During its long history, Georgia Tech has provided students and alumni with many winning athletic teams. Whatever the previous year's achievements, each new season brought a new team with its own strengths and weaknesses. While winning was important, Georgia Tech has never let the drive to succeed on the field interfere with its mission to educate. Tech was ranked one of the top twelve schools in the nation for the percentage of athletes who graduate. This was quite an accomplishment for a school with a highly demanding course load and high attrition rate.
Travis Best dribbles the ball down court during a recent basketball game. Best, a junior guard from Massachusetts, has definitely had an impact on Tech basketball. Photo by David Pauli.

A mid-1960s basketball team poses for a team picture. Tech started playing in the "Thrillerdome" in 1956 and they still play there today. Photo by the Georgia Tech Archives.

William Bell and another football player celebrate victory after a football game last year. The team has gone 5-6 for the past two years. Photo by David Pauli.

Coach Bobby Dodd gets a lift from his players after winning a game. Dodd will always be remembered at Tech because of the football stadium which is named after him. Photo by the Georgia Tech Archives.

Coach Bobby Cremins calls the plays to his team. Cremins has coached the Jackets for the past 13 years. Photo by the Georgia Tech Archives.
Big plays, big days might have been the 1993 football team slogan, but Tech athletes produced big days for over a century.

Sports came and went around Tech. Heroes became heroes, fields opened and closed, teams won and lost, and like clockwork seasons have always changed. New stars arrived one year, perhaps an uplifting coach came to guide the team to a national spotlight, but it all fell back to hard work and determination.

Undoubtedly, the most popular sport around Tech was football. With over a century of play, the team had plenty of time to shine. The Jackets won four National Championship titles, the most recent in 1990. Highly acclaimed coaches such as Joe Heisman, Bill Alexander, and Bobby Dodd graced the halls of Tech’s locker rooms. Tech had been ranked as one of the all time winningest teams in bowl competitions with a record of 17-8.

Jacket athletes were just as hot on the court. Ramblin’ Wreck basketball was a long time tradition at Tech. The first thing that came to mind when Tech basketball is mentioned, was Bobby Cremins. As head coach for the Jackets for the past 13 years, Cremins was the cornerstone for modern Tech basketball. The Alexander Memorial Coliseum, also known as the “The Thrillerdome,” also played an important part in Tech basketball. It had been home to the Jackets for the past 37 seasons and went through numerous changes. After several changes and face-lifts, the coliseum held over 10,000 people this year—much greater than its original 7,000.

Some unknown sports have also made great advancements at Tech. Cross country and track stars continued to out pace athletes from other schools. The Georgia Tech golf program surged ahead, gaining new titles and championships with each passing season. Swimming was also on the rise. The Olympics should bring several outstanding facilities, including a new natatorium.

Thirty years ago, women were not even allowed into the doors at Tech, but now they have dominated several college sport arenas. Teams such as women’s track, were around for less than ten years, yet continued to produce NCAA champions. Softball, tennis, track, and basketball all had successful women’s teams.

Varsity sports were not the only ones to have gone through changes. Club sports have been very popular at Tech. They allowed students, who do not have the time to put into a varsity sport, play. Club sports also offered a wider variety of sports (continued on page 262)
(continued from page 261) that Tech did not have varsity teams for. Athletes competed in sports such as soccer, rugby, lacrosse, and crew with other schools. Several clubs recently started women’s teams as well, in order to expand these opportunities to Tech’s female athletes. Club sports grew immensely in the past few years at Tech.

As the years went by, Tech athletes came and went, championships were won and lost. The passing of time brought many great changes, both internal and external. New heroes took to the field with each coming season. New sports were continually added to varsity status. New clubs formed offering a wider range of athletics in which to compete. With the Olympics on their way, sports at Tech were sure to encounter even more advancements and changes. New facilities and ideas promised to add a new perspective to Tech athletics.

The sophomore football team from 1911 poses for a team picture. The football program celebrated a century of success last year. Photo by the Georgia Tech Archives.

Two Tech football players celebrate victory against Furman early this season. The win opened up the season for the Yellow Jackets. Photo by David Pauli.

Two swarming Yellow Jackets sting Charlie Ward of Florida State. The Tech-Florida State rivalry is a recent one, growing in popularity by the year. Photo by Charles Clinton.
A 1966 baseball player slides into home plate. In recent years Tech has had much success in the sport, coming close to winning national titles. Photo by the Georgia Tech Archives.

James Forrest goes up for a shot in a game against UNC in the ACC tournament last year. Tech then went on to capture the title in 1993. Photo by Billy Said.

Cross Country runners line up for a run in 1918. Today, the competitions are much more organized, with runners wearing numbers and jerseys and running in packs. Photo by the Georgia Tech Archives.
Intramurals

Touchdown! Slam Dunk! Home Run! While the big names were making the big plays in Bobby Dodd Stadium or in the Thrillerdome, another brand of Georgia Tech athlete took to the field. Playing almost every sport imaginable, intramural athletes kept on going all year long. They stayed on the field from the early days of fall to the end of spring, whether in practice or a highly contested match-up. In between studying E-mag and Differential Equations, many students participated in intramural sports. The Georgia Tech Intramural Department was ready to serve up its unique blend of stress, relaxation, fun, and sportsmanship for all kinds of Tech athletes.

In the fall, ultimate frisbee, flag football, and volleyball were the sports of choice. Just when they thought they had seen enough of the infamous SAC field astroturf, winter came around with soccer, polar bear softball, and basketball. After spending Spring Break at the beach, students came back for softball and 3-on-3 basketball.

Long believed to be an activity just for Greek athletes, intramural sports were, in fact for everybody. Residence halls, campus organizations, and even just groups of friends formed teams in the spirit of competition and victory. There were several different levels of play, and most sports supported men's, women's, and co-rec leagues. Unlike the varsity sports, intramural sports gave every student an opportunity to exercise their skills. Whether cheerleading on the side, officiating, or brav ing the turf in actual play, the opportunity was there for everyone to have a great time and meet new people.

Some said the most difficult job was to be an official. Suzanne McClary, a referee, commented, "It's tough. I mean going to classes with the people you have to call out on fouls. It's a little scary, especially if they are really big." However, everybody got through it alright.

And why do they play? The thrill of victory? The camaraderie? To spend an hour in the merciless, freezing winds? Most answer, "for the shirts!" One softball team last year proclaimed it proudly with their team name, In It For The Shirts. Throughout the year a lot of students supported the intramurals program, either from the sidelines or on the field. The Georgia Tech Intramural Champions T-Shirts became a prized possession by the end of the year, but that was only one reason that so many students enjoyed the sports. Intramurals were a great way for many to wind down after a big test or to relieve some stress from hours of over-night studying.
A Tech student fights to get a pass off. Most students found that action on the field kept their school stress levels low. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Students and faculty alike square off in flag football. Flag football provided hours of entertainment for everyone who participated. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Two Tech students practice flag football on a Thursday evening during quarterbreak. They are both members of the team that won the Tech intramurals competition and represented Tech in a national tournament. Photo by Matt Damrau.

A female Tech student reaches back to throw a pass. Many women participated in intramurals, giving the guys a run for their money. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

A rushing defender chases the quarterback into the pocket. There were several different leagues in which a student could participate. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
A 43-10 drubbing at the hands of the University of Georgia ended a roller-coaster year for the Yellow Jacket football team. Although they finished the season with the same 5-6 (3-5 ACC) record as last year’s team, they arrived at that record in a much different way.

While the 1992 Jackets started off hot and faltered down the stretch after a pivotal loss to Florida State, this year’s team played their best football in the second half of the season, winning three straight games after starting out 2-5. “I was proud of the way we handled a very difficult situation early in the year,” said Lewis of his team’s remarkable improvement. “I felt we handled it with a lot of poise and a lot of determination.”

That success can be attributed in large part to the improvement of sophomore quarterback Donnie Davis and the emergence of senior running backs Dorsey Levens and William Bell. Davis, who got off to a rocky start, completed 58% of his passes for 1,741 passing yards and 12 touchdowns. He was also the team’s fourth-leading rusher with 328 yards and three rushing touchdowns.

The season started off with a bang as the Jackets pounded the Furman Paladins 37-3. A 32-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Marcus Coleman and a 75-yard touchdown run by Jimy Lincoln highlighted a 30-0 first half as Tech took control of the game early.

The Jackets dominated the ground game with 347 rushing yards, including 112 yards by Levens and 114 yards by Lincoln. “Our goal from day one was to establish the running game, because last year we were not able to run the ball very effectively,” commented Levens. Freshman Derrick Steagall also performed well, catching three passes for 102 yards and a touchdown.

Tech’s first ACC contest of the year proved disastrous as they were pummeled by the Virginia Cavaliers, 35-14, before a national ESPN audience. Davis struggled throughout as he completed 17 of 33 attempts for 172 yards, one touchdown, and three interceptions. Tailback Charles Way and quarterback Symion Willis led a Virginia offense that racked up 385 total yards, including 200 rushing yards. “They deserved to win the football game because they outplayed us in both the offensive and defensive phases of the game,” remarked Lewis. (continued on page 268)
Tyler Jarrett gets another kick off the ground. Jarrett scored a total of nine field goals for the season. Photo by David Pauli.

Donnie Davis looks down field for an open man. Davis ranks among the top ten quarterbacks in rambling wreck history for total yards. Photo by David Pauli.

Davis hands off to Jimy Lincoln (#42). Lincoln rushed for over 300 yards this season. Photo by Charles Clinton.
(continued from page 266) "We did not play as physical as we needed to play to beat that kind of football team."

Costly mistakes and missed opportunities was the story against Clemson, as Tech wrenched defeat from the jaws of victory, 16-13, in one of the pivotal games of the year. Tech dominated for most of the game, as was evidenced by its advantage in first downs (20-13), passing yards (187-67), and total yards (309-242).

However, the Jackets missed several scoring opportunities as Tyler Jarrett missed three field goals and Lincoln had a key fumble in the first half to let Clemson back into the game. As Lincoln pointed out after the game, even though the Jackets were in control for most of the contest, "When the game's over and you don't have more points than your opponent, then you lose." Tech continued to plod through its meatgrinder schedule the next week as it was obliterated by Florida State, 51-0. Dominated in nearly every category, the Jackets did find one redeeming quality from the game as they managed to shut out the Seminoles' high scoring offense in the first quarter, becoming the first team to shut out FSU in a period.

The floodgates opened after that, however, as the Seminoles piled on touchdown after touchdown. "After having early success, they seemed to turn it to a higher notch, to turn it up a level. They've done that continually throughout the season," said Lewis. Charlie Ward led his team with 222 yards passing and 36 yards rushing.

After three weeks of disappointments, the Yellow Jackets took out their frustrations on an overwhelmed Maryland team by a 38-0 score, rolling up an eye-popping 610 total yards and 411 rushing yards. Bell and Levens each rushed for over 100 yards against a defense ranked last in the country in total yards allowed.

"I think the major thing is that our blocking was just there and our big boys really opened up holes," commented Donnie Davis. The line also did an excellent job of pass-blocking as Davis and back-up quarterback Graham Stroman were not sacked in 23 pass attempts. The most surprising performance of the afternoon came from the Tech defense, who shut out a Maryland offense that was averaging 28.6 points per game.

Any momentum that Tech built up from the Maryland game was blown away by the North Carolina Tarheels as they dismantled Tech, 41-3. The Tar Heels racked up 430 yards total offense in handing the Jackets their worst home loss in over a decade.

Towards the end of the game, one of the most bizarre plays of the year finished off the Jackets as a wide-open Derrick Steagall collided with an official, sending the ball flying into the arms of Carolina linebacker Mike Morton. Lewis expressed dissatisfaction with his team's performance, saying, "You have got to play well when you play good teams because they magnify deficiencies. I really thought we were ready to play and we weren't. That was obvious."

Tech suffered their fifth loss of the season the next week to North Carolina State, 28-23, in a battle of two teams who failed to execute in the final minutes. The Jackets had the ball in Wolfpack territory with a chance to go ahead twice in the final two minutes but failed to get the win in one of their (continued on page 271)

Tight end Jeff Papushak (89) takes the ball to the sideline against Furman. Tech beat Furman 37-3 to open up the season. Photo by Charles Clinton.

Dorsey Levens runs down field against the Georgia Bulldogs on Thanksgiving Day. The game was moved back to Thanksgiving Day this year so that it could be televised. Photo by David Pauli.
Chris Haney (#31) gets the handoff from Davis. Tech averaged over 400 yards total offense per game. Photo by David Pauli.

Derrick Steagall tries to run the ball as the offensive line holds up the FSU defense. Steagall was the top freshman recruit ranking seventh nationally in kickoff returns for the year. Photo by Charles Clinton.

Todd Vance jumps on the pile during the Furman game. Vance, a junior tight end, helped the team to a victory to open the season. Photo by David Pauli.
(continued from page 268) most frustrating games of the season.

The Jackets dominated much of the game as they recorded 28 first downs, 287 rushing yards, and 472 total yards. Donnie Davis took no comfort in the close score, saying, "In the win-loss column, all it says is W or L. After a while the score fades away, unless your teammates drop a hundred points on you and you go down in history."

Tech began their climb back to respectability against Duke, slogging through the mud to a 47-14 victory, ruining the Blue Devils homecoming. The Devils moved the ball well, as they did for much of the season, but fumbled three times inside the Tech 10 yard line in the first half.

The offense churned out an incredible 593 total yards in its best performance of the season and fourth best in Tech history. Davis also had his best game of the year, completing 14 of 19 passes for 280 yards and two touchdowns. The defense forced four turnovers on the day in order to stall the Duke attack.

An impressive attack led by Levens and Bell and a defense that continued to force turnovers were the keys to a 37-27 homecoming victory over Baylor. The two backs both reached 100 yards for the third time in the season, while the defense forced three interceptions and one fumble to thwart an otherwise productive Baylor attack.

The defensive effort was especially remarkable considering Baylor quarterback J.J. Joe had thrown only one interception in his first 131 attempts of the season. Coach Lewis expressed satisfaction with the team's performance, commenting, "I think each of the last three weeks I've seen significant improvement. It's good to see the team start to experience the things that they deserve and the things that they're capable of."

The Jackets turned in another impressive performance in their final conference game of the year as they overcame a 14-point deficit to defeat Wake Forest, 38-28. Once again, the ground game was dominating as Tech totaled 287 rushing yards. Levens led the way with 141 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

The passing attack also came up big as Davis threw to Steagall five times for 105 yards and completed touchdown passes to Cedric Zachary and Omar Cassidy. The defense brought the Wake Forest offense, which totaled only 297 yards on the day, to a screeching halt in the second half as the Jackets took control of the ballgame.

The season came to a disappointing end as the Jackets were dominated by Georgia in the season finale, 43-10. The Jackets trailed by only three points at halftime after Davis completed a touchdown pass to Todd Vance, but were thoroughly outclassed in the second half.

The defense struggled throughout the day against Georgia quarterback Eric Zeier, who completed 28 of 41 passes for 328. Georgia went for a two-point conversion late in the fourth quarter well after the outcome of the game had been decided, and an ugly bench-clearing brawl ensued after the play as tempers boiled over.

Levens led a tough Tech rushing attack with 823 yards and a 7.2 yards per carry average for the season, while Bell was close behind with 759 yards and a 4.6 yards per carry average. The leading receivers were Cassidy, with 26 catches and 395 yards, and Steagall, with 24 catches and 385 yards. Inside linebacker Jamal Cox lead the defense with over 100 tackles on the season, while linebacker Tom Johnson led the team in sacks with seven.

William Bell tries for a few yards, but is brought down by about six Seminoles. Tech averaged about 230 yards per game total rushing. Photo by Charles Clinton.

Charlie Ward, the heisman quarterback from FSU, looks down the field to see his men covered by Yellow Jackets. FSU went on to win the game 51-0. Photo by Charles Clinton.
This Tech player backs down field as he watches the ball and oncoming defenders. Quite a few fans showed up to support the j.v. yellow jackets. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

A Georgia Tech athlete jumps on the ball during the Saturday afternoon game. The game, which is usually played on Thanksgiving Day, was moved this year. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Gonzalez hands off to a Tech rusher. Tech rushed for a total of 92 yards in the game. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

This Tech player backs down field as he watches the ball and oncoming defenders. Quite a few fans showed up to support the j.v. yellow jackets. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
The Georgia Tech junior varsity football team lost its second consecutive game to Georgia in the Scottish Rite Football Classic. All the proceeds from the annual charity event benefited the Scottish Rite Children’s Medical Center in Atlanta. Since it was first held in 1933, the event has raised over $3 million for the medical center, which treats 90,000 children annually. The game, usually played on Thanksgiving Day, was moved back this year so that the varsity match-up would be televised on the holiday.

The game provided an excellent opportunity for Tech’s young players and walk-ons to experience competition. Other than those red-shifted, any player who had not already participated in 10 games was eligible to play.

Red-shirt freshman, Willie Gonzalez, normally third-string, headed up the roster for Tech. Gonzalez, originally from Miami, Florida, had played in two varsity games in a mop-up role during the regular season but had not attempted a pass before the J.V. game. During the game, Gonzalez threw 11-24 for 137 yards with two interceptions. A majority of the passing came during the second half.

Tech focused its first-half offense around fullback Scott Florence. He proved unsuccessful, gaining only one first down. He also fumbled twice, which further hampered Tech’s winning aspirations.

Meanwhile, Georgia quarterback Brian Smith connected with Bobby Greene for an eight-yard touchdown at the end of the second quarter to give Georgia a 7-0 lead.

In order to get some points on the board and catch up with Georgia, the Jackets were forced to start throwing the ball. Most of Gonzalez’s passing action came during the second half, with 123 yards and a touchdown.

This, however, was not enough. The Bullpup’s already had 14 points on the board, as Tech tried a forth quarter rally. They were able to score a touchdown on a two yard run by Justin Craft. Then, Georgia came back and squeezed in another touchdown. Tech was able to get some more points on the board later on in the quarter with a three-yard pass to Todd Walker.

Tech tried an on-side kick after the last touchdown with 1:39 left to play, but it was unsuccessful. Georgia recovered the ball and ran out the clock.

Many players that normally did not get to play, got their chance in the spotlight, but it was not enough. The Georgia Tech J.V. team lost its only game 21-14 against the Georgia Bullpups.

Two Tech football players celebrate a touchdown. Tech tried a fourth quarter rally, but was unsuccessful. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Willie Gonzalez steps back to pass. Gonzalez was the starting quarter back for the game. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
Under the leadership of Head Coach Bobby Cremins, the Georgia Tech basketball team once again experienced the thrills and chills of successes and failures during the season. The ups and downs of the 1993-94 season entailed some of the biggest, most exciting wins ever, as well as a lot of extremely frustrating losses. However, throughout the year, Cremins, in his thirteenth year at Tech, stuck with the cause and watched one of the best and one of the most disappointing teams in Yellow Jacket basketball history.

Key starters for the team included junior James Forrest at power forward, junior Travis Best at point guard, senior Fred Vinson at guard, Ivano Newbill at center, sophomore Drew Barry at guard, freshman Eddie Elisma at forward, and sophomore Martice Moore at swing forward.

The season opened with two exhibition games against USA Verich Reps and the Lithuanian National team. Winning both games gave the players and fans a chance to warm up. Tech then headed to Springfield, Massachusetts, for the Hall of Fame Tip-Off Classic against the University of Michigan. Best got in 21 points, but it simply was not enough. The Jackets lost to the Wolverines 70-80 in the season opener.

Tech then faced North Carolina A&T in the regular season home opener. Forrest got 26 points, helping the Jackets to an easy 93-77 victory.

The team then gathered some steam going into the easy part of its schedule. The Jackets faced Western Carolina at home. Moore grabbed a season high 14 rebounds, while Newbill got 10 more, giving the Jackets an incredible advantage and an easy win.

The Jackets then tore apart its down-the-block neighbor, Georgia State. Best simply ran over their defense, scoring a season-high 32 points. Barry received credit for 10 assists, while Newbill took over the boards, grabbing a season high 16 rebounds.

Right after fall finals, Tech destroyed another team at the Thrillerdome. This time it was Mercer. Barry stepped forward with 17 points and seven assists, while Newbill once again dominated the boards for the Yellow Jackets.

Tech’s run on easy street would soon stop, or so it looked when the Yellow Jackets faced Georgia at the Omni. In the age-old rivalry, the Bulldogs led for most of the game. Tech was all but beaten when the team came back in the last minute to win by three. Best had 24 points, nine rebounds and six assists to help him capture one of his five ACC player of the week titles.

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The Yellow Jackets headed to the Georgia Dome to capture their next victory. This one against Vanderbilt came in overtime, with Forrest tying his then season-high 13 rebounds.

Mount St. Mary’s was the last opponent in the Thrillerdome before Christmas, but Tech was not about to hand...
Junior point guard Travis Best dribbles around Duke guard Jeff Capel. Tech was unable to beat Duke the entire season. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Senior Fred Vinson shows perfect form as he sets up for another trey. Vinson sank eight of them during the game at UNC. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Sophomore Martice Moore reaches for the perfect shot against a player from N.C. State. Tech split its two games with its ACC foe this past year. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
BASKETBALL

(continued from page 274) them any presents. Instead, they gave them a 79-62 defeat, with Best and Forrest again stealing the show.

The Jackets next traveled to the ECAC Holiday Classic in Madison Square Garden. There they faced number four Temple and St. Johns. They lost the first, but won the second with Moore tying his season-high eight rebounds.

After the holidays, the Jackets came home to open their ACC play against Maryland. Forrest came away with 36 points, but it was not enough to capture the win. The Jackets lost by three points to an unranked Maryland team. Traveling to Duke soon after, the Jackets were handed their second ACC loss in less than a week. This certainly was not a good way to open up conference play.

This, however, would soon change. The Jackets faced top ranked North Carolina in the Thrillerdome, where anything was possible. In front of a packed crowd and on national television, Tech destroyed the Carolina defense, handing them one of their worst losses of the year.

Next, it was on to Louisville, to match up against another top-five team. The Cardinals stomped all over the Yellow Jackets, in a game that was not even close.

The Jackets then headed back into ACC play with an away game against Wake Forest and a home game against Virginia. The Jackets were unable to match up against the Demon Deacons, but were able to beat the Cavaliers. Both were four-point games.

Off to a disappointing 2-3 start in the ACC, the Jackets traveled to N.C. State for another disappointing loss. Forrest scored 28 points to help his average, but the rest of the Jackets were held back, including Newbill, who was left scoreless.

The Jackets lost their next two ACC games as well. The first was a heart-breaking one-point loss in the Thrillerdome, in which Charlie Ward put up a basket for Florida State, with a few seconds left. The Jackets were unable to answer. The Jackets also lost to Clemson 69-88, putting them at 2-6 in the conference. At this point, the fans as well as the players were getting restless.

However, the Jackets answered with a dominating win over Maryland on the road. Best put 23 points on the board, while Barry had a season high 19.

Georgia Tech next faced a second-ranked Duke at home. This time, however, the thrillerdome did not provide enough of an advantage against the Blue Devils. In front of a sold-out house, the Devils handed Tech a close three-point loss.

On the road again, the Jackets faced top-ranked UNC, whom they had beaten the past two times the teams had met. As an audience of over 21,000 looked on, Vinson hit his prime. He put up eight treys in 12 (continued on page 279)
Travis Best looks for an open man in the game against UNC. Best was a key player in both of the games in which Tech pounded the Tarheels. Photo by David Pauli.

Drew Barry looks for the pass against Duke's Chris Collins. Barry was second in assists behind Travis Best during the regular season. Photo by David Pauli.

Rod Balanis looks for the open man during a game at the coliseum. Balanis finished up his time at Tech by playing in 11 games this year. Photo by David Pauli.

Eddie Elisma goes up for the shot against UNC's Reese. Elisma, the freshman sensation, had the best stats of anyone in his class this year. Photo by David Pauli.
Drew Barry takes the ball past Duke’s Chris Collins. Unfortunately, Tech lost the game by three points at home. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

The starting five take a minute to talk over the game in front of a packed Thrillerdome. The Jackets had played in the Thrillerdome for the past 37 years. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Ivan Newbill steps up to the line to take a free throw against Vanderbilt. The Jackets won the game in overtime, 86-77. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

James Forrest dunks one over Florida State’s Charlie Ward. This past season, Forrest, one of the lead scorers on the team, became the 11th player in Tech history to reach 1,500 points. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
up with another basket for personal best 26 points. Forrest was all over the boards, getting 17 for another personal high. Tech put UNC in its place for the third straight time with a big 96-89 victory.

The last five games were all in the conference and alternated between home and away. Tech won each of its last three home games against Wake Forest, N.C. State, and Clemson, but lost the games on the road against Virginia and Florida State. A key injury to Forrest during the N.C. State game hindered the Yellow Jackets in trying to finish off the season on a winning note.

Forrest and Best shined throughout the season and were named to the all-ACC team, with Forrest on the first team and Best on the second. Best ended the regular season ranking in the ACC top ten in every category except rebounding and blocked shots. He led the league in assists, assist-turnover ratio, free throw percentage and minutes. He also owned the top field goal percentage by an ACC guard.

The Jackets had slipped a little from their number 14 ranking at the beginning of the season. But, there was only one place for Tech to go: straight to the tournaments.

Just when the Jackets thought that they could not go any lower, they sank. It was a heart-breaking end to a frustrating season. The Jackets headed to the Charlotte Coliseum for one of the worst weekends in Georgia Tech basketball history. Not only did the team get pounded in the ACC tournament, but they did not receive a bid to the coveted NCAA tournament. This was the first season in ten years that the Jackets failed to receive a bid.

The weekend started Friday night, when the Jackets faced the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest. Two key injuries, a broken metatarsal for Drew Barry and a recurring ankle injury for power forward James Forrest, put the Jackets at a severe disadvantage.

To make the disappointment brief, the Yellow Jackets were simply destroyed. Best was held to 14 points, the highest of anybody on the team. Forrest was next with ten; the final humiliating score was 74-49.

After this horrible loss, the Jackets were NIT bound, and that meant travelling all the way up to Knickerbocker Arena, in upstate New York. There the Jackets took on a 21-7 Siena. The lead jumped back and forth most of the game. Coming down to the last three minutes, Tech had the lead by four, but a quick basket by Siena and Travis Best’s fifth foul left the Jackets struggling. After making the foul shots, Siena was at a tie game. Tech, unfortunately was not able to hang on. Tech lost the game 76-68. Moore shot for 22 points, but it simply was not enough. After such a difficult regular season and NCAA tournament rejection, the Yellow Jacket fans, students and players had a heart-breaking year.

Martice Moore gives Florida State’s Bob Sura the evil eye. It was simply not enough to win the game; the ‘Noles came back to win it by a point. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Varsity cheerleader Anne Cauley cheers for the Yellow Jackets at a football game. The cheerleaders spent many hours practicing and training for the games. Photo by David Pauli.

The cheerleaders lead the football team into Bobby Dodd Stadium. The cheerleaders fostered school spirit at games and other events during the year. Photo by David Pauli.
The cheerleaders were some of the hardest working athletes at Georgia Tech this year. They definitely worked for the longest time. Because they cheered for both the football and basketball teams, they practiced and performed practically year-round. This group of men and women were responsible for fostering and encouraging the exciting atmosphere at Georgia Tech games.

Along with Buzz, the Tech cheerleaders entertained the crowds at home games by leading them in cheers, chants and songs, dancing, and acrobatics. They began each football and basketball game by leading in the team with an enormous yellow "GT" flag.

The varsity team performed at football and men's basketball games, while the junior varsity team performed at home football games and women's basketball games. During the season, both teams also participated in special events and alumni functions.

Training for the team included at least ten hours of practice a week, as well as three days of weight lifting sessions. Last summer the squad attended a cheerleading camp at East Tennessee State University, sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association. Tryouts for the squad took place during the spring for the varsity team and in the fall for the junior varsity team. The tryouts were open to all men and women dedicated to Georgia Tech athletics.

The cheerleaders participated in various competitions with other squads throughout the country. Tech’s squad and mascot, Buzz, regularly made it to the finals of these competitions. Buzz also won the title of #1 mascot in the country this year. The cheerleaders served as representatives of Georgia Tech in parades and events throughout Atlanta this year, including the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade and various charity functions.

Buzz entertained thousands of Tech fans this year with his funny moves and enjoyable traditions such as doing as many push-ups as Tech has points at football games.

Darrell Landy was the cheerleading coach again this year. He was also the Reck Club advisor, making it easier to coordinate activities between the two groups.

**Basketball**

**WOMEN'S SEASON**

A young Lady Jackets team finished an up-and-down season with a 78-55 drubbing at the hands of North Carolina at the ACC tournament, but that game was no indication of how the team improved over the course of the season. The Jackets ended the season with a 12-15 record and a seventh place finish in the conference, which is two spots higher than they were picked to finish by the media at the start of the season.

Tech lost its entire starting lineup from last year, but the strong inside play of Kathy Dortch and Demieta Keener, as well as the arrival of newcomers Kisha Ford, Tiffany Martin, Dawn Smith, Sarah Gaspar, Stacey Buchannon, and Renee Wilkinson, gave the Jackets hope at the start of the season. The expectations for Ford were especially high, as she was the first high school all-American in the history of the women's basketball program.

The team gave their supporters a glimpse of their potential in the first game of the season as they took on a tough Minnesota team. Ford served notice to the college basketball world that she had arrived when she sank a dramatic game-tying three pointer to send the game into overtime. Although Minnesota escaped with a 77-73 victory, Tech head coach Agnus Berenato was still pleased with her team's effort.

The first victory for the Jackets came in the Comfort Inn Downtown Classic, as they pounded Stetson, 75-56. Tech then squeaked out a 51-50 win against St. Joseph's the next day to claim the Classic Championship. Ford once again starred as she was named tournament MVP for her performance.

The Jackets then traveled crosstown to Georgia State for the ISES Southern Invitational. Tech took care of the home team with an 82-58 score, but then fell to Georgia, 67-52 in the championship game.

A trip to Florida State marked the start of the ACC season, and the Jackets responded by pulling out a 65-62 victory in Tallahassee to improve to 4-2 on the season. There were not any more wins to be found on the road trip, however, as they fell to Rider and Maryland by 69-66 and 69-62, respectively.

The Lady Jackets then returned from a month-long road trip in style by collecting three wins at home, including two victories in the ACC. Tech started the week with a hard-fought victory over UT-Chattanooga. Tech held a 38-33 lead going into the half, but started the second half slowly and watched the Lady Mocs take an eight-point lead. Foul (continued on page 285)

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Demieta Keener sets up for a free throw. Keener hit a little over 65 percent from the line this year. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Head Coach Agnus Berenato directs her Lady Jackets on to victory. Berenato was 12-15 in her sixth season at Tech. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Christie Finney goes up for the layup cover a Maryland player. Tech lost both of its games against the Terrapins this past year. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Isha Ford takes the ball in towards the basket. Ford led the team in points, rebounds, and minutes played for the season. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

Point guard Tiffany Martin dribbles around a Duke defensiveman. Tech split its games with the Blue Devils this year, by winning the last regular season game. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
Isha Ford dribbles around a player from Maryland. Ford led the team this year in almost every category. Photo by David Pauli.

Tiffany Martin takes the ball to the lane against Maryland. Martin, the starting point, had one shy of 100 assists this year. Photo by David Pauli.

Yvonne Wilson, a sophomore guard, releases the ball to an open man. Wilson had a total of 60 assists in 26 games this year. Photo by David Pauli.

Christie Finney looks for the pass. Finney, a junior guard from Virginia, came off the bench this year and started ten games. Photo by David Pauli.
trouble then forced the Mocs to play cautious defense for the rest of the game, allowing the Jackets an inside game and a 71-70 victory.

The Jackets started quickly against N.C. State, but the Wolfpack staged a huge second-half comeback with the help of a 2-3 zone that troubled the Jackets at first. "It [the zone] didn’t surprise us but we just weren’t in sync with our offense against the zone, and once we were able to run our offense then everything was all right,” said guard Sarah Gaspar, who scored a big 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting. Yvonne Wilson provided excellent free-throw shooting down the stretch and the Jackets claimed a 75-60 win.

Strong inside play was the key against Wake Forest, as Demieta Keener and Stacey Buchannon combined for 27 first-half points. Ford and Wilson hit key free throws to offset a late Deacon rally and to give the Jackets a 70-60 win and fourth place in the ACC.

Tech then embarked on a five-game road trip and was greeted rudely by two of the top teams in the ACC. The Jackets, who lost at Duke 77-59 and were pummeled by North Carolina 87-51, were hurt by the loss of Tiffany Martin, who missed several games with a bad case of the chicken pox.

The Jackets came back with a 79-63 win at Furman. "We out-rebounded them and really played well as a unit, and that’s something we didn’t have in the Duke and North Carolina games,” said Berenato.

Although the Jackets fell to Virginia, 88-75, three days later, they did some encouraging things against a tough Cavalier team. Tech managed to out rebound Virginia, 40-37, but were hurt by a brutal inside game that produced 63 points in the paint for the Cavaliers. The Jackets then shot just 31 percent in a 77-52 loss to Clemson that rounded out the road trip.

Poor shooting again cost the Jackets in a 67-46 loss to a Maryland team that was good, but beatable. "We did a great job defensively, but offensively we just couldn’t get it done. When you go 5-for-20 in a half, you just don’t deserve to win,” commented Berenato.

Tech then continued its mastery of Florida State with a 63-51 victory in which they outrebounded the smaller Seminoles by 14 and held leading scorer Christy Derlak to 13 points on woeful 4-of-17 shooting. Unfortunately, the Jackets could not carry their great play over to the Virginia game, which they dropped 82-54 after allowing the Cavaliers to go on a 19-0 run in the first half.

The Jackets then completed one of their most successful weeks of the season as they picked up two non-conference victories and narrowly lost to fifth-ranked North Carolina. Kisha Ford performed like an All-American in the three games, averaging 29 points, 15 rebounds, four assists, and four steals on the week.

Tech then experienced disappointment at N.C. State, where 32 percent shooting and a 43-37 rebounding deficit combined to produce a 71-53 trouncing in which Tech never threatened. Even more disappointing was a 70-69 loss at the hands of cellar-dwellers Wake Forest, despite the fact that the Jackets shot 46 percent and turned the ball over only nine times.

Yet another game slipped away from Tech when they returned home and lost to Clemson, 55-51. “I think you saw a veteran Clemson team do what they had to do and they won the game,” explained Berenato. The Jackets then ended the season on a winning note, coming back late to take a 61-56 victory from Duke. “I just said, ‘There’s only five minutes to go and it’s the difference between ending our season at home with a win or going with another loss that we could have won,” commented Berenato.

The 1993 Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets had their usual strong start but faded as the season closed with a record of 47-14, 16-6 ACC. The "Beesball" team returned a small core of individuals who had very impressive credentials. With two Olympians, two first team Freshman all-Americans and one second team Freshman all-American, Tech was poised to take over the conference and possibly the nation.

The Joltin' Jackets opened the season with eight straight wins, which included a victory over Pepperdine, the 1992 College World Series champions. Despite having a minor setback at Georgia Southern, Tech went on another tear as they won another seven straight, including impressive wins over perennial power Cal State-Fullerton. At the same time, Tech was rising up in the polls and would eventually get the number one ranking.

The "Beesball" team returned home to face the Maryland Terrapins for the start of their ACC schedule. Unusual weather caused the first game to finish early (with Tech on the losing side) and the remaining two were cancelled due to snow. After splitting a pair with Western Carolina, the Jackets travel to Charlottesville, Virginia, winning two of three.

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After winning two of three from North Carolina, the "Beesball" team swept the 17th ranked Clemson Tigers and the Demon Deacons of Wake Forest. The Jackets than faced the Bull puppies from Athens again. Tech was shocked as they lost by the score 4-1. However, the Jackets came back and won at Athens 12-1.

This set up a showdown with North Carolina State for the final ACC regular season games. With the regular season title on the line,
Outfielder Michael Smith watches the pitchers and looks for the steal at an afternoon game. Tech completed 88 stolen bases during the year. Photo by Mary Whaley.

Left to right, Row One: Scott Byers, Carlos Casoan, Ryan Ritter, Tim Lucas, David Newhan, Mike Sorro, Blake Bearden, Buck Hall. Row Two: Shane Rose (trainer), Jason Varitek, David Albert, Mark Buffington, Scott McIntyre, Jay Payton, Nomar Garciaparra, Brent Binkley, Matt Barr, Chris Myers, Brandon Hensley, Kyle Harrison (manager). Row Three: Pat Sonnett (director of baseball operations), Rick Jones (assistant head coach), Paul Mears (assistant coach), Mike Martin, Andy Somoza, Brad Rigby, Al Gogolin, Jim Morgan, Jim Morris (head coach), Walter Smith (trainer). Photo by Athletic Association.

Scott McIntyre looks towards home as he rounds the bases. McIntyre batted .268, with two home runs during the season. Photo by Mary McAndrew.

One of the great Tech pitchers leans back to throw the next pitch. Tech pitchers cleaned up this past season with a win-loss percentage of .770. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
(continued from page 286) regular season with a win over Southern and the number one ranking.

The Jackets travelled to Greenville, South Carolina, for the ACC tournament. Pitching ace Rigby threw a shutout as Tech won the series opener over Maryland 6-0. After sitting out the next day with a bye, Tech faced the Clemson Tigers. The Tigers jumped out early to a 9-2 lead, and due to poor base running, Tech blew an opportunity to capitalize on a seventh inning rally.

The unexpected loss to Clemson forced Tech into the no-man's land—the loser's bracket. The Jackets had to face stiff competition in the form of the Seminoles. Starter Al Gogolin began strong as he faced only 16 batters in the first five innings. However, in the sixth inning Gogolin gave up a two out, three run homer giving FSU a 3-1 lead. Although Tech tried to come back, the 'Noles prevailed and knocked the Jackets out of the tournament with a 5-2 victory.

However, Tech was chosen as the host for the Southern Regionals and was also given a number one ranking. The Joltin' Jackets faced Liberty to start the regionals. Tech rallied from a one run deficit by scoring four runs in the sixth to win 4-1. Starter Brad Rigby pitched eight innings while striking out 10 batters and giving up only two hits.

Tech then faced the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Buckeyes scored seven runs and limited Tech to four runs and eight hits. This caused Tech to go into no-man's land again. The Jackets first faced South Carolina. Pitcher Al Gogolin pitched a shutout and David Newhan went 3-for-3 with six RBI, a double and a home run.

This setup a showdown with Wichita State Shockers. Since Buck Hall could not start, Morris had to rely on reliever Chris Myers, who started in only the second game of his career. Myers went 8.1 innings with 11 strikeouts giving up nine hits and three runs, of which only two were earned.

With the score tied at three after nine innings of play, the Joltin' Jackets were able to score a run off two errors by Wichita State. However, Brett Binkley was unable to hold off the Shockers. After a ground out, a walk and a strikeout, Tech appeared to be on its way to the championship game when the Shockers made their move.

Center fielder Richie Taylor singled to left field. Toby Smith then followed with a single of his own. Hall scored as third baseman Brandon Hensley's throw missed the out-stretched glove of Varitek, the “ACC Player of the Year.” Binkley, who retrieved the errant pass, hurriedly threw the ball to Varitek in order to stop Taylor from crossing the plate. Again the ball sailed just wide of the Olympian's glove giving Wichita State the victory and ending the Jackets season.

A Tech 'Beesball' player shows perfect form at the plate. The team's total batting average for the 1993 season was a little over .300. Photo by Matt Backer.

Mike Martin follows through on another excellent pitch. Martin earned an ERA of 4.15. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
John's Jacket takes a powerful swing in hopes of getting a home run. Tech had a total of 71 home runs during the 1993 season. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Ditcher Mike Martin stretches back to throw the ball. Martin was credited with two wins, while pitching over 30 innings. Photo by Ted McCrobie.