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was a little unexpected.”

Despite this strong performance ,the men were just edged by Tennes-see, 129-112.

“The men came out on Thursday and swam exceptionally well,” Baron said. “If one or two races had gone our way the outcome of the race would be different.”

The following weekend the Jack-ets traveled up to Athens to face the Bulldogs on their home turf, and despite having to leave the comforts of home, this would turn out to be a very special meet for one of Tech’s athletes.

In her first collegiate competition, Elizabeth Stowe managed to put her name in the school record books, finishing fourth in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of just over ten minutes. She also won the 500-yard freestyle after breaking the five-min-ute mark. This time was the fourth best in school history.

“Elizabeth Stowe stood out [by] breaking a school record in the 1000-freestyle and was very close to her personal best in the 500-freestyle. Those were very solid and promising swims,” Baron said.

The women were also led by performances from Stephanie England, who had dual runner-up finishes in the one and three-meter springboard events, and Anna Saum, who finished second in the 100-yard backstroke.

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Seth Baron
Swimming and diving head coach

“I wasn’t 100 percent sure what to expect from our women because it was the first competition for them, but there were some individual performances that were very good.” Baron said. “I would’ve liked to be a little more competitive and a little more aggressive in our racing.”

Bishop, winning the 200-yard breaststrokes and finishing second in the 100-yard breaststroke, once again led the men, with Morgan putting in a solid effort, finishing second in the 500-yard and 1000-yard freestyle. Burkhardt also came through for the Jackets again with a first-place finish in the three-meter springboard event.

However these performances were not enough to help either the men’s or women’s teams. The women fell to the No. 2 Lady Bulldogs 164-119, and the men fell to the No. 6 Bulldogs 168-121.

This weekend, the Jackets will host an ACC Quad Meet with Florida State, Virginia Tech and Maryland. The meet will be held in the Georgia Tech Aquatic Center, which is a part of the Campus Recreation Center. Over the course of the weekend, the Jackets will be competing in 19 of the 20 events that are in the ACC meet at the end of the season. Admis-sion is free for students presenting a Buzz Card.

“I’m looking forward to [the quad meet] because it should be fun, and we are racing three other teams,” Stowe said.

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Freshmen have also made a con-siderable impact on the defensive side of the foot-ball, especially on the defensive line with redshirt freshman Adamm Oliver and true freshman Darryl Richard seeing considerable play-ing time.

Oliver, a defen-sive end, made an immediate impact this season when he filled in for Travis Parker in the starting lineup against Samford. In the game, he recovered a fumble and made four tackles. On the season, Oliver has recorded 3.5 tackles for loss and two sacks.

Richard, a highly touted defen-sive line prospect from Louisiana, has also worked his way onto the

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Football head coach

field this year. The 6’4” 300-pound defensive tackle has recorded three tackles for loss and a sack in spot duty for the Jackets.

Redshirt freshman Travis Bell and freshman Kyle Belcher have been crucial in the kicking game with Bell handling the place kicking duties, con-necting on six of seven field goal attempts and Belcher handling kick-offs.

Long gone are the days when players walk onto campus, are immediately redshirted and then serve an apprenticeship behind a veteran player, hoping to see the field by their junior year. At Tech, many freshmen have taken advantage of their opportunity to get on the field and are looking to be a solid founda-tion for the program’s future.

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her here at Tech. In addition, Nikki showed tonight the middle hitter that she can be-come.”

The Lady Jackets then con-tinued to impress in ACC play this past week-end, winning two important road matches at N.C. State and at North Carolina.

After sweep-ing the Wolf-pack, the match in Chapel Hill last Saturday proved to be more difficult but still resulted in a Tech victory (30-22, 30-24, 23-30, 30-26). Preseason All-ACC member Lauren Sauer posted a sea-son-high 24 kills. Another member of that team, Marissa Aston, had a

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Bond Shymansky
Volleyball head coach

season high in digs with 27.

“Tonight was by far the best defensive effort our whole team has ever put forth and it allowed us to resist the tide of momentum when it shifted in game three,” Shymansky said after the game. “It’s tough to play inspired on the road be-cause the en-ergy in the gym is focused on your opponent, but our team was steadfast in their determina-tion.”

That deter-mination will be tested again this weekend when the ACC-leading Tech volleyball team continues their schedule with three home games, playing Florida State on Friday, Miami on Saturday and non-conference opponent Cen-tral Florida on Monday, with all of the games starting at 7 p.m.

Women's basketball takes trip to Costa Rica



By Stephen Marek / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Over fall break the women's basketball team embarked upon a five day tour of Costa Rica. This gave the relatively young team time to bond before the regular season.

By Clark Nelson
Staff Writer

In a startling change of pace, this season, the women's basketball team began their schedule with a tour of Costa Rica, playing four teams in five days. The Lady Jackets began competition on October 17 with a pair of victories over both the University of Costa Rica and Club Taca.

Tech cruised 70-32 against the University of Costa Rica with Freshmen Janie Mitchell and Chioma Nnamaka scoring 11 points each in the first game. Nnamaka scored all of her 11 points in the first half as the Yellow Jackets raced to a 46-

18-halftime lead.

In Costa Rica the rules for women's basketball differ somewhat from the American rules. To begin with, the game is played in 10-minute quarters instead of 20-minute halves, and at halftime of these games, the women's ball was replaced with a FIBA men's ball.

Tech kept the lead through the second half as Costa Rica managed only three field goals in the final two quarters. Janie was perfect in seven attempts at the free throw line and led the team with nine rebounds. Center Kasha Terry had 10 points and eight rebounds while Daphne Mitchell contributed six points and

six rebounds in the exhibition. The Jackets shot 43.5 percent from the field with 11 players in the scoring column.

Later that day, the Jackets downed Club Taca 52-33 with Megan Harping leading the way with 12 points. Tech scored 25 of its 52 points on 26 Taca turnovers. Jill Ingram led the way defensively stealing the ball six times, following up her five steal performance against Costa Rica. The Jackets managed just six points in the third quarter, but held Taca to two points. Janie scored in double figures again with 10 points, while Nnamaka scored seven against Taca.

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ing, I must say. First of all, there was no shot clock. The announcer guy yelled out the time," junior Jessica Williams said.

The next day the Jackets returned to action against Bodega Radio and continued their perfect trip with an 80-53 victory. Janie was a go-to player again, scoring 15 points. In only 20 minutes of play, the freshman made seven of eight shots from the floor, grabbed six rebounds, handed out two assists and recorded a steal. Harping scored five of her 11 points for the game from the free throw line and was second on the team in rebounds with eight.

Williams also contributed with 10 points, nine rebounds and a steal in the game at the National Gym in San Jose. The Lady Jackets dominated in the paint, outscoring Bodega 44-18, grabbing 65 rebounds to 39 for the opponent and blocking five shots.

"We are playing better and better every day as a team, and it's really great that we've already had the chance to play three games when all the rest of the ACC teams are just now starting practice," junior Ashley Guerrant said.

The Jackets wrapped up their preseason trip to Costa Rica with a 75-58 victory over the Costa Rican National Team. After leading by as

much as 20 points close to halftime, the Costa Rican team went on a run, pulling within three points with 5:24 left to play in the fourth quarter. The Jackets responded with a three-point play from Jessica Williams to pull away.

Already showing promise the first three games, Janie Mitchell had her best performance yet, tallying a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds. The native of Jackson,

Miss. led the Jackets in scoring and rebounding in the exhibition games, averaging 14 points and close to eight rebounds per game. Nnamaka, a fellow freshman and native of Sweden, scored 15 points in the finale and averaged 10 points per game, good for second on the team.

Playing against the top players in Costa Rica, Janie still managed to have her fourth straight double-digit outing. Ingram, also a freshman, had six assists and four steals, while committing no turnovers from her point guard position. The Charlotte, N.C. native helped lead the Jackets with defense play, accumulating 18 steals in four games.

The Jackets finished their swing into Costa Rica unscathed. Their next game is this coming Tuesday against Premier Players at home.

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Basketball junior

Rugby defeats UGA, has high hopes for season



By Christopher Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The rugby club fights for position as they try to score in a game last year. This year the team hopes to continue their success and make it to the conference championships.

By Farral Wang
Contributing Writer

The rugby club defeated UGA 20-5 this past Saturday at Athens. The team of nearly 40 members was ecstatic about defeating Tech's long-standing rival.

"Anytime time we beat Georgia is always exciting," Club President Brett Markwort said.

Being ranked the best team in their division, the Jackets have every reason to be proud. This year they will face tough competition from other teams like Auburn and

South Carolina who are in the same division.

This triumph over UGA, how-

ever, is only considered part of the fall season, where college rugby clubs from all over meet for friendly competition. The spring, also known as the Matrix season, is when the

competition between the colleges in their respective divisions is of significance.

The team began its fall season the first weekend of school. This does not keep people from joining, and all interested players are welcome to attend practice every Tuesday and Thursday 6 to 8 p.m. at the Burger Bowl.

"We are constantly recruiting new players regardless of experience or skill," Markwort said. "All are welcome to play, and everyone sees playing time on the field."

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the rugby team.

During Homecoming weekend, the alumni team, the Ogres, met up with the current team, the Georgia Tech Rugby Football Club (GTRFC), in a traditional head-to-head skirmish. In this year's close competition, the Ogres prevailed.

"We have a great team and a great group of guys," Markwort said. "Most people do not realize that rugby here is a social sport, and there is a loose atmosphere at

all the games."

The rugby team has had an excellent season so far, with a lot of new members interested in the sport this year.

"Our biggest goal is to bring out as many freshman as possible," player Jason Parrish said. The team

has several new talented players, like rookie freshman Greg Curtain, who was named Man of the Match at the UGA game.

The team has high expectations for the year. "Our big hope for this season is for a strong side, and we want to go to the conference

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Jason Parrish
Rugby player

championships next year," Parrish said.

The rugby club also has a separate B team that competes throughout the year. The B team plays the same tournaments and colleges as the A team does and has historically fared very well.

The next home game will be on Nov. 6 against Auburn at the Burger Bowl. For a complete list of their games, check out Gtrugby.com.

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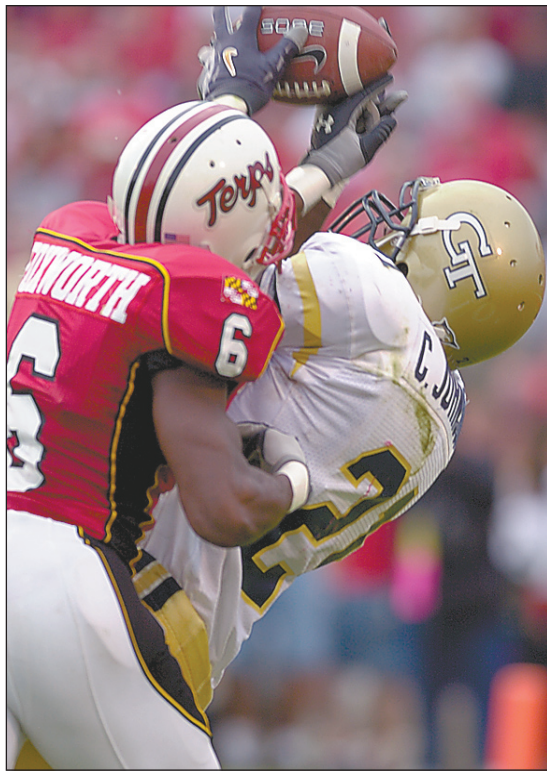
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Talented freshmen earn playing time, contribute



Photos by Christopher Gooley(left) and Bill Allen(right) / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Freshman running back Rashaun Grant (left) battles hard in the Jackets' win against Duke. Freshman wide receiver Calvin Johnson (right) makes a catch against the Terrapins in Tech's win.

By Kyle Thomason
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Every fall crops of highly recruited football players arrive at campuses across the country. With teams currently allowed only 85 scholarship players, a limit that came into existence in 1994, putting the best players on the field has led to a reliance on playing freshmen. This year

Tech fields some of its best yet.

With the opportunity to play, freshmen have made it a priority to show up on campus ready to contribute immediately.

"I had my mind set on (playing right away)," freshman wide receiver Calvin Johnson said as reported by RamblinWreck.com. "During camp, I really concentrated on learning the plays and the system. After I got that

down, it wasn't too bad."

This season Tech has several freshmen players playing critical roles for the 4-2 Jackets. Johnson, the most hyped of the group, has shown flashes of greatness and leads Tech with 23 catches for 395 yards.

The 6'4" receiver from Tyrone, Ga. opened the season in the Jackets' starting lineup and solidified his spot as a top receiver against Clemson,

catching eight passes for 127 yards and three touchdowns, including the game winner.

Although extremely soft-spoken, Johnson's actions on the field have spoken volumes about his confidence.

"I knew if they got it to me, I could catch it," Johnson said regarding his game-winning catch against the Tigers.

With the success has come much more attention from opposing defenses for Johnson. Johnson recorded only seven receptions in the three games after his breakout performance against

Clemson, but came back with a big performance against Duke.

"He's getting better," Head Coach Chan Gailey said. "He's already very good, and he's getting better every week. You think that a lot of people would try to do what Miami did, but [Duke] felt like they had to stop our running game, so they end up playing him one-on-one out there. He can go get it."

Johnson's 92 yards receiving and pair of touchdowns against the Blue Devils earned the wideout ACC Rookie of the Week honors for the second time this season. Although Johnson gets the most notoriety of the current freshmen, he is not the

only newcomer contributing to the Jackets.

Redshirt freshman running back Rashaun Grant has carried the ball 31 times for 144 yards on the season. Grant was particularly impressive in the season opener against Samford, when he received extended playing time and racked up 75 yards on 17 carries.

A pair of red-shirt freshmen, Kevin Tuminello and Matt Rhodes have been key components to Tech's offensive line. Tuminello has seen quite a bit of time at center, and Rhodes is currently at the top of the depth

chart at the left guard position. The pair looks to anchor Tech's line well into the future.

Although he has yet to take a snap, another freshman, who has caused quite a stir, is quarterback Taylor Bennett. The 6'3" left-hander from St. Louis, Mo. was elevated to the backup quarterback position before the Maryland game.

"We're excited about his future, and that's why we're doing what we're doing. We think he has an excellent future at the quarterback position," Gailey said about the decision to elevate Bennett.

"[Johnson]'s getting better. He's already very good, and he's getting better every week."

Chan Gailey
Football head coach

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COMING HOME

Many graduates find a more permanent place at Tech. The *Nique* profiles a few of these prominent alumni. Page 11

HOW AM I NOT MYSELF?

Jude Law, Dustin Hoffman, Lily Tomlin, and Naomi Watts tackle these and other deep thoughts in *I ♥ Huckabees*. Page 17



Swimming and diving starts season against Tennessee, challenges UGA

By Michael Clarke
Senior Staff Writer

Despite a tough start to the season, the Tech swimming and diving teams are looking strong going into ACC action. This past week, the men faced the University of Tennessee at home and both the men's and women's teams went on the road to face the University of Georgia.

Led by the sweeps of the 50-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Tech men came out strong against the No. 6 Volunteers last Thursday afternoon. Evan Stowers led the divers with victory in the three-meters springboard event. Stowers and Tony Burkhardt both surpassed the NCAA Zone qualifying standard

with marks of 347.10 and 324.30, respectively. Ryan Bishop won the 200-yard breaststroke and finished second in the 100-yard breaststroke with junior All-American Sam Morgan tallying a second-place finish in the 1,650 free and a third-place finish in the 500 free.

"I was impressed with the speed of our sprinters. We went 1-2-3 against Tennessee in the 50 freestyle, that is unheard of against the University of Tennessee. They are traditionally a very rich, very strong, sprint oriented program," Swimming and Diving Head Coach Seth Baron said. "To see some early speed from sprinters like Ryan Riebesell and Teemu Kettunen,

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech battled the Bulldogs in Athens this past Saturday. Several swimmers posted impressive performances in the early season meet at UGA.

Volleyball dominates ACC



By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Lindsey Laband goes up for the Jackets against UNC in Chapel Hill. The Jackets defeated the Tar Heels. Laband has been a key component in the Jackets current 14-match winning streak.

By Geoff Davies
Contributing Writer

Despite a difficult beginning to their season, the volleyball team has shot back from out of the dark to take control of the ACC. Currently on a 14-match winning streak, they are now 16-5, including 10-0 in the conference.

Over fall break, the Lady Jackets took care of Virginia, Maryland and Georgia State, winning nine of 11 games in the three match victories at home.

On Friday Tech outlasted ACC counterpart Virginia. After two

easy games, the Jackets lost the third game before winning a close one in the fourth. Lynette Moster led the way with 29 kills and 15 digs while hitting .339.

Tech was triumphant again on Saturday, sweeping past Maryland (30-20, 30-21, 32-30). Lauren Sauer led the team with 19 kills, and Lynette Moster added 13 kills to go along with her 18 digs. Overall the Jackets outthit the Terps .305 to .135.

The final match of fall break weekend came on Tuesday. Moster contributed a match-high 25 kills, but the real story came in the

form of two freshmen. Lindsey Gray and Nikki Kaminskis had 17 and 11 kills respectively. It was a career high for each.

"This was a great night for two of our freshmen in Lindsey and Nikki. I thought that they both had excellent nights," Tech Head Coach Bond Shymansky said as reported by RamblinWreck.com. "At times, Lindsey was just dominating at the net, and to only record three hitting errors in a four game match shows that she has a bright future ahead of

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Football rushes past Duke in homecoming win

By Edward Tamsberg
Sports Editor

A few surprises and some close calls gave fans a homecoming game that did not disappoint as the Jackets trampled the Duke Blue Devils 24-7.

P.J. Daniels was the star of the show with help from the Tech defense, Calvin Johnson and Travis Bell's 47-yard field goal in the second quarter.

After establishing a ground game with Daniel's first touchdown and a game in the air with Johnson's 20-yard catch from Ball late in the second quarter, the Jackets decided to run something a little out of the ordinary.

"We practiced it all week," Head Coach Chan Gailey said after the game. "We put it in this week, actually I don't think we put it in Tuesday, I think we put it in Wednesday and practiced it Wednesday and Thursday."

Tech handed the ball off to Daniels in five of its first seven plays to open the second half. Then taking the ball on a second-down play, the running back rolled out to his right and tossed the ball 13 yards

to Johnson in the endzone for a touchdown.

"When they came into the huddle and called the play, 'Halfback pass,' I said 'What?' and then when I got the pitch I realized that I was supposed to throw the ball and Calvin [Johnson] got open," Daniels said

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P.J. Daniels
Football running back

after the game

The Jackets' defense also had a day at the park on Saturday. Duke's star tailback Cedric Dargan started for the Blue Devils after missing four games with a leg injury but was held to only 31 yards on 20 carries for the game. The Jackets also recorded five sacks, a fumble recovery and held Duke to only 184 yards of offense.

"The thing that is happening with

our defensive front is that we are getting to play a lot of people now. We are getting some depth," Gailey said. "We have a six-man rotation that plays through there that is pretty good right now. That is helping us out tremendously. When you can do that, you can keep people fresh and we can keep our quickness up to par and close out those gaps."

Tech's romp was marred with three turnovers; two from interceptions of Reggie Ball and a fumbled handoff late in the first half. It was that turnover that setup Duke's only score of the game.

Although the Jackets won, the players were not completely satisfied with their performance.

"No, it's not satisfactory. We should have had at least two more touchdowns," Ball said about the offensive performance. "Unfortunately, Nate [Curry] stepped out of bounds and we had a couple of dropped passes, but we're going to work hard to correct those things."

The Jackets look to continue to improve and keep up their winning against ACC competitions over the next several weeks as they take on N.C. State.



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

P.J. Daniels races past two Duke defenders on his way to the endzone. Daniels rushed for over 100 yards to lead the Jackets to victory against the Duke Blue Devils at homecoming.