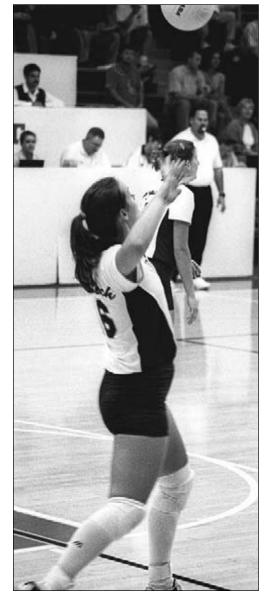
## Lady Jackets pre-season favorites



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS ACC Rookie of the Year Kele Eveland prepares to serve the ball in one of last year's home games. Kele will be an integral part of this year's team, which has a pre-season ranking of number one.

By Kevin Dewitt Special to the 'Nique

According to the pre-season coaches poll, Georgia Tech is the team to beat in ACC Volleyball. The Jackets received an overwelling majority of the nine coaches votes, collecting 80 points out of a possible 81. Tech finished the 2000 season tied for 1st place in the ACC with North Carolina, who collected 67 points in the pre-season poll. The Jackets will not lack experience, with five starters returning from last year's team.

"We are pleased to be the preseason favorite this year," says head coach Shelton Collier. "As we continue to establish ourselves as a top program, both within the ACC and across the country, it is very important to us that other coaches have a high opinion of our team. It means a lot to us to be thought of as the frontrunner."

Seniors Maja Pachale and Kyleen Bell, both of whom were first team All-ACC selections last year, head up this year's team. They are joined by sophmore Kele Eveland, who is coming off of a season in which she was named the ACC Rookie of the Year. Dore Pap and second team All-ACC selection Eida Mabry round off the returning starters. Collier added, "We have a

solid team returning with some excellent incoming freshmen, so our players have some very high expectations. We hope to get off to a great start in September and carry that momentum all the way through the season.'

### Create a Logo ACC Contest ACC holds contest to design 50th anniversary logo

The Atlantic Coast Conference recently announced a design contest that will be used to choose a logo for the Conference's 50th Anniversary Celebration. The celebration will be held throughout the 2002-2003 school year.

ACC Commissioner John Swofford explains the inspiration behind the contest. "The ACC 50th Anniversary Committee thought that it would be appropriate for the logo of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Atlantic Coast Conference be designed by someone from an ACC school."

Swofford continues, "Some of the most creative minds in the country reside on our campuses, and we'd love to have their quality of work represent our conference in this im-



portant celebration."

The contest will be open to students, faculty, and staff in the ACC's nine member institutions.

The designer of the winning logo will receive complimentary tickets to all of the 50th Anniversary Events. Among the events are the 2003 ACC Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments.

Entries into the contest must be postmarked by August 1, 2001. More information on this subject can be found at www.theacc.com.

## Jones drafted by 76ers in 2nd round

#### By Derick Stanger Sports Staff

This past Wednesday night, Alvin Jones became the latest Tech player to be promoted up to the ranks of the pros. Jones was drafted in the second round of the NBA draft by the Philadelphia 76ers with the fifty-seventh overall pick. He will join fellow Yellow Jacket Matt Geiger and will be playing behind centers Dikembe Mutombo, Geiger, and first round pick Samuel Dalembert from Seton Hall.

During his career Jones set a new Tech record with 425 blocks and finished second in Tech's history in rebounds. In his freshman year, Jones was selected to the All-ACC Freshmen team. Jones also holds the ACC record for double-doubles. This past year Jones set career highs in both rebounds and points, averaging 10.4 rebounds a game and 13.4 points per game while earning first team All-ACC honors. It was Alvin's presence in the lane that led Tech into its March Madness appearance this past year.

After his junior season Jones was seriously thinking of declaring himself eligible for the NBA draft. If he had declared himself, Tech might not have made their postseason appearance and without his powerful senior performance Jones possibly wouldn't have been as valuable in the draft.

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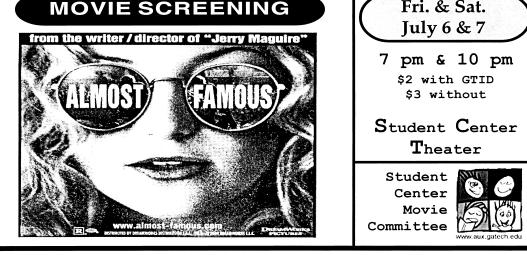
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## Former Tech talent diplayed in U.S. Open

**By Robert Cunningham** Sports Editor

Two weeks ago, Tech was represented by four former players in the 101st U.S. Open. The Open is one of the PGA's four major tournaments, joining the Masters, the PGA Championship, and the British Open. Former Tech stars Bryce Molder, David Duval, Stewart Cink, and Tripp Isenhour competed in the event. Molder played as an amateur, meaning that he was ineligible to receive any prize money.

The best performance among the Jackets came from Cink, who was able to finish third in the overall standings of the tournament at 3under-par. He missed making a playoff by only one-stroke, a fact that was magnified by his double-bogey on the final hole.

The championship slipped from Cink's grasp on the 18th hole, when he missed the two-foot putt that would have placed him in a playoff for the championship. "It's not like I wasn't trying to make that one," Cink said. "I just didn't feel like it was a crucial one. So it was very tough for me. I don't know. I can't really explain it. In that situation again, maybe I'll take a little more time." After missing the short putt, Cink quickly putted in and stepped aside so that Retief Goosen could knock in his winning putt. Goosen missed the putt however, forcing a playoff with Mark Brooks. Goosen went on to win the tournament in

the eighteen-hole playoff.

Cink remained optimistic after the tournament, despite the fact that he narrowly missed his first major title. "I learned that with a major championship on the line, going into the last round tied for the lead, that I can hang right in there," Cink said.

Other former Jackets did well in the tournament also. Duval played very solid, finishing the tournament tied for sixteenth at 4-over-par. His last major performance came at the Masters, ending in a exciting threeway duel between Duval, Tiger Woods, and Phil Mickelson. Woods won the duel, but Duval finished close, only two-strokes back.

As well as Duval and Cink, Molder turned in a solid performance. The recent graduate finished tied for 31st at 8-over-par. Molder did finish with the lowest score of any amatuer in the tournament. Had Molder been competing in the tournament as a professional, he would have made \$30,055 for his finish.

One interesting aspect of the tournament was the online diary that Molder kept, much as he did during his senior year at Tech. One of Molder's entries describes his experiences as he prepared for the tournament. "Well, today was a big day for me. I got to play with Phil Mickelson, Stewart Cink and the current U.S. Amateur champion, Jeff Quinney, who is a friend of mine," Molder wrote. He went on to describe how the foursome played a team round,



By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS The bleaches of Russ Chandler Stadium are torn down by a front end loader. The destruction is part of renovation plans designed to increase the seating capacity of the stadium.

with Mickelson and Quinney representing Arizona State, and Molder and Cink representing the Yellow Jackets.

Cink and Duval will be playing

in the Canon Greater Hartford Open this weekend. Cink won the tournament in 1997 for his first Tour title. He has played 19 consecutive rounds on the course in the 60s.

## Destruction of familiar walls sparks memories of games, records and regionals past at Baseball's Russ Chandler Stadium

#### **By Derick Stanger** Sports Staff

With all the noise and dust rising in the air from construction all over Tech campus, one may fail to notice what is occurring at Russ Chandler Stadium. Overshadowed by the development of the new engineering building, the stadium is being gutted from the inside out to make way for the future. While the actual ground breaking ceremony took place in early June, one could hardly tell that the stadium was being torn down until recently. However while the metal bleachers are being torn away from the infrastructure, the memories of the events that Russ Chandler housed will live on. This is the stadium and field that stayed with the jackets as they climbed out of the SEC and into the ACC so many years ago. It is the witness of the growth of the baseball program here at Tech. It was home to such greats as Nomar Garciaparra, Kevin Brown, and Jason Varitek. It was here for the few no-hitters pitched by Tech, a rare feat in college baseball. Russ Chandler Stadium welcomed in Jim Morris in 1982 and the rever"...the history of the game will echo throughout the hallways of the new home for Yellow Jacket baseball."

Derick Stanger Sports Staff

sal of Tech's woes. It continued to be the loving home throughout Morris's tenure in which Tech went 504-244-1 and greeted Danny Hall when he followed Morris into the winning column. From back in 1975 when Tech scored 41 points in a game up to 1999 when the Yellow Jackets managed to score fifteen runs in one inning, the stories will always remain on this hallowed ground. While the walls will be torn down off Ole Rusty, the history of the game will echo throughout the hallways of the new home for Yellow Jacket baseball. The new stadium is supposed to be finished by the start of the next baseball season, next February. The seven million dollar price tag that comes along with the stadium will be well worth every pen-



ny. However, because of the staduim's cost, season ticket prices have been increased from \$75 to \$100. While the old stadium was nostalgic, one of the elite teams of the nation deserves to have one of the elite facilities. Athletic Director Dave Braine stated that "Over the last decade our baseball program has been one of the best sports at Georgia Tech, and our players deserve a new stadium." More people will now be able to come to see each of Tech's home games. This new stadium will have five thousand seats. A fifth of those will be backed seats behind home plate. It currently only holds around three thousand people. Also the new stadium will have a new improved set of press boxes and suites making it easier for games to be televised and will allow more of the press to cover the games. Hopefully this will spread the image of Tech even farther than just the south. The concourse will also be a brand new design, extending it to the edges of the stands. There will be improved concessions and novelty shops.

All of which are great for the fans but it is the improvements for the players that are truly important. Some of these more pertinent aspects of this new stadium are within the stadium itself. There will be locker rooms, a players' lounge, an equipment room and a training room, some of which are not in the current stadium. These amenities should help the players out a lot in the future season. Coach Danny Hall said that he sees "this new stadium as the final thing needed to make our program complete as compared to the other top teams in the country." Here's hoping that fans will continue to support the Jackets in this new stadium in the same manner that they always have. Players and fans should both love the new stadium and perhaps it will help bring about what never occurred in the old stadium, a national championship season.

## Hewitt signs new five-year contract

Hewitt's contract, which includes an automatic one-year rollover at the end of each year, will provide him with a base salary of \$150,000 a year. Combined with his radio, television, and public speaking apperances, his compensation totals \$500,000 a year. In response to the contract, Hewitt said, "I'm extremely grateful for the faith that Georgia Tech, Dr. Clough and Dave Braine have shown in me." Hewitt's first year with the Yellow Jackets produced a 17-13 record, and the school's first NCAA tournament apperance in five years.

## Tech swimmers to compete at World Championships

Georgia Tech swimmers Leo Salinas and Shila Ayalon have been chosen to compete at the 2001 FINA World Swimming Championships and the World University Games. The swimmers just ended a season in which they led Tech to a third-place finish at the ACC Championships, the best finish in school history. The World Swimming Championships will be held from July 22-29, and the World University Games will be held from August 22-September 1.

## ABC sets 8 p.m. kickoff time with UGA

In the announcement of a por tion of their college televised schedule this week, the ABC network has announced that they will broadcast the Georgia-Georgia Tech game as part of their program. The kickoff time for the game has been set to 8 p.m. on November 24. This is the second Tech game picked up by ABC so far, as they will also be broadcasting the Kickoff Classic against Syracuse on August 26 at 2 p.m. The Jackets have five televised games so far, with ESPN broadcasting two Thursday night games against Maryland on October 11, and North Carolina on November 1. The fifth televised game is the Navy game which is being broadcast by Fox Sports South.

