

# Moss, Lemons earn All-America honors



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The Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships took place the week of June 9 on the campus of Drake University in Iowa. Tech sent seven players to participate in the events.

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Seniors James Lemons and Shantia Moss earned All-America honors last weekend when they participated in the NCAA Track and Field Championships at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Lemons finished fifth in the men's triple jump with a 54 feet, 1 ¼ inch mark. This is Lemons' first outdoor honor, earlier this season Lemons earned indoor honors in the triple jump and long jump.

Moss ran in the 100-meter hurdles, finishing third with a time of 13.15 for her fourth All-America selection. Moss also earned the honor in the fall for 60-meter indoor hurdles. The women finished 43 with six points. The men finished 50 with a total of four points.

Tech took seven participants to the championships in Iowa, four men and three women.

For the women, junior Jacqua Williams' best time in the 200 meters was 23.49. Junior Kimery Hern qualified with a mark of 197 feet, 11

inches in the hammer throw.

For the men, sophomore Steve Marcelle and junior Andy Powlen both participated in the shot put. Powlen qualified with a mark of 60 feet, 8.5 inches, while Marcelle had a mark of 61 feet, 6.75 inches. Sophomore Alphonso Jordan also qualified in the triple jump with a mark of 52 feet, 9.5 inches.

Moss started the qualifying for the Jackets. She finished with a time of 12.96 in qualifying, better than her championship mark, to finish second in qualifying. She is the second

Tech athlete to run under 13 seconds in the 100 meter hurdles. Marcelle and Powlen also competed on the second day of qualifying. Marcelle registered a mark of 57 feet, 10.5 inches. He ranked 16 after qualifying preliminaries. Powlen did not register a mark in the qualifying.

Williams finished 19 in the preliminary 200 meter dash, three spots outside of qualifying for the final round.

Moss started the third day with another sub-13 time, finishing with 12.99, also second best on the day, to qualify for her first championship.

Lemons qualified for the finals with a mark of 51 feet, 11.75 inches. Jordan followed with a mark of 51 feet, 5.5 inches, missing the final round cut by just two spots.

"[Lemons] had a phenomenal day and just competed really well... Coach Page has done a great job with [Lemons] and I am just very proud of the both of them," head coach Grover Hinsdale said.

Tech also won the ACC Men's Outdoor Track and Field Sportsmanship Award for the 2007-2008

campaign. Teams receiving this award are voted on by the players and coaches of the ACC. The men's track and field team also won the award for the indoor season in the winter. Virginia Tech won the Sportsmanship School of the Year award. Virginia Tech also leads the conference with 19 awards since joining the ACC in 2004. The trophy was created by the conference's Student Athlete Advisory Committee in order to recognize teams that promote the ACC's mission statement, "It [the ACC] strongly adheres to the principles of integrity and sportsmanship, and supports the total development of the student-athlete and each member institution's athletics department staff, with the intent of producing enlightened leadership for tomorrow."

Among other winners, Duke won for men's tennis and men's lacrosse, Virginia won for women's tennis as well as women's golf. Boston College won the men's golf award and Women's Outdoor Track and Field. Clemson won for Rowing, while North Carolina took home the award for Baseball.

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The hot chicks come out during summer.

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If I had a dime for ever sliver I wrote, I'd have 32¢

MON-GOLIA!!!!!!

My favourite character is the Interrobang.

If you don't like the Beatles, I will fire you.

Or fiiiight...

AK-47 is well missed.

I don't write good.

Nor do I speak good.

English is my second language.

Southern is my first.

It's 14. Wait, maybe 16. No, it's 14.

Hey AK, how's Borat?

Oh. My. God. Look at my new Tote! It's embroidered!

Who let the hyenas out?

CAKLE!!!! CACKLE!!!! CACKLE!!!!

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE HEEE HEEE HEEE HEEE!!!!!!

I will get you, Baron Von Vinkla!

Consensus or consensuses

Why can't the Braves win a damn game to save their lives?

To UGA: it's great that you beat us in the tournament, but you couldn't

beat Fresno State with a 1 game lead and up 5-0 in game 2? HAH!

The Rape Tunnel is the third street tunnel, for those who don't know,

at night it becomes the rap tunnel.

Fresno State 6 - Ugag 1 - I'm thinking they won't be raising a crystal

ball in football this fall either :-D

Someone needs to come up with a quicker way to get to Tech square

without using the tunnel

Let's make it happen, somebody grab a beaver

Crickets

That's what she said

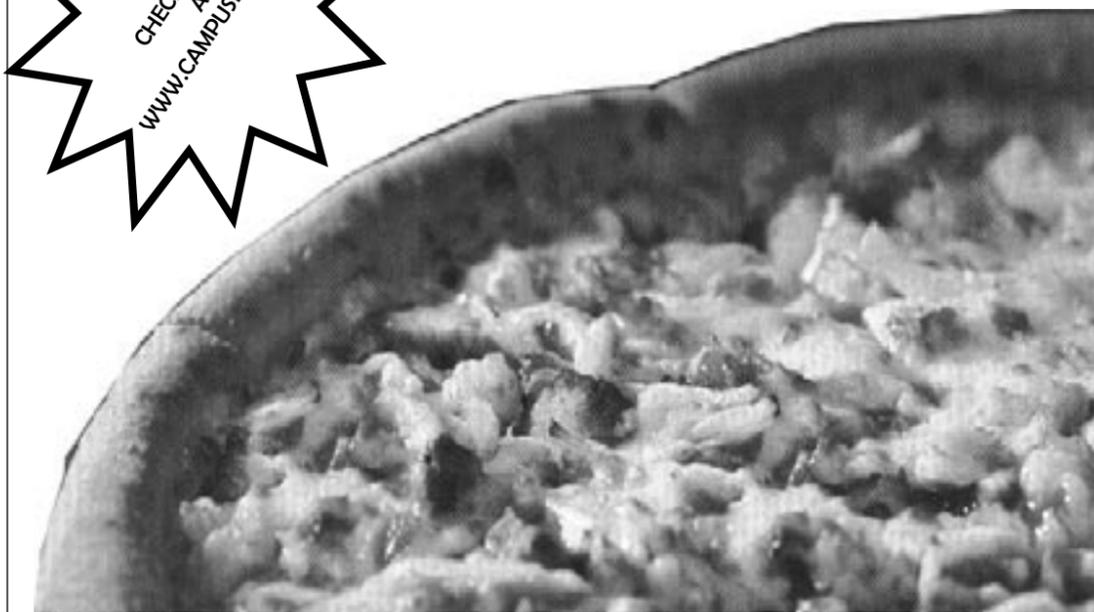
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team won the coastal division title in 2007 and was three points away from the ACC title. The women's tennis team won the school's first NCAA title in 2007 and Amanda McDowell won the school's first NCAA singles title in 2008.

Radakovich has also moved towards entertainment as a source of increasing ticket sales.

Last season, Tech invited several high profile guests including Diana DeGarmo to sing the national anthem and Big Boi for a half-time show against Virginia Tech.

Radakovich and his team have tried to increase the entertainment value in order to increase ticket sales amongst non-alumni.

Two of the more high profile events under Radakovich's tenure were the hiring of new coaches.

Softball coach Ehren Earlywine left Tech for Missouri after Spring 2007. Radakovich hired Sharon Perkins, formerly the associate head coach at UGA, as his replacement.

Perkins, led the team through the tournament schedule with a losing record before they surged through the ACC schedule. Tech finished with a 32-31 record after losing to Central Florida in the Gainesville Regional in the NCAA tournament.

Radakovich also fired football coach Chan Gailey after six seasons as head football coach. Gailey, lost at least five games every season and his teams showing little signs of improvement was one of the reasons given for his firing.

For his replacement, Radakovich hired Parker Executive Service to help with the search that ultimately led him to Paul Johnson, the former Navy and Georgia Southern Coach.

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and APR score adjustments based on different situations, such as coaching changes among other hardships. The most controversial suggestion may have been to reduce the length of the playing season and limit the number of away games, this would help players by allowing players to go to more of their classes towards the end of the fall semester and start the season after finals.

Other points of discussion included other facets of the APR score, "Last year there were 149 teams who received an immediate penalty, these are the teams below 925 [APR]," said Todd Pedder, managing director of NCAA research.

Currently, there are three occasions of penalties a team can receive. If teams are under the 925 APR score required, they will be issued

a public warning about further penalties if they continue to stay at a low APR.

Pedder also said that this was the first year any team could acquire an occasion two penalty. This year, 26

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Managing Director, NCAA research

teams faced occasion two penalties. The stipulation for occasion two penalties is teams that stay below 900 points and show little or no

signs of improvement are subject to the penalties.

"Penalties may be reductions in practice time, further restrictions in scholarships beyond what may be the case in immediate penalties and the practice time has to be replaced with academic time. There's specific ways they have to deal with the time they lose in terms of practice," Pedder said.

Occasion three, the most severe of the penalties, happens when a team fails to show improvement for the third straight year. These teams are automatically eliminated from postseason contention including the NCAA and NIT tournaments.

"218 teams from 123 institutions were penalized, most were from football, basketball and baseball. 17 percent of men's basketball received some sort of penalties, 16 percent of football teams and 12 percent of baseball teams," Pedder said.

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i want to seduce my professor!

David Palmer for president '08!

They chainsawed 15 forty-year-old Elm trees next to Van Leer for "eco-friendly greenspace."

taking biol1520? get laura as a TA, finally a grade to help the GPA :)

I hate summer, it's just another time for me to go home and realize how weird I really am.

Slivers are what make life living.....they are the wind beneath my wings.

To the CRC personnel who chose to play Delerium's "Silence" - thank you. Now have the Airscape mix on repeat and you have my workout playlist.

its great having roomies who are never around tonight i am stealing a T and slitting my wrists with it this place has made me hate life.

summer is supposed to be easy Unless you are an attractive female, please do not sit so close to me at flicks on 5th that if I move slightly I touch you....I really don't want you in my personal space.

Work is soo super boring

fine don't take my advice

pew pew pew waffles!

Its hot! Go Sailing! GT Sailing Club!

It's hot because I don't have an 'off' switch.

Every time you let the water run, a sailor loses some sailing area...

Freshman Twins! NOW Tech is doing something right!

Sailors have more fun...

Technique- you don't have so much in your paper that you can't write out the word 'fraternity'

Savage-"Swing": the song for Summer 08!

Are summer students just to lazy to sliver?

This just in: Scandalous partner-swapping occurring in Physics labs!

oops that was an "accident"

A 'Nique without SLIVERS? The campus should be shaking with cries of outrage! Come forth, sliverers & sliverettes, and let your inane snippets flood the Technique in the way nature intended!

happy now?

a whole summer worth in one sports section

tyson's tendersssss... best FASET group everrrr

slivery timbers!, wherefore art though slivers?

"You have to lock your bike up in the parking deck if there're no more spots." Wait. What? what reason does a cyclist have to go into a parking deck?

Damn 5th st mgmt. Damn them all. Especially the ones who lock up bikes because they're too lazy to put in another bike rack.

Spain would be nice in August

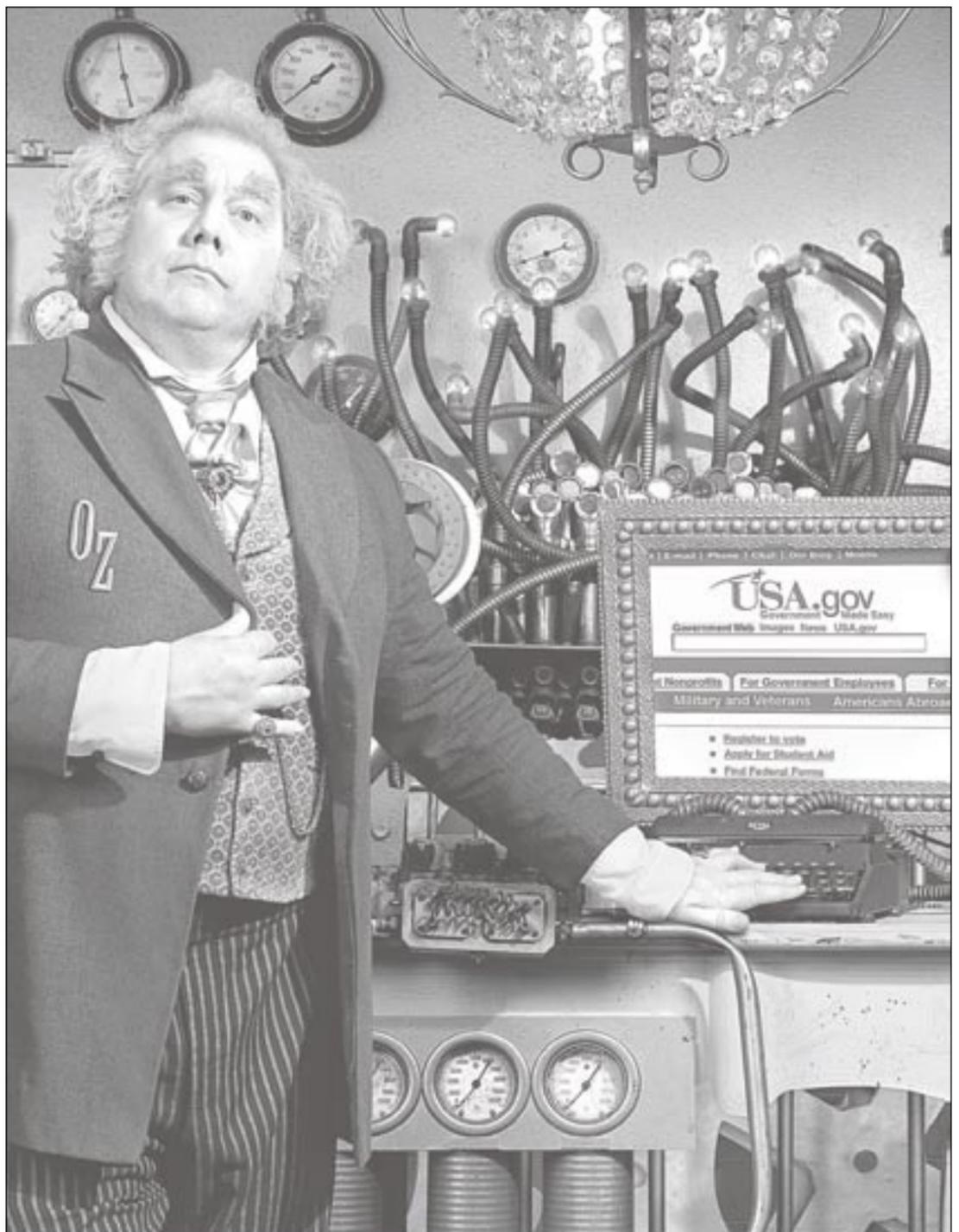
Whadda think?

Anne it's no fun when I can't censor your slivers

Summer school belows

thanks for the hangout. always were my favorite worker

Classes are cancelled all around



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Pixar returns to the big screen with the story of a loveable robot left behind by humans to tend to Earth. Page 9



## by the numbers

54' 1.25"

James Lemons' triple jump distance at the NCAA tournament in Des Moines, Iowa. Lemons finished fifth in the event and ended a successful senior season with his second All-America selection for the year. Lemons was selected to the team for Indoor Track and Field in the fall.

13.15

Senior Shantia Moss's time in the 100-meter hurdles at the NCAA Championships. Moss finished third in the event. Moss earned her fourth All-America selection and second this year.

262

Former Tech golfer Stewart Cink set a personal best 262 and won just his second tournament when leading after 54 holes in 10 tries last weekend when he took home the players championship. Cink shot a 3-under 67 in the final round for the win.

2

The number of former Tech players on the WNBA Atlanta Dream's roster. Kasha Terry, signed last week, joins Chioma Nnamaka on the roster of the worst team in the WNBA. In their first season, the Dream are winless in 13 games.

149

Number of NCAA teams that were below the minimum APR of 925. According to the current system, teams below 925 were warned and teams that showed no improvement for two years were hit with stiff penalties.

## on deck

Event	Date
Golf - Palmer Cup	6/26-27
T&F - Olympic Trials	6/27-7/06
T&F - Track and Field	

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## Hewitt proposes changes



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Paul Hewitt represented the BCA at the Knight Commission to discuss possible academic improvements for student athletes.

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Head basketball coach Paul Hewitt represented the Tech and the Black Coaches Association (BCA) at the recent Knight Commission meetings in Washington, D.C. to discuss student-athlete academic performance.

Hewitt participated in the discus-

sion about academic performance and recommendations for improving men's basketball players' academic performance. "I think the academic reform package overall has brought some very positive developments... Another part of the academic reform package that I applaud is the emphasis on standardized test scores. This was something that many educators argued for 20 years ago when [the

NCAA] implemented [the course distribution plan]," Hewitt said.

Among some of the recommendations made to the Commission was the rejection of efforts to dilute academic performance measures and increase the academic standards so that at least 50 percent of student athletes would be driven to earning their degrees.

"Over time we will see that academic reform and the iteration that we have had in place for the last four years is perhaps going to be one of the most impactful things that has happened to intercollegiate athletics. It's going to change the way we engage student athletes," said Wally Renfro, vice president and senior advisor to the NCAA president.

They also discussed altering the process for waivers for poor academic performance, under the current system the panel argued they were too easy to obtain and wanted a reform.

Among the improvements recommended for men's basketball are the requirement of summer school attendance, this in turn would also allow them to practice more over the summer and the panel has asked for increased time to interact with their players during this time.

The panel also asked for waiver

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## Radakovich gets five year contract extension

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Tech Athletic Director Dan Radakovich signed a five year contract extension last week. The contract, brought about as the result of a performance initiative from the past two years, will become effective July 1 and will pay Radakovich upwards of \$500,000 per year.

The salary consists of a base \$300,000 yearly payment. Promotional incentives that include speaking engagements as well as radio and TV interviews will earn him an additional \$260,000 in the first year and an increase of \$20,000 per year until 2012.

Since joining Tech as the athletic director in 2006, Radakovich has balanced the athletic association budget and stabilized funding for the future.

Radakovich has implemented pay-for-parking for home football games and basketball games. He has also increased the student athletic fee to help with the stabilization as well as implementing the TECH fund.

The TECH fund was set up as a pay-for-area type donation program where season ticket holders had the option to request tickets in certain areas of Bobby Dodd Stadium for football and Alexander Memorial Coliseum for basketball.

Under the TECH fund, patrons pay from \$100 to \$450 in addition to the cost of tickets to help alleviate the budget deficit.

Among the reasons Radakovich gave in his presentation to increase



By Michael Schneider/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dan Radakovich was rewarded with a five-year extension and a raise last week after financially steering Tech's athletic department out of a deficit with the help of his TECH fund and student-athletic fees.

the athletic fee and implement the TECH fund are a decreasing cash reserve for the athletic department as well as increasing tuition and travel fees for each sport.

Radakovich also put into a place a point system for season ticket holders that would help allocate away game

tickets and postseason tickets such as bowl games for football and ACC and NCAA tournament games for basketball.

Tech's athletic teams have also thrived under Radakovich. In the two years Radakovich has been at Tech, the baseball team had suc-

cessfully rebuilt around six promising young players and made the NCAA tournament after missing out in 2007.

The basketball program had a 20 win season in 2007. The football

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## sports shorts

## Football game times announced

Tech announced the game times of four fall match-ups last week. The opener against Jacksonville State on Thursday, August 28 will be a 7:30 kickoff and an internet-only broadcast on [ESPN360.com](http://ESPN360.com). Raycom sports will broadcast the team's game at Boston College on September 6 at Noon. ABC will regionally televise the third game against Virginia Tech at 3:30 on September 13. Tech game will be available outside of the region on ESPN. The penultimate game against Miami will be an ESPN Thursday night broadcast at 7:30 on November 20.

## Dietrich tabbed to Olympic Team

Derek Dietrich will represent Tech and the US when he joins the Olympic Baseball team in Beijing as their starting shortstop. Dietrich joins other non draft-eligible players to help the US reclaim the gold medal from the 2004 winner Cuba. Dietrich hit .332 with 14 home runs and 66 RBIs