

Men’s Hoops: Duke (20-1, 8-1 ACC) at Georgia Tech (10-13, 3-7 ACC)

Frontcourt

Duke’s frontcourt, with All-Americans Mike Dunleavy and Carlos Boozer and the athletic Rutgers transfer Dahntay Jones, has too much size and talent for the young and undersized Jackets. Tech will probably start 6’7” freshman Ed Nelson at center and 6’5” redshirt sophomore Clarence Moore at power forward.



Backcourt

The Jackets and the Devils are two perimeter-oriented offenses. They rank second and third in the ACC in three-point shooting, respectively. However, while these two squads bury the three-point jumper with ease, this game comes down to the battle on the blocks. The Tony Akins-Jason Williams will be exciting to watch.



Bench

Tech plays deep into their bench; Duke rarely has less than three starters on the court at a time. It’s not that Tech’s bench is deeper, Duke’s bench could come close to winning the ACC. Duke Head Coach Mike Krzyzewski simply likes to play the stars. Tech will get into foul trouble from simple frustration against the fast, big, and talented Blue Devils so Halston Lane, Isma’il Muhammad and Robert Brooks will have to play solid games.



Coaching

Paul Hewitt was selected as coach of the year last season in the ACC, but few people would say that Mike Krzyzewski isn’t the best basketball coach in the conference—if not the country. He’s a dream coach; he gets the best student athletes and he knows basketball.



Intangibles

The Jackets have nothing to lose against the Blue Devils and have played well against powerhouses Virginia and Maryland at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Coliseum will be sold out Saturday and if the Jackets can somehow stay in the game against the Devils, the Duke bench will need earplugs.



Forecast

If Tech can attack the basket and get Boozer into foul trouble, than Nelson, Moore, and 7’0” freshman center Luke Schenscher will be able to be effective inside and on the boards. However, an effective inside presence won’t be able to stop Williams and the talented Chris Duhon on the perimeter. A win against Duke would be a huge confidence booster for the young Jackets, but this squad should really just hope to stay in the game.

Duke rolls...Blue Devils 87, Jackets 67.



Hot Devils

Georgia Tech comes into Saturday’s showdown with the top-ranked Duke Blue Devils riding a recent hot streak that saw the Jackets win their last two home games. Tech has shown that it can play with the nation’s elite teams, posting two near misses at home against both Maryland and Virginia. However, the Jackets youth showed in these two losses by allowing the game to slip away in the waning moments of the second half.

The Blue Devils have also been hot since suffering their only defeat of the season at the hands of the Florida State Seminoles on January 6. Duke has sent a message following the FSU defeat by easily handling national powers Maryland and Virginia, and slaughtering bitter in-state rival North Carolina.

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last week’s winner

Congratulations to **Peter Bourg**. He was the first to correctly answer that .704 is the career winning percentage for Ex-Head Coach Shelton Collierwhile at Georgia Tech.

explain what the number on page 32 represents, and win a pair of thrashers tickets

Beyond the White and Gold

Baseball and how I almost landed in jail

By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

I remember the first time I did it very clearly. I was young, stupid, and probably a little bit crazy. It might have been the cold weather; it was Christmas break. It could have been because I was bored; the breaks can also cause some boredom.

But I did it. I told my friends about it. I even told my parents about half of the story.

No, it wasn't my first encounter with a female, it was the first time I snuck into a sporting facility at night.

The Detroit Tigers were building a new baseball stadium, Comerica Park, that was set to open the following April. The grass was laid, a large amount of seats were installed, and it just about in every way resembled a baseball stadium. My brother and a friend of mine, who, like me, were all devout Tigers fans, wanted a little one-on-one time with Detroit's newest sports facility.

We pulled up and parked in a church parking lot adjacent to the stadium and made our way towards the construction site. It's not like it looked like we were up to some-

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thing; I of course wore all black. So did my two colleagues. We got to a temporary chain-linked construction fence about 100 feet from where the stadium structure began. The stadium was beautiful already; 80 percent of the games we'd seen played were inside of a building that Tigers Hall-of-Famer Al Kaline said looked like a battleship the first time he saw it. It was as close to Wrigley Field in cosmetic appearance as Roseanne is to Ashley Judd. But like Roseanne, the old Tiger Stadium had personality. We walked along the fence, just peering in and gathering it all in. Then we saw it.

The fence was pushed up, easily enough for even Fat Bastard to squeeze through. We all stopped. We all looked at the fence. I don't remember who went first, but I don't think it matters. We knew the sec-

ond we saw it that all three of us would have dirt from the construction site on our sweatshirts from sliding under the fence.

We all ran inside, there were some lights but not much. Seats that weren't installed yet lied on the ground. There were boxes, crates and other normal construction materials all over.

We saw another hole in the fence, metaphorically speaking. We made our way to the field. I'd never been on a professional sports field of any kind before; I wanted to make sure that in a couple of minutes I would never say that again. I walked toward the pitchers mound planning to grab a handful of clay, but it was too hard; I couldn't scrape any up. I just grabbed a handful of grass blades instead. My brother was running in right field like a wild banshee, scream-

ing in a dialect that I didn't understand. I don't remember where my friend was; I think he was staggering along the left field line.

After admiring the field and catching our breath, we started to leave the stadium. Out of the corner of my eye I saw what I thought was headlights coming towards us; we dismissed it as just a car on a nearby street.

The lights got brighter. We decided we were wrong. In fact, the lights were getting very bright. Now we had two options, run to the car which was parked close by or calmly explain the situation. We thought they would catch us pretty easily running to the car; we decided to pretend to be stupid college students instead and explain the situation.

I asked the editor-in-chief if I could print what the security guard said, but he advised me not to print the dialogue. The guard told me that he should have arrested us right then, he told us that if his supervisor came we would have been going to jail. Luckily, he just took our license plate number and told us to never come back.

Am I, at age 21, too old to sneak into the new Russ Chandler?

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391 in left center, 400 in dead center, 353 to right center, and 334 down the right field line. The deepest part of the park is actually slightly left of center and stands at 409 feet from home plate.

The pitching staff will try to take advantage of the new, deeper dimensions by being more aggressive with hitters. The field's dimensions impress Kyle Bakker, the 6'9" left-handed ace of the Jackets.

"It's definitely a pitcher's park, unlike last year where guys could just hit it out to left field at will," said Bakker.

Converted closer and current

starting pitcher, Jeff Watchko, also is excited about pitching at the new Russ Chandler.

"It's an unbelievable, top-notch facility, left field's a graveyard," said Watchko. "As one of the better programs, we now have one of the better facilities."

Head Coach Danny Hall thinks that the biggest impact of the new field will be on

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Pitcher Kyle Bakker
on the left field alley

defense thanks to the redesigned playing surface.

"The ball bounces much more truer and more level," said Hall on comparing the new surface with the old one.

Hall also emphasized the importance of having quality athletes in order to play the style of game that the new stadium will demand.

"If you don't have good athletes in this ballpark, you're

going to have problems on defense," declared Hall. "You better always

have a centerfielder who can run down balls."

As far as changes in offensive strategy, Coach Hall said that the stadium would have only a slight impact on in-game tactics.

"We used to be able to sit and wait for the home run, but not any more," said Hall, in his ninth year as head coach of the Jackets. "We have more speed than we may have had in the past."

And speed is one aspect of this Tech baseball squad that will be needed inside the spacious new Russ Chandler Stadium.

The Jackets will play their first home game next Friday against Tennessee Tech at 3 p.m.

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They've also made themselves at home in their spacious new clubhouse and practice facilities. One problem that the team is recognizing with their new home is the openness of the dugouts. Fans, and possibly opposing coaches, can peer directly into them.

The second inadequacy is the walkway directly behind home plate. What's the point of bringing the seats closer to the field if the fans in the front row can have their view blocked by pedestrians? And how will this look on television, with fans walking around as Kyle Bakker and his fellow Jacket pitchers are trying to send in the heat and throw Tech to another College World Series?

Speaking of the NCAA tournament, this place is more than adequately equipped with facilities for all types of media. The press rooms are comparable to those at Disney's Wide World of Sports, which is, in my opinion, the best small stadium in America.

Fans who aren't entertained by the play on the field will surely be entertained by what plays on the brand new video screen, a Russ Chandler first, as soon as the staff perfects its use.

As cushy as the new stadium is, it's more incredible considering it was built in just eight months. If you're not a baseball fan, check out the stadium anyway, it's a real throw-back to the old ways of baseball with all the conveniences of sports in the new millennium. Though it's no PNC Park, there's no better way to spend a Friday afternoon than watching our powerhouse baseball team.

For a complete listing of Tech games visit www.ramblinwreck.com.

Upcoming BBall Games

at Ga. Southern	1:30 p.m.	2/9
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TENN. TECH	3 p.m.	2/15
TENN. TECH	1:30 p.m.	2/16
TENN. TECH	1:30 p.m.	2/17
WOFFORD	3 p.m.	2/19
vs. Coastal Carolina*	3 p.m.	2/23
vs. South Carolina*	12 p.m.	2/23

*at Baseball at the Beach Tournament, Myrtle

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Off the Glass Men's IM Basketball



By Marques McMillan / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Men's IM action at the Student Athletic Complex. ATR is currently the top-ranked A-League team, who at 3-0, have almost out-scored their opponents 2 to 1. The top-ranked IM women's squad is the ATLiens.

Intramural Notebook
with Jack B. Nimble

How did I miss this amazing score?

A ton of news items today folks. I've been putting my nose to the ground; here's what's going on at Atlanta's largest sports complex.

Item! Alpha Xi Delta of women's intramural basketball had a game to remember two weeks ago. I'm sorry I missed it last week folks but I have to point this score out. Here it is: ATLiens 45 - Alpha Xi Delta 4. Wow. Please tell me that it was a forfeit. Please tell me that the team thought it was a three-on-three league. Please tell me there was a mixer that night. Tiffany Goodman, Leslie Cook and the rest of the squad was practicing last week—they rebounded to lose by only eight points to AD Pi.

Item! Women's lacrosse is back. I've got the inside word on

this team, and I've made a list of some talented (insert lacrosse jargon here) to look out for in the spring season.

- Goalie Tracy Westeyn—Word has it the club president is one of the best between the types.

- Mo Deka and Jennifer Crews—New Head Coach Molly Burckhardt is excited this pair of talented goal scorers. Crews is only a freshman. Four years of terror for opposing Southeastern Women's Lacrosse League foes?

The women start their season Saturday against Rhodes, 11 a.m., at the SAC field.

Item! Who is not excited about Wallyball? Is ESPN covering their games yet! Shout out to Delta Chi, the team with the best record in A league play.

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DeVinny becomes first to qualify for NCAAs

By Kimberly Rieck
Staff Writer

On January 26, 2002 at Emory's Woodruff Athletic Center, there was one race that stood out among the other record-breaking and exciting finishes. In the 400 IM race, all you could see was a woman clad in a Yellow Jacket swimsuit and swim cap swim faster and faster away from her NC state competitors and her teammates. By the time she had completed the first 300 yards of the race, the swimmer had a lead of nearly a pool length. None of the other swimmers could reach her status. In the time span of 4 minutes, and 25 seconds, Cara DeVinny managed to do something no other female swimmer from Tech has ever done—she had achieved an NCAA "B" qualifying time with her race.

The race was the result of years of hard work by DeVinny and the fledgling swim program. DeVinny began swimming in the summers at age three in her hometown of Mesa, Arizona. By the time she was eight, she was swimming year-round on a competitive team. In high school, she did double duty as she trained and competed with a club team and swam for her high school team. However, in high school, DeVinny did not have much competition at her dual meets. Many of the swimmers on the Lady Jackets team had similar problems. Assistant Coach Kit Raulerson said that not many of the swimmers had high school careers where they got to swim meet after meet. "High school swimming is a huge sport in some parts of the country and nonexistent in other parts," said Raulerson. An exception would be Anna Saum because her high school swim team is a state powerhouse in Ohio.

DeVinny was able to swim against top swimmers when she competed at the annual state championships meet. She was a member of two Arizona State Champion 200 med-

ley relay teams, received all-state honors, and recorded Senior National times in the 200 IM and 400 IM during high school. Throughout high school, DeVinny had a goal of swimming on a Division I team. Other colleges, including Rice, recruited her but she chose Georgia Tech due to a number of reasons. In high school, she kept a 4.0 grade point average and was a member of the National Honor Society. "On my recruiting trip, I really liked the team, and got along with them well. I liked the coaches and the coaching staff a lot. I knew it was a really good school, education wise," said DeVinny.

During practice, DeVinny has consistently worked hard to improve her times. She trains with a group of 400 IM swimmers, of which she is usually the only female swimmer. The other swimmers in her group are Carl Nylander, Matt Fye and Brady Skaggs, who she also trains with in the butterfly stroke. The training gives DeVinny a competitive edge because all of the men have faster times than her due to their increased muscle, body weight and other factors. For example, Nylander is a co-captain of the guys' team, one of the team's top 10 all time performers and his best time for the 400 IM is 4:02.37, about 23 seconds faster than DeVinny's personal best time.

"It kind of gets frustrating sometimes, but overall it's good for me. I just try not to let them pass me too many times," said DeVinny.

All of the effort has paid off against competitors. DeVinny has consistently won her top events, even against top 25 schools, as was the case when the team faced Alabama. By the end of the dual meet portion of the team's schedule, she had set school records in the 200 Freestyle, 200 Breaststroke, 200 Butterfly, 400 IM, and 200 IM.

DeVinny's goals for the rest of the season are to drop five seconds



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

"I think she has the potential to become an All-American here at Georgia Tech," said Assistant Coach Kit Raulerson of freshman Cara DeVinny.

off of her best time on the 400 IM at the ACC Championships. Last year, she dropped eight seconds off of her time in that event at her high school state championships.

Her long-term goals are to get at least top 3 at the ACC championships, and to qualify for the NCAA championship by her sophomore year.

"I think she has the potential to become an All-American here at Georgia Tech. It might not happen this year, but she works hard and she has the dedication, and that's a goal that she has in mind. She's a great asset to the team," said Raulerson.

Her "B" time means that she has

a chance of competing in the NCAA Women's Swimming Championships on March 21-23 in Austin, Texas, if all of the spots aren't filled with NCAA "A" times. The NCAA has added 52 athletes to the women's competition this year, and therefore has also changed their qualifying standards. Currently there are 140 women who have achieved "A" times, and therefore are guaranteed to compete in the meet.

The swimmers have two more chances to qualify for the competition—the ACC Championships in Maryland on February 21-23, and the NCAA Last Chance Meet at Auburn University on March 9.

Equestrian

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"You can be a complete beginner who has always wanted to learn how to ride, or you can be someone who has ridden all their lives," said Lisa Mena, the current president and one of the founding members. "Members come from various backgrounds and even if you are a very accomplished rider, you will always learn something from someone in the club."

Voted as the "Best New Organization on Campus" in 2000, the Equestrian Team has not only been training, but also extensively competing. They currently compete in the riding disciplines of Huntseat, Western and Dressage. This year, several of the team riders have advanced to Regionals in the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) and some are also making a name for themselves in the Eventing arena.

The team competes against the major rivals of Florida State, Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia Southern, University of Miami, College of Charleston and Wesleyan College, who are all included in their region and zoning district for IHSA.

Whether you are looking for a stress reliever, a new sport, or an impressive skill, the time spent on a horse is very unique. Just ask members of this club, or just about any one who has ever ridden a horse.

"I see a lot of talented riders joining the club now," said Mena. "I feel pretty confident that this club will be sticking around for a while and continuing to make a good impact on Tech's campus," added Mena.

Club and team meetings are Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in room 211 at SAC. Various aspects of the club and team are discussed, including upcoming events, competitions, volunteering, etc. Meeting attendance is a requirement of both the team and club memberships. For more information visit cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/equus.

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By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Jamie Frost slides into home during 2001 softball action. The third baseman out of Eugene, Ore. is expected to be a leader on the squad after last season's 24-29 campaign. GT finished fourth in the ACC in 2001.

Jackets set to start softball season

John Parsons
Contributing Writer

The roster for the Georgia Tech softball team this year is a young one with only one senior in Jamie Frost. Georgia Tech Softball head coach Kate Madden, however, does not think it will prevent the Lady Jackets from making a run at an NCAA berth. The key will be whether the offense can improve enough to adequately compliment a solid pitching staff. "I definitely expect to be at the top of our conference," said Madden. "Our main focus has to be in bettering our hitting."

Last year's squad finished 24-29 with a 2-6 ACC record. This year, the five newcomers to the squad, including three freshmen and two transfers, will look to contribute to

the team's anticipated success. Of particular note is Jessica Sallinger, who led Harrison High School in Cobb County to a state championship last year with a 0.00 ERA.

Anchoring the Jackets solid pitching staff will be sophomore Erin Voeltz. Last year, Voeltz posted a 1.72 ERA while logging 200.0 innings. Returning to the lineup this year are sophomores Tasha Waugh and Tara Knudsen, who tied for the team lead with five home runs each. In addition Waugh led the team with 19 RBI in 118 AB and Knudsen led the team with a .320 on base percentage.

The Yellow Jackets start their season this Saturday, hosting Gardner-Webb at 1 p.m. at Glenn Field, at the corner of Mecaslin St. and 16th St.



Supplied By Equestrian Club

Equestrian club member Karen Hoyal sits atop her horse Riley. The club, started in 1998, was selected as the top new student organization on the Tech campus in 2000 and offers both English and Western riding forms. For the rider with a lack of funds, Devon-Aire, an English riding clothier, outfits all the riders with a full riding habit.

Equestrian club welcomes all skill levels

By Katie Neal
Staff Writer

With Valentine's Day fast approaching, most males are sent scrambling for an original plan to sweep the ladies off of their feet. What better way than becoming her valiant knight on horseback? Romantic poems and heart-shaped boxes of chocolates never fail to delight the women, but every little girl dreams of the knight at one time or another. Don't know how to ride? Not a problem, look no further than one of Tech's very own organizations—the Georgia Tech Equestrian Club and Team.

Chartered in 1998, the Equestrian Club has been helping novices and even struggling Casanovas learn the art of staying atop a horse for

the past four years. For those who have had prior practice, the club also offers more advanced lessons and even added training for those who would like to compete with the Georgia Tech Equestrian Team. Appealing to different tastes, they also offer both English and Western riding forms. Even better yet, the club allows its riders to not only truly enjoy riding, but also takes the stress out of finding a barn, a trainer and all the added costs that usually makes equestrians worry.

The barn is located in Peachtree City, just a short thirty-minute drive south of the city, yet a world away from the big city. Day or night, lessons are available for students, Tech alumni, and even those in the Atlanta area that want to ride. Bill Russell, the coach for the club and

team, is a knowledgeable trainer who has had much practice within the horse industry.

The club also offers an adaptable lesson program to allow new riders to determine their own schedule and payment system. A credit system allows members to earn club credits to pay for their lessons through fundraisers. For the fashion-conscious rider, or maybe more applicable, the rider with a lack of funds, Devon-Aire, an English riding clothier, outfits all the riders with a full riding habit and the club provides saddles and equipment for newcomers. So not only will you be able to learn an impressive talent, you will also be able to save on cash while doing it.

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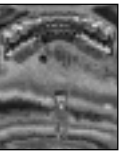
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Can Tony's team pull it out?

No. 1 Duke comes to Atlanta Saturday to take on Tony Akins and streaking Jackets, winners of three in a row. Page 26

Sailing down to earth

Derek Haynes will dive with the GT Sport Parachute Club Saturday and give his firsthand report... Next Week

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Average rebounding margin for the Lady Jacket Cager's up till February 6. They have out-rebounded their opponents in 18 out of 21 of their games.

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Pounds of muscle gained by Tech Cager Luke Schenscher during his rehabilitation. In order to do this he has been lifting a lot of weights and has been maintaining a 9000 calorie a day diet. In his first week back from injury he was named ACC Rookie of the Week.

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Tech's Baseball team's record against Georgia Southern, their first opponent of the 2002 season. They play at J.I. Clements Stadium on Saturday and Sunday.

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Three-point shooting percentage for the Yellow Jackets in the second half of the UNC game last Saturday. The Jackets shot 58.6 percent from the field in the same half to pull away from the Tarheels in their 86-74 victory.

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MB vs. Duke	2/9
WS vs. Gardner-Webb	2/10
WB at Virginia	2/11
WS vs. Furman	2/13
MB at Maryland	2/13
WB at Maryland	2/14
BM vs. Tennessee Tech	2/15-2/17
MB - Men's Basketball, WS - Women's Softball	
WB - Women's Basketball, BM - Men's Baseball	

The New Russ Chandler Stadium

Flashy beginning for baseball



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Russ Chandler features a video screen in center, a pair of luxury suites, a spacious player's lounge with a large-screen television, a video room to break down film, a training room and a weight room and workout facility.

The \$7 million reconstruction, which was completed in only eight months, has given the Rambling Wreck a top-notch baseball facility

By Al Przygocki
Contributing Writer

Spectators at the newly reconstructed Russ Chandler Stadium will notice many changes and improvements both on and off the field of play.

The stadium has doubled in the number of seats and in the quality of those seats. There is now a large area behind home plate composed of 1,100 chair-backed seats for com-

fort. The two sidelines feature the more traditional bleacher style that can hold up to 3,300 fans. There is also room to expand by adding approximately 500 more bleacher seats on the third base line. The old stadium housed around 2,500 seats, 500 of which were reserved seating.

The home side has been moved to the third base side instead of the first base side. This was done to create more room to construct concessions areas for fans and improved

clubhouse facilities for the team. There is now a wide concourse and plaza area between the new main entrance and the home stands behind third base. Home fans will also be taken care of in case of rain. There is a covered area behind the home stands where spectators can either watch the action if play continues or wait out rain delays in comfort.

The seven million dollar reconstruction project was designed by HOK, the architectural firm that also designed Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Jacobs Field in Cleveland, Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco, Coors Field in Denver, and others. The playing field itself has been replaced with a new sand-profile, under-drained natural turf surface with an irrigation system. The turf system was based on the one used at PNC Park in Pittsburgh and the turf itself was obtained from the Tennessee Titans of the NFL.

As part of the reconstruction, the playing field was rotated slightly which altered the park's dimensions and created room for improvements. The bullpens are no longer in the playing area, but instead have been enlarged and moved behind walls on each base line. The new ten-foot high, padded wall has created a much deeper left field and left center field while keeping right field essentially the same distance. The new dimensions are 328 feet down the left field line,

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"It's a real throwback to the old ways of baseball"

By Andrew Santelli
Entertainment Editor

Following in the larger footsteps of parks like Atlanta's Turner Field, Baltimore's Oriole Park at Camden Yards, and Pittsburgh's new PNC Park, the new home of the Tech baseball squad has all the nice features of these new buildings, but on a much more intimate scale.

First, you can't beat the setting of the new park. All the new major league parks have played off their urban locations, with Camden Yards taking advantage of the Inner Harbor neighborhood, or PNC Park having the panoramic Allegheny riverfront and downtown skyline as its backdrop. Though the new Russ Chandler is in the same spot, the skyline of Midtown makes for a nice background on a spring day.

One of the problems with the old Russ Chandler was the height difference between the seating and the field, making fans feel somewhat removed from the action. With the redesign, sight lines are vastly improved, and it's accurate to say there isn't a bad seat in the house.

The seats themselves are another highlight of the stadium. Students will still sit on bleachers, as those seats are still general admission (but you can't complain about the price). The chairback seats, though, are now permanent. Long gone are the transplanted football seats covered with a baseball logo. Now the best seats at Russ Chandler are nice, wide, green seats with a baseball marking the seat number. The green color of the seats is reminiscent of Camden Yards, albeit lacking the intricate railings on the aisles.

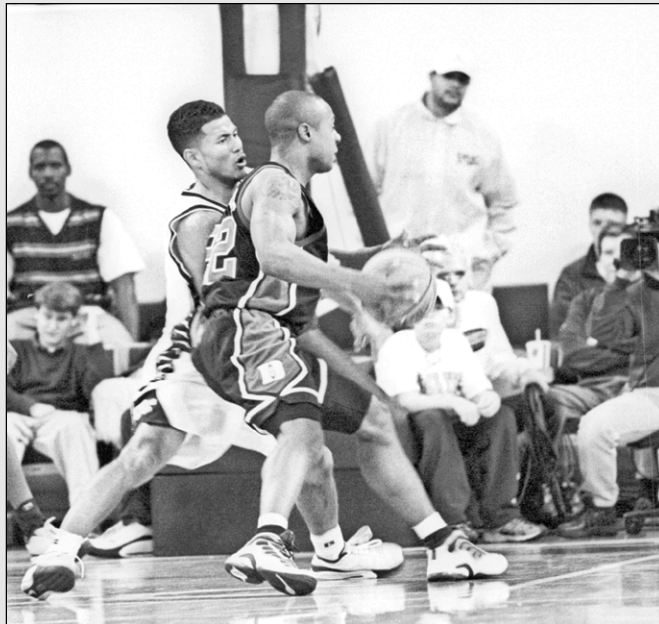
All the amenities are in place for Tech baseball fans, with an expanded concession stand, modern restroom facilities, and most importantly, a real concourse. Say 'so long' to the days of snaking lines for food and the bathrooms and the congestion of the area beneath the stands.

How does the field play, you ask? Well, the surface is smooth (no more odd bounces), and the green stuff has been designed using the same system as Pittsburgh's new park, regarded as the best of the recently-constructed stadiums. Left center field, though, is a graveyard, stretching out for 400 feet. The Yellow Jacket outfielders will need their wheels this season.

The team has already made themselves at home in the new park, with some dents visible in the building on the left field line (see for yourself in the aluminum siding above the concession stand) from a few foul balls during preseason training.

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Devils in Town No. 1 Duke faces Tech



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

No. 1 Duke's Jason Williams drives inside on the Yellow Jackets senior guard Tony Akins. Williams, the consensus preseason Player of the Year, is averaging an ACC-best 21.9 points per game.