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15 loss to Florida State.
It’s not about what happens to us—it’s how we respond to it.
You’ve got to play 40 minutes, and 20 minutes isn’t going to beat a top-10 team,” Joseph said.
Foster led the Jackets with 15 points. Ardossi had 14 points and tied with sophomore center Sasha Goodlett for the team lead with eight rebounds.

Thomas led Duke with 20 points on nine-for-14 shooting.
Tech traveled to Miami on Sunday, Feb. 21 and held on for a victory despite a strong effort from the Hurricanes, who fell to 3-9 in ACC play.
This time it was the Jackets who got off to a 15-5 run to open the game. Miami rallied, though, and forward Shenise Johnson led the way as the Hurricanes closed to within one at halftime, with Tech up 35-34.

Tech pulled ahead and led 53-47 with 14:27 to go, but Foster and Ardossi keyed a 13-0 Tech run to retake the lead. With 2:48 to go, Tech’s lead had ballooned to nine, but Miami ran off a 9-0 run to tie the game at 77-73 with 49 seconds left.
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From the ACC openers.
Falconi’s victory was her 14th over a ranked opponent this season.
Falconi’s victory did not give the Jackets any momentum however, as their number two player, Krupina, fell to Wong 6-3, 2-6, 6-0. The loss would give Clemson a 2-1 lead, a lead they would not relinquish.
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Men’s and Women’s Lacrosse face division rivals

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Tech’s men’s and women’s lacrosse teams took to the turf for a series of home games over the weekend. The women’s squad stumbled to a 16-2 defeat against highly-ranked Georgia on Friday, Feb. 19 but rebounded with wins over South Florida and Alabama the following day. The men’s squad rolled past Reinhardt College 22-4 on Thursday, Feb. 18 and took down Alabama 13-6 on Saturday, Feb. 20, remaining undefeated through four games.

Friday’s rivalry game was the first for the women’s team since their victory in the Mardi Gras Tournament from Feb. 6-7 in New Orleans. After wins over Wisconsin, the Central Lacrosse Club and LSU, Tech faced Central again in the championship game. Tech pulled ahead early and held off a comeback attempt, winning 5-3 to take the title.

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“We were focused on playing defense and get the ball in transition-wise. That’s the big part of our game, is the defense and get the ball in transition with opportunities to score,” said men’s Head Coach Ken Lovic.

As the game began, UGA took Tech face South Florida. The contest was fairly even in the first half, with Tech up 7-6 at halftime. The morning game saw Tech’s defense locked down for a stretch of nearly 15 minutes.

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The afternoon game against Alabama saw Tech come out on top against its region foe. Hare had four goals and two assists, and Sirow and senior midfielder Lauren Baugh added three apiece as Tech picked up a 17-12 victory.

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The warmer conditions on Thursday, Feb. 18 offered a welcome change, and Tech rolled to a 22-4 victory over a Reinhardt College program playing its first-ever game.

Sophomore attacker Eric Schlipf had four goals, while sophomore attacker Neal Toomey added a goal and four assists.

Tech looked to improve to 2-0 in divisional play against Alabama on Saturday. Tech’s team speed against the bigger Alabama team proved effective on the turf of the SAC Fields. The Bulldogs led 9-3 at halftime and cruised to a 13-6 victory.

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...He was named ACC of his 12 strikeouts on 0-2 or complete the shutout, and Tech added pitched an inning in relief to finish the game with three perfect innings in relief.

Tech grew eight walks, and seven players had an RBI as the Jackets picked up a 10-0 victory. On the offensive side, Burnette and Dantzler led of the second inning for an 8-5 win to finish the 5-0 start. Farmer got the start for Tech and went five innings, allowing two runs on three hits in what was a low-scoring game until the end. The teams were tied 3-3 after seven innings, but key hits by Leonida and sophomore second baseman Jacob Esch, who had three RBIs, helped Tech open up a lead in the final innings. Jacob hit the final four outs for his first save as the Jackets won 8-5.

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Softball wins four out of five in Vegas, returns home to top KSU

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After a strong opening weekend, Tech won four games at the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic from Feb. 19-21 in Las Vegas before dropping the finale against No. 11 California. Tech then returned home for its first game at Mewborn Field in 2010 and took down Kennesaw State 8-3. On Feb. 19, Tech took on No. 21 Northwesterner and overcame a 5-0 deficit to beat the Wildcats 9-6. The Jackets were able to get back into the game in the fifth inning. Down 6-4, Tech loaded the bases on a walk and two singles, including the first collegiate hit for freshman designated player Caillin Jordan. Sophomore shortstop Kelsi Weseman then hit a grand slam to give the Jackets the lead for good.

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The teams continued to trade runs until freshman pitcher Hope Rush hit an RBI single in the eighth inning to give the Jackets a 10-9 lead. Rush then struck out two batters in the bottom half of the inning to secure the win.

After two easy wins on Saturday, Tech took on No. 11 California on Sunday in what turned out to be a low-scoring game. The game was scoreless until Cal’s Valerie Arison hit a three-run home run. Cal added another run in the seventh to make the lead 4-0.

Tech looked like they might mount a comeback in the bottom of the seventh when Jordan walked to lead off the inning and junior center fielder Chistty Jones singled to move a runner into scoring position. Jen Yee barely missed a homer with the next at bat for Tech’s first out. Wese- man then singled to left to score one run, but Jones tried to score as well and was thrown out at the plate. Sinclair popped out later in the inning and Tech lost their first game of the season, 4-1.

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Despite leading with two seconds left in the game, Tech's men's basketball team (18-9, 6-7 ACC) fell to Maryland on Saturday, Feb. 20 in College Park.

Freshman forward Derrick Favors, who garnered ACC Rookie of the Week honors for the fourth time this season, finished the game with a career-high 18 rebounds and 21 points, including Tech's final bucket that put them ahead by one in the final seconds. Maryland guard Cliff Tucker hit a 3-pointer as time expired to give the Terrapins the win.

The teams fought for the edge early on, recording five lead changes and seven ties in the first half alone. With the score tied with 5:21 left, the Terrapins went on a 9-3 run over the next four minutes to go up by six, the largest lead of the game. Two Favors layups in the last 41 seconds pulled Tech back within two at 34-32 heading into halftime.

The Jackets tied the score at 34 coming out of the break, but Maryland recovered the lead and stayed in front for the next 11 minutes. Despite their extended advantage, the Terrapins were unable to pull away. Their largest lead came at the 16:40 mark, when a Vasquez jumper put the score at 41-35. Just 30 seconds later, the Jackets had cut the differential to one, scoring four fast-break points and hitting a free throw to put the score at 41-40. Maryland refused to lose the edge, though, evening off Tech's persistent attack until the 7:44 mark, when the Jackets finally tied the score at 58 on a layup from Lawal.

The game remained close, and Maryland guard Eric Hayes made a three-pointer to put the Terrapins ahead 71-68 with 1:20 left to play, but a tip-in by Favors and a jumper by Bell swung the score in favor of the Jackets.

The game finished with a score of 89-82.

Women's Basketball falls to No. 8 Duke, tops Miami

Sasha Goodlett attempts to steal the ball during last Friday's game against Duke. Goodlett finished with eight rebounds.

BASEBALL

WINS FIRST FIVE OF 2010

Deck McGuire throws a pitch at Russ Chandler Stadium. McGuire, a 2010 First Team Preseason All-American, threw seven shutout innings in Friday's season opener against Missouri State, allowing five hits while striking out 10 batters.

By Nishanth Prasad
Sports Editor

A combination of stellar pitching and power hitting guided Tech baseball to three wins in its season-opening series against Missouri State from Feb. 19-21. The No. 3 Jackets then traveled to Statesboro, Ga. and improved to 5-0 with a pair of midweek wins on Feb. 23-24 at Georgia Southern.

Against MSU, Tech rode a strong start by junior right-hander Deck McGuire to a 4-0 win in Friday's opener. The lineup, led by senior first baseman Tony Plagman and junior right fielder Chase Burnett, then came alive and guided Tech to a 20-3 win on Saturday at Georgia Southern.

Against MSU, McGuire pitched a scoreless eighth, and junior closer Kevin Jacob, Tech's other First Team Preseason All-American, struck out the first two batters he faced to quickly end to the top of the first. Junior center fielder Jeff Rowland led off the bottom of the first by driving an 0-2 pitch over the right field wall, giving the Jackets a 1-0 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Jackets added to their lead as Plagman, leading off the inning for Tech, launched a solo home run to right-center. McGuire left after pitching a scoreless seventh. He went seven strong innings, allowing five hits and no walks while striking out 10.

Senior right-hander Andrew Robinson pitched a scoreless eighth, and junior closer Kevin Jacob, Tech's other First Team Preseason All-American, struck out the side in the ninth to give the Jackets a 4-0 victory. Saturday's game saw junior right-hander Brandon Campton take the mound for Tech and pitch well, but it was the offense that stole the spotlight.

After Tech scored six runs through three innings, MSU starter Mike Kickham was pulled for right-hander Tyler Bean to start the fourth. Bean faced no better, leaving after giving up nine runs on eight hits and a walk while getting just two outs.

Tech did not get a home run in the fourth but picked up eight RBI hits, including a Rowland triple, to increase the lead to 15-2. Cumpton left the game after five innings. He allowed two runs on seven hits and no walks.

Head Coach Danny Hall put in his reserves, inserting backups across the field and using four relievers to finish the game. That group, which included freshmen Luke Bard and Ben McKinney, combined to allow just one run on two hits as Tech completed the 20-3 victory. In the Sunday finale Tech sent sophomore Jed Bradley, their lone southpaw...