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for the Jackets in the last 7:14 of the game, when this defense held Tech to two field goals and forced six turnovers.

Center Celia Anderson also played a huge part in the Razorback victory. She scored 10 second-half points off the bench, and didn’t even play in the game until there was 13:13 remaining in the game. The 6’1” junior made her presence felt immediately upon entering the game, however, by quickly scoring four baskets, including two three-point plays, in her first five minutes. Her final bucket gave the Pigs a 58-54 lead with 8:38 to go.

The Jackets rallied briefly to take a 58-57 lead on two free throws by Nina Barlin with 7:14 remaining in the game, but Arkansas answered with 10 points of its own on six free throws by Brandi Whitehead and a pair of layups by Lonniya Bragg for a 68-59 advantage.

Worn down by the Razorback pressure defense, Tech could come no closer than seven points after that, managing field goals from Alex Stewart and Danielle Donehew and five free throws from Barlin. Arkansas put the game away by hitting 14 of 18 free throws in the last

seven minutes.

“Arkansas’ defense just took us out of it,” said Coach Berenato. “It was like a blitz with their man-to-man. We weren’t able to penetrate and break the perimeter.

“Physically, we were not able to handle Bragg and Anderson [in the second half]. They had several pounds on us in the post. Arkansas did a nice job. I’m proud of our team. We have a very young team, but we’re happy to have gotten this far,” she continued.

Bragg led five Razorbacks in double figures with 18 points, hitting 9-for-9 from the field. The other four all came off the bench, including India Lewis with 14, Dana Cherry with 12,

Whitehead with 11, and Anderson with 10. Arkansas shot 53.8 percent for the game, including 57.1 percent in the first half as the Razorbacks shook off an 11-2 start by Tech to lead 35-34 at the break.

Barlin paced Tech with 16 points, while Amy Lingenfelter scored 10 and Milli Martinez came off the bench to add 12.

Even though they didn’t accomplish their goal of winning the WNIT title, the team can walk proud, following a season to remember.

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Head Coach

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Junior Brad Stockton ended up being the winning run in the game, crossing the plate on a throwing error by Carolina’s Matt McCay with one out. Stockton was in scoring position to start with as the result of another Carolina error. With the score knotted at 7-7, Stockton led off the inning by reaching on a throwing error by first baseman Ryan Earey, which allowed him to advance to second base.

After Lewis struck out, Tar Heel reliever Derrick DePriest issued Teixeira a free pass. Bryan Prince then singled to right, allowing Stockton to score when McCay’s errant throw home sailed past catcher Dan Moylan.

Freshman Jeff Watchko improved his record to 2-0, as he came on in relief of Ben Sheeter. He only allowed one run in his 3-1/3 innings of work.

The middle game of the UNC series was a classic blowout. Luckily, it was in the Jackets’ favor, as they embarrassed the Heels by a score of 16-3. Prince went 4 for 4 in the game, and drove in four runs on the day.

The Tech outburst began with the Tar Heels leading 3-1 in the bottom of the third. An RBI single by Prince and a two-run double by Rynders gave the Jackets a 4-3 lead, and they never looked back.

The sixteen runs posted by the Jackets in the game were the most that Tech has scored in its long his-

tory against Carolina, topping a fifteen run output in the opening round of last year’s ACC Tournament.

In Friday night’s opening game against UNC, southpaw Cory Vance was the story. He put in eight innings of work, and allowed just three runs on four hits, while chalking up a career-high 14 strikeouts. The vic-

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tory, which pushed his record to 4-1 on the season, led the Jackets to a 5-4 win over the Heels.

Two of the Yellow Jacket runs came off the bat of Parker in the form of a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth. The Heels were knocking on the door in their half of the ninth, but Kevin Cameron and Mitchell were able to slam the door.

Head coach Danny Hall, not surprisingly, is pleased with the performance of his team of late.

“I think our whole team improved last week,” he said. “We got contributions from a lot of differ-

ent people, and we played much better defense. There were a lot of big plays defensively, including three great catches by Jason Basil. I thought there were a lot of positive signs last week. Every game counts, whether a team is ranked or not, and we need to keep playing well.”

The Jackets will be in action again at 7 p.m. at Russ Chandler Stadium tonight in another three-game ACC series, as they take on Duke. Saturday’s game will be played at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday’s game will kick off at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday night’s game will be broadcast on Fox Sports Net South.

Duke (8-19, 0-3 ACC) took two of three from Brown last weekend after being swept in its initial ACC series by Florida State two weeks ago.

“Every series in the ACC is important,” said Hall. “With this series against Duke this weekend, we can get off to a really great start in the league.”

Vance is expected to get the start for Friday’s game, and will be looking to top his 14-strikeout performance from last Friday night.

Parrott is expected to get the nod for Saturday’s game, and Sheeter will take the mound on Sunday.

Tech has done well against Duke in the past. The two teams have met 70 times, with the Jackets winning 22 of the last 26 games against the Blue Devils. In his tenure at Tech, Coach Hall has led his team to a 16-4 record against Duke, with two of those losses coming in the ACC Tournament.

Full-squad track team to take part in Florida Relays

By Thomas VanWagenen
Doesn't like the situation, either

The full Georgia Tech track squads will be in action for the first time this outdoor season at the Florida Relays this weekend at Gainesville, Fla.

Tech took a limited contingent to the Auburn Springtime Invitational last weekend but still came away with first place finishes by sophomore Aaron Sink in the 400-meter hurdles and freshman Keith Schuler in the long jump, while sophomore Mishanta Reyes and freshman Jessica DeFreitas finished one-two in the women's long jump.

"Georgia Tech is the only school, other than Florida, that has attended the Florida Relays every year since its inception," said Tech men's head coach Grover Hinsdale.

"This will be our first outdoor meet with the entire team, but if the weather cooperates, it's not too early to post some good performances," he continued.

Hinsdale looks for a strong showing from junior Clayton Porter in the high jump in his first competi-

tion since earning indoor all-America honors. Other top performers for the men's team include senior all-America Michael Johnson and sophomore Bryan Swarn in the 400 meters; freshman Brendon Mahoney in the 800 meters; junior Chris Sinotte in the javelin; and senior Malcolm Leason in the triple jump.

Women's head coach Alan Drosky was impressed with the performance of DeFreitas, who finished second in the long jump and 100 meters in her first outdoor meet.

Sophomore Sara Pardue, an indoor all-America in the 800 meters, will compete outdoors for the first time in the 800 meters and relays. Senior all-America Becky Megesi will run the 1500 meters and relays.

Other standouts who will compete for the first time outdoors include sophomore middle distance runner Nicole Campbell and junior sprinter Alisha McClinton. In the hurdles, Reyes, senior Ayana Grant, junior Nikole Jeffery, and sophomore Tosan Osaigbovo look to build on strong performances last weekend.

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Grover Hinsdale
Men's head coach

Men's tennis team prevails against Furman

By David Carl
Doing the math

This week has been one of mixed emotions for the men's and women's tennis teams.

Third-ranked Georgia defeated the 28th-ranked Tech women's tennis team, 9-0, Tuesday at the Bill Moore Tennis Center. Georgia, which is now 11-0 against Tech, improved its record to 12-1, while the Yellow Jackets fell to 9-3 overall.

Georgia's eighth ranked Aarthi Venkatesan beat Tech's Sabrina Pardo in the No. 1 singles spot 6-3, 6-2 to clinch the win for the Bulldogs.

A bright spot for the Jackets was the play of Bobbi Guthrie in the No. 2 singles spot who battled seventh-ranked Esther Knox before falling 7-5, 6-4.

In doubles, Sabrina Pardo and Bobbi Guthrie fell to Georgia's ninth ranked pair of Marissa Catlin and Lori Grey, 8-4, in the No. 2 match.

On Wednesday, the men's team took out visiting Furman, as Romain Coirault came back after losing the second set to beat James Moeckel 6-1, 3-6, 6-3 and clinch the win. The win over the Paladins (13-9) is the fourth in the last five matches for the Jackets (6-7, 1-1 ACC).

Georgia Tech started the afternoon by sweeping doubles play. Jack-ets Tim Bibby and Coirault defeated James Cameron and John Chesworth 8-4 in the No. 1 spot. Tech's pairs of Jason Jeong and Sergio Aguirre



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The men's tennis team added a bright spot to this week by defeating Furman on Wednesday following Georgia's defeat of the women's team.

and David Wright and Roger Anderson grabbed the other two wins to get the point.

In singles play, Roger Anderson made quick work of the No. 3 spot, beating Paladin Drew Parker 6-2, 6-1. Robert Wright also got a singles victory over Patrick Gaughan

6-3, 6-4. The men will look to take their winning momentum into the ACC, where they will be in action again next Tuesday at home against Clemson. The match will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Attend one GT tennis match this year.



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS
Second baseman Beth Warren has been productive for the Jackets thus far, and looks to lead them to success this weekend in the Buzz Classic.

Busy week continues for softball as they prepare for Buzz Classic

By David Carl
Slam-dunking

This has been a busy week for the Yellow Jacket softball team, as they have already hosted games against Maryland and Connecticut, to prepare for the annual Buzz Classic that takes place this weekend.

In their Atlantic Coast Conference opener, Georgia Tech (15-18, 0-2) dropped two games to visiting Maryland (14-13, 2-0) softball team by scores of 7-3, and 9-5.

Georgia Tech’s offense struggled all afternoon as they left 18 runners on base and ACC batting and RBI leader Anne Knobbe went 0-for-5 with runners in scoring position on the afternoon.

The Yellow Jackets kept the game close with a tie score through five innings at one run a piece.

But the Terrapins would take the lead with two runs in the top of the sixth behind two critical Yellow

Jacket errors and on an RBI single by Annmarie Browne. Maryland blew the game open in the top of the seventh, adding four runs on five hits, including a home run by Michelle Burrell.

Georgia Tech would mount a charge by placing two runs on the board in the bottom of the seventh, behind a two-run home run by Erin Hawley, but it did not prove to be enough. Tiffany Goodman (7-10) received the loss for the Yellow Jackets as she gave up seven runs on twelve hits and struck out three.

Game two saw the Terrapins jump out to an early three run lead as Beth Radford belted a three run home-run in the top of the first. Maryland added to their score in the top of the fourth by posting four runs on five hits.

Tech got on the board in the bottom of the fourth and fifth scoring one in each inning receiving two-out RBI singles from Ellen Styer

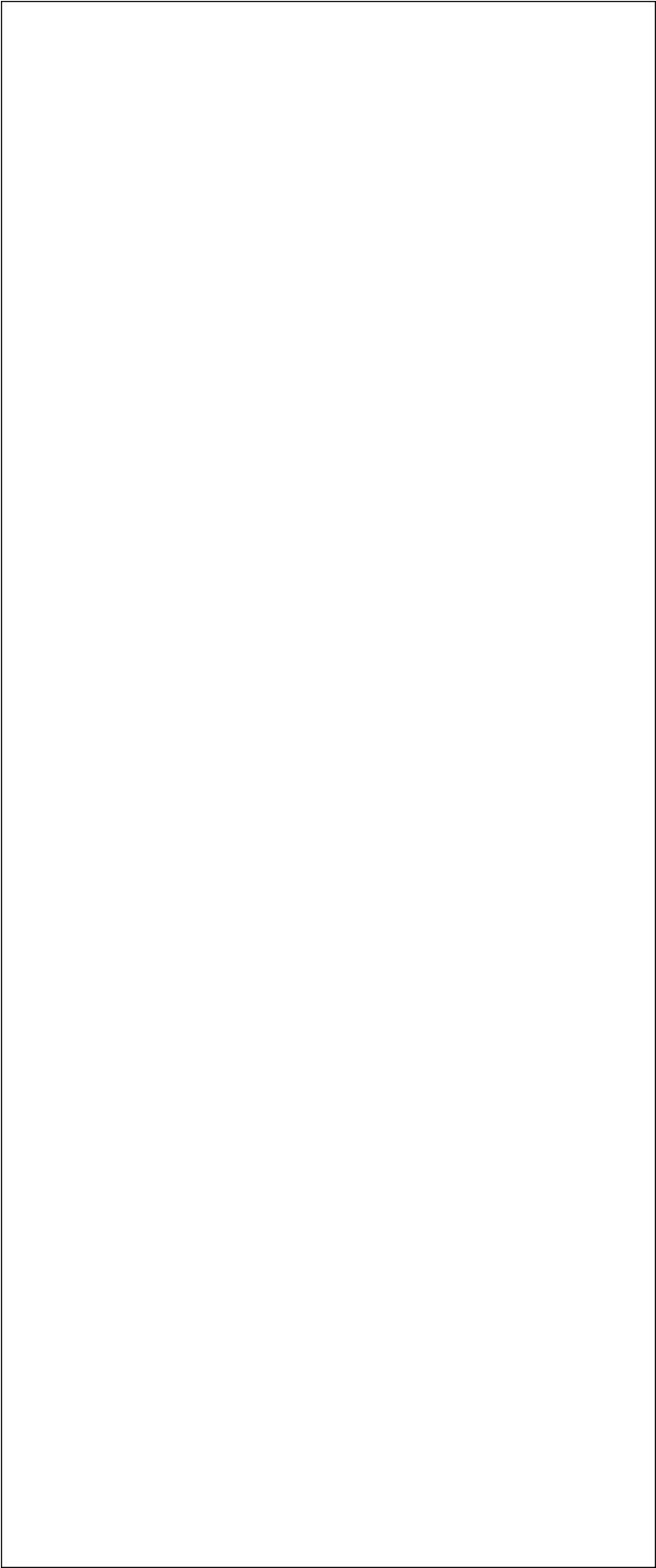
and Lindsay Wood. The Terrapins put the game out of reach by adding two runs in the top of the seventh off of a two-run dinger by Jillian Callaway.

The Yellow Jackets added three runs in the bottom of the seventh with RBI singles from Styer, Lindsay Wood and Lauren Schwartz.

In Wednesday’s game against Connecticut, the Jackets couldn’t buy a run, and were shut out on three hits by a 5-0 score.

The eighth annual Holiday Inn Buzz Classic, featuring 25 teams from across the nation, is set to begin at 3 p.m. on Friday, as the Jackets will take on Marshall, followed by an 8 p.m. matchup against the College of Charleston.

They will meet Florida A&M at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, and will complete pool play against Tennessee Tech at 5:30 p.m. All games will take place at the Al Bishop Softball Complex in Marietta.



Tech starts spring practice with their eyes open for a quarterback

By Seth Andrews
This year's Cinderella story

The Georgia Tech football squad started spring practice last Monday with many questions to answer, but the main issue that needs to be resolved this spring is who will replace mighty Joe Hamilton.

Four quarterbacks are in contention for the job, but only one of them, junior George Godsey, has seen time under center. Sophomore Jermaine Crenshaw, who caught three passes last year at wide receiver, will get a chance at his old position. Redshirt freshmen Andy Hall and Brian Camp are the other two candidates.

The inexperienced quarterbacks will have plenty of help at the other skill positions on the offensive side of the ball. All-ACC performer Kelly Campbell returns for his junior year at the flanker position, where he broke all of the Tech single season receiving records last year. He will get double teamed just like Dez White was last year, and will have to get some support from the other receivers. Penciled in opposite Campbell is senior Jon Muyres. Muyres will be playing his second year at wide receiver, even though he is a senior. He is backed up by sophomore Kerry Watkins, who developed into a third down threat with great hands. Speedy sophomore Will Glover looks to make a huge impact after having his coming out party against UGA last season, catching the game-tying touchdown strike.

The tailback position is almost overloaded with talent, but depth is very important if last year was any indication. Sean Gregory is the

leading returning rusher, but he started out the season as the third string man, but was called into service after Joe Burns and Phillip Rogers went down with season ending injuries. Burns returns from a broken ankle, and gets a second crack at a sophomore season after receiving a medical redshirt. Both Burns and Gregory have the size to play fullback, and will get some snaps there during spring practice.

At the fullback position, Ed Wilder returns for his senior campaign. Wilder, a true workhorse, is being held out of spring drills so that his knees can heal from off-season surgery. Sophomore Gary Johnson, an intimidating blocker, will get most of the snaps during spring.

The other big question on the offense is the offensive line. Only two starters return from last year's outstanding squad return. Tackle Chris Brown is an All-American candidate, and he anchors the line from the left tackle spot. The other returning starter is Brent Key, who is entering his fourth year as a starter.

The other positions are up in the air. Two freshmen, Clay Hartley and John Bennett are tops on the depth chart at left guard and right tackle respectively. Senior David Schmidgall is the starter at center, and he is competing with Hugh Reilly for the starting position. The offensive line also has a new coach to get acclimated with. Mac McWhorter returns to for his second tenure at Tech.

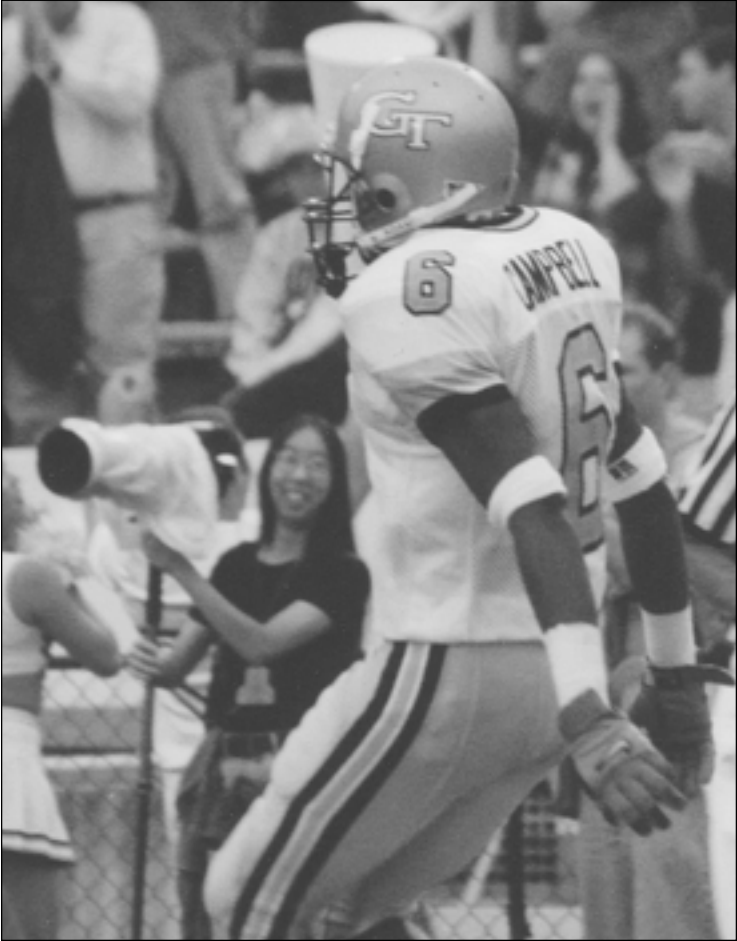
For the first time in four years, the defense has the same coordinator for two years in a row. Ted Roof returns looking to improve on last year's squad, which was used and abused by any and all comers last

year, but did stiffen when the games were on the line. Nine starters return on Roof's defense, with a year of experience under their belt that will pay dividends in the fall.

The biggest offseason news occurred when the decision was made that linebacker Matt Uremovich would not play football anymore due to his spinal cord injury. Matt Miller returns to the starting lineup at middle linebacker, after missing last season recovering from a torn ACL suffered in the 1998 game against UGA. Ricardo Wimbush returns at the outside backer position after leading the team in tackles last season. Junior Cody Price, a transfer from Arizona State, is listed on the first team at the other outside position, but he will get stiff competition in the fall from highly touted recruit Hobie Holiday.

The secondary returns three of the four starters from last year. Junior safety Chris Young returns as the leader of this squad. Sophomore Jeremy Muyres returns at the free safety, where he started the final seven games of the season and played well as a freshman. Sophomore Marvious Hester returns at one corner spot, while Jamara Clark returns to the other corner spot, his third year as the starter. Cory Collins is the nickel back, and has the talent to contend for a starting position.

On the defensive line, sophomore Greg Gathers has moved inside to the tackle position. He was by far the most dominant player in the line from the end position, and will meet new obstacles as an undersized defensive tackle. Nick Rogers moves back to defensive end, after splitting time between outside linebacker and end last year. Jun-



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Kelly Campbell will be one of the many stars returning to next year's lineup who will attempt to overcome the loss of Joe Hamilton.

iors Merrix Watson and Guenter Kryszon will rotate at the other tackle position. Felipe Claybrooks returns for his senior season after a disappointing junior campaign. Claybrooks has been in the habit of not going full throttle the entire 60 minutes of a ball game.

All the kickers return, and they are all very skilled. Punter Dan Dyke would have led the ACC in punting but he did not have enough attempts to be listed, and he was also a first team Academic All-American. Kicker Luke Manget returns, the hero of the Georgia game, and all time single season leader in points.

Tech will have a tougher sched-

ule this fall with the addition of Virginia Tech as the first game. With the challenge of 2000 Heisman frontrunner Michael Vick on the horizon in the first game, the defense will have to mature much more rapidly than last year.

Over the winter, the defense was dedicated to getting bigger and stronger, and so far this spring have noticeably outplayed the offense, especially the defensive line. This spring will decide a lot on how this season will be, and so far it looks promising.

Are you as excited about next year's Georgia Tech football season as I am?

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Beesball to flaunt eight-game winning streak against Duke

By Mindy Wiggins
Lord!!!

Maybe it's the weather. Just when it started to look like Tech baseball was going to sleep, the alarm clock went off. They now find themselves riding an eight-game winning streak into this weekend's home games against Duke.

The most recent wins came from a two-game sweep of Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Both games were close, and the scores were decided by late-game heroics on Tech's part.

In the first game, sophomore second baseman Richard Lewis saved the day when he hit an RBI single up the middle with one out in the ninth inning on Tuesday night to lift Tech past ECU by a final score of 3-2.

Lewis had the fans at Russ Chandler on their feet before Tuesday night was over. Currently standing as the Jackets's leading hitter at .471, he went 3 for 5 in the game while driving in two RBI.

Given the fact that the final score was 3-2, it is pretty clear that some pitching was involved in this game, too. Freshman Phillip Perry made his first career start, and pitched 3-2/3 innings. He was also responsible for ECU's two runs.

After Perry left the game, Brad Busbin came on in relief, and

slammed the door for 4-2/3 shut-out innings. Junior Andy Mitchell was awarded the win, pushing his record to (3-0), after pitching a scoreless ninth and setting the stage for Lewis and company.

Wes Rynders also had an RBI in the game, driving in one in the second.

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in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift the Jackets over the Colonels by a final score of 5-4 on Wednesday night. The blast was Parker's sixth of the season, and lifted the Jackets to a record of 17-6 on the season.

Tech didn't waste any time getting on the board in this game. They jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning, courtesy of a sacrifice fly by Derik Goffena. The Colonels (8-12) matched with a run of their own in the

top of the third on an RBI single by Adam Basil. They would soon take the lead in the fifth on a solo home run.

The Jackets didn't stay down for long, scoring two in the sixth inning in the form of a Lewis RBI single and a Mark Teixeira RBI double. The Colonels tied the score at 3-3 in the top of the seventh, but Parker's blast put the game just out of reach in the bottom half of the inning. ECU plated one in the top of the ninth, but left the tying run at first to end the game.

Steve Kelly improved his record to 2-1 for the Jackets, working seven innings and allowing three runs and five hits, while racking up a career high 12 K's. Rhett Parrott picked up his first save of the season by pitching the final two innings.

The strong performance on the part of the Jackets against Eastern Kentucky might be a result of their three-game sweep of the second-ranked Tar Heels of North Carolina. They didn't accomplish the sweep in boring fashion, either.

In the last game of the series, which took place in the chill and rain that accompanied last Sunday, they pulled off an 8-7 victory in the bottom of the ninth inning. This game was like a see-saw, but Tech prevailed in the end.

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By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

First baseman Tyler Parker isn't letting anyone know that he's a freshman. He hit a two-run blast which led Tech to a 5-4 victory over Eastern Kentucky on Wednesday.

SPORTS BUZZ

Yellow Jacket baseball will be in action against the Duke Blue Devils for three games this weekend. Friday's game starts at 7 p.m., Saturday's game starts at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday's game begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday's game will be covered on Fox Sports Net South.

Tech's softball team will take part in the 2000 Buzz Classic Softball Tournament this weekend at the Al Bishop Softball Complex in Marietta. For information on tickets and directions, visit ramblinwreck.com.

Razorbacks destroy Jackets' hopes of WNIT win

By Mindy Wiggins
Hey, man

Well, it's been fun, but it's over with now. It's been a surprising season for the women's basketball team. Following a slow start and the loss of Niesha Butler early on, the fate of the 1999-2000 campaign seemed bleak. However, with the help of a record-setting point guard and her hard-working cohorts, the team managed to find itself playing in late March with the hopes of capturing the Women's National Invitational Tournament title.

Those hopes were spoiled on Tuesday evening, as the Jackets ended their promising season with a 78-67 loss to Arkansas in the WNIT quarterfinals. The loss brought Tech's final record to 17-14 on the season. The victory did the same for the Razorbacks.

As they have been for most of the season, the Jackets were hopeful entering the contest against the Razorbacks. They had every right to be; they were tak-

ing a five-game WNIT winning streak with them.

Tech won the 1992 WNIT by defeating three teams (Wisconsin Green-Bay, Nebraska, and Hawaii) in succession. They opened this year's tournament with wins against Southern Mississippi and Chattanooga.

The Jackets had even more of a reason to be confident going into the quarterfinals considering their road record of late. The 81-74 win over Chattanooga

in the second round of the WNIT marked Tech's seventh road win of the season, eclipsing the old mark of six that was set by the 1992-93 team.

"[The Razorbacks] are the

defending WNIT champions and have a lot of postseason experience. We know we have to go in and play strong... We are focused on trying to win the WNIT title. We are happy for this opportunity and are happy to still be playing," commented head coach Agnus Berenato.

Thus, it comes as no surprise that Tech entered Tuesday night's game expecting to win against the defending WNIT champi-



By Dale Russell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Despite a strong effort, the women's basketball team was unable to hold off Arkansas in the quarterfinals of the WNIT on Tuesday.

ons. However, their expectations fell short, as the offensive balance that the Jackets have been relying on couldn't match up against the Arkansas defense.

The Razorback defense turned out to be the story of the game. The icing was put on the cake

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