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The Virginia Tech defense also shut down the explosive Georgia Tech offense, holding them to just 65 points for a 36.6 shooting percentage.

This was the third straight game Tech has failed to score 70 points after averaging over 80 in previous contests.

Georgia Tech scored 30 in the paint, but missed 17 shots on 12 layups and jumpers from close range.

Ra'Sean Dickey failed to score any points for the first time since Nov. 28 in a home win against Penn State.

He was averaging nearly nine points and six rebounds per game

before the loss.

Freshman guard Javaris Crittenton struggled throughout the game on offense, shooting 5-19 from the field for 12 points. Thaddeus Young, the team's leading scorer in the last two games, managed just six points on 2-10 shooting.

"Today wasn't one of [Young's] better offensive days. I didn't think early on he was out of sync. He had some looks that he would normally knock down. I cannot explain those things. I thought he had some decent looks but it just didn't go down for him," Hewitt said.

Freshman forward Mouhammad Faye and junior guard Anthony Morrow anchored the offense, scoring 17 and 18 points respectively.

"I thought we moved the ball pretty well, had some shots. We just

didn't hit them," Hewitt said.

In Tuesday's game against the Demon Deacons, the Jackets once again struggled defensively, allowing 85 points and a 54.3 shooting percentage against a Wake Forest team that only averages 73 points per game.

Georgia Tech fell behind early, trailing 11 points at the end of the first half.

The Deacons, behind 22-17 at the time, engineered a 24-8 run to take the lead and control of the game.

The Jackets came as close as three points numerous times in the game, but were unable to capitalize and take the lead.

While Tech continued its losing streak, they improved on one statistic that has characterized their road losses this season: turnovers.

The Jackets committed just nine turnovers as opposed to the 16 that they have averaged on the road this season. Tech lost to its second opponent with a losing record. Four of Tech's eight losses have come against ranked opponents.

Dickey, after his scoreless game against Virginia Tech, led all Jackets with 14 points. He also led the team with 10 rebounds.

Crittenton struggled again, finishing with just eight points.

He shot just 11 for 36 from the field in the last four games. Morrow and Young added 13 points apiece.

Deacons' center Kyle Visser led his team with 26 points, seven of which came in a key stretch in the second half that extended Wake's lead to 77-68 with just over two

minutes to play.

During this four-game slide, Tech has struggled to gain a lead in the first half and each time was never able to tie or regain the lead in the second.

They have lost three of the four games by double digits and have lost three of four on the road.

The Jackets only have three road games left in the season to stop their woeful streak on the road.

All three games are against ACC opponents, two of which (Duke and Florida St.) the Jackets have beaten earlier this season at home.

The Jackets will play against Clemson tomorrow at Alexander Memorial Coliseum.

This game is the first of a stretch of four consecutive games played in Atlanta.

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 nice to be back at tech...wassup rando?  
 Oh my look at this can of beans! I am so happy to be holding them!  
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 We love you Calvin! We wish you were staying another year, but you gotta do what you gotta do. Good luck, and we'll be watching you!  
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 My head hurts.  
 I still love the opinons editor.  
 Does anyone else think facebook is a maor timewaster?  
 Oh, Scott  
 "If there's anything I know, it's white-collar crime." -James strikes again  
 Beware of the Patriarch  
 what is all this filler between slivers?  
 i'm prairie doggin'  
 We will miss you Calvin, I hope you do well in the NFL.  
 Tech should buy out Biltmore and use it as a dorm.  
 hahaha i'm graduated and your not!  
 and i have the most badass job ever  
 guy across the wall from me... we're both blasting metallica on a sunday night to pass the time, does life really get any better than this?  
 After another pi mile run generated an unsettlingly unpleasant olfactory sensation, the Smith Shower Bandit strikes again!  
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 Thom, that's moldy cheese.  
 I've found that I need more friends, when it's Friday night, I'm bored to death, and my three friends won't do anything.  
 I Ride With Symp Vibes!  
 ANAK would have to be the king i guess.  
 Eric is aquaman  
 this narcissism is getting really old.  
 What a way to cut length-wise.  
 Well...camping is boring...and heartbreaking  
 I don't know how to finish it! Cavity searches are fine!  
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but she stole 30 bases out of 35 attempts. Combined with her .353 on base percentage, Morales was a pesky player for the opposition.

Juniors Becky McGraw and Britany Barnes will backup Morales.

### Third Base

Last season, Savannah Brown and Kristina Hull each started several games at third base, with Blair Shimandle, an outfielder, getting a few starts as well. This season, Tiffany Johnson will be the starter.

Johnson transferred from Florida A&M. The NCAA allowed her to play immediately. While she may have left her former school behind, she would face her old team on the opposing side when the Jackets and Rattlers faced off in the NCAA Regionals. Tech came away victorious in both games that the two played. In those games, Johnson went a combined 1-6 at the plate, with a run scored and an RBI.

"It's great, and she is totally different from the other pitchers. It is also nice to have a pitcher that can bat in the lineup as well," Head Coach Perkins said.

At Florida A&M, Johnson hit .307 at the plate, with five home runs and 27 RBI's.

From the circle, she was 15-6 with a 1.95 ERA and struck out 124 batters while walking only 40. She was the MEAC Rookie of the Year and earned second team All-MEAC honors.

### Shortstop

Christine Sheridan's graduation from Tech has left the team with a hole in this key position. Last season, she hit .332, with four home runs and 43 RBI's. Her replacement, most likely sophomore Jennifer Yee, will have big shoes to fill.

Yee transferred to Tech from Niagara. While there, she won the MAAC Rookie of the Year award

as well as being named to the first team All-Conference. For the Purple Eagles, she broke the school record with a .466 average, placing her third in the nation. She also set school records in hits (62), runs (39) and home runs (11).

### Outfield

The Jackets lost another key player in the outfield with the graduation of Amy Hosier. With the loss, the Jackets will have lost a player that had a .370 batting average and .513 on base percentage. Hosier's on base percentage led the team, while her batting average was second only to Whitney Haller.

Despite the loss, The Jackets will still hold on to two time all-ACC

outfielder Caitlin Lever.

"The seniors understand what it takes. We have had to deal with overcoming doubts from other people, and come up with big wins against teams that they didn't think we necessarily could," Lever said.

Junior Stephanie Butler and sophomore Blair Shimandle will also see significant playing time in the outfield this season. Last season, the Jackets got great production out of Lever and Shimandle. Lever hit .352 for the year, with 10 home runs and 39 RBI's, while Shimandle hit .305, with four home runs and 32 RBI's. Each of these players showed speed on the base paths as Lever stole 15 of 17 bases last season, and Shimandle stole 17 of 19.



By Julia Bunch/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Junior Stephanie Butler stole 13 bases in 15 attempts during the 2006 campaign. She also hit .244 with 11 walks and 21 strikeouts.**

## Softball Schedule

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Feb. 14	vs. Troy	Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 17	vs. Georgetown	Kennesaw, Ga.
Feb. 17	vs. Miami (Oh)	Kennesaw, Ga.
Feb. 18	vs. Evansville	Kennesaw, Ga.
Feb. 18	at Kennesaw State	Kennesaw, Ga.
Feb. 20	vs. Gardner-Webb (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 23	vs. Baylor	Columbus, Ga.
Feb. 23	vs. DePaul	Columbus, Ga.
Feb. 24	vs. UMass	Columbus, Ga.
Feb. 24	vs. Florida	Columbus, Ga.
Feb. 27	vs. Oakland	Atlanta, Ga.
Feb. 28	vs. Chattanooga (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Mar. 2	vs. New Mexico	Woodstock, Ga.
Mar. 2	vs. Indiana State	Woodstock, Ga.
Mar. 3	vs. Lipscomb	Woodstock, Ga.
Mar. 3	vs. Centenary College	Woodstock, Ga.
Mar. 8	vs. Indiana	Clearwater, Fla.
Mar. 8	vs. Northern Illinois	Clearwater, Fla.
Mar. 9	vs. UMass	Clearwater, Fla.
Mar. 9	vs. Tennessee Tech	Clearwater, Fla.
Mar. 10	vs. Illinois-Chicago	Clearwater, Fla.
Mar. 14	vs. Houston	Atlanta, Ga.
Mar. 17	at Virginia Tech (DH)	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar. 18	at Virginia Tech	Blacksburg, Va.
Mar. 21	at San Diego State (DH)	San Diego, Ca.
Mar. 24	vs. N.C. State (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Mar. 25	vs. N.C. State	Atlanta, Ga.
Mar. 28	at Georgia (DH)	Athens, Ga.
Mar. 31	vs. North Carolina (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 1	vs. North Carolina	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 4	at Furman (DH)	Greenville, S.C.
Apr. 7	vs. Florida State (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 8	vs. Florida State	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 11	vs. Western Carolina	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 14	at Maryland (DH)	College Park, Md.
Apr. 15	at Maryland	College Park, Md.
Apr. 18	vs. Kennesaw State (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 21	at Boston College (DH)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Apr. 22	at Boston College	Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Apr. 25	at Georgia State (DH)	Atlanta, Ga.
Apr. 27	at Virginia (DH)	Charlottesville, Va.
Apr. 28	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.

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## Women from page 24

Against Wake Forest, Tech never trailed and extended its lead to as large as 20 points late in the second half. The Deacons never came as close as eight points for the rest of the game.

Mitchell rejoined the starting lineup after missing four due to injury and coming off the bench for two.

She led the team with 18 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Tech took advantage of Wake's numerous mistakes and turnovers, scoring 23 points off of 20 turnovers.

The Jackets ran into foul trouble during the second half of the game and put in Angel Buie, a freshman who was making her college debut.

She scored a three-point shot on

her first attempt in her collegiate career.

"It felt so good when I made that shot. I told [my teammates] on the bench that if they passed it to me I was going to shoot it and it was going to be a three," Buie said.

With the two wins, the Jackets have surpassed their ACC win total from last year when they finished just 2-12.

Tech is also one win away from matching its overall win total from last season of 14.

They have also won five road games this season, three more than they finished in the 2006 campaign.

The Jackets will play the defending national champion and ACC opponent Maryland on Thursday, Feb. 1.

The fourth-ranked Terrapins will hope to bounce back after an 84-71

loss to No. 2 UNC.

Last year, the then No. 4 Maryland ended the Jackets season and ACC tournament run, beating them 71-66 in the quarterfinals of the tournament on their way to a National Championship.

The Jackets have lost to all five of the ranked teams that they have played this season, four of them against top 10 teams.

While they have been able to run with the country's top teams and even gain leads on them, they have had problems closing out games.

Still, the Jackets have lost those five games by a combined 118 points, including a rout in Chapel Hill, where they lost to the Tar Heels 78-31 on Jan. 18.

After playing Maryland last night, the Jackets next game will be on the road against Virginia Tech on Monday.

## Track from page 24



By Amanda Thomas/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The track team will be competing in South Bend, Ind. at the Meyo Invitational this weekend as the outdoor season gets under way.

Over on the track side, Herren showed conspicuous improvement in his mile time with a time of 4:13.11.

"Track isn't a sport, it's a lifestyle. Unlike high school, in college you have to bring everything you have every time you run," Herren, a senior from Rome, Ga., remarked.

Other top ten finishers in their events included Jerome Miller, Juan Cave, and Andrew Powlin.

The women's team was led by Shantia Moss and Nisha Kurian who both finished in the top five of their respective events. Moss, a junior from Tamarac, Fla., finished fourth in the 200m and she continues to dominate the hurdle races. She followed a win in the 60m Hurdles last week with another first place finish in the 55m Hurdles this past week, clocking in a time of 7.61 seconds.

Having already received a provisional qualifying time for the NCAA championships in the 60m hurdles, her stellar performance in

Gainesville provincially qualified her for the NCAA Championships in the 55m hurdles, making her the second female runner this year to obtain such a time in two events. Ashley Kidd was the first to run such times.

Kidd was not with the team and was instead at the Penn State National Invitational in State College, Penn., challenging some of the fastest sprinters in the nation. She finished third and second in the 200m and 400m dash respectively. In both races she improved her season best time and improved her provisional qualifying place.

Kidd was also named ACC Track and Field Athlete of the Week because of her success at Penn State. At the midpoint of the Indoor Track Season, Kidd appears once again to be the Jackets' strongest candidate for winning an ACC Championship.

The Jackets will spend next weekend in South Bend, Ind. in Notre Dame, competing in the Meyo Invitational on Feb. 2 and 3.



By Scott Medway/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Tech prepares for ACC Championships: Starting Wednesday, the swimming and diving team will be in Chapel Hill, N.C. for the conference Men's and Women's swimming and diving championship.

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# 2007 Softball Preview

By William Bretherton  
Senior Staff Writer

Last season, the Jackets softball team went 48-22. They ended their season with a No. 19 ranking and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. Their season ended in a 7-2 loss to No. 4 Alabama 7-2 in the Regional Finals. On this past Tuesday, the Jackets were picked to finish No. 5 in the ACC Preseason Coaches Poll.

Tech lost a key member of its team over the off season as Head Coach Ehren Earlywine left for a coaching job at the University of Missouri, close to his hometown.

Sharon Perkins joined the team as the new head coach. The former

Georgia associate head coach helped lead the Georgia program to a 313-104 record with two SEC titles and five straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

"I'm excited. It's been a great rivalry over the past few years, especially in softball. There are a lot of good players here, and I can't wait to play [UGA]," Perkins said when asked about coaching against her former team.

On the plus side, Perkins will have one of the best players in the NCAA in her batting order.

Sophomore Whitney Haller had a .393 batting average to go with her .513 on base percentage. Haller also hit 24 home runs and drove in 72

runs. Her 24 home runs led the team and the ACC, while placing her in a tie for second in the NCAA. Haller has also been named to the watch list for USA Softball National Player of the Year.

"I never dreamed of having a season like the one I had last year. It's really hard to put into words. I really hope that it continues to get better," Haller said.

## Pitching

Tech's leader in ERA and wins from a year ago returns in senior Sarah Wood. Last year, she hurled 166 innings from the circle compiling a 20-8 record, and an ERA of 2.87. Wood also struck out 98 batters, while walking only 38.

"[Perkins] really has helped out the pitchers and works with us a lot. She has really helped improve my pitching, but also has helped my mental game," Wood said.

Behind Wood, there is plenty of experience. Junior Whitney Humphreys and sophomore Lacey Richardson pitched over 240 innings combined last season, and should see similar playing time. Statistically, Humphreys had an 18-7 record, 2.87 ERA and 88 strikeouts to 24 walks, while Richardson had an 8-6 record, 3.57 ERA and 69 strikeouts to 42 walks.

Sophomores Haller and Tiffany Johnson will also give Tech a number of innings from the circle, while also fielding their respective positions, first and third base.



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Head Coach Sharon Perkins looks to improve upon the successes of former Head Coach Ehren Earlywine, who left to coach Missouri.

## Catcher

Behind the plate, Tech returns all of their catchers. Junior Savannah Brown leads this group as she hit .295, with 11 home runs and 47 RBI's along with an on-base percentage of .397.

Behind Brown, the Jackets have seniors Daisy Paez and Kristina Hull. Last season, both catchers struggled behind the plate, but provided experience and defense to the team.

## First Base

Tech's strongest position on the team is at first with Whitney Haller leading the team in essentially every category. While Haller hit well last season, she may find it more difficult to put up similar numbers.

"My hitting perspective has to change this year. Last year, no one knew about me, so I could go up and get pitches to hit. This year, since I was successful last season I probably won't see as many good pitches this season," Haller said.

Senior Kristina Hull will back up Savannah Brown behind the plate, but also will be Haller's back up.

## Second Base

The Jackets return another key player at this position in Aileen Morales. Morales brings a lot of experience and speed to the Tech order. Last season, she only hit .247, but she stole 30 bases out of 35 at-



By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Last year's softball team went 48-22 overall before being defeated in the NCAA Regionals. This year's team is picked to finish fifth.

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## Women trample Eagles, Deacons



By Jon Drews/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Stephanie Higgs led the women's basketball team with 16 points in the Jacket's 60-49 victory over Boston College this past Thursday.

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's basketball team defeated ACC opponents Boston College at home 60-49 and Wake Forest on the road 58-45.

Tech and Boston College played a tight and close game for most of the night, with seven ties throughout the game.

"I think Boston College is a very solid basketball team and when they made their runs at us we got sharper," said Head Coach MaChelle Joseph.

In the first ten minutes of the second half, the Eagles held the Jackets to just six points and were able to tie up the game 40-40.

It was the first tie of the game since the two were tied at 17 points apiece with 6:49 remaining in the first half.

The Jackets pulled ahead again only to have the Eagles tie it up at

47-47.

Tech's Janie Mitchell was able to break the tie and give Tech the lead with a three point play. The play would put the Jackets ahead for good.

With just under two minutes remaining, Mitchell all but ended Boston College's comeback hopes with her basket to extend Tech's lead to nine points.

"I think Boston College is a very solid basketball team, and when they made their run at us we got sharper."

MaChelle Joseph  
Head Coach

"Janie Mitchell is a big time player and big time players make big time plays. Our job as coaches is to put them in a position to win and the players have to make plays at the end of the game and I think that [Mitchell] came up big for us," Joseph said.

Mitchell finished the game with nine points. Stephanie Higgs and Chioma Nnamaka were the only two Jackets who scored in double figures.

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## Track performs well at Florida invite

By Jason Boral  
Contributing Writer

The Jackets' men's and women's indoor track teams reached the midpoint of their seasons, leaving only four weeks before the ACC Championships.

The Jackets traveled down to Florida to take part in the Diet

Pepsi Invitational at the Stephen O'Connell Center on the University of Florida campus. Eight other teams competed in the men's side while eleven others competed in the women's competition.

David Herren, Steve Marcelle, Charles Rohling, Tom Guglielmo and Cristan Duvall, brought confidence to the team as they

finished with their best marks of the season.

Marcelle had a 57 feet and 7 inches toss in men's shot put. Charles Rohling also set a personal mark with his 54 feet and 2 inches throw in the same event. Alphonso Jordan, the reigning Tech male Athlete of the Week and promising freshman, continued his success by placing third

in the long jump event with a jump of 23 feet and 2 1/2 inches. His score tied with senior James Lemons.

The pair scored the highest jump in the event of all NCAA athletes in the competition. Jordan also made it to the finals in his first attempt at the 55 meter hurdles.

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## Jackets' woeful losing streak continues

By Hahnming Lee  
Assistant Sports Editor

Georgia Tech dropped its fourth straight game, losing on the road to Wake Forest 85-75. Earlier in the week, the Jackets dropped a game against the Hokies, 73-65.

The loss to Wake Forest extends the road-losing skid to 17 games and dropped the team to 13-8 overall and 2-6 in ACC play.

In the Virginia Tech game, Georgia Tech's only lead of the game came in the opening seconds of the first half.

The team scored the first basket to make it 2-0, but they trailed by as much as 10 late in the second half.

When the Jackets tied the game midway through the first half, the Hokies went on a 15-7 run to close out the half and take the lead for

good.

"Offensively, in the first half, we had a lot of good looks, but we just couldn't knock shots down," said Georgia Tech Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

The Hokies dominated on offense, shooting 59 percent from the field and knocking down 19 of 25 free throws.

The Jackets failed to stop the Hokies offense as they scored a lot of their points in the paint, many of them on dunks.

Guard Zebian Dowdell controlled the offense and also led the team with 23 points.

"Give them credit for their guards who controlled the tempo... I think that they played exceptionally well," Hewitt said.

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By Jamie Howell/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After losing on the road to Wake Forest 85-75 on Tuesday, Tech has lost 17 consecutive road games and four consecutive games overall.

## sports shorts

## Baseball shaves heads for charity

The Tech baseball team has joined up with the St. Baldrick's Foundation to raise money to help find a cure for childhood cancer.

For every \$250 that is raised, a new member of the team will have their head shaved on March 17, 2007 against Boston College.

The team hopes to raise a total of \$5000 for the fight against childhood cancer.

St. Baldrick's has raised more than \$20 million and they have shaved more than 26,000 heads since their founding in 1999.

As of midnight on Wednesday, the team was approaching the halfway point of their goal.

## Ross retires from Army after 3 years

Former Tech coach Bobby Ross retired from football after coaching the game for 27 years.

The 70-year-old coach left Army after three seasons with the team. The Jackets' coach from 1987-1991 led the team to their most recent national championship in 1990.

He was also the unanimous choice as the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award that year as the top coach in collegiate football.

The team finished without a loss, the only nation that year to do so, and beat Nebraska 45-21 in the Citrus Bowl to conclude the season.

Ross went on to coach the San Diego Chargers and lead them to a Super Bowl appearance.

He last coached the Detroit Lions before going to Army in 2004.

Ross inherited a team that was on a fifteen-game losing streak and had ended the previous season with a NCAA record in futility, finishing 0-13.

He compiled a 9-25 record, including a 0-3 record against rival Navy, in his three seasons in Army.

Ross has also had coaching stints at the Citadel from 1973-1977 and Maryland from 1982-1986. He has a collegiate record of 96-85-2 in sixteen years of college coaching and a 77-68 record in the NFL.

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Event	Date
T vs. Radford	2/3 @ 10 a.m.
T vs. Georgia Southern	2/3 @ 3:30 p.m.
M vs. Clemson	2/3 @ 1 p.m.
W @ Virginia Tech	2/5 @ 7 p.m.
M vs. N.C. State	2/6 @ 7 p.m.
T- Men's Tennis, M- Men's Basketball, W- Women's Basketball (WREK)	
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