Sports
The athletic program at Georgia Tech includes intercollegiate competition in football, basketball, track, baseball, cross country, swimming, gym, tennis and golf. Under the capable leadership of Athletic Director Bobby Dodd, the Tech coaching staff is continuously trying to produce winning teams and in doing so their aim is also to develop fine athletes and men of high character. The teams vary in proficiency with some being close to national champions and others not faring so well. But one thing can be said; the teams have always represented the school well and have given Georgia Tech a good name around the country because of their conduct and sportsmanship. This is a tribute not only to the individual players but to their coaches as well.

The athletic facilities will be greatly expanded during the summer of '56 when Alexander Memorial Building is completed. Boasting a much larger seating capacity than the existing gym, the new building will allow Tech to expand its basketball program as well as give new offices for the coaching staff.
JOHN BELL
Freshman Team Coach

EARL BORTELL
Tennis Coach

FRANK BROYLES
Head Backfield Coach

BOB BOSSONS
B-Team Coach

NORRIS DEAN
Track Coach

RAY GRAVES
Head Line Coach

JACK GRIFFIN
End Coach

BOB MILLER
Line Coach

TOM PLAXICO
Golf Coach

WHITEY URBAN
Line Coach

LEWIS WOODRUFF
Backfield Coach

FRED LANOUE
Swimming Coach
Athletic Association Supervises Athletics

To the Georgia Tech Athletic Association go the plaudits for putting Tech in the national athletic spotlight. In recent years the Association, under the chairmanship of the late Col. Blake Van Leer, has paved the way for progress by Tech in all sports. It is the policy of the Association to work with Athletic Director Robert L. Dodd to produce not only winning teams but moreover, teams which display the highest in sportsmanship qualities.
On April 23, 1955, a dream came true. It was on this day that the late President Van Leer announced that the contract had been signed for the new Alexander Memorial Building, thus materializing the dream of the late Coach Alex.

The new center is actually two buildings connected by a concourse. The large dome-shaped affair will be the main gym and will seat 7,000. The rectangular-shaped building will house a practice gym, physical training facilities and lockers. On the third floor will be the studios of Tech's radio station, WGST.

A beautiful edifice, the Memorial will stand as a long and fitting tribute to one of Tech's greatest contributors, Coach W. A. Alexander.

Construction on the dome began the spring quarter of 1955.

Alexander Memorial—Jacket's Winter Home

The huge building stands as a memorial to the late W. A. Alexander, coach of the Jacket football team for many years.
FOOTBALL
The winner of the Fox Theatre's Most Valuable Back Award went to George Anthony Volkert, Junior halfback on the 1955 eleven. George is a rarity among backs in this age of specialization. He is one of the most versatile backs to perform at the flats in quite a while. In the rushing department this year, George gained 583 yards in 81 carries, more yardage than any other two Jacket backs combined, and established a new school record, averaging 7.2 yards per carry. He also found time to pass, punt and receive offensively, as well as being one of the finest defensive halfbacks in the conference. The United Press honored George by placing him on the second-string All-SEC eleven, and his teammates have elected him Co-Captain for the coming 1956 season.

Franklin Delano Brooks, in four years has compiled one of the most outstanding records of any lineman to perform in the White and Gold. Frank participated in three Sugar Bowls and one Cotton Bowl, played first-string guard for three years, led the Jacket defenders in tackles in his Junior and Senior years, and was selected on the All-SEC team two years in a row. For his all-around aggressive play, he was awarded the Most Valuable Lineman Award by the Fox Theatre. The Atlanta Touchdown Club selected him as the Outstanding Lineman in the Southeastern Conference. For his great defensive play in the 1956 Sugar Bowl, he was awarded the Warren V. Miller Trophy as the game's Most Outstanding Lineman in the Southeastern Conference. While at Grand Field, he broke the Georgia Tech blocking record held by Hal Miller since 1952.
Captaining the 1955 Georgia Tech eleven is James Martin (Jimmy, Jim) Morris a 6' 2" 200 pound center and linebacker. He has been one of the Jackets stellar performers for four years, participating in three Sugar Bowls and one Cotton Bowl. He hails from Vicksburg, Mississippi where he had an outstanding prep career, being named to All-Conference, All-State, All-Southern, and All-American teams. He never quite reached his full potential, or gained equal honors while at Tech, due to a severe knee injury received in the Alabama game of his Junior year, but was named to the second string All-SEC team by the United Press. An Industrial Management major, he was further honored by his teammates by being elected president of the T-Club. Jim will be long remembered at the flats for his team play and inspirational leadership. Jim is married to the former Miss Ann Deweese of Vicksburg, and their pride and joy is their blond haired, blue-eyed, three-year old daughter, Marti.

Morris met by wife, Ann and sponsor-daughter Marti. It was the first time in the school's history that a football captain was sponsored by his daughter.
Aided by Fulcher's block, Rotenberry sprints 60 yards goalward with first quarter fair catch bobble against Miami for the Yellow Jackets' opening score of the season. Georgia Tech's alert play was rewarded as illegal tackle penalty was refused.

7th In Nation Jackets End 8-1-1 Year

THE YELLOW JACKETS SWARM AGAIN

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets of 1955—the team that was to jell in 1956—buzzed into its early opponents in a manner that brought a gleam of anticipation to the eyes of the coaching staff. Their hopes were soon to become realities, as the "babes" became men some twelve months ahead of schedule.

TECH RANKED SECOND IN NATION AFTER MIAMI WIN

In the first full color football television on a national network, the Yellow Jackets met the roaring Hurricanes of Miami University. Tech picked up seven points midway in the first period on a disputed fair-catch signal. Paul Rotenberry was the alert man who picked up the bouncing pigskin and set sail for the goal line. After that, Miami pushed up and down the field at will, but never succeeded in crossing the goal until the third quarter. When they missed the extra point, Jimmy Morris plucked a desperation Miami pass out of the ozone and scampered back 25 yards for a touchdown as Tech took Miami 14-6.

Next the Jackets braved the power-laden Gators of the University of Florida. After 13 minutes of the first quarter the Gators held a 7-0 lead. Tech finally tied the score near the end of the half with Owen, Volkert, and Flowers doing most of the running. Jimmy Thompson almost broke the game up as he took the second half kickoff and flew 70 yards before being caught on the Florida 17. Tech was stopped on the two this time. The Gators continued to hold the Jackets at bay until the fourth quarter when Vann sneakied over from the one to give Tech a 14-7 victory.

The next week the Yellow Jackets brought more joy to the Tech followers as they blasted SMU 20-7. The line play was probably the brightest spot in the entire game. Tech took the opening kickoff and moved straight to a touchdown with Vann sneaking over from the SMU 30 yard line. In the third period, Tech moved 94 yards for its third score. SMU racked up its lone tally late in the fourth period.
Rotenberg takes Mitchell’s handoff and blasts off guard as Ecker opens up a tough Hurricane line.

Jacket sophomore halfback, Stan Flowers, takes an aerial from Toppy Vann for a gain of 15 yards with Florida’s Steve DelaTorre in pursuit.

Don Ellis and Frank Brooks combine to bring down Miami back Paul Hefti deep in the shadow of his own goalposts.
Tech then moved to Baton Rouge to meet the LSU Tigers. After being turned back four times in the first half, the Jackets finally worked up a scoring drive. Jimmy Thompson took a punt on his 20 yard line and slammed 80 yards for a score, but the officials ruled he had stepped out of bounds at the Tech 40. From there, Tech moved to a touchdown in three plays, climax by a 45 yard scoring pass from Vann to Volkert. The remainder of the game was mostly defense on the part of both teams.

**AUBURN BREAKS FIFTEEN YEAR FAST**

Going into their fifteenth year without a victory over Tech, the "War Eagles" of Auburn brought a team to Grant Field that just would not be stopped. Auburn took the lead late in the first quarter. Tech hacked out a score late in the second period but failed to hit the extra point. Volkert electrified all in the opening moments of the second half when he took a handoff from Mitchell and scampered 59 yards for a

Van streaks 16 yards through the S. M. U. defense for Tech's second score of the game. For the season Toppy gained 112 yards rushing, completed 21 of 36 passes for 270 yards and 3 touchdowns and led the individuals in scoring for the season with 37 points.
Ken Owen, holding a 4.3 yards per carry average, breaks upfield after eluding a Mustang.

Guard Franklin Brooks stops Auburn's Joe Childress with a driving tackle. Frank was responsible for 89 individual tackles during this past season.

Stan Flowers races 29 yards with an Auburn kickoff. Stan's repeated gains in the game projected him as an up and coming star on Tech's grid horizon.
Jacket reserves attentively study the action. These boys will soon be Tech stars as the Engineers do not concentrate on a wide margin of victory but on giving the subs as much experience as is possible.

A Florida State lineman brings down halfback George Volkert after a short gain. The Jackets' sophomore end, Tommy Rose, lays out his F. S. U. counterpart.
touchdown. Again the extra point attempt was missed. Auburn soon took the lead again and was never in trouble again that day.

On the following weekend the first two teams got a chance to rest, as they racked up three quick touchdowns on undermanned FSU and then let the reserves take over. The subs punched out two more scores with Burt Grant, Stan Cochran, Ted Smith, Bob McCauley, Paul Vickers, and a host of linesmen playing like first teamers.

JACKETS RAP DUKE IN HOMECOMING GAME

With an overwhelming show of power, the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets literally blasted the Duke Blue Devils off the playing field in a 27-0 Homecoming Day victory. The Jackets scored twice in the first quarter and poked across two more tallies in the fourth. The Tech defense held the potent Blue Devils to only three first downs in the entire game. This was without a doubt the greatest team effort of the season thus far for the Jackets.

The following week Tech ran into the loaded muskets of Tennessee Volunteers. Tennessee took the lead early in the opening quarter and then held on desperately as Tech drove again and again. Finally in the closing minutes of the game, the Vols weakened and Tech squeezed out the tying score on a fine pass recep-
Don Ellis' last period catch of Wade Mitchell's toss enabled Tech to tie a fired up team from Tennessee.

The Engineers roared into Alabama the next weekend, and they had blood in their eyes. Tech racked up 14 points in 19 seconds in the first quarter on a run by Mattison and a pass interception by Thompson. Early in the second period, Rose blocked a punt which was recovered on the 'Bama 13. Two plays later, Rotenberry went in for the third score. Tech's final score came in the closing seconds of the game when Vann faded back to pass—supposedly—and faded all the way out of the end zone.

TECH SWAMPS GEORGIA FOR SUGAR BOWL BID

In the Golden Anniversary game of Georgia-Georgia Tech football, the Yellow Jackets of Tech downed the Bulldogs of Georgia 21-3 for their seventh straight victory over the men from Athens. Immediately after the game, they received and accepted a bid to the Sugar Bowl for their fifth straight major bowl game. Georgia jumped off to a quick but short lead on a field goal early in the first quarter. Tech came back with a touchdown late in the same period when Danny Bagwell made a brilliant, diving catch of a Toppy Vann pass. In the second frame, Mitchell sneaked over from the one for the second Tech score.
Another Bulldog bites the dust in the wake of Frank Brooks' 3 year tenure as the hard-charging starting guard.

Racing down the sidelines with a Georgia punt Volkert receives excellent downfield blocking as Rose takes out Young and Ecker is about to lay an important block on Orr.

Bobby Dodd, whose warm spirit of friendliness and cooperation has gained him prominence and respect both on and off campus, leads his boys off Georgia Tech's field.
The Yellow Jackets continued their New Years'-Television Invincibility, by defeating a never-say-die Pittsburght Panther eleven 7-0 before 80,175 electrified fans in the 1956 Sugar Bowl. It was the Jackets' seventh Bowl victory under Bobby Dodd and their fifth straight. The gambling Panthers furnished the strongest opposition since Baylor stubbornly gave in at the 1952 Orange Bowl.

Captain Jimmy Morris won the toss and elected to receive the pigskin first. The Jackets were unable to move the ball against a strong Pitt forward wall and punted out. The Panther pounded its way to the Pitt 31 by midway in the quarter. With the ball resting on the 31, quarterback Pete Neff fumbled, and alert Allen Ecker pounced upon it.

On the first play Wade Mitchell, faking beautifully to Mattison, and then to Paul Rotenberry, dropped back and shot an aerial to Don Ellis in the end zone. Ellis was unable to grasp the oval but interference was ruled and Tech was awarded the ball on the Pitt one. Two plays later Mitchell crashed over for the score, and then kicked squarely through the uprights to send Tech ahead 7-0.

The Panther got rolling again after the kickoff, and moved to the Tech 17. Corny Salvaterra was thrown for a loss attempting to pass back to the 22. On the next play, he got the toss off, but into the waiting
Tech's longest gain of the day comes to an end as two Pittsburg secondary men trap halfback Stan Flowers. The Yellow Jackets' sophomore sensation has just bulled his way to pick up 14 yards on a wide end run after taking the handoff.

Tech's valiant line stops Pittsburg on the one-yard stripe in a brilliant stand to end the Panther's deepest penetration of the game.
hands of Allen Ecker, who returned 12 yards to the 37. With Toppy Vann directing the attack, Volkert, Rotenberry, and Mattison moved the ball to the Panther 7. On the next play, George Volkert got loose around right end and was apparently headed for sure pay-dirt when the ball squirted from his arms back to the eleven where Ken Thrash recovered. Volkert attempted a running pass but it was intercepted by Ray Dipasquale, and the Panthers got out of the danger zone. Even though the Jackets had failed to score and lost possession of the ball, they had consumed over ten minutes, and now time was all-important. It was at this point that Coach Michelosen took the wraps off a southpaw hurler, Darrell Lewis. Lewis directed the Panther, mixing his running and passing game, to the Tech three yard line where the final whistle sounded with every member of the stands, standing and holding their breath.

Guard Allen Ecker pounces on a Pittsburg fumble on the 34-yard line. Tech tallied their only score two plays later on a sneak play.

Quarterback Wade Mitchell kicks the extra point through the uprights after the first period score putting Tech ahead to stay 7-0.
Outstanding defenses marked the afternoon's play. Here Pitt's Cimmarolli is stopped short of the scrimmage line by alert play.

Lou Cimmarolli, Panther halfback, is stopped by Tech's outstanding guard, and the game's MVP, Frank Brooks. Brooks halts another Pitt back with a crunching tackle, as Rose (80) Vereen (76) and Ellis (89) handle the opposing linemen's interference.
The B-Team gets a workout during annual T-Day game. Many boys will be called up to the Varsity for full time duty as a result of this game.

B-Team Serves As Practice Foe for Varsity

As it has in the past, Coach Bob Bosson's B-Team, or Red Shirts as they are affectionately called by the Varsity, played a major role in the success of Georgia Tech on Saturday afternoon. The B-Team furnishes the opposition for the Varsity during daily practice sessions and consequently run almost every formation in the book. They are called upon each week to learn the plays of Tech's coming opponent and try them out against the Varsity defenses.

The B-Team scheduled two games for this season. The Miami game had to be cancelled because of the Homecoming festivities during the Duke varsity game.

The Bees did, however, meet and defeat the Florida State Seminoles 19-14. Taking heed from the Senior Jackets, the Juniors used the "home-run" most effectively.

Bobby Dover got things rolling offensively for the Jackets, when he took a handoff from Bill Linginfelter, sliced off tackle, eluded would-be tacklers, and tip-toed down the sidelines for fifty-two yards and the first TD. The PAT was missed, and the Jackets were ahead 6-0.

A few minutes later the Jackets took over from the Seminoles, and with the ball resting on the 15, Bill Linginfelter hit Dover in the end zone with an aerial and the Techmen assumed a twelve point lead.

Tech's final score came in the last quarter when Fred Teague took advantage of beautiful faking, and scampered seventy-four yards to the Seminole goal. Bobby MacCauley added the extra point with a placement through the uprights.

The 1955 edition of the Baby Jackets, guided by Coach John Robert Bell, compiled a 2-1 season with wins over Clemson and South Carolina, and a loss to arch-rival Georgia.

The Frosh got off to a fine start, turning back Clemson College 25-14. Tim Singleton led the offensive showing with TD runs of 81, 70, and 3 yards. The fourth score came on a forty yard pass play from Floyd Faucette to Lester Simmerville.

Back in the friendly surroundings of Grant Field, the Baby Jackets met South Carolina University. Tim Singleton again carried the brunt of the offensive attack, and Eddie Elward, Sim Fulcher, and Jack Rudolph came up with some line defensive plays.

The Bullpups from Athens came rolling into Grant Field on Thanksgiving day with the distinction of having been beaten by the Tech Frosh for the past 6 years. Not since 1949 had they been victorious. All good things must come to an end, however, and when the dust of battle had been cleared, the Bullpups had themselves a 23-0 victory. Singleton again carried the brunt of the offensive attack, and Eddie Elward, Sim Fulcher, and Jack Rudolph came up with some fine defensive plays.
The Harriers of Tech made a good showing in the SEC meet after a season which was not bad, but neither was it good. The Tech trotters lost a close one to Alabama by a 29-27 count, but they bounced back to defeat Bryan University 26-31 in their next outing. The Techsters then handed an inexperienced Georgia team a 16-42 licking as they welcomed the Bulldogs back into the trails again. After losing to Florida 38-18 and Tennessee 43-16, the Griffin-coached harriers met Mercer and picked a 16-34 win. In the last run of the regular season, Auburn took a 45-15 victory over the Techmen. In the SEC meet, the Tech cross-country team copped third place to make the season as a whole quite a bit brighter. Lettermen for this year were: Captain James Goode, Dick Devane, T. L. Ellis, J. W. Fortune, J. P. Potts, F. L. McClung, and manager John Powers.
Cheerleaders Direct Spirit In Right Path

The cheerleaders headed by Captain Harry Stevens sparked Tech's Rambling Wrecks to an impressive season. The rah rah boys, who are chosen for their gymnastic prowess in addition to their cheering ability, enlivened the Jackets' home games as well as the Alabama, Tennessee, and Sugar Bowl games. With their usual brilliance they executed a variety of flips and twists which added to the effectiveness of creating spirit. The Pep Rallies, pre-Georgia game bonfire, and other coordinated efforts of the cheerleaders all added up to a good season and a spirited student body.

The cheerleading squad's urgent shout of "hold that line" is quickly taken up by the Tech student body.
Phi Delta Theta Wins Intramural Swimming

In a hotly contested eight event program Phi Delta Theta captured the 1955 Intramural Swimming crown. The Phi Delts had 56 points, twenty more than the second place S.A.E.’s. S.P.E. was third with 35 points and the Kappa Sigs and Chi Phis finished fourth and fifth with 27 and 17 points respectively.

Phi Delta Theta won the 200-yard Medley Relay and the Tug-of-War. Sigma Alpha Epsilon captured two firsts by taking the 200-yard Free-style Relay and the S.A.E.’s Bill Bellingrath won the 100-yard Freestyle. Bob Wright of Chi Psi won the Treading with Weights contest by staying up 55½ seconds. Milton Mott of Sigma Nu garnered the diving crown. Bob Soderholm of Kappa Sigma took the 75-yard Medley and Ron Baader of S.P.E. won the Plunge for distance traveling 66½ feet.
Kappa Sigs and Geechee Club – Football Winners

The intramural football league this year wound up with the fraternity champ and the independent champ being declared co-holders of the title of school champion. In the fraternity playoffs, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, Chi Phi, Pi Kappa Phi butted heads to determine the fraternity champion. After four straight days of football, the Kappa Sigma team emerged as fraternity champion with ATO a close second. In the independent Pigskin league, the Geechee Club outlasted the others to earn the right to meet the Kappa Sigs for the school crown. Time was an important factor, however, and the officials decided to declare a dual championship.
Cross Country Crown Won
By PiKA's Jack McFarland

Jack McFarland of Pi Kappa Alpha paced the field to take first place honors in the Intramural Cross Country race this year with Bob Dewhurst, an Independent entry driving in to take second place. Jack Van Volkenburg of Beta Theta Pi and John Brim of Sigma Chi finished third and fourth respectively.

Sigma Chi returned this year to regain the team championship from Beta Theta Pi, who fell into the second place position. Beta Theta Pi was followed by Kappa Sigma, fourth place honors being won by Pi Kappa Alpha.

Winner Jack McFarland of Pi Kappa Alpha crosses finish line.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Wins Volleyball Competition

Play in the volleyball leagues this year was very close, and many of the league champs were not determined until the final game of the season. In the Gold league Sigma Alpha Epsilon sneaked past Sigma Chi and Alpha Tau Omega while the Sigma Nu's were pulling the same stunt in the White league against Kappa Sigma and Delta Tau Delta. In the Tornado league the Phi Kappa Sigma gang was ruling the roost while Phi Sigma Kappa of the Yellow Jacket league was making a good name also. In the fraternity playoffs the SAE's outlasted the rest and earned the honor of meeting the Greeks of the Independent league for the school championship. The fraternity men met and defeated the Greeks in a nip-and-tuck battle to become school volleyball champs for 1955.

The team spirit runs high as the net man jumps high to slam one.