

“Backfield in Motion” wins Flag Football Classic



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Flag Football Classic was held this past Friday and Saturday. “Backfield in Motion” was crowned champion after defeating FIJI 26-21 in the finals. They move on to the state tournament.

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BEYOND THE WHITE AND GOLD

College football has tradition unlike any other

By Clark Nelson
Staff Writer

College football kicked off last weekend with the USC Trojans defeating the Virginia Tech Hokies 24-13 in the BCA Classic.

Southern Cal has a storied tradition, which was revived by a return to national prominence over the last two years, and including their eighth national title last season.

Traditions abound, not only at USC, but also on college campuses nationwide. The NFL may have its star players, glamor and money, but college football has traditions they can never buy.

The beginning of September is one of my favorite times of the year. The buzz in the air, no pun intended, is like few other times of the year. Bands are practicing on campuses around the country, whistles are blown and drills run.

From the rivalries of Oklahoma-Texas, Florida-Florida St. and Army-Navy to the colorful mascots such as Bevo, the Texas Longhorn, Ralphie, the Colorado Buffalo and the Stanford Tree, college football reeks of a tradition all its own.

Teams like Michigan, Ohio St., Texas, Oklahoma and Florida St. are traditionally at the top of college football year in and year out. While Tech may not be as dominant as it was under legendary coach Bobby Dodd, the Jackets have been to

seven straight bowl games. Only eight other schools can currently say this.

Every school has its own individual traditions, and Tech is no different. The Yellow Jackets have won four national titles, currently hold the highest winning percentage in bowl games, and play in the oldest stadium in Division I-A.

Tech starts its 112th season

“Paterno is so identified with Penn State that when he retires the school should put his likeness on its unadorned helmets.”

of football this Saturday against Samford. The team will be led onto the field by our unique mascot, the Ramblin’ Wreck, a mint-condition 1930 Ford Model-T.

Sometimes, schools are identified by former or current coaches. When you think of Notre Dame, Knute Rockne and his “Win one for the Gipper” speech almost immediately comes to mind. If you are from Alabama, you have most certainly heard of Paul Bryant, better known as “The Bear.”

Currently, two legends are nearing retirement in Joe Paterno of Penn St. and Bobby Bowden of Florida St. They hold two of the top five places for all-time wins. Paterno is so identified with Penn State that when he retires the school should put his likeness on its unadorned helmets.

People also make up an important part of the Yellow Jackets’ tradition. Two former coaches have two of the most prestigious awards in college football named for them. The Bobby Dodd Award and The Heisman Trophy are named for the top coach and player of the year respectively.

Bobby Dodd and John Heisman both roamed the sidelines at Tech, accumulating 267 wins between them. Additionally, the award for the top assistant coach in the country is named for Frank Broyles, a player under Dodd.

Traditions manifest themselves in many other ways. The Michigan Wolverines have a unique helmet logo, which came about so the quarterback could see his receivers down the field better. Clemson players rub Howard’s Rock, a rock given to former coach Frank Howard, and, as a team, run down the hill entering the stadium. The last NFL game I went to had players introduced individually, and choreographed dances were numerous.

The music in college football mostly consists of fight songs played

for team triumph and inspiration. Some schools melodies are very recognizable; Notre Dame’s “Wake up the Echoes”, Michigan’s “Hail to the Victors” and “Ramblin’ Wreck from Tech” are a few. How many of you know your favorite NFL team’s fight song, if they have one at all?

Another difference in the college game is that the name on the front of the jersey matters most, not the

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name on the back. Players come and go, but certain things do not change.

Within the last half century the Oakland Raiders became the Los Angeles Raiders and back to the Oakland Raiders. Tech has been playing in its current stadium, named for Bobby Dodd, since 1913.

One of the most important aspects of college football tradition is the fan. In 2003 over 46 million fans attended college football games. Stadiums at Michigan, Tennessee, Penn St.,

and Ohio St. regularly pack in over 100,000 fans to watch a game.

The fans of South Carolina are regarded as some of the most loyal in the country, selling out almost every home game despite mostly unsuccessful teams. The Gamecocks have won only 3 bowls in over 110 years of football and have an all-time losing record.

College stadiums are named for former coaches, athletic directors, and presidents of the school; not the company who put up the most money. Nicknames are commonly used for college stadiums like “The Swamp” at Florida or “The Big House” at Michigan. Lambeau Field in Green Bay is one of the last holdouts from corporations.

Before entering the stadiums, pre-game activities are almost as enjoyable for fans as the game itself. The party does not have to begin on game day. Fans begin showing up mid-week to prepare for the following weekend. They arrive by all sorts of transportation methods—RV, truck, car, and in boats, in the case for some followers of Tennessee and the University of Washington.

Another unmatched tradition of college football is the rivalries existing throughout the nation, many with highly justifiable nicknames. The colorfully named “Backyard Brawl” pits West Virginia against

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and as a freestyle swimmer. Salinas ranks highly in the all-time record books for Tech's men's swimming times. Salinas recorded a 29th place finish in the 400-meter freestyle and helped Mexico secure 15th in the Olympics in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay.

Tech's volunteer assistant coach, Jorge Oliver, competed for Puerto Rico in the games. Oliver competed for Tech from 2000-2003, graduating in 2004. He currently ranks on the all-time Top 10 lists in six different categories, including the 200-meter individual medley.

In the Olympics, he finished in 45th place in the 200-meter individual medley.

"It was a great thing to be around the best athletes in the world. I had a lot of fun," Oliver said.

The final member of the Tech swimming delegation is incoming freshman, Onur Uras. Uras, the

four-time Turkish champion managed to come in 49th place in the 100-meter butterfly. Uras added to his resume this year by winning the 200-meter butterfly at the Grand Prix of Belgium.

Chaunte Howard has gone from being the ACC champion to an NCAA champion to a 2004 Olympian. Howard first dreamt of becoming an Olympian at four years old and believed the best way to realize that dream was attending Tech and working under jumps coach Nat Page.

Howard is the only current track athlete that made it to the Olympics. She finished in a tie for 28th place in the high jump competition.

After sending several athletes to the Athens games, the Jackets made a name for themselves in international competition.

As the tradition continues to grow, so too will the Yellow Jackets' success in the Olympic games, both in numbers of athletes and medals, in the years to come.

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Pittsburgh, and the "Iron Bowl" plays to bitter rivalries Auburn and Alabama.

The Ducks of Oregon and Beavers of Oregon State clash in the "Civil War". A name we may be more familiar with is the very appropriate "Clean, Old-Fashioned Hate", which is our annual match with Georgia.

The NFL does have the Vince Lombardi Trophy, but some trophies in college mean just as much to the teams involved. The Paul Bunyan Axe is given to the winner of the Minnesota-Wisconsin game.

Last year, with the score tied at 34, Minnesota's Glen Mason sent his kicker into the game to kick the winning field goal, reminding him not to forget the axe. The kick sailed through the uprights as time expired sending the team into a sprint to

claim the axe. The Gophers' exuberance was for a regular season game, not for a championship.

One of the most captivating traditions in college football belongs to Texas A&M. The Aggie students consider themselves the 12th man at games because of their vocal support.

This tradition carries over to the field, where a walk-on player wearing the number 12 is on the kickoff coverage team, representing the student body of Texas A&M. The NFL has players who hold out or demand trades because they are on the kickoff team, instead of holding a starring role.

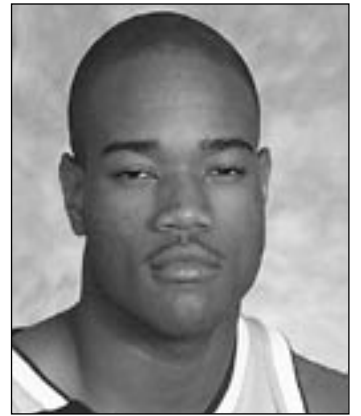
To add to the list of traditions on the Flats, Tech students should strive this season to become the Yellow Jackets' "12th man" by showing our presence at games, voicing our support, and upholding the traditions that make Saturdays in the fall so great.

ALL-ACC faces in the crowd

JARRETT JACK Junior Basketball

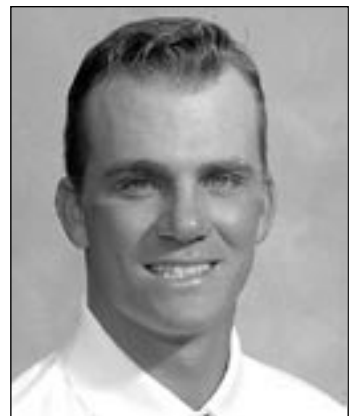
Jack was named a third team All-ACC member last season. A pre-season Wooden Award candidate, Jack, a 6-3 junior from Fort Washington, Md., was the only player to start every game for Tech the last two seasons. The Jackets' starting point guard led Tech in scoring during their NCAA Tournament run, including a career high 29-point performance against Kansas in the regional final in St. Louis.

He finished the season fourth in the ACC in assist average (5.61 per game) and fifth in steals (1.95 per game). He begins his senior year 10th in career assists and 12th in career steals at Tech.



NICHOLAS THOMPSON Senior Golf

A two-time, All-Atlantic Coast Conference player who enters his senior year with the fifth-best career stroke average in Tech history (72.20), Thompson has 10 career top-ten finishes and 18 top-twenties. He finished the summer tied for 10th among the nation's amateur players in the *Golfweek/Titleist Amateur* rankings and was ranked No. 18 in the nation among collegiate players at the end of last spring according to the *Golfweek/Sagarin* Performance Index. Thompson has made the ACC Academic Honor Roll all three years at Tech, has been named third-team All-American and an All-America Scholar by the Golf Coaches Association of America.



LYNNETTE MOSTER Senior Volleyball

Moster earned first team All-ACC honors in 2002 and 2003, as well as second team All-ACC honors as a defensive specialist in 2001. The two-time All-American outside hitter returns for her senior season after three phenomenal years.

Moster begins her final season ranked in the top 10 on the career kill list, career hitting percentage and career service ace list and is 12th on the career dig list. She was named to the All-ACC Freshman team in 2001, to the third team AVCA All-America following the 2003 season, and earned second team AVCA All-America honors in 2002, becoming the first player in Tech volleyball and ACC history to earn that distinction.



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Golf team takes its successes in stride

By Geoff Davis
Contributing Writer

In the spring the Tech golf team finished up a good year with a third place finish at the ACC Tournament, followed by a fifth place finish in the NCAA tournament.

Despite this strong conclusion, the team is poised for an even better '04-'05 season. This is reflected in their No. 2 ranking in the pre-season poll recently released by *World Golf* magazine.

Traditionally, the ACC is one of, if not, the strongest, conference in the nation for golf. As many as six teams from the conference were in the top 20 last season. The winner of this conference is almost always a major contender for the national championship.

This is the kind of competition that Tech faces every year, but year after year they are still able to compete at the highest level. The current team has this same potential to be great.

Despite the success of last season, the team is not satisfied and believes it can do better.

Junior Mike Barbosa said, "It wasn't like we played great. No one on the team played really well, but we still managed to finish fifth in the NCAA."

If everyone improved a little over the summer, the team could easily challenge for the national championship, and they expect to do so.

"Everyone on our team would be lying if they said they wouldn't be disappointed if we didn't win," Barbosa said.

He also said, "It's not that any-

thing less than the championship is disappointing. You can still have a great year and not win the NCAA, but our expectation is that we will win."

This Tech team definitely has the talent and the drive to go far. Their experience doesn't hurt either.

Tech returns all six of its players from last season. With more experience, they could be much improved. All have gained some of that experience over the summer.

The entire team was busy during the break. Unlike other sports, golf is year-round. The regimen rarely, if ever, changes. Playing is the best way to get better. Consistency is the key.

During vacation, three Tech golfers managed to make it to local qualifying for the U.S. Open. They also played well in many other tournaments. In fact, Barbosa won the Cardinal Amateur in Greensboro, North Carolina.

As if that were not impressive enough, the six-member team also played well in the U.S. Amateur Tournament. Although only three reached match play, they shot a combined 26 under par in qualifying.

The best finisher at the U.S. Amateur was senior and All-American candidate Thompson. He reached the third round, going farther than any Tech golfer since Matt Kuchar won the tournament in 1997.

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Mike Barbosa
Golfer

Unfortunately, Thompson had to go through freshman teammate Roberto Castro in the first round to get there. Castro is a future star, winning ACC rookie of the year honors last season.

Trying to look on the bright side, Thompson said, "It was a bum deal, but a Georgia Tech player was going to get to the second round no matter what."

This camaraderie among the golfers is a big part of the Tech team concept. They all live together in the same dorm, hanging out and helping each other almost all the time. And of course, they love to play together.

This feeling probably comes most especially from the leaders of the team. Upperclassmen Thompson, Barbosa, and Chan Song have all been friends for about 10 years. They have been playing tournaments together in their home state of Florida since they were boys. This friendship seems to have rubbed off on the rest of the team.

The brotherhood that exists between the players on the team does not mean that they are not competitive. They all push each other to get better. Since only five members of the team can play each tournament, they are always jockeying for position.

This competition will become

even more important in the coming season. Along with all six players from last season returning, three new freshman golfers are coming in. All will be pushing to play.

This competition between players can do nothing but make the whole team better. Sometimes that little extra push from someone behind you can be the difference. Everyone on the team wants to be involved and do well.

And why not? The Tech golf tradition is well-documented. Coach Bruce Heppler has built something special here in Atlanta and no one wants to break that up. That string of championships and All-American golfers is not likely to stop any time soon.

Mike Barbosa told the *Technique* that the tradition at Tech "is why you want to come here." The fantastic mix of great golf and great academics is very attractive to many top players.

Coach Heppler is a big part of that. He is always willing to help with any problems that the players might have, whether it be with their swings or with the mental side of the game.

Now entering his 10th season as the head coach, he has instant credibility.

Barbosa said, "Everything he does has validity because you know he's been there before." And probably, he will be there again.

The real question with this team is not how good they are but how good they can be. Barbosa put it best when he said, referring to the team, "We can be as good as we want to be."

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"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that we need to make our serves," Shymanskys said, "Some people might write it off to altitude, but I would write it off to poise, confidence and skill, and we need to be better at that."

Gergen again posted a leading performance, hitting .459 with a career high 20 kills and a career high 10 block assists, and Tech, as a team, showed improvement with a .229 hitting percentage for the match.

Laband dished out 53 assists, while Marisa Aston and Moster held down the defensive end with 17 and 14 digs.

Tech also out-blocked the Rams 14-9.

It is still early in the season and the Jackets have plenty of time to build off of last year's run, but the short road does not get any easier.

This weekend the ladies travel to Madison, Wisconsin, to play in the Wisconsin Invitational. Friday's match will be against Purdue, and the trip will close out against Wisconsin.

The Yellow Jackets then return to the comforts of home the following weekend of September 10 to take on Xavier, Tennessee Tech, and Ohio State.

NACWAA Classic
First Round
USC def. Tech 30-20, 30-24, 30-18
Minnesota def. Colorado State 23-30, 30-24, 30-22, 30-27

Third Place Game
Colorado State def. Tech 30-26, 28-30, 30-26, 30-28

Championship Game
USC def. Minnesota 25-30, 32-30, 26-30, 30-28, 15-12

New WREK schedule to include night games

By Edward Tamsberg
Sports Editor

This year WREK radio will be carrying a wider selection of Tech's best sports. Beginning this coming week, football and men's basketball games from the upcoming seasons can be heard on WREK.

Typically, commercial broadcasters carry major games, which, in turn, generate money for Tech. 790 "The Zone" usually carries many of the major games that Tech plays.

However, due to FCC regulations, 790 AM powers down in the evenings. This means that many of the night games that Tech plays are left without a station to broadcast outside the perimeter. WREK, Tech's student radio station, is a 40,000-watt FM station.

"WREK is one of the most powerful college radio stations," said Aakash Jariwala, WREK general manager. "We reach well outside of the perimeter, through Gwinnett, basically the entire metro area."

The nature of the football schedule also brings another level of difficulty to the matter. Typically the time of a football game is not announced until a few weeks before the game is to be played.

This is because many major sports programs hold out for television broadcasters to cover a game. If a

network picks up a game, then it sets the schedule. This is why some games are on Thursdays as opposed to Saturdays and evenings as opposed to at noon.

This means that Tech plays anywhere from three to five games a season at night. With no broadcaster, Tech alumni and fans would be left without the voice of Wes Durham to bring them the kind of coverage they have come to expect.

To solve this dilemma, the GTAA has turned to WREK radio to broadcast these games for Tech fans and alumni.

"This deal benefits WREK, the

"This deal benefits WREK, the students of Georgia Tech and the community as a whole...[This deal] puts [WREK] in better shape."

Aakash Jariwala
WREK General Manager

that schedule will include three to five football games and 20 men's basketball games.

This summer WREK moved into new facilities in the Student Center Commons. The GTAA is also providing them with equipment to better broadcast the games that have been added to their schedule.

"The new equipment will last longer and make us sound better," Jariwala said. "The old equipment is about 10 to 15 years old and will not last us much longer."

The new equipment comes at a

good time for WREK. The student-run station, like many other student organizations, was facing a shortage of funds this year.

"Due to the move and budget cuts, WREK is in financial need. I was seriously considering cutting the sports department from WREK, but with this new equipment—it puts us in a better shape. We currently are looking for ways to raise money and for donor support. We appreciate the support we have received from outside donors for volleyball games and look forward to serving the community in the future," Jariwala said. WREK can be found at 91.1 FM. Information about their times and schedules can be found at their website, cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/wrek.



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Lindsey Laband sits down to talk with WREK's Kurt Hoyt after the volleyball team's game against CSU last week in the NACWAA Classic. This year WREK will broadcast even more Tech games than last.



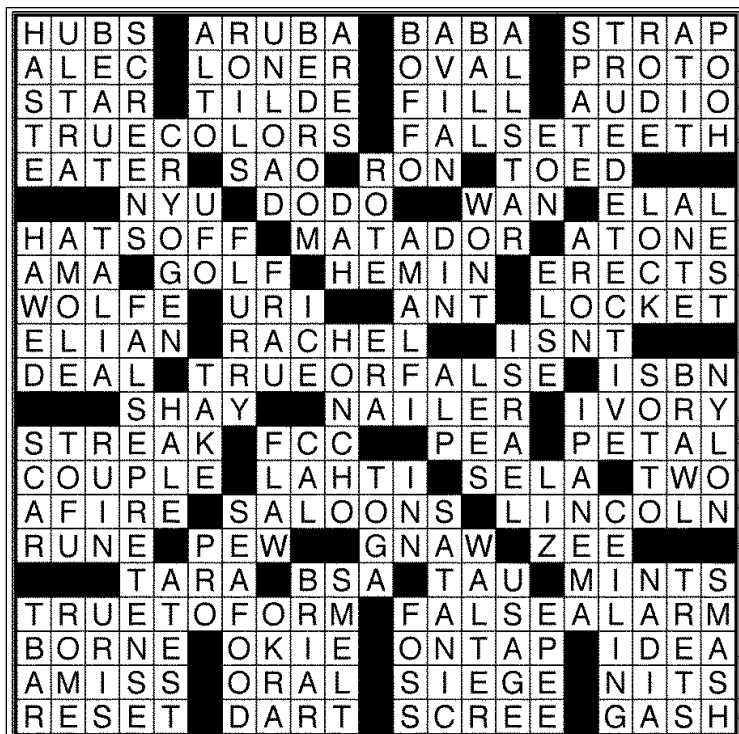
verse music, as well as continuing to support women's sports at Tech and baseball," he said.

In the past WREK radio has broadcasted many of the Tech volleyball games, baseball games and all of the women's basketball games for fans to enjoy. This year

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Samford comes to Bobby Dodd Stadium having already opened its season with a 34-20 home victory over West Alabama. The Bulldogs have a potent passing attack, led by senior quarterback Ray Nelson who tossed five touchdowns in the opener. The Bulldog defense is anchored by standout safety Cortland Finnegan, who intercepted two passes in the opener. Last season, Samford posted an impressive 7-4 record last year and placed third in the I-AA Ohio Valley Conference.

"I thought we had a good practice. I'm glad everyone showed up, because I know it is getting closer to Saturday and that shows that we are not scared to go over there."

Bill Gray

Samford head coach after Wednesday's practice



SAMFORD (1-0) VS. GEORGIA TECH (0-0)

By Kyle Thomason



Four Key Questions

- Will Samford's All-American wide receiver, Efre Hill, be able to match his success from last week against the Jackets defense?

Hill, a consensus All-American this past season for the division I-AA Bulldogs, caught nine passes for 209 yards and three touchdowns, a monster performance, against West Alabama as Samford opened its season with a 34-20 victory. Last season, Hill caught 92 passes for 1,387 yards on the season; last week's performance was certainly not a fluke. Although he is a terrific player, the Tech secondary boasts quite a bit more talent and athleticism than the defensive backfield Hill matched up against last weekend.

- How will Tech's offensive line look in its first game action without departed standouts Hugh Reilly and Nat Dorsey?

P.J. Daniels will have a few new blockers in front of him to begin this season, but returning members of the line have combined for 70 starts, led by Kyle Wallace's 25. This line has not had much time to work together as injuries have kept the unit from being intact for most of the preseason. The unit will have to mesh in a hurry with a trip to Clemson looming next week; the Samford game will be a great opportunity to check the progress of this bunch.

- Is the new linebacking corps ready to make a good impression and further solidify a strong defense?

The biggest question mark on the defensive side of the ball is a trio of new linebackers who will be making their first starts at their respective positions. Middle linebacker Gerris Wilkinson is dropping back from defensive end, and Chris Reis is moving up from a backup role in the secondary to the strongside spot. KaMichael Hall looks to be the starter on the weakside, the position with the least experience on the defense. The play of these three will be very telling of how Tech's defense will perform this season.

- Will the Jackets' starters still be on the field by the end of the third quarter?

Samford, a I-AA school, appears to be a bit overmatched, but they will be much more game ready, having already played their first game. As the game wears on, they simply do not have the personnel to match up with Tech. They are constrained with far fewer scholarships than the Jackets, so depth could become an issue as well. If Tech remains focused and does not look ahead to next week's matchup with Clemson, the first team should be on the sidelines well before the end of the game.

Tech comes off a 7-6 season, which was capped off by a big win in the Humanitarian Bowl. On the offensive side of the ball, the backfield remains together with sophomore quarterback Reggie Ball, senior fullback Jimmy Dixon, and senior tailback P.J. Daniels, who led the ACC in rushing last year with a 1,447-yard performance. The defense returns a pair of All-ACC selections in defensive end Eric Henderson and safety James Butler. Due to graduation, there will be an entirely new linebacking corps on display Saturday.

"They are a bend-but-don't-break defense. They make you earn it all the way down the field and they do a good job of stopping the run."

Chan Gailey

Tech head coach on the Samford team



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Ansley Park Playhouse showcases the longest-running production in Atlanta theater history. Page 21



by the numbers

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Where you can find Tech's radio station, WREK, on the dial. This year, they will be broadcasting some of Tech's football games along with many of the men's basketball games in addition to their usual coverage of volleyball, women's basketball and baseball. See page 37.

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Number of consecutive wins by "Backfield in Motion" en route to the Flag Football Classic Championship. They defeated FIJI 26-21 in the final to move on to the state tournament. See page 32.

1945

The last time that Tech played Samford in football. They have played five times, with Tech winning each matchup. The Jackets have outscored the Bulldogs by a cumulative score of 170-0 in the victories. Current Tech head coach Chan Gailey was Samford's head coach in 1993. See page 39.

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A career high in block assists recorded by Jayme Gergen in the NACWAA Classic against Colorado State. She also added a career high 20 kills in the same match. For her performance in the tournament, Gergen was named to the All-Tournament team.

55,000

Number of seats in Bobby Dodd Stadium. They will all be filled on October 2 when Miami comes to town, but tickets still remain for all other home games. Tickets still remain for the opener against Samford, and they can be purchased for \$25.

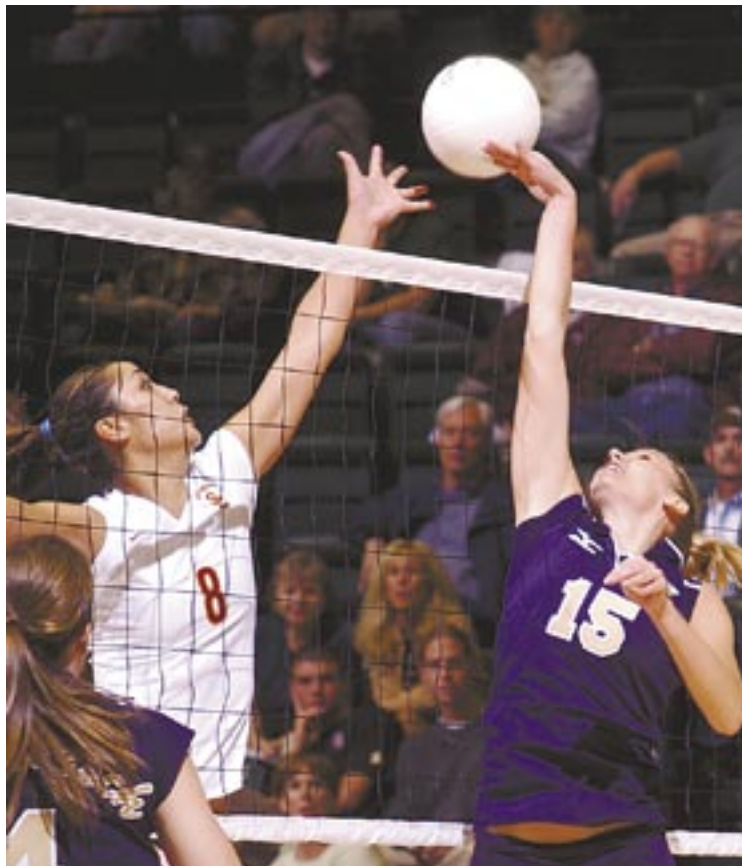
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The date of the Friday in September when Tech's No. 2 golf team will start their season at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Georgia. Last year, Nicholas Thompson finished fifth in the individual competition, and Tech's team finished fifth overall as a team.

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The number of teams registered to play flag football in the Intramural B-League this semester. This comprises the majority of the 161 teams playing IM flag football.

Volleyball falls in Colorado



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This weekend the volleyball team lost to both No. 1 ranked USC and No. 11 Colorado State in the NACWAA Classic this past weekend.

By John Scaduto
Contributing Writer

This past weekend, No. 12 Tech fell to reigning national champions, top-ranked University of Southern California in the Jackets opening match of the prestigious NACWAA

Classic in Fort Collins, Colorado.

This marks the first time an ACC program has been invited to the Classic, signifying Tech's emergence as a premier volleyball program. However, this is little consolation, as the Jackets also lost to No. 11 Colorado State, beginning

the season 0-2.

While a win against USC would have been one of the most impressive in Tech's history, the bulk of a team that finished eighth last season was expected to take a game or two from the vaunted Trojans. However, this was not the case as the Jackets went down 30-20, 30-24, 30-18.

Lindsey Laband started at setter for the first time in two years, and recorded a career-high 36 assists. Returning starters Lynnette Moster and Lauren Sauer posted 16 and 10 kills, respectively, and Jayme Gergen paced the squad with 12 kills, two blocks, and a .385 hitting percentage.

In the first round of the tournament, Tech only hit .154 as a team, while USC managed a .336 hitting percentage. It was the first time in 78 matches that Head Coach Bond Shymansky has been swept in three straight games.

"USC is a great team, and we are working on becoming a great team, and after [this match] I think we have a better idea of what the type of work is that we need to do," Shymansky said.

The following match against No. 11 Colorado State proved to be another tough one for the Jackets, as they fell 30-26, 28-30, 30-26, 30-28.

While the team play improved greatly from the previous match, 16 service errors provided the anchor that would keep Tech out of the match.

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Athletes compete in Athens

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

This year, the Athens Olympics played host to some great athletes of present-day Tech as well as several from yesteryear. Stephon Marbury, Angelo Taylor and Chaunte Howard all competed for the United States delegation. Vesna Stojanovska, a sophomore swimmer, competed for Macedonia, while Jorge Oliver, an assistant coach, competed for Puerto Rico. Onur Uras, an incoming freshman, competed for Turkey, and Leo Salinas took his past experiences from Tech to the Mexican swim team.

The Yellow Jackets swim team sent four delegates to the Athens Olympics, and each of the four athletes all represented four separate countries. As the stature of the swimming program has grown, so has the draw power of Tech for athletes that are looking to improve their performance to compete on the international stage.

Sophomore Vesna Stojanovska represented Macedonia in three swimming events. Stojanovska became the first Tech women's swimming and diving athlete to garner All-America honors this past season, finishing 10th in the 200-meter butterfly at the NCAA Championships. Stojanovska competed in three events during the Athens Olympics.

In the preliminaries of the 400-



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech's swimming team sent four athletes, current and alumni, to the Athens games this year. Two of the group, Vesna Stojanovska and Onur Uras, will be competing for the Jackets this season.

meter freestyles, she had the 27th best time, and was able to make it into the semifinal round. At competitions end, she found herself sitting in 19th place. Stojanovska's second event was the 200-meter freestyle in 34th place, but she failed to qualify for the final round. She concluded her Olympics in the 200-meter butterfly with a 26th place finish.

"I wasn't as excited as I was in

Sydney because I was younger then, but it was still really exciting to see all the famous swimmers we always hear about and to actually compete against them," Stojanovska said.

Alumnus Leo Salinas was another representative of the line of Tech swimmers. He represented Mexico as a member of one of the relay teams

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sports shorts

Tech-Miami game tickets sold out

Tickets for Georgia Tech's Oct. 2 home game against fifth-ranked Miami are completely sold out. The last time Tech faced Miami at home was in 1978. Tickets for tomorrow's game can be purchased online or by calling the Tech ticket office at 1.888.TECH.TIX.

Golf team ranked second in nation

Tech's golf team, which finished fifth in last year's NCAA Championships and returns every player from last year's team, is ranked in a tie for No. 2 with Florida in the pre-season poll released Tuesday by *Golf World* magazine. Tech opens its fall schedule Sept. 17-19 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Georgia.

Gergen wins Wendy's award

Jayme Gergen, a senior from Topeka, Kansas, won the Wendy's Student-Athlete of the Week award for her performance in Tech's volleyball games against USC and Colorado State to open the season. She recorded a career high 20 kills and a career high 10 block assists while hitting .459 against No. 11 Colorado State. Gergen was named to the NACWAA Classic all-tournament team. She currently leads the team with a .429 hitting percentage and 4.57 kills per game.

football forecast

Each week, during the football season, the *Technique* will pick a list of college matchups to be played that weekend. The person who submits the list with the most correctly projected winners receives a prize. In the event of a tie, the winner is determined by the person who most accurately predicts the score of Tech's game. To submit your picks, go to www.nique.net/footballforecast. This week's games are:

Tech vs. Samford
Virginia vs. Temple
William and Mary vs. North Carolina
Wake Forest vs. Clemson
Duke vs. Navy
Richmond vs. NC State
Northern Illinois vs. Maryland
Toledo vs. Minnesota
Oregon State vs. LSU
Oklahoma State vs. UCLA