There are also races of singles, who are considered skull racers, or rowers with two oars.

Tech's crew team is made up mostly of sweep racers, or rowers with one oar. Boats with groups of four or eight have coxswains. These coxswains steer the boats and also coach the rowers to help keep them in rhythm.

The men's crew teams finished first and third in the eight-man race with times of 15:11.9 and 15:45.8.

The men's novice four-man teams swept that race finishing first, second and third with times of 20:22.3, 20:47.6 and 21:37.3. The men's lightweight four boat won first with a time of 16:45.7. The men's pair teams also finished first and third with times of 19:03.9 and 22:29.6.

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