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that the revenue created by women's teams will rise, so the teams can be more self-supporting.

Though Georgia Tech might be spending a proportional amount of money on our phenomenal women athletes, the press here seems to all but ignore their achievements. The *Technique* is not innocent. In a survey of the last 18 issues of the paper, men took the lead headline of the Sports section in 17 of the issues. Women did appear on the cover page of the sports section in seven issues, but usually only in a ratio of one story to three about men's athletics. In the other 11 issues, women didn't even make the cover at all, with up to four stories about men's athletics on each of these covers. Taking into consideration that we have 9 men's varsity support and 7 women's varsity sports, you would expect that the ratio would be greater than that. You could argue that our readers want to know more about basketball and football than women's volleyball or softball or track and field. But in the end, it becomes a question of the chicken and the egg. Do people go to more football games because of the intense media coverage it gets and the fact they can follow the teams almost every day? They are bombard-

ed with this since childhood. If we made women's sports more dominant, perhaps making lead headlines every third week or more, they certainly would have more of a following. If we are really going to support our women's athletic program, I call on us as students to pay more attention. If you want to read about girl's softball, write the *Technique* and let us know. Write the Atlanta Journal Constitution. Write ESPN. You're the customers of the media; we print and broadcast what you want to see.

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Rebecca Cutri-Kohart
Campus Life Editor

As this argument comes to a conclusion, you may be asking, why do we want to encourage women athletes? How does this help? If you've ever played on a team of any kind, you realize all the lessons you've learned. You've learned how to separate competition on the field of play with camaraderie outside the game. You've learned how to push yourself beyond your limits. You've learned how to win. Aren't these important skills for your female peers to possess as they make their way in the professional world? Sports are essential to developing life skills that lead to success, and denying women these skills is the same as denying them education or opportunity.

Men's tennis shoots for two in the ACC

By Derick Stanger
Bienvenidos a casa

Over the weekend the 20th ranked Men's tennis team continued its winning streak with victories over ACC foes FSU (9-12, 4-4 ACC) and Wake Forest (12-8, 4-3 ACC) with scores of 5-2 and 6-1 respectively. With the two wins Tech advanced to a record of 16-4 and 6-1 in the ACC and has won 13 of their last 14 matches. Tech's only losses have come from top-ten ranked Duke, Georgia, UCLA and No. 24 USC.

In both matches, Friday with FSU and Sunday with Wake, Tech managed to sweep the doubles cate-

gory earning the doubles point each time. On Friday the success was due to the work of tandems Roger Anderson/David Wright, now ranked 37th in the nation, Romain Coirault/Joao Menano, and Sergio Aguirre/Stephen Moros who won their respective matches 8-5, 8-4, and 8-4. On Sunday the same three pairs had scores of 8-5, 8-6, and 8-5.

Romain Coirault, playing in the number two spot, lost in two sets on both days to Xavier Luscan (6-2, 6-4) and David Loewenthal (7-6, 6-2). The only other loss came from the hands of the Seminoles' Rodrigo Laub, who defeated Sergio Aguirre 6-7, 7-5 (10-4). On Sunday Freshman Alex Navinkov replaced

Aguirre and defeated Justin Kaufmann 7-6 (4), 2-6, 6-3. Tech's Roger Anderson had some trouble with Romain Judd but finished the day 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. He then went to dominate the Deacons Raul Munoz 6-1, 6-2. Wright, Moros, and Menano easily defeated their opponents on both days.

Next the Yellow Jackets will be facing a No. 41 ranked North Carolina (9-6, 4-1 ACC) team that just came off a 5-2 loss to Duke. North Carolina and the Jackets will be fighting this Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Bill Moore Tennis Center for the number two seed in the ACC championship, which takes place from April 19-22 in Orlando, Fl.



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Men's Tennis has moved up to No. 20 on top of their ACC wins over FSU and Wake Forest. The men now sport a 16-4 overall record and are 6-1 in the ACC. Their final regular season match comes this Friday at 2 p.m. against No. 41 North Carolina. Tech and North Carolina are fighting for the number two spot in the ACC.

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favorites to win the ACC when play resumes next fall.

Best Team

Finalists:

Football
Record: 9-3 (6-2 ACC, 2nd)
Rank: 17th (AP)

A team that was not expected to finish in the top half of the ACC had the most well-rounded team in recent years. The team recorded their third-straight victory over Georgia, and had 8 players named to the All-ACC team.

Golf
Rank: 2nd (Golfweek)

Last year's runner-up finish has inspired a team that many said would struggle after the loss of Matt Kuchar. However, several Tech players, other than Molder, have stepped up to fill the void. The team won three straight tournaments in March-April and has been getting stronger as the season progresses.

Volleyball
Record: 25-8 (1st ACC)
Rank: 20th (RPI)

Last season's ACC Regular Season Champions continued their strong play this spring, winning the Michigan State Invitational and beating three NCAA Tournament teams in the process.

Baseball
Record: 28-8
Rank: 3rd (Baseball America)
Ranked 1st in the preseason, the

Jackets have had to cope with the loss of 2000 National Player of the Year Mark Teixeira. Teixeira is expected to be back in early May, and when the junior slugger returns to the lineup the Jackets should be primed for a run at Omaha in the College World Series.

Winners: Golf and Baseball

It's simply too close to call between these consistent powerhouses. Golf is building momentum heading into the NCAA Championship and the injured players are returning to the field for the baseball team. Either of these teams could win their respective championships.

Best Newcomer

Finalists:

Darryl Smith
Freshman, Football

The first-team Freshman All-American helped lead a Jacket defense that allowed only 94.5 yards a game against the run, 13th in the country. The linebacker led the Jackets in tackles with 94 and had 4 sacks.

Kele Eveland
Freshman, Volleyball
See entry in 'Female Performer.'

Matt Murton
Freshman, Baseball
The power-hitting outfielder from McDonough homered twice in the same inning against Georgia State and is hitting .375 on the year with 5 homeruns. Murton, who comes



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech Baseball is currently 28-8 and ranked 3rd in the nation. Their performance earned them co-honors in this year's Spique award for Best Team. Check out the Jackets this weekend against ACC rival Wake Forest.

off the bench for the Jackets, would be starting at about any other school.

Winner: Darryl Smith
Rarely do true freshman start in football and even rarer do they lead the team in tackles. Smith did both for the Jackets last season.

Best Coach
Finalists:
George O'Leary, Football

Voted as the national coach of the year by the Bobby Dodd Foundation, O'Leary's Jackets were upset only once all season. The loss, a 28-14 setback in the Peach Bowl,

came after O'Leary lost his offensive coordinator Ralph Freidgen just weeks before the game. Tech's strong performance last year has sparked talk of a national championship run in the 2001 season.

Paul Hewitt, Basketball
He came from a small college in New York and said the Jackets were a strong team heading into the season. No one believed him, but Tech was one of two teams from Atlanta in the NCAA Tournament come March. The ACC Coach of the Year recruited a strong class for the 2001-02 season and helped fill the Colise-

um to levels not seen since the days of Stephon Marbury.

Winner: Paul Hewitt
Hewitt re-energized a dead program in only one year, O'Leary built Tech into the consistent ACC football power that it is today. However, this award is based on one season and Tech's basketball performance was even more of a miracle than the football squad's maturation. Who would have believed Tech was a couple plays away from facing Duke for the ACC Championship in March and even take a trip to the Big Dance? Paul Hewitt.

Title IX not just about proportionality; women need opportunity, chance to develop

By Rebecca Cutri-Kohart
Campus Life Editor

How many Tech students have heard of Title IX? If you read an editorial printed in the sports section of the March 23 issue of the *Technique*, you would believe this piece of legislation is a demon-spawn designed to destroy men’s sports teams for uninterested women who’d prefer to sit at home knitting rather than play a competitive sport anyway.

In reality, Title IX started out as a piece of minor legislation in the 1970s that turned into a huge window of opportunity for women. The life of modern women and Tech women has been changed drastically by Title IX: your scholarships, your little league team or a high school team, even your very admission to Georgia Tech would be in jeopardy without this law. We owe a lot to Title IX, but not only does that go unrealized at a conservative school like this one, but instead, we scorn it through irresponsible journalism, through supporting Congressmen who would have it disallowed, and by ignoring the incredible accomplishments of our women athletes.

First of all, what is Title IX? The key line in the legislation says: “No person in the U.S. shall, on the basis of sex be excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving federal aid.”

As a result of this, courts began to order that universities who receive federal funding, like Georgia Tech, must comply. One way these schools complied was by creating a uniform admission’s formula. Few realize that before 1996, women actually had a different admissions

formula than men at Tech—appallingly the weighting of the math SAT score was doubled for women, requiring them to have higher SAT’s than men to be admitted. At other universities, up through the 1970s, women professors worked without pay, because their husbands were expected to be the wage earners. Title IX has changed this.

But the most unexpected and drastic impact from Title IX is the creation of women’s athletic programs. Many schools prove compliance through the “proportionality rule,” which says that women’s athletics must be supported at the same

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ratio of the school’s population. So, at Tech, where we have about 30% women, 30% of the money and opportunities should go to women’s sports. This seems to make sense, after all, fair is fair. There’s a huge amount of money in athletics; this money goes to provide the athletes with full-tuition scholarships, the best equipment, coaching staff, and even recruitment at the high school level. Since sports are restricted by gender, would it be fair for Georgia Tech to only offer scholarships to the men who play them? That doesn’t seem fair to the fabulous women athletes out there, and, because of Title IX, it is also illegal. I’m not

talking about things that are inherently subjective; I’m talking about cold, hard cash.

Now, as fair as “proportionality” seems, many arguments against Title IX seem to be focused on that particular little rule. Opponents of the legislation argue that schools have a limited amount of money to spend on sports and if they are “forced” to comply with Title IX, they will have to take money away from men’s sports to give to women’s. This is a statement of the obvious. Yes, if you have 1 million dollars, and currently \$950,000 goes to men, some will need to be reallocated to be fair. In a lot of cases, this may mean cutting a men’s team, but this also means adding a women’s team. It all evens out. It does not mean that men won’t have the opportunity to play another sport, it just means they will have a proportional amount of opportunities as the women in their school. Is it anymore fair to prevent women (some of whom are more skilled than the men) from playing sports?

Opponents of Title IX argue that women just aren’t interested in sports, and creating new women’s programs (at the expense of men’s teams) shouldn’t be done because the women won’t take advantage of it. That’s just not true. Title IX is all about creating opportunities. There are currently 2 million high school girls who are athletes and only about 100,000 positions in NCAA sports for women. Surely there is more demand from the 95% of high school athletes that don’t have opportunities in the NCAA.

All you really have to do is look at the history of Title IX to realize the effect it has had on women’s athletics. Girls’ participation in interscholastic sports grew from 8% to over 30% with the introduction

of Title IX, over a period of only a few short years. The point is, its lack of opportunity that is keeping women from playing sports, not lack of interest.

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* makes an extensive survey of women’s athletics in all federally funded universities. Overall, Georgia Tech’s support of women’s programs is amazing. Our scholarship money and ratio of male to female athletes almost exactly matches the school’s ratio. But there are areas that demand improvement. Most appalling is the salary difference, with average women’s coach making less than half of the men’s salary. Whatever happened to equal pay for equal work? Higher salaries attract and keep better coaches, or more budget allows more assistants.

The point is, though we’re doing well, there’s still a long way left to go. There are some major disparities. The girls softball field, for instance, is sub-standard compared

to our competitors. Even more important is we continue to maintain vigilance in making sure we treat our female athletes fairly.

If we spend so much money on women’s athletics, why don’t we hear about them, why isn’t there more public support demanding the women be treated equally? Women’s athletics can be exciting and interesting, all you have to do is look at the ratings for Women’s World Cup soccer last year to see. The media shares a vast part of the blame on why we continue to sign multi-million dollar contracts with basketball and football coaches, while having our women’s coaches work for piecemeal. Part of the problem is, the media doesn’t pay attention to women athletes, and without media attention, the team can’t support themselves with spectator revenue. With more media attention, the inevitable conclusion is

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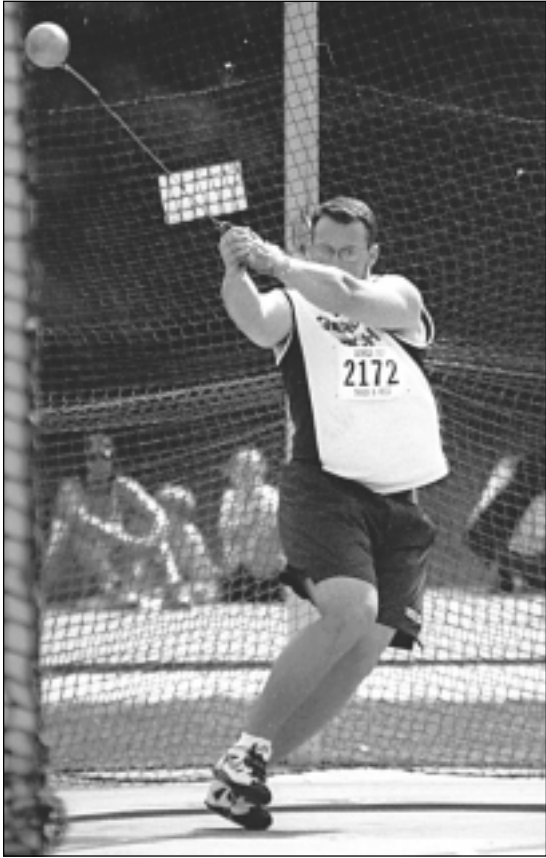
Expense data from the Athletic Association

	Men	Women	Ratio
Number of Students	6,854	2,765	71:29
Number of Athletes	295	113	72:28
Scholarship Budget	\$2,107,999	\$862,601	71:29
Recruiting Expenses	\$572,869	\$123,259	82:18
Head Coach Avg. Salary	\$153,196	\$54,825	
Assistant Coach Avg. Salary	\$71,345	\$33,290	
Coaching Budget	\$2,231,728	\$532,122	81:19
Operating Expenses	\$8,112,829	\$2,561,439	76:24

Statistics from the Chronicle of Higher Education, “Gender Equity in Athletics,” 2000.

Jackets reach new heights at Invitational

Dogs sweep Lady Jackets



By Robert Hill (left) and Marques McMillan (right) / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech Track and Field scored a pair of school records in their first home meet of the 2001 season. Tech’s Angela Levens hammer throw of 155-0 and Jodie Nettles 12’ 2.00” pole vault were both good for first place.

By Albert Green
Sports Editor

It was the field part of track and field that highlighted last weekend’s Yellow Jacket Invitational. Tech’s Angela Levens and Jodie Nettles each set new school records in and won their event.

Levens, a junior, set the mark in the hammer throw with an incredi-

ble 155’ 0”, 23 feet longer than the next closest finisher. But Nettles wouldn’t let her be the only star. Nettles walked away with the pole vault title after clearing 12’ 2.00”, eight inches higher than the 2nd place finisher.

Another Jacket first place finish came from Amy Edwards who grabbed the title in the 3000-meter steeplechase with her time of

11:14.57, followed by Tina Frey in third with a time of 11:38.68.

In the 100-meter dash Amanda Rhett and Jessica DeFreitas grabbed first and second with their times of 11.83 and 11.88 respectively.

Tech’s final first place finish came from Amy Dock, who won the 5000-meter event.

The Jackets return home for the GT Invitational, May 18-19.

By Frankie Redding
Simmer down now

In last Wednesday’s doubleheader the Jackets dropped both games, 5-4 and 3-2 to rival University of Georgia. A combined seven errors in the pair of away games proved too much for the Jackets to overcome.

Tara Knudsen opened the day with a solo home run off Georgia pitcher Nichole Urban. The Bulldogs answered with Michelle Tyree who reached first on an error before stealing second and third where a misplay allowed her to score.

Ellen Styer led off the second with a single to right-center and reached second on a throwing error. Styer stole third and scored after Soraya Reddick reached base on an error from the Bulldog infield. Tech’s Jennifer Biggers hit a sacrifice bunt to move Reddick to second, who then scored on a Erin

Glantz double, making it 3-1.

It was Georgia’s three-run third inning and the Bulldog’s Melanie Robertson that gave them a lead the Jackets could not overcome. Robertson singled and stole second before scoring on a Monique Rhoden single. An error by pitcher Tiffany Goodman allowed Rhoden to score and Nicole Barber to reach base before stealing second and scoring on a Julie Milner single.

Goodman, now 7-7, took the loss for the Jackets after allowing five runs, three earned.

In the day’s second contest the Jackets made it 2-0 in the fifth after Sara Wissmann, who reached on a walk and Jaime Frost, who singled, scored when Knudsen reached second on a throwing error.

Georgia took the game 3-2 in the final frame after pitcher Erin Voeltz gave up two walks and a single leading to a sac fly and a pair of errors that put the Dogs on top.

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runs in the eighth but it wasn’t enough to beat Duke.

Tech Starter Rhett Parrott (7-2) took the loss for the Jackets after surrendering five runs on 10 hits in six innings of work.

Everything went right for the Jackets in Friday’s contest as Brad Stockton hit a grand slam and right-hander Steve Kelly threw seven shut-out innings in Tech’s 9-2 win.

Lewis, hit a leadoff homerun, his seventh of the season, and Jason Basil also homered for the Jackets.

Kelly allowed just 6 six hits in

seven innings, walking five and striking out four.

Tech, 8-4 and in second place in the ACC, has a crucial three-game series against third-place Wake Forest this weekend at Russ Chandler. Tonight’s game is at 7 p.m. and Sunday’s contest will be televised on Fox Sports Net South. Saturday’s game is the ACC Game of the Week and can be seen on the ACC’s regional network.

All home games are broadcast and can be heard live on WREK-Radio (91.1 FM).

Tech Golf crosses border to take third place in US Collegiate



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Tech golf placed third in a tie with Clemson at last weekend's U.S. Collegiate Golf Championship. The Jackets' performance was led by Bryce Molder (not pictured) who finished fourth with a 72-68-71-211.

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

Like an older brother racing his younger sibling, Georgia teased Tech in the U.S. Collegiate Championship and then sprinted to a dominating 33-shot win over the field last weekend in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

Georgia and Georgia Tech, which had won three consecutive tournaments heading into the championship, were 1-2 from beginning to end in the tournament. The Bulldogs led Tech by 5 after the first round, 16 after the second round, and then shot a 279 to Tech's 297 in the final to finish 29-under par. The Jackets finished at 4-over par.

"I was pleased that we managed to beat 10 of the top 15 teams, but losing to Georgia by such a large margin was not a good feeling," said Tech coach Bruce Heppler.

Tech, the defending tournament champion, could not duplicate last season's success at the 7,057-yard, par-72 Vista Vallarta Golf Club. Leading the Jackets was senior Bryce

Molder whose 5-under par performance (72-68-71-211) was good for 4th place. Molder was the only Tech golfer to finish under par.

Matt Weibring and Troy Matteson joined Molder in the top 20, Weibring finishing in 16th place after a 2-over par performance (71-68-79-218). Matteson's 3-over 219 total gave him a 20th place finish.

Despite the distant second place finish, Heppler has been satisfied with the Jackets' current play.

"After Hawaii (Waikoloa Intercollegiate) they team started playing with more resolve and to the level they are capable of," said Heppler.

Northwestern's Luke Donald was the individual winner in Puerto Vallarta, shooting a 14-under 202 total (70-67-65-202). His performance set the record for lowest 54-hole score in Northwestern history, bettering his own record of 204 set last season in the same event. Donald's performance was unable to help the Wildcats in the team standings as they left the clubhouse with a 27-

over par team score.

ACC rival Clemson finished right behind Tech in a tie for third with Arizona State. The Tigers, ranked 3rd in Golfweek's Collegiate Golf Rankings, shot a 10-over par 874.

The Collegiate Championship will be televised on a tape-delayed basis on ESPN this Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and Sunday from 3-5 p.m.

Tech continues to hold the second spot in the rankings, one behind UGA. Molder, who has been ranked first in the individual rankings all season, continues to hold the top spot this week. Matteson is ranked 27th, and senior Wes Latimer is ranked 83rd.

Tech heads to Orlando next week-end for the ACC Championships at Walt Disney World's Magnolia Course. The course, home to the PGA Tour's Oldsmobile Classic since 1971, will be familiar ground to several Jackets who have played on the course in the American Junior Classic. Molder will defend the individual title he earned in last year's ACC Championship at the Old State North Club in North Carolina.

Club sport spotlight: GT Cycling takes 4th overall in SECCC

By Emily Cavender
Campus Life Staff

Finishing up a successful season, the members of the Tech Cycling Team competed in the last qualifying conference of the 2000-2001 season on April 7 and 8. Rallying from a 12th place finish last year, the team concluded the season in a much-improved 4th place position.

Competing in four categories, Downhill, Dual Slalom, Cross Country and Time Trial, members of the cycling team garnered enough placings to thrust them into a fourth place standing within the Southeastern Collegiate Cycling Conference (SECCC), beating out such

rival teams as UGA, Emory and Georgia State.

"We wanted to increase our standing within the SECCC and increase the publicity surrounding the team," Richard Chu, GT Cycling President, said. "A lot of student's don't know a cycling team exists at Georgia Tech."

In a surprise turnabout, Brian Nelson finished in the top half of Class A Downhill in his first year as a member on the team. Nelson was riding the team "Turner." Richard Chu, president of GT cycling, would finish 2nd in Class B Downhill.

Continuing his success, Nelson took home 1st place in Class B Dual Slalom while his teammate, Joey

Koblasz, finished right behind him for 2nd place.

On a winning streak, Daniel Talcott placed 6th in Class B Cross Country while his teammate, Adam Helmes finished 7th.

Not to be outdone, Lisa Ropke the only female GT Cyclist at the conference, finished second in the Women's Cross Country and ended with the highest point accumulation of any female rider.

Although the team is dominated by mountain cyclists, Daniel Talcott also competed in the Georgia State Road Ride, occurring simultaneously as the Clemson Conference, and finished second in Class B Road Cycling.



Photo courtesy of GT Cycling / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
GT Cycling teammate Matt Leach did his part at last weekend's Clemson event to help the team take fourth place in their conference, the SECCC.

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Golf at US Collegiate

How did Tech and Senior Bryce Molder finish in last weekend's US Collegiate Golf Championship? **Page 39**



2001 Spique awards highlight golf, basketball

Best Male Athlete

Finalists:

George Godsey
Junior, Football

The unheralded redshirt-junior signal-caller from Tampa, Florida filled Joe Hamilton's shoes admirably. Godsey, named second-team ACC, threw for 2906 yards and 23 touchdowns while committing only 6 interceptions. He led Tech to a last-second victory on the road against No. 4 Clemson and to Tech's most convincing victory over Georgia in 10 years.

Alvin Jones

Senior, Basketball

The first-team All-ACC Center and four-time All-ACC Defensive Team member is the career leader in blocks at Tech and one of only two Jackets to have 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. He thrived under new coach Paul Hewitt, and is expected to be a first-round draft pick in the upcoming NBA Draft.

Bryce Molder

Senior, Golf

Molder, the top golfer in the country last year, is currently dominating the Golfweek rankings again this season. Already a three-time All-American, Molder is a solid bet to become Tech's second four-time All-American. Last season he led Tech to a runner-up finish at the NCAA Championship and has already compiled three number one finishes this season.

Winner: Bryce Molder

It's ironic that Tech's best athlete is also the least watched. That should change in the next

few years as Molder will likely join Tech stars David Duval and Stewart Cink on the PGA Tour.

Best Female Athlete

Finalists:

Niesha Butler
Sophomore, Basketball

The 1999 ACC Rookie of the Year rebounded from a torn ACL that caused her to miss most of last season to garner 3rd Team All-ACC Honors. Butler led the Jackets in scoring and was 6th in the ACC with 15.6 ppg. Butler has also led Tech in steals with 53.

Kyleen Bell

Junior, Volleyball

The Californian led Tech to a share of the ACC Regular Season Title and earned Academic All-American and 1st team All-ACC Honors. Bell, who maintains a 3.95 GPA, was the starting middle blocker for the Jackets averaging 3.71 kills and 1.03 blocks per game.

Kele Eveland

Freshman, Volleyball

The ACC Rookie of the Year, NCAA East Region Rookie of the Year, and All-District performer finished second in the league with 13.01 assists per game while contributing to the Jackets' 17.45 kills per game, 14th in the NCAA.

Winner: Kyleen Bell

The best is yet to come for Bell and the volleyball team. They return five starters to a team that finished 20th in the country in the RPI rankings and will be the

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The 2001 Spique awards honor athletes, coaches and sports that have made the largest contribution to Tech athletics in their field. Categories include Best Male Athlete, Best Female Athlete, Best Newcomer, Best Team and Best Coach.

Women's Tennis splits ACC matches

The No. 37 Georgia Tech women's tennis team, now 11-8, defeated Clemson 5-2 but lost to Florida State 6-1 in a pair of ACC contests last week.

In the Jackets' away battle with the Tigers Tech took four of the six singles matches including wins in the number one and two spots.

Debbie Reynolds rallied to defeat Clemson's Anna Savitskya in a three-set victory (0-6, 6-4, 7-4) in the number one spot and Jaime Wong handled Christina Oldock (6-3, 7-5) in a two-set match at the number two.

Wins by doubles partners Laura Ozolins/Wong and Mason Miller/Fallon Koon brought Tech's total to five. Ozolins and Wong defeated Tigers Oldock and Ana Stiglic 8-3 and Miller and Koon took Anna Dolinska and Milena Stanoycheva 8-6.

The balance of Tech's points came from wins by Miller and Ozolins in the five and six spots respectively for the Jackets. Miller defeated Dolinska 6-0, 6-0 and Ozolins topped Laurence Jayet 6-3, 4-6, 7-5.

In their contest with FSU Ozolins captured the only point for the Jackets. Her victory came in the No. 6 spot against the Seminoles' Marina Raic (6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (5)).

The Jackets' final regular season matches come at home against Duke at noon Saturday and with North Carolina at noon on Sunday.

Baseball sweeps Southern, takes two from Blue Devils



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Richard Lewis hit 2-for-4 in the Jackets' Wednesday contest with Georgia Southern. The hits give Lewis a .386 average in his 36 appearances this season.

By Derek Haynes
Assistant Sports Editor

Freshman hurler Kyle Bakker (1-0) struck out 11 batters in his first career start as Tech cruised to a 12-6 win over Georgia Southern (22-14) Wednesday afternoon at Russ Chandler Stadium.

Victor Menocal, Jason Perry, and Brad Stockton all homered as Tech (28-8) swept the Eagles in the two-game set.

Bakker pitched six innings, allowing four runs on six hits. His 11 strikeouts were the most by a Tech starter in the 2001 campaign.

Menocal was the first Jacket to send a Scott Tolbert (1-2) pitch over the outfield wall. His two-run blast in the bottom of the third was his third homerun of the season. Perry hit his team-leading eighth homerun in the third, a two-run blast, to give the Jackets a 6-2 lead.

Georgia Southern cut the lead to 8-6 in the top of the seventh, but a two-run Stockton homer, his fifth of the season, moved the score to 10-6. Perry and Jon Henry Kail each

had RBIs in the eighth to give the final 12-6 margin.

The Eagles mounted a charge in the top of the third after Scott Henley's eleventh homerun of the season, a solo shot, and an RBI ground out off the bat of Chris Walker cut the Jacket lead to 3-2. However, Tolbert was unable to keep the Jackets at bay. Tolbert lasted only 4.0 innings, surrendering seven runs on nine hits while striking out six.

Menocal, who has steadily improved at the plate each season, went 4-5 in the contest to raise his average to .409. The junior from Gainesville, Ga. hit .329 last season and only .195 his freshman year.

Second baseman Richard Lewis, designated hitter Bryan Prince, Perry, and Stockton all had two hits in the game.

Tuesday's win against the Eagles started on a bad note as injury-plagued starter Brian Sager was pulled after only one inning. Sager, who pitched well in his last start against Georgia State, has been hampered by soreness all season.

Tech was in trouble all game against Georgia Southern, but

a two-out RBI single by junior center fielder Wes Rynders in the bottom of the eighth gave the Jackets a 5-4 lead over the Panthers.

The Jackets trailed 4-2 heading into the seventh inning, but a Rynders triple and a Lewis RBI groundout trimmed the margin to 4-3. After Tech's freshman hurler Matt Lorenzo (3-0) held the Panthers scoreless in the top of the eighth, Perry led off with a single, took second on a wild pitch, and then scored on a Stockton RBI double to knot the game at 4. Stockton moved up to third on a Tyler Parker flyout, and then scored on Rynders' game winning single to give the Jackets the final 5-4 victory margin.

Georgia Southern jumped out to a 4-1 lead thanks to three runs in the fourth off freshman Matt Lorezon (3-0), who got the win in relief. The right-hander pitched seven innings allowing four runs, two earned. Closer Jeff Watchko picked up his fifth save of the season and lowered his team-leading ERA to 1.29.

Menocal led the Jackets in hits again with three. Lewis,

Perry, and Rynders each had two hits in the opening game of the series.

Over the weekend, the Jackets took 2 of 3 from Duke. After dominating the Blue Devils 9-2 on Friday, Duke snuck past the Jackets 8-7 on Saturday before Tech pounded the Devils again 13-3 on Sunday to salvage the series.

In Tech's 13-3 win Sunday, seven Tech batters had two hits as the Jackets hammered the Devil's for 16 hits and 13 runs.

Junior starting pitcher Kevin Cameron (5-1) got the win for the Jackets, pitching six innings allowing three runs, none of them earned, and striking out five.

Freshman Matt Murton, who hit two home runs in the same inning against Georgia State last Wednesday, hit his fifth home run of the season and also added a double. Third baseman Brian Jackson, Perry, and Menocal all had 2 RBIs in the win.

In Saturday's loss, Tech fell behind 8-3 and rallied for four

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