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lot of work ahead. I'm challenging them every day and every week to get better, as well as challenging them to do the right things to get better," said head coach Alan Drosky.

On the women's side, the top runner was junior Nisha Kurian with a time of 14:03 in the four kilometer to place her third overall. Behind her was another junior, Elena Linn, who finished 10th overall and second on the team with a time of 14:27.

Behind Kurian and Linn, senior Mary Chind and junior Maria Hampton finished in the top 20. Chind crossed the finish line with a time of 14:48 placing her 16th

overall, while Hampton finished 20th with a time of 14:56. "The women had an excellent first meet. I feel like the women's team has very much improved, and has a lot of potential," Drosky said.

The Tech women's team went up against several high-quality schools.

"Overall, the men's team has a lot of work ahead. I'm challenging them every day."

Alan Drosky
Cross Country Head Coach

Among those schools were Tennessee, last year's NCAA South Regional champions, as well as the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who finished fourth in the Regional. The men's team also faced off

against quality competition, as they were defeated by Belmont, Western Kentucky and Vanderbilt.

Next weekend, the Jackets will be traveling back to Ky. to compete in the Kentucky Invitational.

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Kellogg said.

Both players are also very excited about the talent in this year's freshman class. "It's the best freshman class. They are really adapting to what we need them to do," Stegemann said.

"They've really come in strong. Especially Erin [Birmingham]. She has stepped up as a middle hitter, and done an amazing job," Kellogg said.

Kellogg also pointed out that the team has also done a lot of bonding activities to increase the cohesion on the court, and especially to welcome the new players.

"We went on a three day rafting

trip, and have had a lot of dinners and done fun stuff together outside of practice."

"We're going to be really good this year, and we need all the support we can get," Stegemann said.

Playing a game that doesn't receive as much attention as others, these ladies stress need for support from the student body and the other fans.

"We're going to be really good this year, and we need all the support we can get."

Ullrike Stegemann
Junior All-ACC Middle Hitter

"The bigger the crowd is, the better it is to play," Kellogg said.

The Jackets travel to Lexington, KY this weekend for the University of Kentucky Volleyball Tournament.

They face Villanova today at 11:00 a.m. and Toledo at 6:00 p.m. The team will face the University of Kentucky tomorrow at 4 p.m.

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shut on Georgia.

Tech swept Georgia State Saturday morning before capturing the tournament title in a five-game match against Northern Iowa.

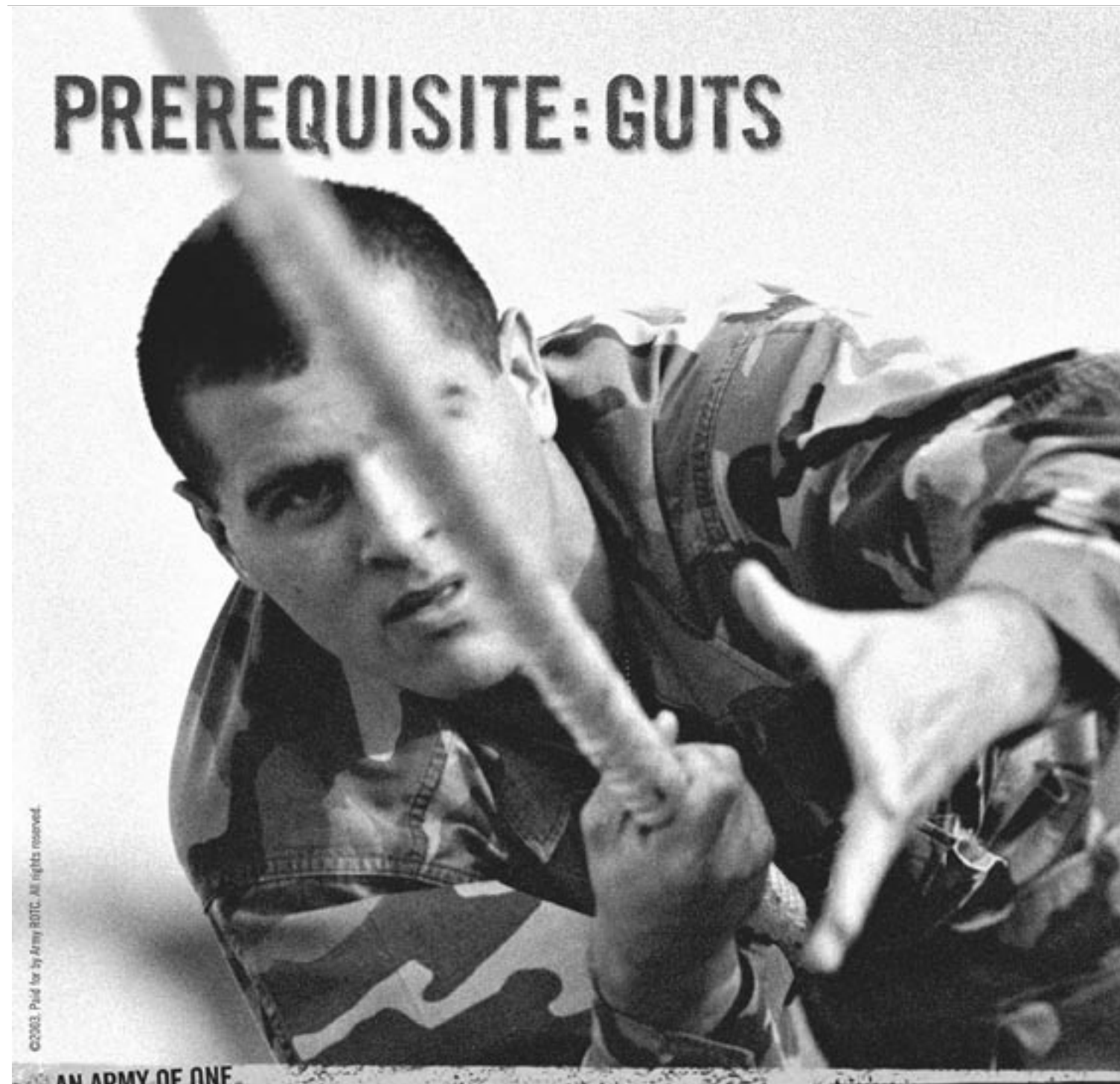
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Saturday's Games

Tech def. Georgia State 30-28, 30-27, 30-20
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Tough schedule shapes Tech U.S. Amateur report

By Jay Reinebold
Contributing Writer

Last Saturday's primetime game against Notre Dame placed Tech in the national spotlight and the center of the college football world for a day. Big-time match-ups like that with the Irish can do wonders for recruiting and advancement in the polls. Fans will be treated to several marquee games as there are several difficult games left on the schedule.

In addition to playing eight games in the harshly competitive Atlantic Coast Conference, Tech also plays four teams from outside of the conference. How arrangements with these teams are made to play is a complex but vital process for any big-time college football program.

The responsibilities of arranging football schedules falls, to a large extent, on the shoulders of Dan Radakovich, the new Director of Athletics. Both teams must be willing to play and must also have an open date at one of the two teams' home stadiums. The process can be complex.

"Bobby Robinson, our Associate Athletic Director, and I prepare a list of teams that we think would be attractive to our fan base and would fit into the particular year's schedule. Bobby then begins the contracting process to see if there is a match on that teams schedule regarding their ability to play either at home or on the road" Radakovich said.

While finding attractive games to Tech's fan base is important, Radakovich noted that "After that first list is made and we are happy with the group we are contacting,



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Notre Dame's Chinedum Ndukwe delivers a jarring blow to Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson during first quarter action last Saturday.

It sometimes boils down to who says yes first."

Tech has a recent history of playing tough teams in out of conference play. Besides the yearly rivalry session with the University of Georgia, 2005 saw the Jackets playing Auburn, and they have played Notre Dame at home during the 2006 season and will travel to South Bend for the 2007 season.

This trend of scheduling tough opponents looks to continue for the Jackets. Tech has future games scheduled even though they are years away. Upcoming games include a two-game series against Alabama in 2012 and 2014.

In a world of recruiting, airtime and competition, scheduling may help to continue to shape the Tech football program.

By Hahnming Lee
Contributing Writer

Senior Roberto Castro and sophomores Cameron Tringale and Adam Cohan participated in the United States Amateur Golf Championship in Chaska, Minn. held the end of August.

After a rough first round, Tringale bounced back in the second round to shoot one-over-par. Unfortunately, it was not enough to make the cut-off for match play. Cohan also shot better in his second round, but couldn't make it past the first two rounds.

The All-American Castro advanced far into the week, surviving the preliminary rounds and advancing with increasingly better play until reaching the third round of match play, losing to Wake Forest sophomore Webb Simpson.

"It was positive," Castro said of his performance. "You have to play well every match, and that last match didn't go that way."

Going into match play as the 63rd seed, he knocked off two higher seeded opponents to make it deep into the playoffs. He shot well in the third round and played on an even level with Simpson for most of the match, but was unable to make crucial putts in the back nine that ultimately ended his run in this year's competition. Simpson advanced to the quarterfinals being up two holes with one to play.

With 312 players, this year's tournament featured the best amateur golfers vying for the title. The winner receives the title of the best amateur golfer in the country as well as an invitation to participate



By Christopher Gooley/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Senior Roberto Castro led Tech golfers at U.S. Amateur Open.

in both the 2007 U.S. Open and British Open.

Players come from all over the world in pursuit of the championship, with three of the last four winners (including this year's winner, Richie Ramsay) being foreign-born.

Castro has high aspirations surrounding his individual performance as well as Tech's performance for his final year.

"Have a good time, enjoy it, have a good NCAA and ACC tournament. Go out in style with Kevin [Larsen]." Castro said on his upcoming senior season.

The Tech golf season begins September 15 at the Carpet Capital Collegiate in Rocky Face, Ga. There Tech, the No. 2 college golf program in the nation, hopes to start another season of excellence and continue a streak of success that has included nine consecutive berths into the NCAA championships and multiple ACC titles.

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Tech hosts GameDay



By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students and fans flock to Yellow Jacket Park to attend ESPN's College GameDay to cheer on the Jackets and try to wind up on television.

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

The ESPN GameDay crew was at Tech this past week to promote their Game of the Week featuring Tech against the No. 2 ranked Notre Dame Fighting Irish. It was just the second time that the GameDay crew had been on the campus. The last time they were here was in 1998 when the Jackets played Florida State.

"It's my first year here, and I have not experienced any football games. It is pretty awesome that we had ESPN GameDay here at Tech for my very first one," said Landon Reed, a first-year International Affairs major.

For many students, the experience was important enough to camp out the Friday night beforehand to stand at the front of the viewing area. Many others arrived as early on Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. which was a full two and a half hours before the show

was scheduled to go on the air. By the time the show started, ESPN officials estimated that there were around 5,000 people in attendance.

At the show, there were many signs in the crowd. Among them were signs like, "Rudy Was Off-sides," "Touchdown Jesus Doesn't Play Here," "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" and even a reference to the popular summer film "Snakes on a Plane."

The signs, the chants and the amount of effort that was put into the experience by the majority Tech crowd showed off in the national spotlight that the Tech student body and alumni are very much behind the Jackets football program. School spirit around campus started off the season at the highest point that it has been in a long time.

"The only thing comparable [to ESPN GameDay] that I can remember was when we got to the Final Four my freshman year," said Angie Beaver, a fourth-year Biomedical Engineering student.

From the time fans first arrived until the show ended, there were many fans cheering and chanting. The Tech band, standing behind the large gold mass of the crowd, played many familiar game day songs, like the school fight song. It was all an intricate part of what made the game day experience fun for all.

During the show, the GameDay crew not only featured the story of the game between the Jackets and the Irish, but also featured several shots of Tech's campus.

"It showcases that the program is in place to have the most attractive game of the weekend. Normally, the show is an indication that the team is good enough to be in the best or most compelling game of the weekend," said Chris Fowler, a college football analyst and GameDay correspondent.

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Chris Fowler
 ESPN College Football Analyst and GameDay Correspondent

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While the football team has not been successful in the last two years when they have been featured on ESPN GameDay, Tech would certainly like to be able to play well enough during the season and host another big game to attract GameDay to campus again. The show is not merely something that enhances the game day experience, but also it has added several benefits for Tech including increased publicity in the national media.

"It's a showcase of what the spirit and excitement are like on campus. We try to show what goes on during the day, the night before, and just show off the entire game day experience," Fowler said.

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SAMFORD (1-0) VS. GEORGIA TECH (0-1)

By Hahnming Lee



Samford comes into tomorrow's contest undefeated after beating Miles College 37-7. Wide receivers Jeff Moore and Joe Jones each caught touchdown passes while both Dante Williams and Jefferson Adcock took snaps at quarterback in the victory. Senior defensive back T.C. Myers is the Bulldogs' feature member of the secondary after recording 44 tackles last year. Current Tech Head Coach Chan Gailey coached at Samford in 1993 while Coach Nix was the Wide Receivers coach and Recruiting Coordinator in for them in 2001.

"The challenge for us this week will be to focus and try to get emotional again for [Samford]. You have to get ready to play each and every week in college football."

Chan Gailey

Tech Head Coach discussing Samford



Four Key Questions

- How much success will Samford's defense have against Tech's offense?

With an offense boasting an experienced line and a Heisman hopeful at wide receiver, the Jackets should score more points against the Bulldogs. Reggie Ball's mobility and Calvin Johnson's acrobatic skills would normally appear to an unlikely combination for success, but they should both provide a substantial advantage in this week's game.

- What playcalling style will be used for the Samford game with big games against Virginia Tech, Miami and Georgia on the horizon?

Tech ran a very conservative offense in the 2004 game, but the likelihood of a repeat performance is small, as the Jackets have already shown some of their hand for future opponents in the Notre Dame game. The Jackets will be able to take what they learned while playing the Irish and transfer that knowledge into the playcalling scheme against the Bulldogs. The coaching staff had several sets of plays that were very effective against a team like Notre Dame, but the Irish were tough enough on the defensive front to disrupt the schemes that Tech was trying to run.

- How dominant will the defense look against a 1-AA multiple threat offense?

Tech will provide a more aggressive and potent defense than Samford's last opponent. Led by Phillip Wheeler, the defensive starters will have an easier time containing the offense. An emphasis on blitzing will provide plenty of problems for quarterback Jefferson Adcock. The Tech defense is miles ahead of the defense of Miles College which allowed 37 points. Samford's spread offense will not be as impressive as the offense that Notre Dame had that finished last season in the top 10. The game will provide valuable experience for the Jackets against the spread.

- How long will Tech's starters remain in the game?

While it is unlikely that Gailey will try to embarrass his former school, the Jackets should take control early in the game. Tech's offense has a lot to learn before ACC play opens up in two weeks against Virginia on ESPN's Thursday night primetime game. The team could use the confidence by putting up a lot of points against a Samford team that the Jackets should be able to handle with ease. Despite the apparent talent gap between the two schools, a victory is not guaranteed for Tech. Duke and Colorado lost to I-AA schools Richmond and Montana State respectively last weekend. If Tech is able to jump out to an early lead, resting starters and developing quality depth should help the team as the season wears on.

The Jackets are looking to rebound after a tough loss to Notre Dame last Saturday. Tech will look to capitalize on the talent gap between the two programs in an effort to work out some of the problems that plagued Tech during its opener. The Jackets played Samford in 2004 and beat the Bulldogs 28-7. In the five previous meetings, Tech defeated Samford by a combined score of 170-0. Tech quarterback Reggie Ball completed 14 out of 21 passes for 201 yards and threw two touchdowns. Calvin Johnson caught two of the passes for 45 yards.

"I was really concerned about the lack of experience in our secondary [against Notre Dame], and yet they held up to the test fairly well."

Chan Gailey

Tech Head Coach on Tech's secondary against Notre Dame



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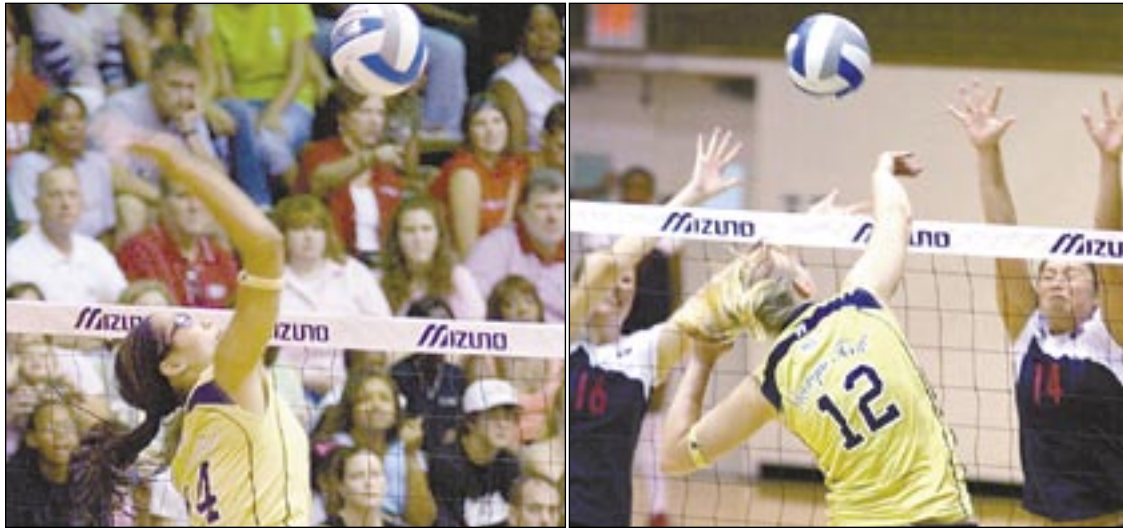
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Kellogg-Stegemann lead young volleyball team



By John Guthrie/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Sophomore Talisa Kellogg (left) and Junior Ulrike Stegemann (right) are expected to lead a young volleyball team back onto the national stage. The team only has one senior, Abby Showers, on the roster.

By Vicky Johnson
Contributing Writer

Devotion and hard work have led to success for junior Ulrike Stegemann and sophomore Talisa Kellogg. Having both been named to the coaches preseason All-ACC team, they are certainly set to have an amazing season.

Enrolled in an athletic boarding school since age nine, volleyball has been a big part of Ulrike Stegemann's life. Having been able to focus so much attention on her athletic skills from such a young age, it was quite easy for Stegemann to adjust to the student-athlete role at Tech.

"The only difference between

this and my [high] school are the practices. Here, we practice for three hours. At home, we practiced for two and a half," Stegemann said.

Stegemann's biggest adjustment was coming to the United States from Germany during her freshman year. "It was hard speaking English all the time, but now it's no problem. Everyone was really nice about helping me out with everything."

The daughter of CBS sports analyst and former Ohio State basketball star Clark Kellogg, it is no surprise that Talisa Kellogg has embraced sports so enthusiastically. Since birth, Kellogg has been surrounded by the professional sports world, and it has driven her to be a

better player.

"His passion for sports has definitely transferred down to me. I absolutely love everything about sports," Kellogg said.

Kellogg, a four-year letterman and the MVP for her high school team, has had difficulty adjusting to the balance of studies and practices.

"I find myself working much harder at school," Kellogg said.

Even with the stringent academics that Tech requires, both players agree that playing volleyball is much more exciting and rewarding at the college level.

"The girls really want to play the game. There's no attitude from

anyone," Stegemann said.

The quality of the players on the team and the opponents have increased to make the game more challenging.

"The game is so much faster. It's intense," Kellogg said.

In 2005, Kellogg and Stegemann led the Jackets offensively with record numbers of kills each; Kellogg with 457 and Stegemann with 336. Kellogg also posted 188 digs, fifth on the team. Even with last year's individual success, both worked hard to improve their game for this season.

"I've been working on my passing. I really want to play back row," Stegemann said.

Since coming to Tech, Stegemann has had a stellar volleyball

career. She earned second-team All-ACC honors in 2005 and was named to the All-ACC Freshman team in 2004. In 2005, she averaged 2.92 kills per game, and hit .270. Stegemann has also excelled academically, being named to the Academic All-District Third Team and the ACC Volleyball Academic Team.

Kellogg has also had a spectacular career. Before she even began playing for Tech, Kellogg started the season as the No. 19 recruit on prepvolleyball.com senior aces list. She recorded

double figures in 25 matches of the 2005 season, and set a school record for kills in a season by a freshman. After ending the season with an average of 4.04 kills per game, Kellogg was named to the All-ACC Freshman team in 2005.

Despite individual accolades that the ladies have received during their career at Tech, they are more concerned with how the team is playing overall.

"It's pretty cool to be given a preseason rank, but all it really

does is give us something to work towards. When we finally achieve it, that's when we can celebrate," Kellogg said.

Taking the season one game at a time, Kellogg and Stegemann are very

optimistic about the training they have had thus far.

"We've always been a hitting team. Now we're trying to improve the speed of the offense. Last year we were weak at blocking. We have really improved our game since last year," Stegemann said.

"Our practices are a little different this year. We are more focused on actual play situations, which are really helping our defense out,"

"I've been working on my passing. I really want to play back row."

Ulrike Stegemann
Junior All-ACC

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"I saw both guys in bounds, and I saw a guy going to make a tackle. If you call helmet-to-helmet every time two helmets hit, you'll call it every time. It's the game of football," said Tech Head Coach Chan Gailey when asked about his view of Tech linebacker Phillip Wheeler's tackle of Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn in the third quarter of Tech's 14-10 loss to Notre Dame on Saturday.

It appeared that Wheeler had ended a Notre Dame drive by stopping Quinn at the Tech 15, seven yards short of a first down.

However, a personal foul penalty called by the referee for a helmet-to-helmet hit gave the Irish a first down. Tech fans littered the field with debris in protest.

Two plays later, Notre Dame running back Darius Walker, a Buford, Ga. native, dove into the end zone to score the only points of the second half, giving the No. 2 Fighting Irish a 14-10 lead that they would not relinquish. Walker finished the game with 22 carries for 99 yards.

The game was a tale of two halves for Tech. The team dominated the first half from the opening whistle to the waning seconds.

Tech running back Tashard Choice came out strong, rushing seven times for 43 yards in the first quarter alone. He finished the contest with 14 carries for 54 yards.

Tech's All-American wide receiver Calvin Johnson also got off to a fast start. As the first quarter neared its end, Johnson took a swing pass on the right side of the field and darted down the sideline for a 29-yard gain.

On the next play, Tech quarterback Reggie Ball lofted a pass to Johnson into the end zone for a touchdown, putting Tech ahead 7-0 with 35 seconds remaining in the opening period. Johnson added a 45-yard catch in the second quarter that set up a 30-yard Travis Bell field goal with 4:45 to go in the half, increasing Tech's lead to 10-0.

While Tech's offense was putting points on the scoreboard, the defense kept highly touted Notre Dame of-

fense, led by pre-season Heisman frontrunner Quinn, scoreless for most of the first half with an array of blitzes.

"A couple of those plays in the first half [Quinn] was under duress. It's a little different when you're under duress and when you have time to step and throw," said Notre Dame

"If you call helmet-to-helmet every time two helmets hit, you'll call it every time. It's the game of football."

Chan Gailey
Tech Football Head Coach

Head Coach Charlie Weis.

However, as halftime neared, Quinn was able to drive the offense down the field using his scrambling ability. He converted a 3rd and 10 with a 16-yard run to keep Notre Dame's drive alive.

Then, with 16 seconds left and no time outs remaining, Quinn dashed up the middle and dove into the end zone to put Notre Dame on the board and close the Tech lead to

"At the end of the first half, [the Notre Dame touchdown] took a lot out of us. We held them without scoring for that long, and it kind of hurt us."

Philip Wheeler
Tech Middle Linebacker

10-7 going into the half.

"It was a run-pass check with me. If [Tech's] bringing the house, [Quinn]'s going to throw a pass. I said, 'don't make me look stupid, but if you get the look, you run the ball.' He got the look that we were

counting on, so he went with the play and got in," Weis said.

The touchdown not only closed the Tech lead right before halftime, but also gave Notre Dame a great deal of momentum going into halftime.

"At the end of the first half, [the Notre Dame touchdown] took a lot out of us. We held them without scoring for that long, and it kind of hurt us," Wheeler said.

After halftime, Tech's offense had a difficult time getting on track. The Jackets did not convert any of their four third-down opportunities and gained only 71 yards in the second half. Johnson, who finished the game with seven catches for 111 yards, only recorded two catches for a total of 16 yards in the second half of the game.

Equally troubling for Tech was the fact that with Johnson constantly double-covered, no other receiver was able to step up.

For the game, receivers other than Johnson only caught five passes for 29 yards, with only seven of those yards coming in the second half.

Ball, who finished the game 12-for-24 passing for 140 yards, actually gained more yards rushing than passing in the second half; he finished as Tech's top rusher with 11 carries for 55 yards.

"I'm going to have to watch the film to get a real feel for [Reggie's play], but he did some good things in the ballgame. He ran the ball well; he made some very good decisions, some good throws at times. Protection broke down a couple of times when we had some critical downs, and that hurt us," Gailey said.

While Tech was struggling to get into gear, Notre Dame's offense finally started to click.

Quinn completed eight of 11 passes in the second half for 142 yards; he finished the game 23-for-38, amassing 246 yards through the air.

Quinn's most popular targets on the night were Rhema McKnight, who had eight catches for 108 yards and Jeff Samardzija, who caught six passes for 74 yards.

In the fourth quarter, Quinn stepped up to keep Tech's offense off the field, completing a critical third down pass to McKnight for



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Students cheer on the Jackets during the first quarter of last Saturday's loss to Notre Dame at Bobby Dodd Stadium at Historic Grant Field.

19 yards. Later in the drive, Quinn dove forward to convert a first down that allowed the Fighting Irish to run out the clock.

"[On fourth down,] we had a situation where our offensive line had control the game, and we only had half a yard to go. I wanted the players to know you have confidence in them to get a half a yard when the game is on the line," Weis said.

Although many college football analysts tried to pass the Tech loss off as a moral victory, the attitude was not mirrored by Tech's players.

"I'll never be proud to lose. A loss is a loss. I don't care if it's number one or two or three. Rankings don't mean anything. I'm not proud to lose," Ball said.

Tech will look to rebound tomorrow against the Samford Bulldogs. The game will be an untelevised contest that is scheduled to kick off at 3:30 p.m.

Notre Dame - Georgia Tech, stats

Notre Dame	0	7	7	0	— 14
Georgia Tech	7	3	0	0	— 10

First Quarter

Tech- Calvin Johnson 4-yard pass from Reggie Ball (Bell Kick), 00:35

Second Quarter

Tech- Travis Bell 30-yd field goal, 4:45
UND- Brady Quinn 5-yd run (Gioia Kick), 0:11

Third Quarter

UND- Darius Walker 13-yard run (Gioia Kick), 4:12

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Notre Dame, Walker 22-99, Thomas 6-19. TECH, Ball 11-55, Choice 14-54.

PASSING—Notre Dame, Quinn 23-38-0-0 246. Tech, Ball 12-24-1-0 201.

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Tech falls short



By Kyle Thomason

Jackets lose opener against Irish 14-10

With the ESPN GameDay crew on campus and Tech starting the season under the lights on primetime television, expectations were high as the Jackets battled No. 2 Notre Dame.

Tech jumped out to an early 10-0 lead against the Fighting Irish, but they were unable to close out their upset bid, losing in a 14-10 heartbreaker. See Irish, page 35.

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Volleyball defeats Georgia

By Amy DeMao
Contributing Writer

Tech opened their 2006 season as the host school for the Regency Suites Midtown Invitational. Despite losing to Mississippi State in the first game of the tournament, Tech was able to bounce back to win the next three matches and take the tournament title.

Allie Niekamp won MVP honors after tallying 190 assists on the weekend for the Jackets. Senior Abby Showers and Junior Ulrike Stegemann joined Niekamp on the All-Tournament team. Niekamp also earned ACC player of the week honors.

"Our whole team played well this weekend, but it couldn't have happened without Allie's setting play," said Tech Head Coach Bond Shymansky on ramblinwreck.com. "She was smart, cunning, competitive and tough. After spraining her ankle on Friday night, it looked like she might not be able to continue, but she stuck in there and helped the team take down Georgia. Then, to get up on Saturday morning and do it all over again, and even better, was impressive."

Tech lost their season opener in a four-game match to Mississippi State. The Bulldogs had the advantage of already playing and beating three teams. The experience was evident as the Jackets, plagued by double digit service errors, quickly fell behind dropping the first two games of the match. The star of the game was Niekamp who registered



By John Guthrie/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The Volleyball team recovered from an opening loss to Mississippi State to beat Georgia and win the Regency Tournament.

the third triple-double in Tech volleyball history and the first at O'Keefe. She had 10 kills, 44 assists and 10 digs in the loss.

In the night cap on Friday Tech defeated Georgia in a five-game match. Tech won the first two games with relative ease, but struggled to close out the

Bulldogs dropping the next two games. Tech was able to put UGA away in game five, thanks in large part to off the bench freshman Chrissy DeMichelis. DeMichelis came into game five and put away five crucial kills to slam the door

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Herren runs cross country to fourth

By William Bretherton
Senior Staff Writer

This past weekend men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Belmont Opener in Nashville, Tenn. Both team placed well as the men's team finished fourth overall, while the women's team finished third.

"It was a good way for us to get our feet wet as a team, and allow our three freshmen that went to get their first collegiate race under their belt," said David Herren, a senior on the team.

Tech's top three runners, sophomore Greg Johnson, junior Nazir Trilisky and senior Paul Specht, were unavailable for last weekend's race. With this in mind, it made the men's performance that much more impressive.

The top finisher for the men was Herren. He finished 11th overall to lead the Jackets with a time of 15:14 in the 5,000 meters. His performance

was good enough to merit him the ACC Cross Country Performer of the Week.

"There were seven guys right in front of me in the last 200 meters and I could not quite catch that pack," Herren said, as he described how his race went. "I did go out with the leaders though at the start. At the

first mile mark, they dropped the pace and I was able to stick with them for the next couple of miles, but at the big hill near the three-mile marker, the leaders were able to increase their lead. Overall, I thought that it was [a] good effort."

Behind Herren, freshman E.C. Gibbs stepped up for the Jackets in his first collegiate race, finishing 18th overall, crossing the finish line with a time of 15:44. Sophomore James Taylor also placed well with a 27th overall finish and a time of 16:02.

"Overall, the men's team has a

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By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

David Herren's 11th-place finish at the Belmont Opener, held in Nashville, Tenn. last weekend, propelled Tech to fourth place.

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Third triple-double in volleyball history

Allie Niekamp completed the third triple-double in Tech's Volleyball history. She had 10 kills, 44 assists and 10 digs in the season opener against Mississippi State. The last person with a triple-double was Kele Eveland in 2003 at the NCAA Tournament against California. The first person to accomplish the feat was Rochelle Komula against Cincinnati in 1996.

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Event	Date
F vs. Samford	9/9 @ 3:30p.m.
V at Villanova (in Ky.)	9/8 @ 11a.m.
V at Toledo (in Ky.)	9/8 @ 5p.m.
V at Kentucky	9/9 @ 4p.m.

F- Football at Bobby Dodd, V- Volleyball at Kentucky Invitation Tourney (WREK)
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