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3. Maintains Diversity Webpage
4. Takes minutes at meetings
5. Responsible for notifying members of meetings and securing meeting locations
6. Organizes refreshments for meetings

If you have questions, please contact Crystal Mayberry at crystal@gatech.edu

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Grading the Class

Overall Class Ranking
ESPN - No. 11
Scout.com - No. 14
Rivals.com - No. 19

Summary
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more like VP of tool affairs
No way can I be what I’m not.
But hey, don’t you want your girl hot?
Rowdower!
Watch out for snakes!
Heat anyone?
TO THE PEOPLE WHO STOLE THE PRO-LIFE DISPLAY:
Why would you do such a thing?
what are you accomplishing?
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Odds of ice tonight/tomorrow? 90-100%. Odds of classes being canceled? much lower than I’d prefer.
When were classes last canceled because of weather?
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james gave me baileys... thank you james!!!
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Though by the time it reaches you, wooo-off will have been done so you won’t be able to press charges for a wasted life
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Mmm.... Beer
Why is Kwanza not in February, during black history month?
Or why isn’t black history month in December?
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Jackets bounce back to thump rival Tigers, Pack

By Hahmng Lee
Assistant Sports Editor

The Jackets ended their four-game skid with a 80-62 rout of Clemson at Alexander Memorial Coliseum last Sunday.

Javaris Crittenton rebounded from his previous offensive struggles by scoring 26 points, a career high.

Thaddeus Young, Anthony Morrow and Alade Aminu all finished in double figures.

"It feels great to get a win. Besides the points, steals and all the other stuff, it just feels good to get a win," Crittenton said.

Tech led and maintained a double-digit lead for most of the game. Clemson shot just 40.7 percent from the field and was five of 23 on three-point shots.

"One of the big keys coming into this game was rebounding the basketball and really challenging our guys to really try and do a good job from Clemson getting a second shot," said basketball Head Coach Paul Hewitt.

Clemson struggled with turnovers for much of the game and allowed 27 points on 22 turnovers.

The Tigers beat the Jackets earlier in the season, 75-74. At the end of the game, Tech lost on a layup made by Clemson's James May.

"I actually thought that the Clemson game, the first one, we played one of our best games of the year and just got beat by a better team that day. … These games are the only times of our best games of the year and just the game," Hewitt said.

Clemson also lost from the field and was five of 23 on three-point shots.

"I'm glad to see us get back to great, physical, energetic basketball. I can't tell you how happy I am about how these guys played tonight," Hewitt said.

In the opening minutes, Tech struggled and fell behind 8-0 and then 17-2.

N.C. State dominated inside the paint while Tech couldn't hit their lay ups and close-range shots.

Nearly eight minutes into the game, N.C. State player Dennis Horner was injured on a play that resulted in a double-digit deficit before Crittenton made a half-court shot to cut the margin to eight.

"It sparked us," Young said.

Crittenton had his second straight 20-point game and finished as the lead scorer in the game.

Young led all players in rebounds, finishing with seven.

"With the bench, we get to rotate in, rest our legs, and then come back in to give 110%," Jeremis Smith said.

Tech will play the University of Connecticut Huskies at the Georgia Dome on Sunday at 1 p.m.

There will be a shuttle provided for students to and from the Dome.

The first shuttle will leave the Student Center bus stop on First Drive at 11 a.m. and will continue until approximately 4 p.m.

Tech's next ACC game comes at Florida State on Feb. 13.

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Curtis Dupart, will be vying for Dantzler, along with freshman four years, Tech fans will see a Jackets. For the first time in will start in right field for the with six home runs in 2006, captain Crancer, who hit .321 most dangerous hitters. The co-America selection, one of Tech's a second-team preseason All-speed and power makes Payne, ready to go. “I always worry about [overwork- ing Wieters],” Hall said. “He plays a very demanding position in catcher and so always worry about the wear and tear on his arm. We are in hopes that we can definitely save some bullets in his arm.” Sophomore Jason Haniger will be the primary back up for Wieters when he is the DH and junior Nick Scherer will come into catch when Wieters goes from catcher to pitcher.

Pitcching Rotation
After coming off of a 7-2 freshman season, David Dun- can is poised to be Tech’s No. 1 starter. “I think I am ready to go. I had a good summer and fall so I am locked into where I want to be. I feel good about the weekend and I’m ready to do it.” Duncan has worked hard in the off-season to gain some consistency in both his windup and pitch by pitch to help him be a more effective pitcher this season. Turner is slated as the No. 2 pitcher for the Jackets. Turner finished the last season strong and became Tech’s third starter in the rotation despite finishing the year 4-4.

Chris Hicks was slated as the No. 3 in the rotation but has been slowed by some elbow and arm soreness. The coaching staff is working hard to build his arm strength back up and he will only be used on spurts of 2 or 3 innings until he is fully healthy. Until that time, look for junior southpaw Tim Ladd to fill in for the Jackets. In addition, possible mid-week starters for Tech that could be shuffled into the starting rotation, if need be, are redshirt senior Jared Hyatt and freshman right-handers Zach Von Tersch and Andrew Robinson.

Luke Hurton ended season on a nine-game hitting streak, including a three home run game in the ACC Tournament.

Bulpen
The Jackets return virtually everyone from the 2006 bullpen including junior setup man Brad Rulon. He was the primary setup guy in the seventh and eighth innings, trying to get the ball to Wieters. Rulon finished 2006 with a 5-0 record and a 2.20 ERA. He will continue to set up for the two closers which Tech will now employ, Wieters and Payne.

In addition to his position in outfield, Payne is also a dangerous lefty out of the bullpen. Payne on the mound and Tech’s closer. With the emergence of

Catcher
First team preseason All-American catcher Matt Wieters will be behind the plate once again. He is slated to catch two games during the three series and will be the DH in the middle game. He is also Tech’s primary catcher. With the emergence of Payne on the mound and Tech’s stellar bullpen, the weight of being the closer will be taken off of Wieters’ shoulder a bit this season.

“He’s running and diving and doing things that you are used to seeing Danny Payne do.”
Danny Hall
Head Coach - Baseball

Outfield
Tech returns two players who each started about half the games in the outfield. Payne, the leadoff hitter and center fielder, suffered a shoulder injury midway through the 2006 season when he dove and collided with Blackwood in the outfield. He had surgery on his shoulder and has fully recovered from the injury. “The shoulder feels great,” said Payne. “It feels better now than it did before the injury. It was something that I needed to get done and unfortunately it happened at an inopportune time...” He’s looked very good,” Hall said. “He doesn’t have any effects of the shoulder. He hasn’t missed anything. He’s running and diving and doing things that you are used to seeing Danny Payne do. So I think he’s in great shape and ready to go.”

The combination of great speed and power makes Payne, a second-team preseason All-America selection, one of Tech’s most dangerous hitters. The co-captain Crancer, who hit .321 with six home runs in 2006, will start in right field for the Jackets. For the first time in four years, Tech fans will see a new face starting in left field. Sophomores Chris House and Jay Danzler, along with freshman Curtis Dupart, will be vying for the starting position in 2007. In addition, Plagman may see some time in left field.

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Upset from page 32

Winning over No. 4 Maryland last Thursday evening at the Coliseum.

Senior guard Stephanie Higgs scored 26 points in Tech’s 77-72 upset but Chioma Nnamaka answered half scoring two quick baskets, 17-3 on points off turnovers. Tech ended the half leading the visitors by 13. Tech outscored the Terps 17-3 on points off turnovers.

Maryland opened the second half scoring two quick baskets, but Chioma Nnamaka answered back with her first three-pointer of the game. Neither team scored for the next two minutes until Kristi Toliver hit a three to bring the Terps within nine.

After the teams traded baskets, Harper brought Maryland’s deficit down to seven with two free throws. Maryland got within five points of the Jackets twice in the next six minutes but never got closer. Tech continued their pressure defense and made crucial free throws down the stretch. Tech consistently kept their lead between five and eight points.

The teams combined for 76 foul shots, with Tech taking the majority and scoring 31—close to half their total score.

Coming off a big win at home, Tech took a three-game conference winning streak to Blacksburg. Virginia Tech came off a non-conference win against Morehead St and were able to carry that momentum into this game, beating the Jackets 73-68.

The Jackets played the Hokies close for 35 minutes and let the game slip away near the end. Virginia Tech scored a quick five points to open the game.

Tech didn’t fold down, though, and stormed back and took a one point lead on a jumper by Janie Mitchell. Georgia Tech then went on a 5-0 run to take a 10 point lead. The Jackets led by as many as 11 until the Hokies were slowly able to tie the game at the five-minute mark.

The teams scored back and forth with Virginia Tech scoring six points in the final minute to take a six point lead into the half.

Virginia Tech was able to keep a safe lead between them and the Jackets by scoring often and trading baskets for basket.

Fortunately for the Jackets, they never let the Hokies have a double-digit lead and were able to tie the game with six minutes left. Following that, the Hokies took back the lead and never relinquished it.

The Jackets were able to hang in the end, but couldn’t bring themselves to finish Virginia Tech.

Tech took 18 more shots than the Hokies, but the difference came at the foul line. The Jackets took advantage of their foul shots by making 10 of 13; Virginia Tech shot a lower percentage, but had far more opportunities, hitting 22 of 31. The Jackets were out-rebounded for just the fourth time this season (41-30).

Tech travel to Tallahassee to take on Florida State on Feb. 9th.

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Whitney McCray through the tournament. The loss came to No. 25 Maryland’s Long and Sara Amalou, the No. 16 doubles team in the country. The Jackets climbed to the No. 1 ranking after winning the tournament. It knocked Stanford off the top after the Cardinals had held the top position for 37 straight polls.

“It’s a great feeling to [be ranked No. 1],” he said. “It’s an accomplishment and an achievement. You recognize quickly that it’s a team effort,” Shelton said.

Tech came into the season ranked at No. 6 and with five singles players ranked in the top 100. This championship is one of three ITA national collegiate championships held during the season. The other two are the Riviera/ITA All-America Championships in November and the NCAA Championships in May.

“The players took on themselves to say that we now go for the championship. It’s only been our second year of playing in this national event and we wanted to make the most of it and go for it all,” Shelton said. The Jackets will next face No. 25 William & Mary and Illinois at Champaign tomorrow and No. 8 Northwestern on Monday.
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Hasta Luego!
The Atlantic Coast Conference prides itself on having some of the best teams and creating some of the fiercest competitions in college sports. This year’s Tech baseball season will face its toughest challenge in the ACC, that it’s faced in years.

The Jackets come into the 2007 season ranked as high as No. 11 in national polls, which gives fans great hope for this season. However, four teams in the ACC are ranked ahead of Tech, including No. 2 Clemson, No. 5 North Carolina, No. 6 Miami and No. 10 Virginia. Following the Jackets is Florida State, ranked No. 13.

“You basically have to try to survive,” said Head Coach Danny Hall. “The league is very good again. A lot of teams are ranked extremely high. There are some teams that maybe are ranked that can play better than people are giving them credit for. You have to survive in the league to have a chance [to get to] the post season.”

Coming off a successful season where the Jackets made a trip out to Omaha, Neb. in the middle of June last year, Tech will have some obstacles to overcome if they look to repeat, and get back to the mid-west. Tech lost nine players, eight of whom made significant contributions to the College World Series squad. Tech has to overcome more player losses than any team in the conference.

The Jackets are the only team to have earned at least one national seed in each of the past four years. In addition, the four-year stretch featured the longest conference winning streak in ACC history of 25 games in 2004-2005, two ACC Championships, a College World Series appearance, four NCAA Regional appearances and three NCAA Super Regional appearances.

Sophomore David Duncan will be Tech’s opening day starter in Statesboro, Ga. this weekend against the Georgia Southern Eagles.

Sophomore Luke Murton will anchor the Tech infield and hit in the cleanup spot for Tech. Murton came on strong in the ACC Tournament in 2006, tying a single-game tournament and school record with three home runs against Clemson. He finished the season with six home runs, a .339 average and 44 RBIs.

Another position Tech had to fill before the season began was catcher. Freshman Tony Plagman will be the backup Murton, but also be used in a first baseman and outfielder. Plagman is the key backup catcher.

The versatile freshman has showed promise during his summer stint with the Cape Cod League and during fall practice. Walk-on freshman Jason Garofalo sits behind Ussery as a possible catcher.

At second base will be freshman Jeff Usery. A natural shortstop, Usery has the transition over to second base and is the leading candidate for the job. A switch hitter with good speed, Usery showed promise during his summer stint with the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod League and during fall practice.

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The No. 6 Jackets' women's tennis team won the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championship held in Madison, Wisc. last Sunday, beating Notre Dame 4-2 in the finals. In the singles competition, Tech won four of six singles matches and two of three doubles competitions. Kirsten Flower, Christy Striplin, Alison Silverio, and Amanda Craddock all won their singles matches against their opponents. "We didn't try and over think it. We played really well against Stanford and we just wanted to continue on that path. I think we knew that we could finish off the tournament with another win. We had such a quick turnaround that we were still probably riding off of such a great feeling from the night before," said Kristi Miller.

The Fighting Irish fell behind 3-0 in the match, but fought back to come as close as 3-2. Tech sealed the victory with a comeback win by Craddock in her match against Notre Dame's Brook Buck.

En route to the finals, Tech defeated three-time defending champion, Stanford. The Cardinals had come into the match with an NCAA-record winning streak of 89 matches. The Jackets 4-2 victory set up the final against No. 2 seed, Notre Dame. Stanford and Tech each won three pieces in the singles competitions, but Tech won two out of three of the doubles matches to take the match and upset the top ranked Cardinals team. Taryn Rudman, Craddock, and Flower all won their singles matchups. "We went in knowing that we could win. It was just a matter of doing it. Once we beat Stanford it was a realization that we really can win this thing. When you play a team like Stanford, you know you have the ability to [do it], it's just a matter of doing it," Flower said.

The women's tennis team holds up their trophy after capturing the tournament title at the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships. The team jumped five spots to No. 1 in the latest coaches' poll.

Women upset No. 4 Terps

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This was Tech's first win over a team ranked as high as Maryland since beating No. 4 Maryland in the 1992 ACC Tournament. Last season, Tech came close in the ACC tournament, losing by five points to the team that would eventually become the National Champions. Tech was able to capitalize on key defensive plays. They forced 16 turnovers in the first half that led to 17 points and forced 10 turnovers in the second half to keep the Terrapins at bay.

Stephanie Higgs led all scorers with 26 points and hit five of six three-pointers in the final minutes to seal the win. Janie Mitchell scored 17 points in just 26 minutes and Jacqua Williams added 16.

For the Terrapins, Marissa Coleman lead the team with 17; three other players also scored in double figures. Both teams were even on the glass, but the key to the game was Tech forced six more turnovers than Maryland.

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The teams traded baskets until Jacqua Williams' three-pointer gave Tech a 10-point lead. Maryland slowly clawed their way back into the game. In the second round, the final score was 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

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Football signs 20

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Signing Day came and went on Wednesday with everything going according to plan for the Tech football coaching staff.

Head Coach Chan Gailey brings in a class that is rated higher than any other school in the ACC. and instate rival Georgia. The class is rated above every program in the nation, except for 13.

While the recruiting services and so-called experts around the nation are calling this class one of the best ever for Tech, Gailey is not buying into the hype. "You don't buy into it when you have a low rated one, and you don't buy into it if you have a high rated one," Gailey said. "You get the guys that are going to... help you win a championship. Hopefully, they will get their degree and work to be successful in life." "I don't buy into those [rank- ing], it's like a preseason poll, who knows what is going to happen in the end." Scout.com previously rated Tech's recruiting classes as high as No. 34 and as low as No. 51 in the nation. The 2007 recruiting class is rated No. 14 despite the scholarship restrictions that were caused by the