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distance. The goal was the last of the period, so Tech took a 3-0 lead into the break.

In the second period, the momentum repeatedly shifted. Tech maintained pressure on Vanderbilt's defense by constantly attacking early on, but after a few minutes Vanderbilt started to pick up their own offense, and they scored 7:10 into the period. Vanderbilt continued to attack fiercely afterwards, but Tech sophomore goalie Maxx Lucas made several saves to preserve the 3-1 lead.

"We played down a bit at times due to our inexperience, but later in the game, our stamina helped us to come back and close out the game. We have a lot of team speed, and we were able to keep that up the entire game," said Day.

Vanderbilt would score once more, but that goal was sandwiched between scores by Tech freshman Zachary Berry and sophomore Derek von Zweck. The final score was 6-2 in favor of the Yellow Jackets.

Day pointed out the team's all-around balance as a key to the team's victory. "There's not much of a drop-off in talent from our first line to our fourth line. All four of our lines played well, and Maxx was stellar in goal. As we get more games under our belts, we'll start to click more," Day said.

Facing the physical UNC-Charlotte 49ers, Tech did not back

down in the second game on Saturday night; instead, they charged out of the gate, taking advantage of their opponents' size.

"We're more of a speed team, so we were able to get around them, and they weren't able to keep up with us. We can play a physical game, but they were a lot slower, and we were able to take advantage of that and put more pucks in the net," Stapleton said.

Tech was put on the defensive early when a roughing penalty put UNC-Charlotte on a power play, but the attack amounted to nothing thanks to work by Lucas in goal. Soon after the power play ended, Tech took control of the game, maintaining constant pressure on the 49ers' defense. They were poised to score, and Tech's freshman line provided the early fireworks. The game's first goal came

courtesy of Zaske, who scored 6:25 into the period to give Tech an early lead. About two minutes later, Fritz notched his first goal of the season, and 28 seconds after that, Park rebounded a behind-

the-net shot off the goalie's pads and in for the score. Center Brian O'Connor scored a few minutes later to make the lead 4-0, the score at the break re-

mained that way. The second period featured several penalties. Tech and UNC-Charlotte combined for 13 in the second period alone. On two occasions, the 49ers had three men in the penalty box.

Senior Tom Porter, a left winger, scored the only goal of the period during a 4-on-4, so the teams headed into the intermission with the Jackets up 5-0. UNC-Charlotte began mounting attacks again, but Lucas repeatedly shut them down.

Tech's offense continued to score; Park secured his second straight two-goal game when he scored immediately after a face-off 1:54 into the period. Senior winger Dan Sweeney added two goals in a three-minute

span to expand the lead to 8-0. Shortly after a brief scuffle between a UNC-Charlotte player and Tech freshman Ross Cooper, which led to both being ejected,

UNC-Charlotte scored on a power play with 4:53 to go. Tech's Porter put in his second goal with just over three minutes left, and the game ended with a final score of 9-1.

"We have a fast team, but... you can't back down from physical stuff, because other teams will pick up on that, and they'll play a physical game. We've got to be able to dish it right back. And I'm proud of the way our guys do it; they do it in a clean manner, and that's the key," McSparron said.

Eight of the team's 15 goals came courtesy of freshmen, including four from Park, and Fritz notched four assists over the weekend to emerge as the team leader in points.

"We're throwing them right into the action, and they're definitely stepping up and performing, so we're very encouraged by that," Baker said.

"It's a good core for the future, as far as the team is looking for the next three or four years," said Stapleton. One of the major concerns was team chemistry on the ice, but the general sentiment was that this was quickly becoming a non-issue. "We've got a lot of new line combinations, a lot of new players, but I definitely think we came together a little bit more [Saturday night] than we did [Friday night].... I think as long as we keep getting to know each other, we'll get a lot better," Baker said.



By Doug Laskim / Student Publications

Forward Ryan Fritz goes for the puck against UNC-Charlotte. The Jackets return the ice on Friday against Alabama at the Town Center Ice Forum.

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ment at the plate," Coach Perkins said.

The second game was a pitching duel. Senior Tiffany Johnson was the starting pitcher for the Jackets, while Sophomore pitcher Emily Schreck pitched the remainder of the game while giving up few runs.

"Tiffany [Johnson] really came out throwing hard; she did a great job. Jessica Coan came out on her first day and was striking people out left and right. Schreck did a good job of closing us out," Haller said.

"[The freshmen] all did great. Every one of them had a shining moment today. I feel really confident for the spring that they're going to make a big impact for us," Haller said.

The Jackets swept the double header over Georgia State, winning 10-4 and 8-4. The Jackets also won both games over North Georgia, 5-2 and 6-2.

"We have a great coaching staff. Our team has a lot of chemistry this year...I'm really excited because I think we're going to be really good this year," Sinclair said.

"There are some people we

know who would hit the ball well, but there were definitely some new kids who stepped up and we saw some knew things out of them like Jessica Sinclair, Kelsi Weseman and Kate Kuzma. I think everybody stepped up and did their part. [Jessica] Coan did a good job pitching as a freshman. We also saw some good plays from Shannon Bear," Coach Perkins said.

Last season, the Jackets started the season ranked, but promptly fell out of the rankings when the Jackets lost early in tournaments to unranked teams. This year, the Jackets were able to put together some scrimmages to gain valuable experience for the incoming freshmen, as well as increasing team chemistry and getting some playing time for all members.

The softball team will continue their schedule with a double header against Jacksonville State. Then, they will play the following weekend against Young Harris and Georgia Perimeter. The year will conclude the team's play at Glenn Field. Next year, the team will play at a brand new stadium.

"We're just excited to be playing. It's nice to be playing on this field but we're more excited about playing at a new stadium next spring," Coach Perkins said.



By Jon Drews /STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**B**attle at the CRC: The Georgia Tech water polo team defeated Auburn, Clemson, Tennessee and in state rival Georgia over the weekend at the CRC. The Jackets entered the season as the top seed in their conference and hope to return to the national tournament in November which will likely be held in California.

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I have been thinking of you all week. God I hope we hook up at your party...  
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**TECH SPORTS FILE**

By Akshay Amaraneni, Assistant Sports Editor



By Jon Drewsl/ Student Publications

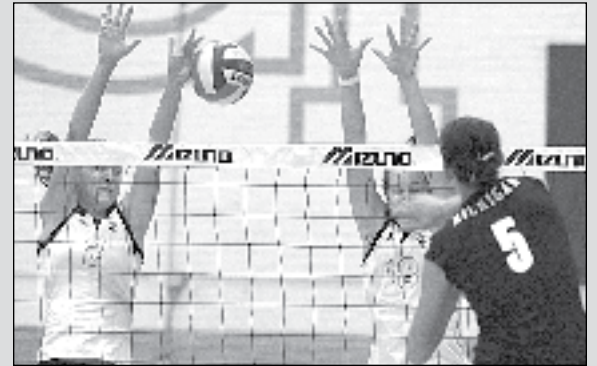
**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

The women's tennis team started the season on a high note with wins over UGA players in the Georgia Tech Invitational. The women's team returns four players from last year's ITA National Indoors Championship team and brings in four of the top recruits in the country. The Jackets are participating in the ITA National Individuals this week in California where senior Amanda McDowell is the third seeded player in the singles draw.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Georgia Tech 0, Virginia Tech 3**

The Volleyball team beat the preseason ACC favorite two weeks ago when they topped Clemson, but they lost to Virginia Tech the following weekend. The Jackets are led by senior libero Michelle Kandell with 208 digs, senior middle hitter Callie Miller with 131 kills and senior outside hitter Talisa Kellogg with 129 kills. The Jackets hope to follow up on their success this weekend when they play Miami and Florida State at home.



By Ben Lipford/ Student Publications

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

The Jackets' swimming and diving team kicked off the season with wins at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. Both men and women competed against FAU, while the women also defeated Florida Gulf Coast at the same meet. The Jackets will compete against Clemson this weekend in South Carolina and Florida State next weekend.



By Michael Schneider/ Student Publications

**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Third/Fourth Tennessee Invitational**

Tech's men's cross country team has had mixed results in tournaments this year. The Jackets placed third at the Tennessee Invitational, while they finished seventeenth at the Roy Griak Invitational this past weekend. Likewise, the women finished fourth at Tennessee, but fourteenth at the Roy Griak Invitational.



By Jamie Howell/ Student Publications

**GOLF**

**Seventh Golfweek Preview Invitational**

The No. 15 Yellow Jackets participated in the Golfweek Preview Invitational this past weekend. Tech finished seventh in the event and senior Cameron Tringale and junior Chesson Hadley finished in the top 20. The Jackets will participate in the Brickyard Intercollegiate in Macon, Georgia on October 11.



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# Georgia Tech (3-1) vs. Duke (3-1)

By Akshay Amaraneni, Assistant Sports Editor

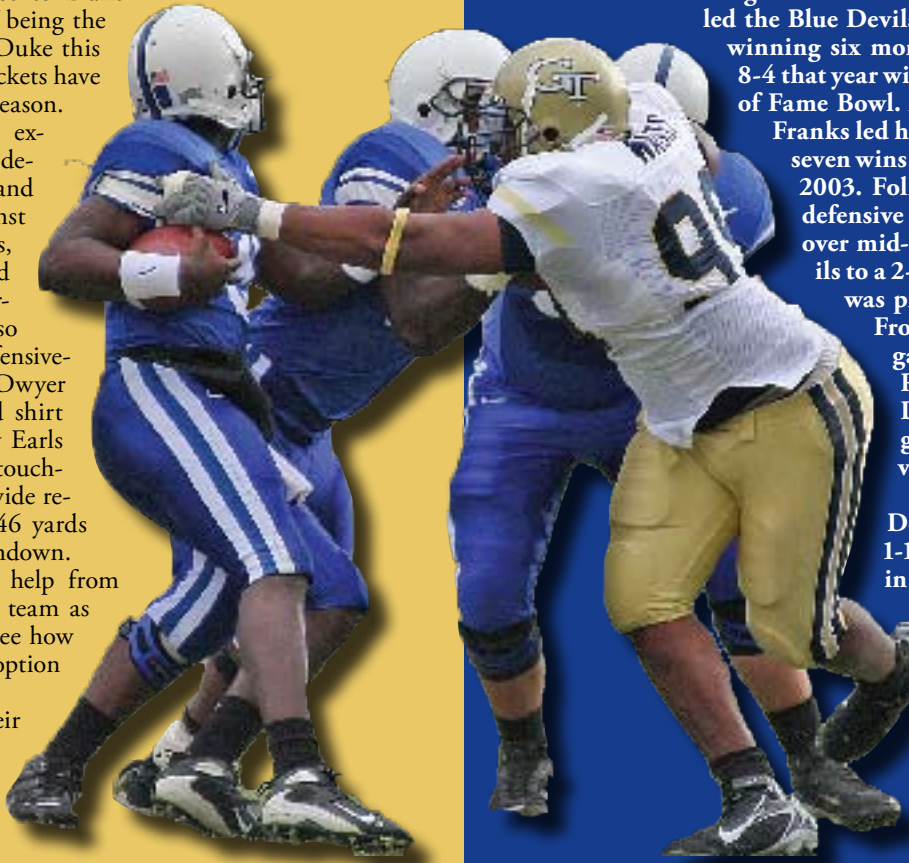
## JACKETS

Since the turn of the century, the Jackets are one of three ACC teams to lose to Duke and have the unfortunate tag of being the first conference team to lose to Duke this century. Other than 2003, the Jackets have not lost to Duke since the 1994 season.

Several current Jackets have experience against Duke. Senior defensive tackles Vance Walker and Darryl Richard have played against them each of the past two years, and sophomore defensive end Derrick Morgan and senior corner back Jahi Word-Daniels also played against them last year. Offensively, sophomore B-Back Jonathan Dwyer had 23 yards on 10 carries, red shirt sophomore wide receiver Correy Earls had 86 yards receiving and a touchdown and red shirt sophomore wide receiver Demariyus Thomas had 46 yards and a fumble recovery for a touchdown.

The Jackets will get a little help from Head Coach Paul Johnson's old team as they will have had a chance to see how Duke defended Navy's triple option earlier this season.

The Jackets have started their year with at least three wins in their first four games for the third time in the last four years and look to win four out of their first five for the first time since their Coastal Division winning season in 2006.



By Blake Israel/ Student Publications

Three coaches have come and gone since the last time Duke had a winning record in the ACC. In 1994, Fred Goldsmith led the Blue Devils to a win over Maryland before winning six more in a row. The Devils finished 8-4 that year with a loss to Wisconsin in the Hall of Fame Bowl. After Goldsmith was fired, Carl Franks led his alma matter to a grand total of seven wins in his five year tenure from 1998-2003. Following Franks was former Tech defensive coordinator Ted Roof. Roof took over mid-season in 2003 and led the Devils to a 2-3 record the rest of the way. Roof was promoted to head coach in 2004. From 2004-07 the Devils won four games and one conference game. Roof was promptly fired and the Devils, with the promise of upgrading their facilities, hired David Cutcliffe.

Following Cutcliffe's hire, the Devils quickly turned around a 1-11 team to a three game winner in their first four, including wins over Navy and Virginia. The Devils have also won against James Madison this year. Their lone loss came against Northwestern. Duke took the lead against the Wildcats with 12 minutes left in the fourth quarter, but failed to hold on when Omar Conteh of Northwestern scored on a 2-yard run giving Northwestern the victory.

## Blue Devils

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## Hockey wins first two of season



By Doug Laskim / Student Publications

Goaltender Maxx Lucas stops a puck at Saturday's game against UNC-Charlotte. The Jackets held their opponents to only three goals for both games. Offensively the Jackets scored 15 goals over the whole weekend. The Jackets hope to live up to high expectations this season.

**By Nishant Prasad**  
Contributing Writer

Tech's ice hockey team opened the 2008-09 season this past weekend with wins over their first two opponents by a combined score of 15-3. The team, which plays Division III hockey and is a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA), finished last season with a record of 11-17. This season began on a high note, as the team defeated Vanderbilt 6-2 on Friday and beat UNC-Charlotte 9-1 on Saturday.

More than marking the start of a new season, the games represented a new era in Tech hockey. Prior to the start of the Vanderbilt game, the players, coaches and fans observed a moment of silence in honor of former head coach Greg Stathis, who passed away

in March. A beloved figure in the Tech hockey community, Stathis had led the team since the 1991-92 season.

"It was a very emotional first period [in the Vanderbilt game] for our team. This was the first time in 17 years that Tech hockey had played without Coach Stathis, so it was an emotional game for all of us," said Assistant Coach Kenny "Sarge" Day.

This season, the promising potential of the new players, combined with the experience and skill of the team's 11 seniors, has led to a preseason ACHA No. 10 ranking in the region.

"Believe me, [Coach Stathis] would love to have this team," said Head Coach Brian McSparron. "He wouldn't be getting any sleep. He'd be talking about hockey 24/7."

Although Stathis' influence on the team remains strong even after his death, the team has moved on under McSparron, determined to honor Stathis' memory by continuing to improve the program off the ice and by performing well on the ice.

"[The transition has] been pretty seamless, and that's what we were looking for in the new coach—someone who would make a very smooth transition. Coach McSparron has known [Stathis] for the past twenty years, and even played under him and coached with him, so it's been very smooth," said senior forward Drew Baker.

"Even though he's gone, we're going to make sure this program keeps on going strong," McSparron said.

This year's first game saw Tech take on the Vanderbilt

Commodores last Friday night. The teams last met in the final game of last season, which saw Tech pull out a 3-2 win.

Big hits were common from the start, and three penalties were called during the first 1:02 of the game. As players from both teams fought for the puck in front of the Vanderbilt goal, freshman winger Ben Gartner pulled the puck out and scored 10:12 into the period to give Tech a 1-0 lead.

Shortly afterward, Park provided the highlight of the game when he scored Tech's next two goals in a span of seven seconds. The first came 11:00 into the period, when he stole the puck and quickly scored. After the ensuing face-off at center ice, Park launched a slap shot into the net from a

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## BuzzCard policy to change for next game

*Students' enrollment status will be verified during admission*

**By Matt Hoffman**  
Sports Editor

For the Oct. 11 home football game against Gardner Webb, the Student Government Association has decided to start scanning BuzzCards for students in order to verify that people using student tickets are current students of the Institution.

"Over the past few years we have had ticket demand issues at the football games. As a way to try to satisfy some of that demand, we want to make sure only students, who pay the Student Athletic fee get into the football games," said Robert McEntyre, SGA vice president of Campus Affairs.

There have been many concerns that a single BuzzCard would be used several times for one game so that non-students could enter games using a student ticket. Under the new system, once a BuzzCard has been scanned, no other person can use that card to get into the game.

"A value of one will basically be attached to each BuzzCard. Once that card is scanned, that value will be removed and it cannot be used again for that game," McEntyre said.

"We have about 19,000 students at Tech and only about 8,500 tickets guaranteed for each game, so we think it is important to try to maintain the integrity of student tickets by trying to keep them in student hands," said Nick Welkamp, undergraduate student body president.

The system will not go into effect until the Gardner Webb game, so students will not have their BuzzCards scanned at the Duke game. Students still need their cards as normal for verification at the game.

"We are piloting the new system at the Gardner Webb game because we are expecting it to be a smaller game. There will be two weeks between the Gardner Webb and Virginia, so we will have time to gather feedback from the student body about the new system to determine if it will be implemented for the remainder of the season," Welkamp said.

## Softball competes in scrimmages against Georgia State



By Jarrett Skov / Student Publications

Jessica Weaver catches a ball at Glenn Field against Georgia State in a scrimmage. The scrimmage allowed freshman on the team to get some early game experience.

**By Randy Darnowsky**  
Staff Writer

The softball team is engaged in multiple scrimmage games throughout the fall. The games provide experience for the new freshmen players as well as extra practice for all players.

"I think we're getting a lot of good experience for the freshmen. It's their first taste of Division I softball," said Head Coach Sharon Perkins.

"[The purpose of fall games is] to get freshmen experience at this kind of level and to bring our team together as a whole so we can get ready for

the spring," said senior first baseman Whitney Haller.

"I think the point of the fall games is just for us to get experience. We have six coming in, so it's a bunch of us and to get us acclimated to the college experience. It's to get us competition and for us to get experience," said freshman outfielder Jessica Sinclair.

For the fall scrimmages, some of the rules are relaxed. For instance, players may take multiple participations, and the home team may bat an extra inning even though they are winning the game.

Last weekend, the team

hosted Georgia State on Saturday and North Georgia on Sunday. The first game against Georgia State featured stand-out offensive hits from both teams. Junior infielder Jennifer Yee hit two home-runs to boost the team's score. Haller hit a home-run ball over the left-field fence and a multi-RBI triple to highlight the day.

"I think we did a pretty good job at making adjustments. They would go from a fast pitcher to a slow pitcher, and I think they did a pretty good job of making an adjust-

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