or the past 100 years, Georgia Tech has had as great a reputation for its athletics as for its academics. The 1992-1993 season gave the Yellow Jackets a special reason to celebrate as their football program passed the centennial mark. Although the year's team had its difficulties, fans fondly remembered the past national championship teams of 1917, 1928, 1952, and 1990 and held onto hopes that Tech would soon rise to claim that title again.

Other sports teams did have rewarding seasons during 1992-1993. Men's basketball, behind senior Malcolm Mackey, were a bright spot among Georgia Tech's athletics programs. Likewise, golf made their mark in the Tech history books with David Duval leading the pack. Under the leadership of promising new coach Regina Tomaselli, women's softball racked up record wins for the second consecutive season as well and raised hopes for a strong future.

Whether they were breaking records in men's and women's track or making that crucial play at home plate to win the game, Georgia Tech athletes always thrilled their audiences and inspired school pride and spirit among students, faculty, alumni, and fans. Every loyal Georgia Tech supporter was held captive by their team's element of suspense during the 1992-1993 season as they waited anxiously for the Yellow Jacket's next big play.
Title reaped from routs

An early season win versus Penn for Georgia Tech set the tone for what a great season was to come for the Yellow Jackets. Pennsylvania Coach Folwell stated after the game that, “Tech is the greatest team in the land to-day. No team will even come close to beating it, unless it lets down and takes things easy.”

The 1917 squad, coached by hall of fame coach John Heisman, rang up a total of 491 points in only nine games, an average of over 54 points a contest. Led by All-American halfback Everett Strupper, All-American tackle Walker Carpenter, and captain W.J. Carpenter, the Jacket squad thoroughly dominated every game that it played in that year, winning every contest by at least 22 points. This Tech team was good enough for even Georgia’s “Red and Black” to comment on how good the team was.

During the last game of the season, Georgia Tech crushed Auburn, and newspapers around the country all agreed that Tech was the best in the land. Two days after the Auburn thrashing, The New York Sun declared that “Football, once an eastern specialty, now is a national sport, and in recognition of the fact we are glad to acclaim Georgia Tech the greatest eleven in the country.”

“A team that won’t be beat, can’t be beat.”
—John Heisman

When Georgia Tech took the field against Mercer on November 5, 1892, little did anyone know that there began an American legacy that lives on to this day. In 1992, Georgia Tech celebrated its 100th season of football excellence.

Tech’s first few teams were rather unorganized as the rules of college football in that day and age were rather lax. The teams were usually coached by interested professors, players, or even volunteers. The first man to ever coach a Tech team was Professor Ernest E. West, a Naval College graduate. However, Tech did not meet with much success during its first 11 seasons.

The legacy began with Johann Wilhelm Heisman. The “Wizard” as some called him, Heisman became the first man to ever be a permanent head coach of a Tech football team. After stints at Auburn and Clemson, he finally agreed to coach Georgia Tech in 1903 for a salary of $2,250 plus 30 percent of the net gate receipts making him the first paid football coach in the country.

Heisman became known as one of the primary innovators of the relatively young game of football. Credits to his name include such inventions as the direct snap from center, double laterals, and the first scoreboard featuring downs and yards to go. Heisman has also been credited with introducing the vocal signal, which usually consisted of uttering the word “hep” or “hike,” to begin a play.

Besides pioneering the nuances of the game, Heisman also showed the nation how good a football program could be. In his tenure from 1904-1919, Tech consistently fielded one of the strongest teams in the nation, and Heisman compiled a total record of 102-29-7. During the first few years of World War I, Heisman’s teams went an astonishing 33 games without a loss.

Heisman’s achievements were culminated by his 1917 squad that allowed their opponents only 17 points all season in winning Tech’s first national championship. In his career at Tech, Heisman never lost more than four games in one season.

It was also under Heisman that the largest rout in college football history took place when Georgia Tech crushed Mercer on November 5, 1892.
Wrong way proves right

The most impressive national championship that Georgia Tech has won was in 1928. Coach William Alexander and his squad won the Southern Conference for the second straight season and shut out rival Notre Dame in the regular season.

Led by All-American halfback Warner Mizell, captain and All-American center Peter Pund, and tackle Frank Spear, the Yellow Jackets made it to the 1929 Rose Bowl after that season. Tech had an incredible backfield led by Mizell, and an equally impressive defensive line, anchored by Spear.

The biggest regular season game was at Grant Field against Georgia. The largest crowd of the season saw the Ramblin' Wreck defeat the Bulldogs in a come from behind effort.

At the Rose Bowl, Tech played the California Golden Bears in a game that was to decide the national title. The Jackets narrowly evaded the Bears with an 8-7 win to finish the season in a tie for the national title. On October 16, 1916, Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland College 222-0. The whipping was administered in retaliation for running up a 22-0 score in a baseball game the previous spring when the Cumberland team's roster was full of professional players.

In 1920, Heisman left Tech and was succeeded by William Anderson Alexander. Alexander first came to Tech in 1906 with the intentions of playing for Heisman. Unfortunately, Alexander hadn't the necessary skills to play, but Heisman admired his football knowledge and desire and named him "Captain of the Scrubs." Alexander stayed at Tech as a professor and assistant coach until he was awarded the head coaching job.

Alexander paralleled Heisman's success right from the beginning. He led Tech to 8-1 seasons in each of his first two years as head coach. Despite a long losing drought during the Great Depression, Alexander managed to compile a record of 134-95-15.

In 1922, his third season as head coach, Tech joined the Southern Conference. A 4-0 conference record gave Tech a share of the Southern title. Tech stayed in the conference through 1932 and won three Southern titles.

Alexander's first of two major accomplishments was becoming the first head coach to win a bowl grand slam by winning each of the four major bowl games, the Rose, Sugar, Cotton, and Orange Bowls. With his 8-7 win over the California Bears in the 1928 Rose Bowl, Alexander captured Tech's second national championship.

Perhaps no one knew William Alexander better than his successor, Bobby Dodd. When Tech's Alexander Memorial Coliseum was dedicated in 1956, Dodd said, "William Anderson Alexander was the finest man I have ever known. As a student, athlete, teacher, coach, and athletic director, he devoted 40 years of his life to Georgia Tech."

Dodd became Tech's third head coach in 1945. During his years from 1945-1966, Dodd became Tech's winningest coach of all time with a record of 165-64-8. Dodd boasted a 31-game win streak from 1951-1953.

The Yellow Jackets compiled a 12-0 record in 1952 en route to Tech's third national championship. Dodd was named "Coach of the Year" by a New York Daily News poll and six Tech players were named first-team All-America.

Dodd found particular success in post-season as he won nine of his thirteen bowl continued on page 290

“Bill Alexander’s life was eloquent illustration of the phrase: ‘It matters not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game.’”

—Ralph McGill

10-0-0. In doing so, Georgia Tech was honored as being the national champions.

However, there was more to the win that the score indicates. The famous "Wrong Way" run by Roy Riegels set up the safety that gave Tech the victory.
The best Bobby Dodd team in his 22 seasons at Georgia Tech, the Ramblin’ Wreck cruised to a perfect 12-0-0 season culminated with a 24-7 win versus the University of Mississippi in the 1953 Sugar Bowl.

Tech, then a member of the Southeastern Conference, defeated three highly ranked teams that season, beating Duke, Alabama, and Ole Miss by a combined score of 59-17. On the season, the Jackets ran up the scoreboard for 325 points and surrendered only 53.

This one Yellow Jacket squad produced an incredible six All-Americans. Offense superlatives went to co-captain tackle Hal Miller, center Pete Brown, and halfback Leon Hardeman. Defensive standouts were end Buck Martin, defensive back Bobby Moorhead, and co-captain linebacker George Morris.

During this stretch of excellence under Dodd, the Jackets won a total of 31 consecutive games dating back to the previous season. The 1951 team went 11-0-1.

By defeating Mississippi in the Sugar Bowl Tech was honored as national champions under the now-defunct International News Service. Tech finished second in the final Associated Press poll to Milligan State only because the majority of writers were from the Midwest and East. With Dodd’s “Saturday Magic” and outstanding player performances that season, the ’52 team will always be regarded as one of the best ever.

Grant Field has undergone many changes over its 87-year history. Some things remain the same, however, as evident of the Georgian Terrace in the background. Photo by Georgia Tech Archives.
However, the South stands were removed in 1986 to make way for the William C. Wardlaw Center. Two years later, the artificial turf laid in 1979 was replaced with All-Pro turf complete with the GT logo and painted end zones.


Lewis happily undertook the responsibility of maintaining one of the winningest traditions in college football history following in the footsteps of Heisman, Dodd, and the others.

"You can't help feeling very special. It really hit home when I opened up that program to the page that has the pictures of all of the coaches, and you see your picture on there, and there is only eight others, that is special," said Lewis, who also has the pleasure of guiding Georgia Tech's 100th football team.

"When we celebrate 100 years here, we celebrate 100 years of academic excellence and 100 years of football excellence," commented Lewis. "All you have to do is go anywhere in this country and talk about Georgia Tech academically and people immediately respect Georgia Tech for what they have done as far as their graduates.

"When you walk into that stadium, you're surrounded by four national championships and the number of bowl appearances on the stadium wall. So to be a part of the 100 years celebration, it's a privilege, an honor."

From its early existence, Georgia Tech football has shown enviable character in all of its successes and failures, leading to greater successes.

Over the past 100 years, Georgia Tech and the men who have played here have formed one of the most respectable football programs in the country which takes pride in all of its accomplishments. Yellow Jacket football will prosper for many centuries to come.

"This is the best team I've ever coached. To me, they'll always be national champions."

—Bobby Ross

UVA was ranked No. 1 in the Associated Press poll going into that game. Tech battled tough for the entire contest, and with the game tied and only five ticks remaining on the clock, Tech kicker Scott Sisson made a field goal to seal the upset.

For the rest of the season, Tech rolled without a loss. The Yellow Jackets clinched their first ever ACC title with a win versus Wake Forest, and also received an automatic invitation to the Florida Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day 1991.

Fresh off an emphatic win at Georgia, Tech played Nebraska in the Citrus Bowl. On that day the Jacket squad made Tech fans proud by dominating the Cornhuskers 45-21, and claiming the United Press International Coaches Poll for the 1990 National Championship.
STUDENT-ATHLETE FEATURE

Tech Total Person builds for future

The cheering and the celebrating will eventually stop for all of Tech's athletes. But with the knowledge and information the athletes received from the Tech Total Person program they will be able to meet all of life's challenges.

The Total Person program, founded in 1980, includes several voluntary seminars in which the student-athletes have the opportunity to learn the elements of success beyond the classroom or the playing field. The program is the vision of Tech's Director of Athletics Dr. Homer Rice, who wanted to focus on rebuilding the athletic fortunes of Georgia Tech with an emphasis not only on successful athletic programs, but on the development of a well-rounded student-athlete.

The seminars focus on personal growth of each and every student-athlete. During the fall quarter there were three scheduled seminars. They included: Dr. LeRoy T. Walker, the Senior Vice President for the Atlanta committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG); Andrew Young, former Mayor of Atlanta; Carl Mays, a well known motivational speaker.

Meetings included drug and alcohol education, how to deal with the media, and a summer employment workshop. The program also utilizes the academic counseling, career placement, financial planning and life fitness programs offered at Tech.

The seminars are only a small part of the total person program. There are five major areas that make up the program.

Recruitment - In order to attract top quality students-athletes, Tech has developed first-class facilities for proper training purposes. This included renovating all of Tech's major athletic facilities.

Academic Programs - The use of the Andrew Hearn, Sr., Center has helped Tech graduate 805 of all of its student-athletes. It contains the most modern education and motivational aids, including state-of-the art computer facilities, individual work-study stations, tutoring facilities and academic advisors to monitor the student's progress.

Sports Programs - Georgia Tech fields a total of 16 men's and women's varsity athletic teams. All teams compete on the NCAA division - 1 level and several teams are recognized as among the top athletic programs in the country.

Plus Area - Helping the student-athlete explore their career opportunities with the use of career counseling and summer internships. The program also has a wellness program that teaches students about time/stress management, aerobic fitness, nutrition and drug and alcohol education.

Follow Up - This includes helping students who have graduated adjust to the business world.

"If they're successful, we're successful."

—Dr. Homer Rice, Director of Athletics

Senior Guard Greg White spots up for a shot against Clemson. White, in his last home game, scored three points. Photo by David Pauli.
Tech's all time leading scorer, Karen Lounsbury looks to pass to a open player during a game against Maryland. Photo by Mary Whaley.

With all eyes focused on the speaker Ivano Newhill, Travis Best, James Forrest, and Bryan Hill learn the principles of success. Photo by Mike Mayer.
OLYMPIC ATHLETE FEATURE

Olympics fulfill athletes’ dreams

Barcelona, Spain was the site for the 24th Summer Olympics. The world’s best athletes gathered to see who among them would take home the gold. Included in that gathering were three Georgia Tech athletes.

Jason Varitek and Nomar Garciaparra became a part of baseball’s Team USA. However, each had a tough road to travel to become a part of the squad. Varitek was invited to tryout after his previous two all-American seasons at catcher. Garciaparra chased his dream as a walk-on.

Varitek was handicapped during the tryouts since he only played one position while two other catchers at the U.S. training camp could play other positions as well. When Varitek went into a hitting slump, he was cut from the team but asked to stay on and help with the team.

“When (Olympic head) coach (Ron) Fraser asked me to stick around and continue to help out the team, I knew right then what I wanted to do. I had been with the team for almost two months and I wanted to stay to the end,” explained Varitek.

Three days later, though, catcher Jason Moler of Cal State-Fullerton sustained torn knee ligaments. The Barcelona Olympic Organizing Committee allowed Team USA to place Varitek back on the roster after the deadline.

Garciaparra took a different path. Coach Fraser had seen the freshman shortstop during the season series between his Miami Hurricanes and the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets. He encouraged Garciaparra, the ACC’s “Rookie of the Year,” to tryout as a walk-on.

The infielder from Whittier, CA was the only walk-on to make the team and provided additional proof of his talents with a homerun and six RBIs in a 13-2 win over Team Canada.

When Garciaparra was selected by Team USA, he said, “I never dreamed this

Catcher Jason Varitek makes a routine catch during an ACC tournament game. The sophomore has been a two-year all-American in most baseball publications and will probably be a first round draft pick next season.

Garciaparra was selected by Team USA, he said, “I never dreamed this
Olympic Athlete Feature

Nomar Garciaparra throws out another runner after fielding a groundball. USA Coach Ron Fraser was impressed with Garciaparra's fielding talents and invited him to the Olympic trials. Photo by Athletic Association.

could have happened this soon. Wearing this uniform and representing my country is unbelievable. I just hope I can live up to the expectations and bring home the gold.

Varitek had similar feelings when he entered the stadium in front of 100,000 people to represent his country during the opening ceremonies.

After hard fought contests against Japan and Cuba, Team USA finished fourth. Garciaparra and Varitek collected three and six hits respectively in 13 plate appearances. While they didn't get a medal, they did receive the support of their country.

Bryan Jacob, the nation's best weightlifter in the 60 kg weight class, faced tough competition of his own. Jacob set U.S. records at the Olympic trials in Peoria, Illinois last May with a 122.5 kg snatch and 270 kg total.

The civil engineering major was no stranger to international competition. He took the silver medal at the Pan Am games in Cuba in 1991.

Jacob would compete in the second tier of weightlifters because of the superior international talent. Jacob's goal was to finish in the top 10 in his division.

However, after lifts below his U.S. trial performance, Jacob finished eighth in his group and 18th overall with a total lift of 262.5 kg. The 1996 Summer Olympics, to be held here in Atlanta, is Jacob's next goal, barring any injuries.

Aside from the competition, Jacob had an opportunity to fulfill the spirit of the Olympic games as well when he helped take Cabbage Patch Kids donated by the Hasbro toy company to children in the hospital. "[The dolls] put smiles on the kids' faces and represented our country well," Jacob said.

No gold, silver, or bronze returned to Georgia Tech that summer, but the Yellow Jacket fighting spirit carried each of these three athletes to the realization of a lifelong dream.
COMMUNITY SERVICE FEATURE

Scott Sisson (center) and his other "teammates" announce their efforts to teach responsible drinking habits. They hope that Sisson can help get more "wins" by saving lives.

Photo by Dampier Blanco.

College Dropouts

- Alcohol is a factor in 21% of all dropouts.
- This year's freshman class will have over 100,000 alcohol-related drop-outs.
- As a result, colleges will lose over $210 million in tuition.

Student Alcohol Expenditures

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Excellence on and off the gridiron

Georgia Tech senior placekicker Scott Sisson will go down in Tech history as the best kicker to ever play on The Flats. Moreover, he will stand at the top in nearly every kicking category in the Yellow Jackets’ record books. His game-winning field goals are stuff of which legends are made. More importantly, however, Sisson added another dimension to his heralded Tech career.

On October 7, 1992, Sisson held a press conference where he announced his involvement in the “How to Get a Kick Out of Life” program, which is co-sponsored by the Georgia Tech Athletic Association, TEAM Georgia, and the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety. The new program began just in time for National Alcohol Awareness Week.

The purpose of the program was to discourage underage drinking and to prevent drunk driving. The campaign promoted responsible, legal drinking as the only acceptable means of alcoholic beverage consumption.

“Our message is very simple,” explained Sisson. “If you’re under age, don’t drink. If you’re 21 or older and choose to drink, drink responsibly.”

Posters bearing Sisson’s image and his message were displayed throughout the campus including residence halls, fraternities and sororities, classrooms, activity centers, and general gathering places. Information packets, including the poster, were distributed to other colleges in Georgia to help create similar programs throughout the state. Additionally, Tech’s home football games featured public announcements carrying Sisson’s message.

Dr. Thomas Coleman, Director of the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, saw Tech and Sisson as the obvious choices to represent this program. “When we wanted to become involved in a program that would improve the safety of young drivers on Georgia’s roads, it only seemed natural to choose the school whose mascot is the Ramblin’ Wreck,” remarked Dr. Coleman.

“Scott Sisson embodies the vitality of youth,” continued Dr. Coleman. “His talent and leadership, in addition to the backing of the GTAA and TEAM Georgia, draws attention to our life or death message. His willingness to speak can make our roads and our campuses safer for our precious youth.”

“The NCAA says the abuse of alcohol is the most pervasive drug problem on college campuses today,” offered Sisson. “Alcohol and other drug misuse occurs not only among athletes but throughout the entire college population.

“I am here to show my interest and concern about the alcohol problem on campuses. I don’t think this is going to make kids want to go out and kick footballs, but hopefully it will stop them from drinking. I would be willing to do anything to keep kids from drinking.

“It takes a strategic game plan to win a Georgia Tech football game. It takes the same planning to make the right choices. Team with your friends, and you’ll make your goals, too.”
Jackets provided gridiron thrills

or the 100th year since Georgia Tech competed in its first football contest, the legendary Yellow Jackets completed yet another football season. The 1992 season provided fans and players with the gamut of emotions while always giving plenty of excitement for sports fans.

Tech began its first season under head coach Bill Lewis, formerly of East Carolina University, with an opener against Western Carolina. The Catamounts provided the young Tech team with an opportunity to play under Lewis' new system for the first time.

Although Tech won 37-19, the team did not play as well as anticipated, especially on defense where the Catamounts were allowed to gain over 400 yards on offense. The uncertainty of how the new system had not been dispelled.

Tech ran full speed into a brick wall in their next contest as the Virginia Cavaliers avenged two previous last-minute Tech victories by walloping the Jackets 55-24. Tech allowed more points in this game since 1977. Tech again allowed well over 400 yards on offense and seemed able to do absolutely nothing right.

After the loss at Virginia, the Tech players felt confused and embarrassed and needed a gut check. After a players-only meeting and conferences with the coaches, the team figured out the direction in which they wanted to turn.

An entirely different team would show up on "The Flats" the next week for a test against Clemson. Was Tech for real or would the Lewis era begin in disaster? Tech furnished definitive answers to those who doubted the men in white and gold.

The Yellow Jackets upset Clemson by a score of 20-16 in front a national television audience and kept ACC title hopes alive. Clemson, the 1991 ACC champion, however was virtually eliminated from any title hunt after their second consecutive conference loss.

The resurgent Yellow Jackets hosted North Carolina State the following week. The hard-fought contest was up for grabs for the entire game—save one second. With the score tied at 13-all and with only 11 seconds remaining, the game appeared over.

However, Tech quarterback Shawn Jones believed nothing of the sort. Jones hit flanker Keenan Walker with a 54-yard Hail Mary to set up placekicker Scott Sisson with a 29-yard field goal with only one tick left on the clock. Sisson iced his sixth career game-winning field goal.

Tech travelled to Maryland the next week to play in a game almost considered a formality as Tech looked ahead to the much-anticipated game against Florida State. The Yellow Jackets handled John Kaleo and his run-and-shoot offense fairly well in taking the win. "Air Terp" made the game interesting in the end as the last pass of the game fell safely to the turf giving Tech the game, 28-26.

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"When you have a lot of tough losses like that, it takes a lot out of you."  
—Shawn Jones
Mike Williams (27) and Kevin Peoples (47) combine for a tackle of Florida State's Zack Crockett. Tech lost the first ACC meeting between the two schools 29-24 after winning six of the previous seven contests. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Linemen Jason Dukes (70), Woodie Milam (76), Michael Cheever (65), Gary Brown (68), Jim Kushon (77), runningback Jimy Lincoln (42) and the rest of the Tech offensive unit show a little unity in the huddle during the Florida State game. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Flanker Kennan Walker makes a move on the Duke Blue Devil defense after catching a pass during Tech's 20-17 homecoming victory. The redshirt junior finished third on the team in receiving yards. Photo by Mary Whaley.

“I think that we have a group of young people who have a lot of pride in themselves and a lot of pride in this football team.”

—Head coach Bill Lewis
Jackets provided gridiron thrills

Next came the biggest game in recent Tech history. The Florida State Seminoles, who were the ACC favorites to win the division in only their first year in the conference, came to "The Flats." Tech led for most of the game and posted a 14-point lead early in the fourth quarter.

Then in a matter of a few minutes, the game and the rest of Tech's season slipped away. Seminole quarterback Charlie Ward, the ACC's "Offensive Player of the Year," led the Florida State Seminoles to a heart-breaking come-from-behind victory.

Shawn Jones, who had led so many last-minute victories in his career, did not enjoy this one at all. "It's like biting into a sour apple," explained Jones. "It's not a good feeling at all." The loss simply crushed Tech's character and the season seemed doomed.

The Yellow Jackets won only one of their next four games as they lost to North Carolina and Baylor on the road and to Wake Forest at home, with the Duke Homecoming game being their only victory in that span. Tech's bowl hopes were annihilated when they could not attain the NCAA-required six victories for postseason play. Tech's bowl game would be held in Athens against the Georgia Bulldogs.

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving amidst a sea of red and black, the Georgia Tech football team marched into the arena known as Sanford Stadium in Athens, Georgia. From Tech's very first possession of the game, it seemed that things would not go well for the struggling Yellow Jackets, as Tech fumbled the ball on its third play of the game.

The Bulldogs built a 24-3 lead entering the fourth quarter behind the running...
Redshirt junior running back Jeff Wright (35) runs for open ground and tries to escape one Wolfpack defender as Kevin Battle (98) leads the way. Tech won the rain-soaked battle 16-13 on Scott Sisson's last second field goal. *Photo by David Pauli.*

Cornerback Lethon Flowers (4) and linebackers Mitch Jordan (34) and Tom Johnson (48) gang tackle Florida State's tailback Sean Jackson. The three Tech players were among the Jackets' top 10 defenders on the season. *Photo by David Pauli.*

Quarterback Jeff Howard pitches out to a running back in the contest against Florida State. Howard replaced the injured Shawn Jones for the remainder of the second half. The senior finished his career with 33-for-69 passing for 422 yards. *Photo by Ted McRorie.*

Buzz takes timeout from his cheerleading duties for a light snack as he devours this young Yellow Jacket fan. *Photo by Ted McRorie.*

Running back Dorsey Levens dives into the endzone for a score against Florida State. The redshirt junior transferred from Notre Dame the season before. *Photo by Mike Mayer.*
FOOTBALL

Michael Smith avoids defenders as he returns a Duke punt. The redshirt sophomore took the ball 72 yards for the touchdown to seal the homecoming victory. The touchdown was Tech's only special teams score the entire season. *Photo by Ted McCrobie.*

Senior Scott Sisson attempts another field goal against Florida State. Sisson was named to the Walter Camp All-American team and was named as the kicker to the Georgia Tech All-Time Team. During his career at Tech, he made six game-winning field goals. He also tied the ACC record for most field goals in a career with 60. *Photo by Mary Whaley.*

Cornerback Lethon Flowers returns this interception in the game against Duke. The sophomore from Columbia, SC returned his only interception of the year 25 yards. *Photo by Ted McCrobie.*

Shawn Jones prepares to throw to an open receiver in the Duke game. Jones, who leads Tech in almost every career passing category won 31 games over his four seasons as the leader of the Yellow Jacket offense. *Photo by Mary Whaley.*
Jackets provided gridiron thrills

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of Georgia's Heisman Trophy candidate, Garrison Hearst.

The Yellow Jackets, however, did not quit. In the next three possessions, Jones completed touchdown passes of two yards to flanker Bobby Rodriquez in the corner of the endzone and a 32-yard catch-and-run to Dorsey Levens. After Scott Sisson's extra point, Tech trailed by only one touchdown with 2:29 on the game clock.

Tech head coach Bill Lewis opted for the onside kick and the opportunity to take the lead. Tech recovered the ball but was flagged for being offsets in a very controversial call. On the next attempt, the ball did not travel the required 10 yards before a Tech player touched the ball and Georgia was awarded the ball on the Tech 39 yard line.

Georgia coach Ray Goff wanted to fatten Hearst's numbers as the halfback scored another touchdown in the waning moments of the game for the final 31-17 score.

Despite the loss, Tech players achieved several individual milestones. Shawn Jones surpassed the ACC career total yardage mark with a total of 9,296 yards. Coincidentally, in his last game ever, Jones passed for a career high 305 yards. Scott Sisson tied the career ACC field goal mark of 60 while defensive end Coleman Rudolph surpassed Marco Coleman's school career sack record.

In what, from the outside, might have appeared to have been a failure; Bill Lewis' first season at Tech had several positive notes. With average expectations going into the season, Tech's midseason play raised fans' hopes to extremely high levels. It was what could have been, not what should have been, that Tech could not grasp and resulted in unfounded disappointments.
Walk-on fullback Chris Haney tries to escape a screaming Georgia lineman. The true freshman from Longwood, Fl. gained 87 yards on only 13 carries for the day. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Senior kicker Tyler Jarrett attempts an extra point after a first half Tech touchdown. Unfortunately, the attempt failed as the Yellow Jackets went into the locker room down 17-6 at the half. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Quarterback Dexter Stallworth (9) looks upfield as he runs the option with runningback David Shuberg (20). Stallworth lost 16 yards on three carries but completed eight passes with two touchdowns. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Punter Keith Weaver sets up for one of his four punts for the day. The redshirt freshman averaged an amazing 66.5 yards per punt with a 75 yarder included. Weaver has attracted attention from the varsity squad. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
Baby Jackets get spanked by Pups

The young Yellow Jackets of the Georgia Tech football team and the Bullpups of Georgia went head to head for the 58th time in the annual Scottish Rite Junior Varsity Football Classic.

The game, traditionally held on Thanksgiving Day on Grant Field, ended with UGA on top 38-12. The outcome ended Tech’s three-game winning streak dating back to a 43-0 victory in 1989.

Tech struggled early and often in the game as Georgia amassed 17 points in the first half. Tech finally got on the board after a two-play, 68-yard drive in the waning seconds of the second quarter capped by a 24-yard touchdown pass.

With 14 seconds on the clock, Tech quarterback Dexter Stallworth, brother of former Tech great Cedric Stallworth and cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers great John Stallworth, hit flanker Omar Cassidy for a 44-yard gain to the Georgia 24.

Stallworth then found sophomore flanker Charlie Simmons in the end zone. Tech’s offensive woes were compounded by Tyler Jarrett’s missed extra point which kept the score 17-6 Georgia at the end of the first half.

Tech opened up the second half with a nine-play, 76-yard touchdown drive that burned almost six minutes off the clock. After a missed two point conversion, Georgia’s lead stood at 17-12. Unfortunately, at this point, Tech’s offense was finished for the day.

Georgia proceeded to score on three of their next four possessions while Tech ran only seven plays in the fourth quarter. The Dawgs put on an offensive show by amassing 440 yards, including 306 net rushing yards. Earl Fouch and Mike Thorton led Georgia’s rushing attack by running for 148 and 113 yards respectively and one touchdown apiece.

Tech’s only bright spots were Cassidy, who caught two passes for 69 yards and punter Bill Weaver who averaged over 56 yards per kick on four punts. Defensively, Ryan Stewart led the Jackets with 12 tackles and one pass broken up.

Aside from the gridiron battle that took place, the contest had a greater purpose. Proceeds from the game went to the Scottish Rite Children’s Medical Center to help defray medical costs for indigent children.

The annual contest was once best summed up by one of Tech’s greatest head coaches in history, William A. Alexander: “This year, as in other years since the mid-Twenties, you will see a hard, clean but sportsmanlike game between the boys who in the next three years will play prominent roles in the varsity games between these two state schools. You will see football, not at its best, but unsurpassed for spirit and idealism, for the players themselves have been imbued with the slogan of this great cause: Strong legs will run that weak legs may walk.”
BASKETBALL

Jackets provide chills and thrills

Once again, the Georgia Tech basketball team ran the gamut of successes and failures in the course of a single season. Their roller coaster ride through the 1992-93 season seemed to have surprised as well as frustrated players, coaches and Yellow Jacket fans throughout the year.

The original starters for the Jackets were set as senior Malcolm Mackey at power forward, junior Ivano Newbill at center, sophomores Travis Best at point guard and James Forrest at small forward, and blue-chip newcomer Martice Moore at shooting guard.

As the season progressed, Cremins adjusted his lineup to include red-shirt freshman Drew Barry as the starting shooting guard. Newbill played principally off of the bench because of knee troubles and senior guard/forward Bryan Hill's minutes diminished gradually as Barry showed the basketball skills inherent in his family.

Moore played more of a swingman role than a guard for the remainder of the season and played well enough to be named as the ACC "Rookie of the Year."

Tech proved to be a difficult team to figure out during the season as they played as well as the nation's best on some nights while struggling against inferior teams on other occasions.

After convincing exhibition victories and a 112-83 win over Florida A&M in the season opener, the Jackets travelled to Rupp Arena to face the high-powered Kentucky Wildcats featuring All-American forward Jamal Mashburn. Mashburn and freshman teammate Roderick Rhodes combined to overpower Tech inside while the Wildcats' full-court pressure sealed the 96-87 victory. Best fought the press and kept the Jackets in the game as well as he could, scoring a career-high 27 points.

Tech went on to win its next six non-conference games, including wins over Georgia and Louisville. The game contest against the Cardinals was the first in the new Georgia Dome which drew a Georgia state record crowd of 28,885.

The Jackets went on to open the conference schedule with an 85-75 road victory over the Maryland Terrapins. At this juncture of the season, Tech held an 8-1 record and climbed to twelfth in the AP basketball polls.

Then, on January 10, the Jackets did something that they had not done since 1964. Cremins led his team to a thrilling 80-79 victory over the top-ranked Duke Blue Devils before a record crowd of 10,125 in Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The last time Tech knocked off a number one team was when they played in the SEC and beat Kentucky twice in one season.

Weary after the hard-fought Duke game, the Yellow Jackets fell to North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"We had to step it up a little bit this year and I think that's what we tried to do."

—Travis Best
Senior Malcolm Mackey tries to put back an offensive rebound against Wake Forest. Mackey became Tech's all-time leading rebounder. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Travis Best works against UNC's Eric Montross. Best scored 17 points vs. the Heels. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Senior Bryan Hill heads toward the basket with a layup against rival Georgia. Tech won the matchup over the Dawgs 75-67 in the Omni. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Then Tech did the unthinkable. Before an astonished home crowd, the Yellow Jackets lost to the College of Charleston by a score of 84-67. Charleston, who became a Division 1 school less than ten years ago, simply outshot and outhustled the complacent Jackets and shocked the basketball world.

The loss to Charleston put a serious damper on Tech's season. Tech lost five of their next eight conference games, including another home loss—this time to a hot-shooting Clemson team. Critics questioned their heart for the game.

The Yellow Jackets' lack of confidence shined bright in close losses to Duke and North Carolina. In both games, Tech played extremely well in the first half and led their top-five opponents at half time. However, both the Blue Devils and the Tar Heels stepped up the defensive pressure in the second half and choked the game away from the Jackets.

Gasping for air as they sank to the bottom of the conference standings, Tech rebounded with road wins against the Richmond Spiders and tenth-ranked Wake Forest. They followed with a win over 25th-ranked Virginia, their ninth loss to Tech in

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as many meetings. The wins over Wake Forest and Virginia seemingly guaranteed Cremins his ninth straight trip to the NCAA tournament.

However, things are not always what they seem. Tech traveled to Raleigh, NC, the following weekend to lose to the underdog N.C. State Wolfpack.

Tech was counting on a victory there to propel them into the tourney, but victory never came easily this year. Tech would have to win one of their remaining two games to continue into post-season.

Next, Florida State came to the “Thriller Dome” on Senior Night for Mackey, Hill, and reserve guard James Gaddy. The Yellow Jackets started off playing well before going on a six minute scoreless clip. Tech fought back fiercely in the second half to make the rest of the game a see-saw battle.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Tech was down by three. Best looked for an open three-point shot for the tie. Florida State’s Sam Cassell pressured Best into making a pass underneath the basket to an open Mackey whose slam dunk ended the game with the Jackets losing by one.

With distracting rumors of Cremins’ departure for South Carolina appearing daily in the newspapers, the players held a team meeting to refocus the team’s goals. They emerged a different and hungrier team.

Tech travelled to Clemson for their final shot at making the NCAA tournament. It was do or die for the unpredictable Yellow Jackets. Tech, led by an inspiring powerful second half effort by Forrest, defeated the Tigers in Littlejohn Coliseum for the first time in the last seven years and secured their ninth straight tournament bid and a 16-10; 8-8 ACC regular season record.

The Jackets’ post season was a mirror image of the 26-game schedule they had played all season. An ACC Championship and a first round NCAA tournament loss to Southern University (See page 310) was typical of the highs and lows the season provided.

The end of the season, however, almost brought the year’s biggest low. Cremins was heavily recruited by South Carolina to fill their coaching vacancy. Surprisingly, Cremins resigned to take over his Alma Mater’s program.

As the stressful days accompanying Cremins’ decision waned, he began to think about his family and his players. In an unprecedented move, the always unpredictable coach returned to his home to stay, this time for good.
Shawn Jones sails through the air with...a basketball? The former Tech quarterback tried his talents on the hardwood early in the season. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Senior James Gaddy puts up a shot against Georgia State for two of his season's nine points. The walk-on was awarded a scholarship for his hard work over the previous three seasons. Photo by David Pauli.

Center Malcolm Mackey throws down a powerful dunk against Florida A&M. Mackey finished his career seventh on Tech's all-time scoring list with 1,734 points. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Left to Right; Row One: John Kelly, Keith Kenney, Travis Best, Bryan Hill, Fred Vinson, Todd Harlicka, Drew Barry. Row Two: Keith Tovey, Crandall Woodson, Phil Hanson, Sherman Dillard, Coach Bobby Cremins, Kevin Cantwell, Jimmy Hebron, Frank Beall, Troy Warner. Row Three: Chad Rhodes, Rod Balans, Mattice Moore, Darryl Barnes, Malcolm Mackey, Ivan Newbill, James Forrest, James Gaddy. Photo by Athletic Association.
fter losing two of their last three games, the sixth-seeded Georgia Tech basketball team was riding the bubble coming into the ACC tournament. Tech had to overcome the defending national champion Duke Blue Devils, a snowstorm which shut down the Charlotte Coliseum for a half hour, and a pesky Clemson Tigers team to meet the top-ranked Tarheels of North Carolina for the ACC championship. Tech (19-11) withstood a late rally by UNC (28-4) to claim their third title by the score 77-75.

First, the Jackets faced the Duke Blue Devils. With the return of perennial Jacket destroyer, Grant Hill, to the starting lineup, the eighth-ranked Blue Devils looked to bounce back after being trashed by North Carolina in their final regular season game.

The momentum bounced back and forth between the two teams as the game progressed. Then with 67 seconds left and the game tied at 66-all, Forrest hit a 15-foot turnaround jumper from the baseline for the two point lead. Later, Mackey was fouled and made the first of two free throws for a three point lead. After missing the second attempt, Duke rebounded and was forced to attempt a three-pointer to tie. Frehman Chris Collins shot the trey at the buzzer yet missed giving Tech a 69-66 victory.

Forrest, who dominated the first half with 15 points, led the Jackets to a one-point first half lead by hitting his first seven shots. He finished the game with 27 points and six rebounds. Tech concentrated on their inside game throughout the second half. Mackey responded by scoring 14 points and by grabbing 14 rebounds.

Next up was Clemson. Round two featured another close game for the Jackets. With Clemson down 64-59, guard Chris Whitney hit what was originally called a three-point basket. The Tigers quickly called time-out to stop the clock at 26.6 seconds. During the timeout, the officials talked it over and changed the call to a two-point basket. Instant replay revealed that Whitney's foot was within the three-point line. The Jackets used clutch free throw shooting in the final minutes to overcome Clemson 69-61.

As in the Duke contest, sophomore James Forrest dominated the inside arena. He scored a game high 26 points and grabbed five rebounds. Martice Moore provided some support with 7-for-11 shooting for 16 points.

The improbable finalists faced the expected as Tech prepared for first-seeded North Carolina. Bobby Cremins knew that defense would be the key to the game as Tech used either their standard 2-3 zone to stop UNC's inside game or a box-and-one to slow down guard Donald Williams.

Without starting guard Derrick Phelps—injured in the Virginia win the day before—the Tarheels had 14 turnovers and lacked their usual moving offense. The loss of Phelps also allowed Tech to key on Williams, who shot 4-for-18 from the field. Furthermore, Travis Best was able to penetrate Carolina's usually tough defense.

Drew Barry set or tied several tournament records in his first ACC appearance. His six assists in the final game gave him 27 for the tournament, eclipsing Bobby Hurley's record of 26. Against Clemson, Barry picked up 13 assists which tied him with Larry Brown of North Carolina and Hurley for the most assists in an ACC tournament game.

Barry also set the two-day assist total with 21 surpassing Virginia's John Johnson. Along with teammate Best, the two combined for a total of 16 assists against Duke tying them for second on the most assists by two players in one game.

However, the performance by sophomore James Forrest, who collected a game high 27 points and ten rebounds in the tournament finale, overshadowed everyone. The Atlanta native—who finished the tournament with 80 points and 21 rebounds—was awarded the MVP.

When asked about his raised level of competition, Forrest, who was a regular season Honorable Mention selection, explained, "I know I definitely came out with a vengeance to get some respect, because I think I was overlooked [for the all-ACC team]. So, I felt I had to come out and prove myself that I am a candidate for that now. But, right now, it just feels good just to be ACC champs."

Tech's victory over North Carolina, the eventual NCAA champion, came as a complete surprise for Cremins. When asked about the tournament, Cremins said: "The other two teams, I thought, had a chance. I didn't think this team had a chance, but these guys never cease to amaze me."
James Forrest tips in an offensive rebound over Clemson's Devin Gray. Forrest was named the ACC Tournament’s “Most Valuable Player” after scoring 80 points in three games. Photo by David Pauli.

Senior Malcolm Mackey cuts down the net during the post-tournament celebration. Mackey became the only Tech player to have won two ACC titles. Photo by David Pauli.

Coach Bobby Cremins is congratulated after the Jackets won the 1993 ACC Tournament Championship. The title was Cremins’ third in the last nine seasons. Photo by David Pauli.

Drew Barry whips a “no-look” pass by Duke’s Cherokee Parks. The freshman from Danville, GA set an ACC Tournament record with 27 assists over three games. He also tied the record of 13 assists in one game. Photo by David Pauli.

Freshman Martice Moore drives past Clemson's Jeff Brown for an uncontested layup. Moore was the second leading scorer in the second round game with 16 points. Photo by David Pauli.
Golf team seeks first NCAA title

As it has through most of the past few years, the Georgia Tech golf team played exceptionally well all season long hovering unnoticed by many among the nation's top five golf squads.

The golf season began in the fall with three fairly difficult tournaments. As has become habit for the Jackets, the fall season was a period of inconsistency during which each of the team members went their own way to develop their games for the tough spring schedule.

This year, Tech began with the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate in Birmingham, AL. After a dismal 21-over par first round, the Jackets regrouped and finished sixth in a strong field. Although it was the team's first tournament, it was a trying experience that made it evident that the team had a lot of work to do by spring.

The Jackets' second tournament was the Golf World-Palmetto Dunes Collegiate, whose field was composed of the top 18 teams in the country. A mediocre tournament overall was boosted by a final round six-under and Tech finished tied for fourth. Much progress had been made since Birmingham.

The UNLV Rebel Classic was to be the Jackets' only tournament for another two and a half months. Though Tech did not perform particularly well as a team, they finished fourth. What was impressive, though, was that senior David Duval and sophomore Stewart Cink jointly took the individual title.

The spring schedule began in mid-February in Puerto Rico with the American University Collegiate. They received strong play from each team member and won their first event of the year. Tech outplayed then second-ranked Florida by nine strokes, and Cink finished in second place, two shots back of the leader. The tournament brought the Jackets back to the form they were in at the end of the 1992 season when they finished sixth in the NCAA Championships.

Then came the Ping Arizona Collegiate where Tech would see some of their toughest competition of the year. The Jackets retained their solid play from the American and distanced themselves from the field early in the second round to win their second consecutive tournament.

The standout for Tech was Jason Walters who surprised the college golf world and Coach Puggy Blackmon by winning the Collegiate as a freshman.

"Jason played solid in Puerto Rico, but you never, ever expect a freshman to win in this league." Blackmon then added, "I think we've gotten some valuable experience leading two big tournaments like this practically wire to wire."

This year was perhaps the most successful ever for Tech golf. Both Duval and Cink became All-Americans, with Duval being the first ever in college golf to be named so four times.

Though the program goes unrecognized by many Tech sports fans, it is certainly the most consistent and impressive record of any of Tech sports teams in recent years as the 1992-93 season's performances, as well as previous successful seasons, confirmed.

Carlos Beautell follows his second shot down the fairway on the 16th hole. Beautell, a transfer from Tenerife, Spain, played in his first season at Tech. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Jason Walters, a freshman from Memphis, TN, uses a three iron to send his shot towards the ninth green at Arthur Hills Golf Club in Hilton Head, SC. Walters won his first tournament at the Ping Arizona Collegiate later in the year. Photo by Mary Whaley.
Stewart Cink pitches onto the green on the 17th hole during the Golf World-Palmetto Dunes Collegiate. Cink, who is second on the team in stroke average, finished the tournament tied for twelfth after a final round 66. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Left to Right, Row One: Assistant coach Kim Evans, Head coach Puggy Blackmon, Mikko Rantanen, David Duval, Sam Hulsey, Michael Nicklaus. Row Two: Tommy Johnston, Stewart Cink, Michael Cress, Jason Walters, Carlos Beartell. Photo by Athletic Association.

There's not an easy stop on the schedule, and I did that on purpose. I plan for these guys to be really prepared when the NCAAs get here.”

—Puggy Blackmon
Tech realizes goal of NCAA bid

The Georgia Tech women's basketball team ended with as many uncertainties with which it began. Coming off of an unexpected National Women's Invitational Tournament title from last season, Tech returned with nearly the whole team intact to compete against high expectations for the 1992-93 season.

Tech head coach Agnus Berenato vowed to secure the school's first-ever NCAA tournament bid and the Yellow Jacket faithful expected just the same. However, Berenato was uncertain as to whether her team could jell enough to contend for the conference or the national title.

"We're just having fun. We all play well together, and we're pulling for each other to do well."

—Selena Baldwin

Barring major injuries or other mishaps, the Lady Jackets would have a good shot at both.

Unfortunately, things did not work out according to plan for the hyped Lady Jackets. Tech fought off small nagging injuries and shooting slumps all year as hard as their powerful ACC opponents. However, when looking past all of the expectations, the team did not fair so poorly.

The Lady Jackets started off the season as hot as they had the 1991-92 season. Tech began by earning the title in the Comfort Inn Downtown Classic in Alexander Coliseum with convincing victories over Hofstra and Mercer. Guard Devony Caldwell earned tournament MVP honors by scoring 40 points in the two games.

The Lady Jackets won their first five games, including an 86-68 victory over Clemson to open their conference schedule.

The first loss for the Jackets came in the Texaco/Hawk Classic in Philadelphia against the Alabama Crimson Tide. Forward Joyce Pierce scored 17 points and pulled down ten rebounds in the 103-101 overtime loss. Having scored over 100 points only 14 times in its history, the Jackets reached the century mark three times in its first six games.

Pierce earned all tournament honors after leading Tech to a third place finish with a 20 point, 13 rebound performance in the consolation final against Fordham.

Tech returned to conference play and racked up wins over North Carolina and on the road at North Carolina State. Guard Selena Baldwin played one of her best games of the year in scoring 24 points along with seven assists. Tech stood at this point in the season with one of their best starts ever at 8-1 and were ranked low in the top 25. The expectations and hype swelled even further.

The Jackets then ran into a little conference trouble. The trouble began when Tech travelled to Wake Forest for a disappointing 11-point loss, despite a 21 point, ten rebound performance by Pierce. Tech followed with a 77-66 loss to third-

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Freshman Yvonne Wilson applies some defensive pressure against a Furman guard. Tech cruised past the Lady Paladins 86-72. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Buzz is obviously the Lady Jackets’ biggest supporter. The inflatable mascot was a frequent visitor to Alexander Memorial. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Senior Angie Fischer looks to pass to an open player in a game against Furman. Fischer, from Hamilton, OH, became a common name on the ACC Academic Honor Roll during her career at Georgia Tech. Photo by Mary Whaley.

FSU’s defense leaves Lara Kauffman wide open for a 15-footer. The senior from Lilburn, GA played in each of Tech’s 27 games. Photo by David Pauli.

Joyce Pierce struggles to put up a shot between two N.C. State defenders. Pierce led the team in scoring and rebounds. Photo by David Pauli.

“We always felt we could win, and the players really believed in themselves.”

—Agnus Berenato
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ranked Maryland at home. The streak ended after the Jackets had amassed five conference losses to drop to 2-5 in the ACC.

Tech came back together for an 86-80 road overtime victory over the Duke Blue Devils. Pierce again spearheaded the victory with her second 30 point performance in as many games to go with 25 rebounds in those two games.

The Jackets then travelled to Chapel Hill for their second straight overtime game and fell to 16th-ranked North Carolina.

After a break from ACC play with an easy 33 point win over East Tennessee State, Tech dropped two straight tough games to the 11th-ranked Virginia Cavaliers and the seventh-ranked Terrapins.

However, at this point, Tech would struggle no more. The Lady Jackets came together and won their six remaining games to push their ACC record up to 8-8, the best ever in Tech history.

Tech finished with an overall record of 16-9 to actually exceed the men's basketball team's winning percentage for the first time since 1979.

At the conclusion of the regular season, a couple of Lady Jackets were given all-ACC honors. Pierce, who ended her career as Tech's third leading scorer in history at 1,538, was named second team all-ACC. Also, forward Kathy Dortch was named to the ACC All-Freshmen team.

Dortch was a pleasant surprise for the Tech coaching staff. "Since preseason, Kathy has worked hard to improve her game, and become a significant contributor on the court for us," mentioned Berenato. "She will continue the growth of our program in the future."

With the regular season completed, Tech's uncertainties were still alive and the expectations were unachieved. At the end of the regular season, the Lady Jackets were unsure of their NCAA chances.

Tech headed to Rock Hill, SC for the ACC tournament. Clemson quickly bounced the Lady Jackets from the tourney with a lop-sided 66-87 loss. Their NCAA hopes looked dim and many at Tech were sure they were headed back to the NWIT to defend their title.

Then on March 14, the bids for the NCAA tournament were released, and the Lady Jackets received their first bid in school history. The season's goal had been met. Everything the team's seven seniors worked towards had come true.

"We're really happy about it," said Coach Berenato. "We've worked hard all year long to get that bid."
Devony Caldwell goes in for a layup as she is fouled by Appalachian State's Sheryl Lynch. The game was one of three 100-plus games for the Lady Jackets last season. Photo by David Pauli.

Lara Kaufman drives towards the basket against Clemson. Tech won the game 86-68. Photo by David Pauli.

Senior Aimee Weiss controls the ball near the top of the key. Weiss was named "Player of the Year" by the Basketball Club of South Jersey. Photo by David Pauli.

Devony Caldwell becomes the object of some defensive pressure in a game against Clemson. The game was held in the Omni as the first game of a doubleheader. Photo by David Pauli.
Another ‘good’ season for Tech

The 1992 Joltin’ Jackets appeared to be on their way to their first College World Series after winning their first two games in the NCAA East Regional. However, Tech was knocked out of the tournament on the third day by dropping their next two games.

The Yellow Jackets, who lost eight seniors and three juniors to the draft after last season, were left with no seniors on this year’s roster and 16 freshmen. The loss was most noticeable on the pitching staff where Tech had only three pitchers with Division I playing experience. One of the returning pitchers was junior Brent Colson, who led the team in strikeouts.

The Joltin’ Jackets started the year by winning 24 of their first 25 games. After a four-game losing streak, Tech traveled to Tallahassee, FL to play their former Metro conference nemesis, the Florida State Seminoles. This marked the first time the two former Metro Conference rivals met in ACC competition. The 7th-ranked Seminoles won the series 6-9, 2-3, 10-3.

After FSU, Tech returned home and saw its 21-game home winning streak end to the Duke Blue Devils. Duke won 11-5 in the first game only to see Tech bounce back and win the next two games. The Jackets continued their winning ways as they swept North Carolina and achieved a 12th place ranking in Baseball Weekly.

With their highest ranking of the year, Tech faced the 3rd-ranked Clemson Tigers. The first matchup was expected to be a pitchers’ duel between Colson and Clemson’s Paxton Briley, who entered the game with a 0.74 ERA, the third best in the nation, and was 5-0 versus ACC opponents. However, Briley gave up seven hits including a three-run homer by Brian Alyea in the seventh. Colson scattered five hits and utilized three double plays as the Yellow Jackets won 6-2.

“It was a great game. [Colson] pitched very well and we played good defense,” said head coach Jim Morris. “Again, we got some timely hitting like when we got the big home run. That kind of put [the game] on ice. I was very pleased with our effort.”

The Jackets started early in the second game by scoring three runs in the first inning and one in the fourth. Starter Brad Rigby, who had five strikeouts in 4.1 innings, gave up four runs in the fifth. The Joltin’ Jackets bounced back though and scored two runs in the bottom half making it 6-4. After Clemson scored a run in both the sixth and eighth innings, Carlton Flemming started off the tenth with a single. Flemming stole second to get into scoring position. Michael Wolff followed with a single off of the shortstop’s glove allowing Flemming to score giving the Jackets a 7-6 victory.

Tech was thinking of a sweep against the Tigers but came up short as Albert gave up four runs in the first and one in the second. The Jackets tried to come back but fell short losing 5-4.

The Jackets finished their ACC season with a fourth place seed in the conference tournament held in Greenville, N C. The Jackets faced North Carolina in the first round.

Colson pitched seven scoreless innings before giving up two runs in the eighth for a 5-4 win. The Jackets took control early scoring five runs in the third.
Pitcher Brent Colson tries to strike out another one of the many batters he has to face. The junior faced over 500 batters during the season and had 105 strikeouts as well. Photo by Mary Whaley.

The Heels made it interesting in the ninth by scoring two runs of their own. Morris made a difficult decision and stayed with reliever Brett Binkley who entered the game in the eighth. Binkley finished the inning for the save.

Morris was pleased with the win but was concerned with Tech's offense. “When you get a five run lead, you'd like to go ahead and get a few more and not give someone a chance to come back,” said Morris. “[North Carolina] played good defense. It was basically good defense for both clubs and pretty good pitching except for that one inning when we got a five spot.”

Tech then faced the Wolfpack of North Carolina State in the second round of the winner's bracket. Tech fell 7-4 as the Jackets' pitchers allowed six hits and walked seven and gave up a total of three home runs.

For the first game in the losers' bracket, the Joltin' Jackets met Duke. Facing early elimination in the continued on page 320

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“We had a good season, not a great season. A good season is going to the NCAA's and winning 45 games. A great season is going to Omaha.”

—Head coach Jim Morris
Another ‘good’ season for Tech

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For the first game in the loser’s bracket, the Joltin’ Jackets met Duke. Facing early elimination in the tournament and the possibility of not making the NCAA play-offs inspired the Jackets to a 7-3 victory behind the excellent pitching of Albert.

After receiving a bye, the Jackets faced the Tigers. The Jackets took a 4-2 lead into the eighth inning behind the arm of Binkley who had just escaped a bases loaded, no-out situation in the seventh.

In the eighth, Binkley loaded the bases, and unfortunately for Tech, Kevin Northrup hit a bases-clearing double as Clemson went on to win 5-4.

With the Jackets unsure whether they were going to the NCAAs, Tech hit the road to end their regular season schedule against the top-ranked Miami Hurricanes and were swept 6-5, 6-2, and 4-3.

Tech, however, received the number two seed in the NCAA East Regional held in Gainesville, FL. The baseball team started the NCAAs by defeating George Mason 5-4 with the help of a two-run error by the shortstop.

The next game showcased the Texas A&M Aggies. Tech won a thriller of a game, which featured a throw-out at the plate in the ninth inning to insure extra innings where the Jackets won 3-2.

Tech received a bye and again played the Aggies after they eliminated Florida, the host-school of the regional. In the second meeting, the Jackets committed three errors and made a costly running mistake and fell 7-5. The loss put Tech in the loser’s bracket forcing them to win the next two if they wanted to go to Omaha, NE for the College World Series.

The Joltin’ Jackets faced the California Bears with Colson pitching. Despite having a shutout for five innings, the Jackets gave up two runs in the sixth and the go-ahead run in the seventh.

In the ninth inning with the score 3-2 California, Tech loaded the bases for Flemming. Ironically, the ACC’s toughest out last year, Flemming popped out on a 2-2 pitch ending the Yellow Jackets’ season and their aspirations of making it to Omaha.

“It’s funny, really. You have a good tournament, but when you don’t come through in that situation, you feel like you haven’t done anything. You feel like nothing, really, because of one at bat,” recalled Flemming.

Michael Smith’s teammates surround home plate waiting to congratulate him after his home run. The two-sport athlete was able to split time between the baseball season and spring football drills. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Freshman Brandon Hensley hustles around the bases as the ball is being retrieved in the outfield. The catcher/infielder was one of the many Georgia Tech rookies that had excellent seasons. Photo by Mary Whaley.
Catcher Jason Varitek tries to keep Duke’s Cass Hopkins from crossing the plate as he receives a throw from the outfield. Tech went on to win the game 6-4. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

Pitcher Brett Binkley zeros in on his target to deliver another pitch. The sophomore finished the season with a 9-3 record and a 1.80 earned run average. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Left to Right, Row One: Jay Payton, Tim Lucas, Brian Alyea, Brent Colson, Anthony Byrd, Carlton Flemming, Michael Wolff, Reggie Johnson, Brandon Hersley, Rob Gladwin. Row Two: Jeffrey Sauls, Mike Martin, Mark Buffington, Scott McIntyre, Jason Varitek, Al Gogolin, Brett Binkley, Kevin Carroll, Matt Barr, Chris Myers, Jason Rogers, Chris Cary. Row Three: Kyle Harrison (student manager), Pat Sonnett (director of baseball operations), Jim Morris (head coach), Carlos Cason, David Albert, Andy Sonora, Brad Ruby, Michael Jerzembeck, Nomar Garciaparra, Rick Jones (assistant coach), Walter Smith (trainer), Paul Wolkoff (trainer). Photo by Athletic Association.
## TECH SERIES RECORD

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“*We played well! We were a hard working team and it showed!*”

—Coach Regina Tomaselli

Shannon Huskins, an outfielder from Lizella, GA, goes for the bunt in an afternoon game against South Carolina-Aiken. Photo by Brian Niece.

Once again, Michelle Rolin makes the play. Rolin, from Prospect, TN, plays shortstop for the Yellow Jackets. Photo by Brian Niece.
Lady Jackets get another big year

A season of fast thrown pitches, whirl-wind base running, and stunning all-Americans sums up this year’s Tech softball team. The unbelievable start for second year Coach Regina Tomaselli had the team “breaking new ground.” After completing her first season at Tech with an incredible 38-12 record, Tomaselli and the team began preparing for their next challenge, the 1992 season.

A goal was set at repeating the previous season’s 30 win mark, a record that was only broken last season. With Florida State joining the ACC, a more difficult schedule was expected.

A more difficult season it was. The Yellow Jackets got off to a shaky start by losing three of their first four games. However, Coach Tomaselli turned the team around. A big boost came about during the middle of the season, when players buckled down and got into the swing of things with a nine game winning streak lasting through about mid-March. As the season progressed, the Lady Jackets got tougher, practicing more and playing a more intense game. They rounded out the season by winning five of their last seven games.

Starting pitchers made the difference for the Georgia Tech team. With three strong, young players, Dina El Sheshai, Kim Gulakowski, and Laila Krastins, leading the team on the mound, the team began each game in high spirits. Earned run averages were relatively low and batting averages relatively high. In terms of key players, these three women definitely helped Tech clinch their goal.

From start to finish, Tech played pretty well this season. They posted a record of 30-22. This was only the second season that Tech had won over 30 games. They reached their mark. They were also able to out-score their opponents with over 170 runs during the year. This showed Tech’s upcoming position as a major softball contender.

This year was also exciting in that it was Tech’s first affiliation with the ACC championship tournament. At this event, which was held at Florida State, they came in fourth place. Coach Tomaselli further emphasized the importance of this event by saying that regardless of their standing, the players were exposed to a conference tournament.

Along the same lines, Debbie Wilson and Juanita Albarado were named ACC All-Conference players. Juanita Albarado was further rewarded as the first Academic All-American softball player in Tech history. Another excellent player, Stephanie Weitman, with a batting average at .352, was named Rookie-of-the-Year. A team of great players dominated the season.

With talent like this, Tech has only to look toward the future. A promising new coach, Regina Tomaselli, has brought much hope to the up-and-coming team. After two outstanding seasons, Tech is grasping at a bright future and “breaking new ground!”

Kim Gulakowski, an off-speed pitcher, grimaces as she pitches the ball to the opponents. Having the lowest earned run average on the team, Kim was a key player in the Tech line-up this season. Photo by Brian Niece.
Georgia Tech Volleyball started off the season with memories of the year before, a season of broken records and outstanding sportsmanship. Tech won its first conference game in the school’s history.

Finishing up last year with an incredible record of 27-9, their path was paved with success. With a fourth place finish in the ACC last season, the Jackets had established themselves as definite contenders. Since such an incredible season, the Jackets have only lost one player. Tech’s coach, Shelton Collier, who led the team to such bountiful rewards, is also back. This puts the Jackets at a definite advantage going into the season.

Tech seemed to capitalize on this momentum early on. The Jackets won their first six games. At their first tournament of the season, the Coastal Carolina Beach Classic, Tech placed first, with Jennifer Castillo receiving MVP honors and Jennifer Wagner receiving an all-tournament award.

At the UC-Santa Barbara Invitational, Tech made an appearance on the national level with some of the most talented teams in the United States. They came away with an outstanding 11th place finish.

Heading towards the middle of the season, Tech was on the high road to victory. The Jackets went on a 10-game winning streak, lasting through the end of December, winning the majority of these matches in only 3 games.

The Jackets ended the season with two tournaments. The first was the Marriott Classic, where the team placed first. Castillo once again received MVP honors and Erica Organ and Cris Omiecinski were named all-tournament selections. The second was the ACC tournament. Tech lost to UNC 1-3 and finished the season 30-10.

Teamwork as well as outstanding players were key to the Tech team. “We have five hitters that are equal in ability,” explained Collier. “Some nights, we feature different hitters, depending on the situation, and other times, we like to spread it around.” One of the most dynamic records was achieved by Castillo, who averaged 10.95 setting assists per game, compared to a team total of only 12.62.

Another great record was set by Omiecinski, who averaged 3.25 kills per game, with 26 of them in the match against N.C. State. Wagner helped the team by averaging 3.14 digs per game.

Overall, Tech had an outstanding season. With a relatively young team, many of the players should return for next season. Continuing this new tradition of success, Coach Shelton Collier and the Lady Jacket Volleyball team are looking towards the future and the bright possibilities of a nationally ranked team.
Kerry Annel (17) gets ready to smash the ball for a kill attempt. The freshman tied for second on the squad averaging 3.04 kills per game. She was set up by senior Jennifer Castillo (7), who had 1391 of Tech's 1804 assists during the season. Castillo set the school record for one game with 70. Photo by David Pauli.

Cris Omiecinski gets set for this return against Maryland. The freshman from Oak Lawn, IL showed her versatility as she also led the team in kills per game. Photo by David Pauli.

Freshman Angie Propp (16) sets the ball for a spike by Erica Organ (1) in a match against Maryland. It was one of 47 assists by Propp on the season as Tech won the match 12-15, 15-7, 15-17, 15-8, 15-16. Photo by David Pauli.

Opponent | Score
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UT-Chattanooga | 3-0
Campbell* | 3-0
Appalachian State* | 3-1
UNC-Greensboro* | 3-1
VCU* | 3-2
at Coastal Carolina | 3-0
at Pepperdine | 1-3
Montana* | 0-3
Cal State-Northridge* | 0-3
UC-San Diego* | 0-3
Morehead State* | 3-0
NE Louisiana | 3-0
Western Carolina* | 3-0
Stetson* | 3-0
Georgia State* | 3-0
Mercer* | 3-0
Jacksonville* | 3-0
Auburn | 3-1
Georgia State | 3-0
Yale | 3-0
Clemson | 2-3
Virginia | 3-0
Maryland | 3-2
at Georgia | 3-0
at West Georgia | 3-2
Jacksonville State | 3-0
UNC-Wilmington | 3-0
Georgia Southern | 3-2
at UT-Chattanooga | 3-1
at Florida State | 2-3
at Mercer | 3-0
Georgia State | 3-0
at Duke | 0-3
at North Carolina | 2-3
N.C. State | 3-2
at Clemson | 3-1
SW Texas* | 3-0
George Mason* | 3-0
UNC-Charlotte* | 3-0
North Carolina# | 1-3

* - Tournament Appearance
# - ACC Tournament
Harriers continue to move upward

lead by Coach Alan Drosky, a two-time all-conference track star from Georgia Tech, the Yellow Jacket Cross Country team spent their fall quarter improving standards. Tech's second-year coach has a hand in 11 Georgia Tech track records. Tech was bound to continue their hard work and improvement.

Going into the season, the men's team had virtually the same squad returning. Working hard on improving their running strategy, as well as conditioning, during the offseason, the men's team set high goals. With top runners, such as Kevin Graham, Ray Raparelli, and John Moritz, the team wanted to improve their standing in the ACC.

The women's team had a different story. Entering the season, the roster included five newcomers and four sophomores, a crew of inexperience.

Tech's top female runner, Tracey Harrell, a senior from Tucker, GA, was predicted to have the season of her career and help bring the team together.

Harrell was consistently Tech's top female runner. She placed third at the Georgia State Invitational, second at the Georgia Intercollegiate Championship, and first at the Wolfpack Invitational in North Carolina.

Her performances brought the women's team standing up significantly. The women finished fourth at the Georgia State Invitational, second at the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships, and fifth at the Clemson Invitational. Top finishes put Tech athletes, Harrell and Colleen Stroud on the all-state team.

The Georgia Tech men's team also performed extremely well this season. Tech finished first at the Georgia State Invitational, the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships, and the Clemson Invitational, second at the Wolfpack Invitational, and sixth at the Morven Park Invitational.

Top Tech runners, who made the first and second team all-state were John Moritz, Ray Raparelli, Harley Johnson, Jason Januzelli, and Kevin Graham.

Once again, Alan Drosky, was named Georgia's Men's "Coach of the Year" after leading the team to a victory in the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships. By working even harder and continuing to improve their records, the cross country team is looking towards the future.

An offseason of further training and conditioning places this fine young team in the spotlight for a future ACC top-ranked team.
John Moritz and Tony Shields (right) get caught in the middle of the pack. The two finished up Tech's showing in the Regional. Photo by Chris Carson.

Kevin Graham fights through a crowd at the NCAA Regional. Graham was consistent one of Tech's top runners. Photo by Mary Wahley.

“Both teams had very good years. The men's team finished in the middle of the conference while the women's team finished seventh, up from last place the year before. We are going to work hard to continue the trend upward.”
—Head coach Alan Drosky

(M) ACC-5th
(W) ACC-7th

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
GEORGIA STATE INVITATIONAL
1ST OF 16
WOLFPACK INVITATIONAL
2ND OF 7
MORVEN PARK INVITATIONAL
6TH OF 14
GEORGIA INTERCOLLEGIA TE
1ST OF 17
CLEMS ON INVITATIONAL
1ST OF 8
ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS
5TH OF 9
NCAA DISTRICT III REGIONAL
18TH OF 35

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
GEORGIA STATE INVITATIONAL
4TH OF 13
WOLFPACK INVITATIONAL
7TH OF 7
MORVEN PARK INVITATIONAL
7TH OF 10
GEORGIA INTERCOLLEGIA TE
2ND OF 13
CLEMS ON INVITATIONAL
5TH OF 7
ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS
7TH OF 9
NCAA DISTRICT III REGIONAL
19TH OF 38


Jessica Wyatt sprints across the field during practice. Wyatt gained valuable experience this year. Photo by David Pauli.
Track stars make national headlines

The Ramblin' Wreck men's track and field team completed one of their best seasons ever last year.

The premier returning runner for the team was All-American 400-meter hurdler Derrick Adkins. He finished second in the '91 outdoor championships and was ranked third in the nation last year with career best time of 48.60 seconds that he set in the TAC Championships.

Returning All-American Derek Mills, along with Adkins, led the 4x400 meter relay team to spectacular finishes. Freshman sensation Octavius Terry and junior Julian Amedee rounded out the 4x400 relay team for the squad.

In the NCAA national competition, the 4x400 meter relay team avenged their third place finish in the indoor nationals. The team took all the honors by winning the event with the second best time ever in collegiate history. The Jackets clocked 2:59.95 minutes, four one-hundredths of a second shy of the collegiate national record set by UCLA in 1988.

In the national individual events, Mills placed third in the 400 meters, with a time of 44.86. Terry placed third in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 50.31. Adkins finished a disappointing eighth in the nationals due to injury.

In the Olympic trials, Adkins placed fourth in the hurdles, failing to make the team by one spot. Terry, on a pace to break all of Adkins' records, broke Adkins' freshman record in the same event at the trials with a time of 49.71.

"This year, I want to break [Adkins'] record which is 46.80. My goal is to run in the 45s and break the record as a sophomore," commented Terry.

The Tech men tied for eighth place as a team out of 264 teams represented in the NCAA outdoor meet.

Prior to the national meets, the Jackets were a major factor in ACC competition. Conrad Nichols, the 800-meter specialist for the team, replaced Mills in the 4x400 meter relay team and finished second with a time of 3:07.11. Mills finished third in the 400 meter with a time of 45.94.

Adkins and Terry were the one-two punch for the team in the 400 meter hurdles. Adkins won the event in an ACC record time of 48.64 and Terry came in second in 51.22.

In distance events, junior John Moritz and freshman Kevin Graham were the leaders. Moritz won the ACC steeplechase title in 8:52.86. Graham placed sixth in the 5000 meter with a personal best of 14:35.97.

The Jackets placed fourth overall in the ACC Championships.

The team hopes to win the national indoor title in the 4x400 meter relay in the 1993 season. Buddy Fowlkes, the director of track and field, agrees that the loss of Adkins will be tough for the team. Adkins will compete only for the indoor season this year. "If we duplicate last year's performances we would be elated," commented Fowlkes.
Joe McDonald summons all of his energy for a javelin throw at the Georgia Tech Invitational. The senior’s throw traveled 50.55 meters which was good enough for third place. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

AUBURN INVITATIONAL
FLORIDA RELAYS
GEORGIA TECH VS. GEORGIA TIE
ACC OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 4TH PLACE
GEORGIA TECH INVITATIONAL
MISSISSIPPI STATE INVITATIONAL 2ND PLACE
TAR HEEL CLASSIC
CLEMSON TRACK CLASSIC
GEORGE C. GRIFFIN INVITATIONAL
NEW YORK GAMES
UNC LAST CHANCE
NCAA OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS 8TH PLACE
U.S. OLYMPIC TRACK AND FIELD TRIALS
TAC/USA JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Collis Kirby and Omar Atkinson try to keep up the pace in the 800 meters at the Georgia Tech Invitational. Atkinson finished third and Kirby followed right behind him in fourth. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Records fall for Lady Jackets

Some impressive performances were turned in last season by the Lady Jacket’s track and field team. Last year, a total of seven school records were broken.

Five women qualified for the 1992 NCAA indoor championships and four in the outdoor. The team did not have a lot of depth, but key individuals and the strength in sprint events highlighted their season.

The nucleus of the team was composed of the members of the 4x400 meter relay team who were Nelrae Pasha, Shellie O’Neal, Janeen Jones, and Audrey Dempsey. The field event department belonged to Natasha Alleyne and shot put record holder Be-Atrice Sams. Their star distance runner was junior Tracey Harrell.

Alleyne and All-American junior Nelrae Pasha excelled in national competition. Alleyne closed her last season of eligibility in high fashion at the indoor nationals. She conquered the indoor NCAA title in the high jump with a leap of six feet and one-quarter inches. Pasha also had a successful showing in the meet and placed second in the 400 meter with a time of 52.88 seconds. She went on to the NCAA outdoor meet and finished third with a school record and personal best time of 51.59 seconds.

Four women qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials last year. Pasha was the top finisher for the squad. She was ranked ninth in the 400-meter run and missed making the Olympic team by only a small margin.

The Tech women have been very competitive throughout the years in ACC competition and last season was no exception. “We had probably the highest number of all ACC finishers at the conferences the past season,” commented assistant coach Wendy Truvillion.

The squad placed fourth in the ACC indoor meet. Winners included Pasha in the 400 meters and Alleyne in the high jump and the 4x400 meter relay team. The women had their best meet at the ACC outdoor championships. Dempsey set an ACC record in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13.52 seconds. Pasha also set a record in the 400 meters with a time of 52.11. O’Neal conquered the 800-meter run and clocked 2:05.91. The team finished the meet in high honors by winning the 4x400 meter relay with an ACC record of 3:34.06.

Although Alleyne and O’Neal have graduated, Truvillion hopes that the team will improve last year’s performances. “I expect to have just as many, if not more, ACC champions and All-Americans,” said Truvillion. With the addition of 11 freshman and three walk-ons, the team aims high for another successful season.
Colleen Stroud (right) and Katy Peterson (center) follow closely behind a slower runner in the 800 meters. Stroud finished third with Peterson finishing closely in sixth. Photo by Billy Said.

Amanda Timmons makes her way over the bar in the high jump. Her best jump of the day measured 1.58 meters. That same day she also jumped 4.99 meters in the long jump to win that event. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Senior Shellie O'Neal paces her way to a win in the 800 meters with a time of 2 minutes 7.85 seconds. Later in the year, she qualified for the NCAA Championships with a 2:04.85. Photo by Billy Said.
Matt Hendrey loosens up before his 100-meter Freestyle event held at Emory University. Tech won the meet 152-83 for their first win of the season. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Swimming coach Bill Humber (center) gives advice to both Andrew Old (left) and Blake Patton before their 100-meter Intermediate Medley event. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Blake Patton practices an entry dive before a meet with the College of Charleston. The senior captain led the Jackets to a 147-96 win. Photo by Ted McCrobie.


Gerry Hale works his way down the lane in the 200-meter Breaststroke event at Emory. Hale recorded the fastest time of the season in that event for the Yellow Jackets later that season in the ACC Championship. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
nder head coach Bill Humber, the Georgia Tech swim team capped off an exciting year of swimming with a sixth place finish in the ACC Championships. Tech defeated Duke and Maryland after spending the previous four years in the cellar of the conference standings. The Swimming Jackets posted an 8-8 regular season record with a 0-4 record against ACC opponents.

Captains Brian Jones and Blake Patton led the team to its first conference victories at the ACC Championship meet with strong support from seniors Todd TeStrake and Alex Pemueller. Freshman Brandon Lumm posted Tech's highest ACC placing with a fifth place performance in the three meter diving and a tenth place finish in the one meter diving events, shattering the school's previous records.

"This team showed a lot of heart during the season," said Coach Humber. "I could feel the enthusiasm, they could feel the enthusiasm, and our competitors could definitely feel the enthusiasm. We worked hard to achieve our goal of a successful ACC performance this year."

Other top finishers in the ACC standings were sophomore Gerry Hale, who finished sixth in the 100-meter Breaststroke and eighth in the 200 Breast; George Kossenko, who finished tenth in the 100 Freestyle record with a time of 1:46.77; sophomore Andrew Old broke the 400 IM record with a time of 4:09.24; and freshman Chuck Marmor broke the 50 Freestyle record with a time of 21.39.

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Eleven school records were rewritten during this year. Senior Todd TeStrake broke the 200-meter Backstroke record with a time of 1 minute 54.30 seconds and the 200-meter Freestyle record with a time of 1:41.80; sophomore George Kossenko broke the 100 Freestyle record with a time of 46.77; sophomore Andrew Old broke the 400 IM record with a time of 4:09.24; and freshman Chuck Marmor broke the 50 Freestyle record with a time of 21.39.

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Coach Jean Desdunes talks about strategy with Rob Givone. Desdunes finished his fifth season at Tech with a 71-58 record.

Photo by Billy Said.

Sophomore Mark Ottinger finishes off a backhand return. Ottenger and Cotton won the ACC title in number two doubles. Photo by Billy Said.

Opponent Score
AT VANDERBILT 6-3
AT AUBURN 6-3
SW LOUISIANA 5-3
AT TENNESSEE 3-6
SOUTH FLORIDA 3-6
VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH 5-3
MICHIGAN 5-4
AT MIAMI 3-6
AT GEORGIA 0-9
AT SOUTH CAROLINA 5-4
MARYLAND 7-2
VIRGINIA 7-2
FLORIDA STATE 4-5
UNLV# 5-4
UTAH# 5-4
WASHINGTON# 4-5
FURMAN 7-2
AT DUK 3-6
AT NORTH CAROLINA 2-7
CLEMSON 4-5
AT WAKE FOREST 4-5
AT N.C. STATE 4-5
DUKE* 2-5

#-UCI/MARRIOTT TENNIS CLASSIC
*ACC TOURNAMENT, CHARLOTTE, N.C.


Freshman Rob Givone uses a two-handed backhand stroke to return a shot. Givone finished the season as Tech’s number one player and ranked sixteenth in the region. Photo by Billy Said.
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The team’s success continued in early ACC play as they picked up 7-2 home wins against Maryland and Virginia. After dropping a match to Florida State, Tech took a break from conference play. They defeated UNLV and Utah, lost to Washington, and finished up the homestand by dispatching Furman, 7-2.

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high hopes were the expectations of the women’s tennis team began the season, but inexperience proved to be a big factor as they struggled through conference play. Only five of this year’s ten Lady Netters had any experience at the collegiate level, and the team had no returning seniors.

On top of that, a new interim head coach, Julie Wrege, returned to Tech to take over a program that she led for seven years. “Returning to be the head coach of the Georgia Tech women’s team is like a second dream come true—the first was coaching the team from 1979-’86 from Division III status to entry in the ACC and Division I,” said Wrege.

Wrege, a Tech alumna, is Tech’s winningest women’s tennis coach in Tech history with a 90-76 record.

The season started on an upbeat note for the Jackets as they crushed crosstown rival Emory 8-1. Lopsided victories by Erika Lewis, Pierrette Harshaw, and Kate Thomp-son led Wrege to feel optimistic about her team’s chances. “I’m very excited, encouraged. This team is most competitive, and they work terribly hard,” said Wrege.

Unfortunately, the regular season had little else to offer in the way of encouragement. After limping through most of their ACC schedule, the Lady Jackets saw a chance to improve their prospects for the conference tournament with a match against North Carolina State. They staged a valiant comeback in doubles play after dropping the singles matches 4-2, but fell just short.

The teams of Lewis/Harshaw and Christina Smith/Crissy Rodriguez were winners in doubles matches against State, and Coach Wrege was especially proud of Smith and Rodriguez. “They may have played their best match of the season,” said Wrege. However, the third doubles team of Priti Naik and Milly Chamdani lost the deciding match after taking a 4-0 lead in the first set.

The team recovered to defeat Maryland, who they also beat in the regular season, 5-4 in the first round of the ACC tournament, but fell to #1 seeded Duke in the quarterfinals.

The team finished with a record of 4-15 (1-7 ACC). Though her team had endured a tough season, Wrege remained upbeat about their future, commenting, “They have matured and the freshman now understand what collegiate tennis is all about.”
Priti Naik eyes her backhand shot as it sails towards the net. The freshman from San Jose, CA had a 2-15 record at number four singles and a 2-7 record at number three doubles with Milly Chamdani. *Photo by Billy Said.*

Erika Lewis focuses on her opponent during a match against Alabama-Birmingham. Lewis is Tech's most experienced player with a 21-38 career singles record and a 26-17 doubles record. *Photo by Billy Said.*

Co-captain Pam Tatum attempts a forehand shot during a singles match. Tatum's playing time was limited last year due to a knee injury but not before posting a 3-3 record at number five singles. *Photo by Ted McCrobie.*

Opponent | Score  
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Emory | 8-1  
Georgia | 0-9  
College of Charleston | 3-6  
Clemson | 0-9  
Virginia | 2-7  
Northeast Louisiana | 3-6  
Furman | 3-6  
William & Mary | 0-9  
Maryland | 5-4  
At Florida International | 6-0  
At Florida State | 1-8  
Auburn | 1-8  
At Wake Forest | 0-9  
At Duke | 0-9  
UAB | 6-0  
At N.C. State | 4-5  
At North Carolina | 0-9  
Maryland* | 5-4  
Duke* | 1-5  

*-ACC Tournament, Charlotte, NC

Left to Right, Row One: Milly Chamdani, Kate Thompson, Crissy Rodriguez, Priti Naik. Row Two: Coach Julie Wrege, Mariali Vega, Christina Smith, Pierrette Harshaw, Erika Lewis, Meredith Drost, Pam Tatum, Pam Gilbert. *Photo by Athletic Association.*
Getting into the spirit of things

When Saturday rolls around and Bobby Dodd Stadium fills up for another hotly contested football game, the Georgia Tech fans rally around the Yellow Jackets but not without the help of a group of students that make up the Georgia Tech Cheerleaders.

Georgia Tech’s cheerleading program has been ranked in the Top 20 and is currently ranked thirteenth in the nation by the Universal Cheerleading Association. Darrell Landy, spirit coordinator, and his team have worked hard over the year to uphold this standing. Landy contributes this success to a strong team effort.

During the week, each member is committed to an average of ten hours of practice and three days of weight lifting sessions in preparation to cheer the mighty Yellow Jackets on at every football game and every home basketball game. The team also attends any post-season appearances by Tech. Last fall, the team accompanied the basketball team to France on a trip sponsored by Nike.

The junior varsity team is also a part of this program and is greatly deserving of recognition. Landy takes pride in saying that we presently have the strongest junior varsity program in the history of Georgia Tech. The JV team participates in all home football games along with all women’s basketball games and women’s post-season events. During the season, both teams also perform at corporate and alumni functions.

The two squads are kept busy throughout the entire year. Each year the cheerleaders attend a summer camp hosted by East Tennessee State University, which is sponsored by Universal Cheerleading Association. This year, the team earned Superior honors at camp.

During the year, they also improved their talents in preparation for the national competition held in April in San Diego, California. Landy believes that this year’s teams have been the most talented Tech has ever had.

Also involved in the cheerleading program is Tech’s famous mascot, Buzz, who attended camp at ETSU for mascots. Buzz has consistently ranked in the top three mascots in the country. He entered his own competition this year, the National Mascot Competition, for the National title.

As busy as the team becomes at times, academics and grades are still the first priority. The overall grade point average of the team is 3.1.

The program has open tryouts in the spring for varsity and fall for junior varsity. The cheerleaders wish to thank the student body and faculty for their support at games and hope that it will continue.

“Cheerleading makes you feel like a natural part of the game instead of just watching it.”

—Suzanne Perkins
Buzz rallies the fans during a Tech football game. The Yellow Jacket mascot was a favorite spirit booster among fans. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Mic-Man, Danny Maun, kneels on the sideline as he leads the crowd in a cheer. His booming voice helped motivate the Yellow Jackets and got the fans into the game. Photo by Allen Turner.

Spirit coordinator Darrell Landy stated, "Cheerleading continues to grow stronger due to student body support and dedication of the athletes." Photo by David Pauli.
Ice Jackets skate over competition

The Georgia Tech hockey team, the coolest club on campus, finished the 1992-93 season with good results. The club, on its twentieth season, has achieved respect under Coach Greg Stathis in the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association.

The Ice Jackets once again proved to be the top team in Georgia by defeating the Georgia Bulldogs four straight times, twice in the Omni. In the SCHA, the squad placed in the top four out of 12 teams with a record of 10-5.

The hockey club started the season on a bad note. In the season opener, the team played North Carolina and won, but Captain Fred Nilsson suffered a broken wrist.

The major highlight of the season came when the Jackets defeated South Florida, one of the top programs in the league. The club lost to them the day before, and the squad came back determined to avenge the 7-3 loss.

Top players in the club included Kevin Lemke, Mark Leibold and Troy Jamison on the offense. The defensive stars were comprised of Jim Cowee, Dan Carlin and Chris McConnell who all excelled in key games. Steve Fischer and Scott Anderson combined as one of the best goalie combinations in the league.

Freshman McConnell is the player to watch in the future. He made the starting line-up and contributed tremendously throughout the season.

In the post-season games, the club fell short from winning the division. The club had to defeat a strong Tennessee team to qualify for the final four in the league. The Vols beat the Ice Jackets for the third time in as many tries and shattered the Jackets’ chances to win the SCHA title.

Although the team did not achieve their primary goal, the team will have a chance for the title in the upcoming season. The whole squad, with the exception of Mark Leibold, will be back again to lead the Jackets for another exciting season.
Two rival hockey players face off in the second of two matches held in the Omni this season. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

The referee tries to break up a fight between a Tech and a Georgia player. The intense rivalry between the two schools led to several incidents. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

A Tech hockey player makes his way through the UGA defense on his way to another Ice Jacket score. Tech played in the Omni twice during the year as a doubleheader to the Atlanta Knights professional hockey team. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

Kevin Lemke tries to fight off a UGA player for control of the puck in a match held in the Omni. Tech beat Georgia twice in the Omni this past season. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Lacrosse team wins with depth

Lacrosse is perhaps the oldest game still being played today. Native Americans developed the sport thousands of years ago. Technology has allowed the game to advance beyond the use of simple wooden sticks with leather pockets, but the basics remain the same today.

Ten players on each team try to advance the ball up the field and into the opponents goal using long-handled pouched racquets and skill. The ball travels at up to 100 miles per hour and the game has been termed America's fastest game on two feet. It is also America's fastest growing sport which is evident in Atlanta with the youth league becoming popular.

Depth and diversity strengthened the Georgia Tech Lacrosse Team this year. With almost 30 players, Tech was able to keep its players fresh throughout all four quarters.

Players who hailed from Maryland, Virginia, and Alabama were able to bring their wide range of knowledge and experience to the team. Their record of 10-4 shined as evidence of their strength and ability to face formidable opponents.

Player/Coach Daryl Reece was the key to the team as he challenged the players to develop individual skills as well as mold the players into a strong and unified team. Working hard at practice was a prime component to all of the lacrosse team's victories.

Mike Bradley was the key attackman for Tech. Bradley was often responsible for half of Tech's goals in each game. Defensive duo Andy Fano and Duke Kennedy saved the team numerous times from defeat. Both showed their skill at preventing opponents from shooting onto the goal. Kennedy will be returning next season to continue to be the keystone in the defensive wall.

Sonny Pieper was the star midfielder for Tech. He earned the respect of his teammates and opponents alike by consistently winning the faceoff and leading Tech to quick goals.

As a result of being such a strong and experienced team, Tech hosted the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference Championship Tournament. The conference includes teams from Vanderbilt, Georgia, and Tennessee and ten teams competed for the conference championship. The tournament was much more than just a bracket of games. Players from all of the teams socialized among each other and enjoyed the nightlife in Atlanta throughout the two-day tournament.

Tech players enjoyed the nightlife when they travelled on the road too. This year, players went to Athens and Auburn to compete and to experience those areas' evening entertainment.

Almost all of the starters graduated last year, which poses a great challenge for the rookies. The fall 1993 pre-season will let the rookies get some experience before the competitive spring season begins. Jeremy Moore will draw much attention next year. He excelled as an attackman last year and next year he should prove to be a key component to Tech's victories to come.
Mike Bradley advances the ball downfield in a match with NAS Whiting. The lacrosse team played many different opponents during the year which helped them gain valuable experience. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

Left to Right, Row One: Marvin Labis, Scott Hall, Dean Frasche, Brian Koehler, Mike Marchman, Tony Lee. Row Two: Mike Bradley, Chris Donovan, Andy Fano, Doug Nelson, Shane Ledbetter, Daryl Reece, Jeremy Moore, Jason Barnes. Row Three: Duke Kennedy, Johnathan Stanford, Jamie Osbourne, Andy Jenkins, Derek Osborne, Adam Boyar, Shane Stone, Jose Sicilia, Drew Morgan, Wes Cooksey, Sonny Pieper. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

Derek Osborne defends Tech's goal from any potential intruders. The Jackets' 10-4 record was a testament to their strong defense. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

Sonny Pieper is shadowed by a NAS Whiting defender. Pieper drew a lot of attention last year as one of the team's leading offensive players. Photo by Todd Sleeman.
Crew sets goal on gold and growth

With the coming of the 1996 Olympic Games to Atlanta, Georgia Tech Crew has placed themselves in a position to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. "We're excited about the Olympics," said President Kimberly Kilpatrick. "[ACOG] told us we were going to get the boathouse after the Olympics. We'll probably get a few boats because teams bring over boats that they don't want to carry back, so they might sell them to us."

The expansion is a much needed lift to the organization since they have doubled their membership in each of the last two years. "We're getting to a point where we can't handle the capacity and where money is getting tight. We can't get along without the help of our Board of Directors, our founders."

Efforts are underway to raise the needed funds for a $500 thousand dollar budget next year.

The rapid growth of GT Crew is a direct result of their success on the water. Members compete in 13 races a year. "We've gotten a ton of gold (medals), a ton of silvers, a ton of bronzes," Kilpatrick emphasized. "We're practically the top league in the Southeast."

Hard work and training has led to their rather large collection of precious metals. "We get up every morning for 6:00 a.m. practice," Kilpatrick said. "We run stadiums. We play basketball. We have to do aerobic activities, run sprints, run six miles, and of course we have to do some erg pieces." The ergometer also got some use during the Atlanta Erg Sprints hosted by GT Crew and held at the O'Keefe Gym.

When they are not on the water or in the gym, members like to have a little fun together. "We're a big family," Kilpatrick explained. "We have parties together all the time. We work out together; we study together. We just help each other out tremendously."

The togetherness and hard work by the members of GT Crew has brought them great success and may propel them through the exciting opportunities to come.

A four-man crew prepares for a little action on the water by adjusting their feet in the buckles for good leverage. Photo by Vincent Hill.

The women lift their boat to carry it down to the shore before an early morning practice. The eight-person boat matches the largest in the fleet. Photo by Vincent Hill.

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Row Three: Caleb Branscome, Leslie Zimmermann, Unknown Claus Melarti, Nidia Fernandez, Christopher Stanton, Vincent Hill, Jason Skudlarek, Jennifer Guerin, Chad Markle, Jeff Woodward, Denise Wilkins.

Row Four: Jim Melchiors, Joel Peters, Hody Crouch, T.B. Flowers, Nick Jenkins, Andrew Kroll, David Park, Martin Deen, Andy Doyle, Christopher Bettz, Eric Johnson, Johnny Kalarickal, David Pauli, Matt Kressel, Miguel Maldonado. Photo by David Pauli.
The Sailing Club brought in another adventurous year during 1993. Whether it was racing action or a recreational ride, the sailing club offered a unique mixture of excitement. Offering Tech students several opportunities to escape from campus, the club provided interesting trips around Georgia and the Southeast. By providing free sailing instruction, boats, and facilities, the club gave several students opportunities to forget about homework and tests and to see what the water could offer them.

Traveling was an integral part of the sailing club this year as the club tried to sail every weekend. On most Saturdays and Sundays, trips were made to Lake Lanier, one of the closest navigable bodies of water near Tech. About once every quarter, except during winter, the club ventured to Walton, FL for a weekend of excitement. These trips gave sailing club members a chance to get out of Georgia and sail the wild blue ocean in their Hobie-cats and windsurfers.

Other great activities served to bring club members together. The club also switched sports and went snow skiing in North Carolina during February. Back to sailing, a spring break trip planned for Panama City, FL was quite adventurous. These small outings brought club members closer together thus uniting their sailing spirits as well as creating many friendships.

The sailing club was also involved in several competitions this year. Tech competed against other sailing clubs from the Atlanta area as well as against such schools as Florida State. The team brought in several awards. In a race series with the Lake Lanier Sailing Club, the team did extremely well as they received a trophy and placed as high as third in the regatta.

Altogether, it was a very fruitful year. The club continued to grow and recruit several new members. Exciting activities and breath-taking adventures gave several students the opportunity to relax and forget about the pressure of college.
Rugby builds on winning tradition

The Rugby Club at Georgia Tech boasts a heralded tradition of success and flourishes under the fraternal comradery that characterizes rugby organizations the world over. The club has proudly represented Georgia Tech in the Georgia Union of United States Rugby since 1974.

Over the past year, the Rugby Club represented Tech in several prestigious national and local tournaments, including the Georgia Union Championships and the International Tulane Mardi Gras Tournament. The club has posted five Georgia Union championships since 1986 and has also placed in the top 16 in the nation in that same span.

To cap a fight for a 5-3 regular season record, the club ended the 1992 schedule with a thrilling—although disappointing—playoff defeat. However, the team looked to do well during their spring schedule.

The success factor in the past several years for the Tech club has seemed to be its supply of quality talent. The team, led by team captain Robert "Bob" Bishop and seniors John Suyes and Tate Cantrell, not only competes on an intercollegiate level, but they also continually instruct others on the finer points of the sport while bettering themselves in the process.

Tech also had the privilege of sending one of its finest to the National All-Stars Tournament. Robert Burgess, Georgia Tech's flanker, has represented the club and the school by being selected among the top 100 rugby prospects in the country.

A clean, hard tackle by a Georgia Tech player forces his rival down as his teammates strip the ball away. Photo by David Pauli.

Former Georgia Tech football player Hylos Barrett joined the legions of Georgia Tech rugby. Hylos had the power to push Tech forward in more ways than one.

The Rugby Club is already looking towards next year. With the many young athletes that come to Tech each year, Georgia Tech Rugby will continue to flourish for many years to come.

A former Georgia Tech player gets trapped in the grasp of his opponent as other Tech players try to break him free. Photo by David Pauli.

Tech water skiers create wet thrills

The Georgia Tech Water Ski Club finished out another exciting year of competition and recreation. The club picked up many new members this year, offering excellent opportunities and a boatload of fun. With close to 50 members, a couple of boats, and tons of ski equipment, many students headed toward the lake.

Club members usually found that water-skiing not only provided an excellent way to relieve their stress, but also was a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

The Water Ski Club offered any and every Tech student the opportunity to escape the campus and venture out to the lake for a day of excitement that they would never forget.

Members made trips to Lake Lanier almost every day after classes, weather permitting, of course. Weekends, for the club, provided ample opportunities to visit the lake and created what seemed like a continuous stream of enchantment.

Only in the past few years, have club members created an actual competing team. The team is a member of the Southern Atlantic Conference, which consists of 18 member schools from Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

The Water Ski team competes in a variety of eight competitions held during the Fall and Spring quarters. Club members are judged individually as well as by overall team performance. Some of the events include slalom, jumping, and trick divisions. When compared to some of the other water ski powerhouse schools, Tech performed extremely well.

In the past, water skiers, wishing to run through an actual course, had to use one provided by the Atlanta Water Ski Club. This year, the club worked diligently on getting their own water course.

The new course will provide Tech skiers with a place of their own to practice, play, and have fun. With continued effort, the Water Ski Club will grow, ensuring a bright future and many wonderful weekends to come.


A club member begins to submerge on a kneeboard. Many students in the club take advantage of the club's vast equipment supply. Photo by Water Ski Club.
Women's soccer gains experience

During the 1993 indoor season, the Women's Soccer Club have been kicking out the competition. Some of the players who have contributed in key games during the season include Mary Chiozza and the president of the club, Debby Raders.

During the season, the women placed their emphasis on playing as a unit. "We've gotten a lot better at playing as a team," said Raders. "We learned how to play with each other."

Throughout the season, the club has played other collegiate programs such as Georgia and Georgia State and have come out with mixed results. The season has been characterized as a transitional period and the ladies are trying to recruit new players for the upcoming season.

Since women's soccer is a club sport, the squad does not have a coach because of the lack of funds. The members coach each other which helps the team produce a better game plan.

The goals of the team are to play as many games as possible to gain more experience for the upcoming seasons. If the women build a strong squad, then they will have a shot to make the club a varsity sport at Georgia Tech. In order to achieve this goal, the women would have to focus in getting more experienced players to create a more competitive program.

However, the Lady Jackets don't plan to make the club a varsity sport as of yet. The main purpose of the women's soccer club now is to get women involved in an activity shared by other students in the school. The team also provides women with the opportunity to relieve pressure from the academics at Tech.

The future of the team relies on the new players that the club plans to recruit next season. With more players, the women's soccer program will have the chance to expand their arsenal.

Only time is keeping the squad from achieving their goals, and as time progresses, the team will definitely have a chance to prove their capabilities.
Skydiving offers plenty of thrills

In February of 1969, the Georgia Tech Parachute Club, founded in the 1950's, was officially chartered. This year, with 20 active members and over 100 first jump students, the club continued to expand. Strong alumni support also helped students experience the thrills of parachuting.

Club members would do almost anything for the opportunity to jump. The club traveled almost every weekend during the year and on weekdays in the summer. During the spring and fall quarters, they made demonstration jumps onto the Student Center quad. Those exciting displays helped attract many new members this year.

The parachuters made use of their brand new, state-of-the-art equipment, which was available for almost any Tech student. The club also offered instructional training and a chance at a first jump in the same day. Club members received major discounts for jumps just for being a part of the organization.

However, the Parachute Club was not simply fun and games. Club members made it a point to keep their skills sharpened so that they could compete with other top jumping schools. Intercollegiately, Tech ranked in the top 10 collegiate parachuting clubs strength-wise as well as membership-wise.

This past Christmas, the club swept the competition at the National Collegiate Parachute Championships. Over the past five years, the team has won at least one gold medal at the event. Their fine performances placed the team in a top-ranked position among competitive collegiate parachuting clubs.

The future of this organization holds no boundaries. With beginning club members averaging around 100 jumps and the more experienced members with over 500 jumps this past year, the club provided relatively safe and inexpensive thrills. More than simply a recreational sport, this club will continue to reach new heights.