

# Success of Hewitt, Jackets mark the "Best of Tech"

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The past year marked a change for the Tech community. After years of building new facilities and relationships, it was Tech's year to shine in the spotlight of many different avenues.

In the fall, Technology Square opened, and the city of Atlanta took notice. Then this spring, Tech proved it was more than just that engineering school in the South, when Coach Paul Hewitt led the Jacket basketball squad to a place in the NCAA championship game—a feat we had never before accomplished.

However, the best part about this accomplishment and the part that makes this year's Jackets and Coach Hewitt so special is that they achieved so much because of the "family"-type relationships that developed. And all along the way, Hewitt continued to shine as a national representative of Georgia Tech.

The success of this year's team brought the entire Tech community together in a way not seen in recent memory. We all cheered during victories, we all booed at bad calls and, most importantly, we were all proud. We were proud to call Hewitt and his Jackets "our team." And the *Technique* is proud to name them this year's "Best of Tech."

This issue marks the continuation of a new tradition started last year by the staff of the *Technique*. However, this year we have reached further in garnering actual input from the Tech community. We wanted to get everyone's opinion on what makes Tech—and the parts of Atlanta that the Tech community frequents—so great, which we did via our online survey. In addition, within the following pages, the *Technique* hopes to point out some of the areas where we all see a need for improvement. And lastly, we hope to provide some entertainment as you enter that last stretch of the semester. With those hopes in mind, we present to you the second annual "The Best (and Worst) of Tech."

#### Best news of the year

Readers' Pick: Technology Square opens Our Pick: Presidential candidates visit campus

In a somewhat slow year in terms of truly impactful campus news, the visits by three presidential candidates to our Insitute injected some of the excitement of national politics into our own community. While all three visitors were Democrats who would eventually go on to lose their party's nomination, they shed the spotlight on our Institute for a few moments, and they gave Tech publicity in a context it normally does not receive. So here's to Clark, Edwards and yes, even Kucinich, for making campus a little more exciting this year.

## Worst news of the year

Readers' Pick: State budget cuts hit Tech Our Pick: CRC drains student activity fee

With the creation of the new and improved Campus Recreation Center came the increased costs of operating the new state-of-the-art facility. The new personnel and other costs required to make the CRC functional increased the size of its budget to record levels, forcing the Student Government Association that allocates its funds to pinch the budgets of other student organizations. Without the expected funds, some of these student organizations will be force d to significantly alter their activities. While SGA made the best choices it could given the less-than-desirable circumstances, the manner in which the information was presented could have been better anticipated.

# Worst bet for an easy 'A'

Readers' Pick: HPS 1040 Our Pick: HPS 1040

"Total breeze" is how most students describe their high school health class when they arrive at Tech. These students are in for a rude awakening when they take HPS1040. To succeed in most sections of HPS1040, students need to both attend class and study hard for the tests—far more than one would expect from a two-hour course. There's a reason Health is winning this "award" for the second year straight: if you want an easy A, look elsewhere.

## Most active administrator

Readers' Pick: Gary May and Bob McMath
Our Pick: Gary May and Bob McMath

Though their offices are tucked away in the basement of the Carnegie Building, Executive Assistant to the President Gary May and Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs Bob McMath have been the most active administrators this year, and that's saying something during a year when Rosalind Meyers' leadership led to the opening of two brand new facilities in Technology Square and the Student Center Commons. McMath's "Speak Up" campaign and May's work on the grade substitution proposal will likely impact campus for years to come.

### **Best computer lab**

Readers' Pick: Library West Commons
Our Pick: Library West Commons

The Library West Commons sports the largest, most easily accessible computer lab on campus. Here sit dozens of sparkling new PCs loaded with every conceivable software application, and the lampshaped Macs provide a ready

alternative for Apple-loving gurus. As a bonus, around the corner is the latest in multimedia technology for video geeks. There is a short wait if you show up during normal work hours, but the most clever students will sneak down the hall to the auxiliary lab, where one or two stations are usually available.

# Worst computer lab

Readers' Pick: Student Center
Our Pick: Student Center

Sure, the Student Center has all those newfangled computers, but the lab's small size incurs a much greater wait time, even with those new walk-up stations with a ten-minute limit. And don't even think about trying to grab a workstation during midday if you have a class within the next hour. Printing can also be fun, with several student clustered around the one-page-per-ten-seconds machine while the other sits inoperative or out of paper. (And, of course, the person before you always has a 30-page job sitting in the queue.) This lab is best suited for masochists who love waiting in long, slow lines.

#### **Worst FASET scam**

Readers' Pick: The ratio is not that bad Our Pick: All housing is a nice as ULC

How many students said to their parents and friends after FASET, "Wow, the dorm rooms aren't as bad as I thought they would be"? FASET leaders don't explain to the incoming students that the "nice" rooms they stay in during the program are fought over tooth and nail every year by students wanting to avoid cramped, decrepit rooms and the communal showers found in the remaining dorms on this campus. The apartment-style dorms are available only to juniors who get housing or those with priority—a fact often spun during the summer scam.

#### Cheesiest Institute slogan

Readers' Pick: "Auxiliary Services Loves Students" Our Pick: "Open for Buziness"

Tech has a long history of cheesy slogans, like RHA's "We Know Where You Live," but some slogans are so bad they don't even manage to be funny. "Open for Buzziness," the name of the commemorative video of the GT-Auburn football game, is just plain awful. The slogan refers to the opening of the refurbished Bobby Dodd Stadium, where the game took place, but it comes off too cheezy by Tech standards, and most students fail to make the connection to Grant Field's reopening.

## Best campus make-out spot

Readers' Pick: Paul Meyer (Skiles) Garden Our Pick: Paul Meyer (Skiles) Garden

That little enclosure of green space that borders the East side of the Skiles building is Georgia Tech's secret garden. Tucked away beneath foliage and trees, most students forget that it's even there, but those who remember can detour through it and see, among other things, the young couples cuddled together lovingly on the park benches. What a wonderful place to go to kiss and caress your loved one without the disapproving stares of passersby. Granted, students can still peer through the tree branches from above, but most are usually too busy hurrying to their next class to notice anything below.

## **Best looking majors**

Readers' Pick: Management
Our Pick: Management

Maybe it's because they have a little bit more time on their hands to worry about fitness and fashion, or maybe there is something special in the water over at Technology Square. Whatever the case, the guys and gals that roam the halls of the College of Management are among the hottest you will find on Tech's campus, and given their majors, they are also probably some of the most fun as well. Next time you are looking for a man- or lady-friend or perhaps just some eye candy, stake out seat over on Fifth Street.

# Best place to study

Readers' Pick: Library Our Pick: Library Finding a place of solitude to study at Tech can prove to be a difficult task, as almost any student knows, so those who need an escape from the commotion of the daily rush can take refuge in the Georgia Tech library. Here, quiet is an unwritten rule and the walls block any outside noise. Plus the musty smell of old books simply adds to the building's peaceful quietness. (If this puts you to sleep, the lobby of the Flag Building with its characteristic white noise is an excellent alternative.) Another great feature is that the library has almost anything one would need on a night of studying. Whether its books, computers, individual desks, group tables, the help of a friendly librarian or a quiet corner to hide

## Worst place to study

Readers' Pick: Student Center Our Pick: Student Center

away, it can all be found in the library.

The Student Center, being the central hub of all student activity, is by far the least productive study environment on campus. Between the weekly movie and Pizza Hut traffic downstairs and the TV and music rooms upstairs, the beeps and clacks from the game room and the clatter and clang from the food court, and, of course, the hubbub of conversation from the multitudes of passing students, a student looking for a quiet place to study might be overwhelmed by the noise. The area attracts a hundred different distractions at any time of the day, so, unless you're one of those rare individuals who thrives on chaos and noise, don't even try studying anywhere near the Student Center if you want to pass your next test.

## Best student life event

Readers' Pick: GT at Six Flags Our Pick: GT at Six Flags

It's no secret that most students don't come to Tech because of its student life. However, this past year marked a new era with the establishment of the Student Life Fund and a renewed interest in improving student life at Tech. These efforts combined to put on Georgia Tech at Six Flags night last September. The event was a phenomenal sucess and attracted over half of the student body, a feat that most events don't even come close to matching. It proved that despite the diversity of our student body, large-scale student life events could be successful. Sure the lines were a little long but no longer than a normal day at the park. Thankfully, the event will likely become an annual tradition.

## **Best construction project**

Readers' Pick: CRC (SAC II) Our Pick: Student Center Commons

It's hard to top a construction project like Technology Square, which was last year's winner in this category. However, Tech administrators did a great job revamping some of the space left open by the bookstore's move. Although not everything is complete, the new Student Center Commons is quickly becoming a popular gathering place for the student body. Pandini's and the soon-to-open Jackets provide students and faculty with more dining options in the center of campus and the new flat screen TV viewing area is sure to attract its share of students. The new spaces and offices for student organizations that will open in the summer and fall will only make it better.

# Worst construction project

Readers' Pick: Atlantic Street pipe construction Our Pick: Atlantic Street pipe construction

There are a myriad of problems associated with the pipe contruction project on Atlantic Street, but the biggest one may be that no one really knows exactly what is going on. What we do know is that the project has grown from a small, metal-covered hole to a monstrosity that blocks student traffic in a key area of campus. Not only is it a major inconvenience, but it also creates a safety hazard as students are forces to walk in the street as the sidewalk is passable only on one side of the road.

# **Best bathrooms**

Readers' Pick:Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center Our Pick: Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center

The Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Cetner shows once again that Tech is entirely capable of building gorgeous facilities as long as they aren't meant to be used by students. The entire building from the ballroom to the bar is stunning, and the bathrooms are no exception: clean, tastefully decorated (unlike the mustard and maroon CoC), and with their nice ambiance, they arere almost worth checking out even if you don't need to use them.

## **Worst bathrooms**

Readers' Pick: Library Our Pick: Skiles Building

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Perhaps Skiles should get the title not only for the worst bathrooms, but also for the most confusing ones; there is no consistency in the bathroom configuration throughout the building, with each floor having a totally unique bathroom tucked into some hard-to-find nook. Furthermore, some bathrooms have a bizarre sign that prohibits showering. Considering how dirty and run down this building's bathrooms tend to be, many students would be hesitant to wash their hands there, let alone take a shower.

gender gap at this revered institute is already wide enough, so why make it worse by producing Tech clothing in a color that is clearly associated with girlish stereotypes? Then again, if this editorial board saw a guy wearing a pink Tech sweatshirt, maybe we would reconsider.

# Best thing the bookstore sells

Readers' Pick: Starbuck's coffee Our Pick: Tech booty shorts

If you're a girl, you either love them or hate them; if you're a guy—well, what guy doesn't enjoy having an excuse to have his attention drawn to a cute girl's rear end? Available in a variety of colors to suit each lady's

Worst thing the bookstore sells taste. And this one really does not Readers' Pick: Pink Tech clothing need any further explanation. Our Pick: Pink Tech clothing Worst smelling area Our sports editor said it first, on campus but what's up with pink Readers' Pick: Outside Tech clothing? We near Brittain have enough trou-Our Pick: Outside ble deciding what near Brittain There's nothing worse than, after having gone through the process of working up an appetite large enough to eat in Brittain dining hall on east campus, being greeted by the most putrid smell imaginable on your way to the The door. dumpster area on the side of the kitchcluding (but not en always seems to have a haze limited to) baby of stink surrounding it. Students are forced blue and lavender. to hold their breath and make a mad dash for the door or In addition, the risk inhaling a potentially fatal breath of air.

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#### Best green space on campus

Readers' Pick: Yellow Jacket park
Our Pick: Tech Tower lawn

The area by Tech Tower is one of the most picturesque spots on campus, and the grass there is no exception. The few benches and quiet atmosphere are perfect for studying, or just sitting and enjoying a sunny day. Though the area is a little small for running around or playing frisbee in, it's one of the few areas on campus where the grass remains perpetually green, no matter what time of year (though it's been rumored that artificial methods are used to keep it that way...)

### Worst green space on campus

Readers' Pick: Peters parking deck
Our pick: Peters parking deck

What can we say about this mass of concrete? Besides not being anywhere near a green space (unless you count the green of the poorly-kept tennis courts on the top level), it's a low topographical point on campus, which means that whenever it rains, the parking deck floods.

## Best form of campus transportation

Readers' Pick: Walking
Our Pick: Walking

Though the Stingers have improved a lot this year with the addition of new buses and Tech trolleys (now with GPS!), walking remains the best way to get around, especially since the busiest buildings on campus—Van Leer, Skiles, D.M. Smith, and the library, for example—aren't reasonably close to any main Stinger stop.

#### Best lecture hall

Readers' Pick: College of Management
Our Pick: College of Management

Although Management majors may have to walk a little farther than the rest of us to get class, once they arrive they definitely learn in style. The lecture halls in the COM building look like they belong in posh settings and not Tech. The chairs alone make going to class that much easier. Plus, what other school can claim to have flat panel moniters outside each lecture hall and classroom detailing the day's class schedule and any other pertinent information.

## Worst lecture hall

Readers' Pick: Old Architecture
Our Pick: Boggs-Chemistry

We're not sure if it's the uncomfortable seats, tiny writing surfaces, horrible echo, lack of natural light or the smell of chemistry experiments that put Boggs lecture halls at the bottom of our list. Perhaps it's a combination of all the above. But regardless of the cause, we don't think anyone will disagree that after a class in Boggs, you are bound to leave feeling as though your very soul has been sucked out of you.

## Worst pedestrian spot on campus

Readers' Pick: Bobby Dodd and Techwood
Our Pick: Fifth and Spring Street

This year, Fifth and Spring beats out the intersection of Bobby Dodd and Techwood as the place where a student is

most likely to be run over. As great as Technology Square is, the fact remains that it is bisected by one of the most heavily traveled streets in Midtown Atlanta. This means that not only do lots of cars zoom through the intersection at high speeds, but it's also an exit point for car-owning students who are looking to leave campus.

#### Best beard

Readers' Pick: President Clough Our Pick: President Clough

This superlative is indisputable—the Institute's President, Dr. Wayne Clough, has the best-kempt beard in all of campus. His pristine, snowywhite, soft-looking whiskers always appear as if they've come right from the freshly-sharpened blade of a barber. His characteristic beard has become almost as much of an icon of Tech as the Campanile.

## Best Tech tradition

Readers' Pick: Budweiser song
Our Pick: Stealing the 'T'

Though talk about stealing the 'T' is now more taboo than talking about ANAK, older members of the *Technique* staff still romantize the now-out-lawed tradition—especially since its occurance made for great headlines. Though newer than some Tech traditions—the first time a group of seniors took one of the letters off the Tower in 1969 to honor the retirement of then-President Ed Harrison—and now shunned by administrators and student leaders alike, it should none-theless remain a part of the Institute memory and tradition. It represents the inginuity in all Tech students, though the *Technique* now discourages any new attempts.

# **Worst Tech tradition**

Readers' Pick: RAT caps
Our Pick: RAT caps

Out of all the many traditions at Tech, only one is a tradition in name only: the RAT cap. All freshmen are given one only to put them in some obscure corner of their dorm room. No one wears these hats. After all, who wants to wear an extremely tight hat with the bill jutting out at a ridiculously perpendicular angle?

# Best place to park without a pass

Readers' Pick: Student Center parking deck Our Pick: Tech Parkway

Although the permit for the area is residential, the parking along Tech Parkway is anyting but. First of all, it is rarely if ever visited by those wonderful parking

trucks and their yellow envelopes.
And the spaces are almost never full. Although the area around the temporary entrance to the CRC may be booming at this point, the spots farther along towards Northside are almost always open. It's true that the walk to the center of campus is more than a small stroll, but if you are looking for a way out of

# Best dining hall meal

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Readers' Pick: Breakfast
Our Pick: Breakfast

way is the place to park.

The best dining hall meal by far is breakfast. There is a great variety of foods, from the traditional eggs and sausage to several different types of delicious pancakes, waffles and French toast. There is also an abundance of food for those running late to class, such as bagels and cereal. For those "lucky" enough to live on East who can enjoy Brittain's fine dining, the most notable breakfast offering is Diane and her delicious omelets. Although it usually means getting up a bit earlier for class, Diane's omelets have reinstated breakfast as the most important meal of the day.

# Worst dining hall meal

Readers' Pick: Dinner
Our Pick: Theme Meals

For a flashback to the good old days of elementary school, all you have to do is pop in for a bite at a dining hall "Theme Night." They usually include food that is even more saturated with fat and calories than normal dining hall fare, as well as loud, irritating music and someone's sick idea of "cute" decorations. Although most theme meals include one redeeming quality (REAL ice cream!), it's just not enough to balance the bad ones. In fact, some theme meals (namely the southern one) were downright insulting to what is truly considered "southern" cooking. Students from the south could deal without insinuations of being brought up in a hick or redneck environment.

## **Best Americanized burrito**

Readers' Pick: Moe's Our Pick: Moe's

Moe's wins our pick for best burrito over stiff competition including Willy's, Q-Doba and Chipotle. The fun-loving atmosphere, the clever names for menu items, the proximity of the Technology Square location and-most importantly—the quality of the food make Moe's the best place to grab some beans rolled in a tortilla with some combination of meats and veggies.

## Best on-campus restaurant

Readers' Pick: Junior's Our Pick: Tin Drum

Finally, a way to get Asian fare that's not delivery, or worse, the stuff they call Chinese food at the dining halls. Besides the colorful decor, you're sure to see at least one or two fellow students you know, either working there or having a meal. Though there are probably better Asian restaurants around,

the food is decent and entrees are reasonably priced at between \$6-8 dollars—definitely within a student's budget.

## Worst on-campus restaurant

Readers' Pick: St. Charles Deli Our Pick: St. Charles Deli

St. Charles must've been off his rocker to think that college

students would be willing to pay upwards of \$7 for a sandwitch with brand-name meats. If we're willing to eat the grade F mystery meat they use at Taco Bell (don't lie—you know you love it!) to save a few bucks, we'd certainly be willing to tolerate some generic sliced turkey. In addition, St. Charles is the furtherest "on campus"

dining establishment from the center of campus, so you can save yourself a few bucks and a few minutes.

# **Best Americanized Asian**

Readers' Pick: Doc Chey's Our Pick: Mama Fu's

You're greeted with a friendly "Welcome to Mama's!" walking through the door. That sweet asian aroma hits next. The variety of affordable noodle and rice bowls make this a favorite. Make sure to check out the pscyhadelic lime-green stylings of the bathroom. For a starter don't forget the potstickers, as they're seared to perfection.

## **Best 24-hour restaurant**

Readers' Pick: Waffle House Our Pick: Majestic Diner

It hasn't been closed since it first opened some time in the Paleolithic Era. Majestic Diner's décor is straight out of a fifties diner, probably because that's what it is, and they make a mean cup of coffee for those "Oh God, I've got class in an hour, and I haven't slept in two days" moments. It's the kind of late-night hang-out that you only see on television, and it's just down Ponce a little ways. Find a friend with a car next time you're up late and let the Majestic feed

your fatigue away.

## Best city concert venue

Readers' Pick: The Roxy Our Pick: The Roxy

The Roxy has the old theater nostalgia of The Fox with the acoustics of your living room. Whether the open floor is full of dancing or has been lined with seating for the more intimate shows, no artist with an ounce of talent can go wrong in this venue. More importantly, there's not a bad seat in the house. From the balcony, to standing room in the back, any show at The Roxy feels like its being played for you alone.

#### Best area movie theater

Readers' Pick: Regal Hollywood 24 Our Pick: AMC Parkway Pointe

> A short drive up I-75 from campus, AMC Parkway Pointe offers all the latest movies on about 16 screens. There is plenty of free parking, stadium seating and discounted prices with a student ID. Though similar to the Regal Hollywood 24 up I-85, Parkway Point wins this title because of its nearby restaurants and shopping; it is perfect for a first date, a night out with friends

or a snap decision for a midnight movie. Even for Lord of the Rings type movie mania, you will rarely have to fear a sellout since the most popular films are shown on multiple screens virtually around the clock.

### **Best coffee**

Readers' Pick: Starbuck's Our Pick: Starbuck's

For studying, socializing or relaxing with your favorite coffee drink, Starbucks is the place to be. There is a nearly limit-

less possibility of drink options to suit your mood and multiple locations close to campus. The Peachtree and 14th Street locations make you feel like you've taken a vacation from Tech, and the Technology Square Starbucks is always good for a quick caffeine fix. The atmosphere is laid back, even with the music and talking in the background, and the service is quick and friendly. The outdoor seating is especially nice during Atlanta's warm months. The best thing about Starbucks is that they sell gift cards. Have your parents buy you one; it's even better when it's free.



Readers' Pick: Jake's Our Pick: Jake's

As if we actually need to justify our choice. Jake's Ice Cream is where it's at. They've got the best—and most creatively named ice cream that you're likely to ever come across. While it's too bad the one on Howell Mill closed, just wait for the one to open near Rocky Mountain. And of course there is always the dependable Piedmont Road and Highland locations if you wish to indulge in the very near future.

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## Best neighborhood restaurant (East)

Readers' Pick: Willy's Our pick: The Vortex

If you wanna rock out with the best burger in town, then you'd best make your way on over to the Vortex on Peachtree. Seriously, dude, after a whole semester of Britain food, you owe yourself. Plus, the décor, something akin to a TGI Friday's in Hell, so perfectly skirts the line between cool and kitschy that it cannot help but be awesome. Moderately priced and walkable from campus, the Vortex serves up fun food in a unique atmosphere.

## Best neighborhood restaurant (West)

Readers' Pick: Fellini's

Our Pick: Figo The word pasta is just not descriptive enough to account for the endless combinations of fine Italian food available at Figo. Located near the intersection of Howell Mill and 14th Street, its nondescript exterior can fool you. The name of the game here is to pick your pasta then add a sauce. Don't compare this to Eats though, as whoever opens the can there isn't worthy to mop the floors at Figo. The bruschetta is definitely the highlight of the menu, but don't forget to reward your pallet with the sinful Tiramisu. While getting to Figo probably requires a car, it is still close enough to be considered "in the neighborhood."

## Best bar

Readers' Pick: Moondog's Our pick: Charlie G's

Tucked away on the corner of West Peachtree and 11th, this is the best place to go where nobody will know your name or even care for that matter. Unlike some other Tech bars, this place feels very relaxed and low key because there is no chance of running into your ex or your professor or that random person in your physics class you feel obliged to talk to. There's a good beer selection and a late night food menu for those much needed study diversions.

### Best mall

Readers' Pick: Lenox Square Our Pick: Lenox Square

Everyone who's anyone from Atlanta scurries to Lenox on the weekends. With its newest edition of the New York borne Bloomingdales there is no stopping this retail powerhouse. Whether you walk through the valet overhang and gawk at the millions of dollars worth of cars, stop at the Corner Bakery for a Kiwi Mocha or check out the latest plastic from the Apple store, there is an endless list of possibilities for even those with an aversion to shopping. Neiman Marcus will cost you a semester's tuition for just about anything, but if urbanchic is more your thing there is always Urban Outfitters. The food court has an endless selection, including the delicious California Pizza Kitchen.

## Best place to play trivia

Readers' Pick: Rocky Mountain Pizza Our Pick: Ribs 'n Blues

Tech Square's Ribs 'n Blues is the best place to play trivia for several reasons. It's advantage in terms of proximity is obvious. It also serves up great food and a variety of beers at reasonable prices and accepts Buzz Card for all purchaces except alcohol of course.

## Best Tech alumnus still

## in the pros

Readers' Pick: Nomar Garciaparra

Our Pick: Nomar Garciaparra NOMAH!!! That's what the Boston fans call Nomar Garciaparra, one of the only major leagues famous enough to be identified by first name only, and the Technique's favorite athletic alumnus. Nomar was the twelfth overall pick of the 1994 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox, and he was the unanamous rookie of the year in

# Best former Tech star turned media personality

Readers' Pick: Bobby Cremins Our Pick: John Salley

A member of the Yellow Jackets' basketball team that won the 1985 ACC title, Salley went on to become the 11th pick in the 1986 NBA Draft and won championships with the Pistons, Bulls and Lakers. In the fall of 2001, Salley joined Fox Sports Net as a contributor on their Best Damn Sports Show Period—one of the most irreverant sports shows on television.

# Best Intramural sport

Readers' Pick: Flag football

Our Pick: Dodgeball Who knew the IM department could come up with a sport that would excite more than bowling? In all seriousness, this old school "sport" is a throwback to the playground days that excited nearly everyone who

participated—and even some who just watched.

### Best sports story

Readers' Pick: Basketball team reaches championship game Our Pick: Basketball team reaches championship game

It's been quite a year in sports at Tech from a fantastic freshman emerging as a leader on the football field to the volleyball squad's enthralling run to Hawaii. As significant as these events were, nothing quite compared to the men's basketball team's run to San Antonio. From the opening round nailbiter against Northern Iowa to the championship game against Connecticut, the team captivated the entire Tech community. This Jacket squad returned to the Final Four for only the second time in school history and was the first to make it to the final game. However, the story was more than just a single game; it was a string of magical moments, on and off the court, that brought out the best in the Tech community.

# Best game atmosphere

Readers' Pick: Basketball

Our Pick: Volleyball Long before the men's basketball team was turning away students at the Coliseum, the women's volleyball team packed O'Keefe Gymnasium with the loudest sold-out crowds in the ACC. Boosted by the pep band and huge student support, volleyball games were the hottest weekend tickets last season. Events like "Jam the Gym," where thousands packed AMC for the matchup against rival Georgia, made new fans out of

> led the way with her exciting, aerodynamic moves. The team never disappointed their fans, winning match after match in thrilling fashion. By the end of the season, the team had made it as far as the Elite Eight in

even the most novice

sports fan. Kele Eveland

the Hawaii, and earned its spot in the record books for both Tech and the ACC.

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