Two Tech volleyball players go up for the block. The team had a record eight ACC victories this year. Photo by Chris Scholz.

Two Tech players fight for the dig. Tech posted a 21-12 record, making it their third winning season in a row. Photo by David Pauli.

Chris Omiecinski tries to tap the ball over the net and in between the defenders' arms. Omiecinski set a school record this year with 480 kills during the season. Photo by Chris Scholz.

Marta Bickert sets up to return the ball. Bickert, an outside hitter, was a transfer student from Alabama this year. Photo by Mary McAndrew.
Women's volleyball head coach Shelton Collier had a wild, season-long roller coaster ride. His team, which finished the season with a 22-12 record and wound up fourth in the ACC at 8-6, had more than its share of ups and downs.

In the season and home opener against Tennessee-Chattanooga, Tech set the first of many school records with a .557 hitting percentage. The Jackets, then co-favorites to take the ACC title, started off 10-3 with their only losses coming in the Hawaiian Airlines Classic at Hawaii against nationally ranked teams.

Tech won championships in their own Courtyard by Marriott Classic, the Auburn Classic, and the Panther Classic at Georgia State. Sophomore outside hitter Cris Omiecinski took MVP honors in the Tech tourney as well as at Auburn. Against Florida Atlantic in the Georgia State tourney, the Jackets combined for a school record 15 solo blocks.

The Jackets started off 0-3 in the ACC with two of the losses to Clemson. One of the biggest drops on the roller coaster ride however, was their match against non-ACC foe Kentucky. Tech took the first two games from the then sixth-ranked team in the nation. They were on the verge of what could have been the program's biggest win ever as they served for the match four times in the third game. However, the roller coaster peaked and dove as Kentucky rallied to win in five games. Omiecinski reset her own school record with 28 kills in the match, freshman setter Andrea Nachtrieb tied another school record with 70 assists, and the team combined to tie yet another school record with 34 block assists.

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The Georgia Tech softball team kept the ball rolling this year with another outstanding performance. Head coach Regina Tomaselli continued to build on her already outstanding program. During her first two years of coaching at Tech, she set the goal of going over 30-wins each season. During the past two years the team passed this mark. However, this year they fell two games shy of their goal.

An impressive group of seniors along with a talented group of underclassmen placed the Jackets as strong contenders going into the 1993 season. The team lost only one starter and returned ten letterwinners from their previous 30-22 season. Led by senior Juanita Albarado, a left-hander who earned all ACC honors at 2nd-base, the Jackets were poised for success. Stephanie Weitman, 1992 ACC Rookie of the year, also provided a strong outlook starting the 1993 season.

The team began the season on the right track. Tech upset Mercer 13-0 and 8-5 to pick up their first two wins. However, the Lady Jackets ran into trouble with their next few opponents. By the start of the 13th game, the team had slipped to 4-8, not a very good start for the optimistic Jackets.

The next few series with Florida A&M and Winthrop gave the Jackets four more wins, putting them back at even odds. Playing such teams as UNC-Charlotte, South Carolina, and Florida State all gave the Jackets trouble late in the season, but the Jackets refused to give up. They came back with two wins against Georgia State at home to further boost their record. With four games left, the Jackets still had a chance to reach their 30 win mark. The team failed to reach their goal, putting their final record at 28-25, two wins short of the 30-win mark.

Batting was not a major problem for the Jackets this past season. The top two averages on the team were: Stephanie Webb at .322, and Stephanie Weitman at .307. Tech's average batting average for the season was .250, .014 higher than their opponents' average.


This Lady Jacket softball player eyes the pitcher as she decides whether or not to steal third base. Tech consistently outstole their opponents. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Juanita Albarado reaches for a fly ball behind second base. Albarado was one of Tech’s top players with a team-high 25 RBI's for the season. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
At the start of this past season third year Georgia Tech Cross Country Coach Alan Drosky said, "I feel like we have the chance to do as well this year as ever before." After the dust cleared from the '93 season, it can be truthfully said that he was right. The men's and women's teams both had strong seasons, taking first and second, respectively, at the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships. The men's cross country team then finished the season with fourth in the ACC Championships and ninth in the District III Championships, their highest rankings yet in both competitions.

At the Georgia State Dual Meet in September, their first meet of the season, both teams won over Georgia Tech star runners Kevin Graham and Colleen Stroud each took first; Graham with 20 minutes, 49 seconds in the four mile, and Stroud with 15:09 in the 2.5 mile. A week later both teams went to the Tennessee Dual Meet where the men's team won 23 to 32 while the women's team lost 19 to 42. Again Graham and Stroud were leading the pack taking first and second individually. The Clemson Invitational on September 18 was also a big win for Tech. The men's team finished first and the women's took fourth.

In October the two teams went to the Georgia Intercollegiate Championships where they performed outstandingly again. The men's team racked up another first, and women's team captured a second place finish. The Tech women ranked sixth at the Penn State National Invitational and the men took seventh. The season came to a close with the men taking fourth at the ACC Championships and the women getting sixth. They received the highest ranking ever for the men in the District III Championships.

The season ended with the men's team having five runners go All-State; Kevin Graham, Jason Januzelli, Ray Raparelli, Harley Johnson, and Sidney Stiegall. Graham and Raparelli were also All-ACC and NCAA Qualifiers as well as team captains. Raparelli finished second in the District III Championships with 30:39 for the 10k, and Graham finished fourth with 30:43. The top women's runner was team captain Colleen Stroud, who finished twentieth in the District III Championships with a 17:44 for the 5k run.
Kevin Graham edges out in front of a South Carolina runner. Graham was one of the team's top runners, taking in several first place finishes. Photo by Chris Carson.

Laura Morrow (left) and Colleen Stroud run around Tech during an afternoon practice. Stroud had an excellent season including a first place finish at the Georgia State Dual Meet. Photo by David Pauli.

Tony Shields sets the pace for a group of runners at a competition last year. Shields helped the team reach a fourth place finish at the ACC Championships. Photo by Chris Carson.
Men's Track

RUNNING STRONG

The Georgia Tech Track and Field team finished the year in good standing. Several All-Americans and ACC champions graced the roster of the men's team.

Going into the season, the teams were favored to perform reasonably well. After a successful 1992 season, which saw the Georgia Tech 4 by 400 meter relay quartet win the NCAA title at the outdoor championships, the Yellow Jackets had a strong run this season.

The team participated at the Florida Relays where several Yellow Jackets performed well. Octavius Terry in the 400 IH, Kevin Graham in the 5000m, and Mike Courtney all turned in high-quality performances. The next event on the schedule was the Georgia Tech Invitational, held right here on the Tech campus.

At the invitational, some of the star runners stole the show against Georgia, Western Carolina and Manhattan and placed second. First place winners included: Jason Januzelli, 5000m; Derek Mills, 400m; John Moritz, Steeplechase; Conrad Nichols, 800m and 1500m; Guy Robinson, 100m and 200m and Mills, Bowers, Terry and Robinson in the 4x100m.

The next major event was the ACC Outdoor Championships. Conrad Nichols ran the 800m in 1:47:15 to give him a first place finish. The 4x400m relay team of Robinson, Nichols, Amedee and Mills also won ACC Championship honors. Several Tech athletes also performed well at the event, landing other high place finishes.

The Yellow Jackets rounded up the rest of the season competing in the Penn Relays, the Mississippi State Invitational, the Jesse Owens Classic, the Clemson Track Classic, and the George C. Griffin Invitational. The men's team performed well at these events.

Going into the NCAA championships, Tech had automatic qualifiers in a total of three events and provisional qualifiers in six events.

At the NCAA championship meet, a few Yellow Jacket runners stole the show. All-American runner Mills, ran the 400m in 45.21 seconds, breaking the school record and giving him third place honors. The 4x400m relay team of Robinson, Amedee, Nichols and Mills, finished third with a time of 3:02:10.

The last event that the team competed in was the USA Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon. The fact that it was one of the toughest events of the season did not deter the Yellow Jackets. Mills had his best performance of the season and set a new school record with his time of 44:62 in the 400m. Nichols ran the 800m in 1:49:48 and finished fifth in his heat.

All in all, the team, especially certain key athletes, have had an extremely good season. Despite the fact that a few runners were seniors this past season and might not be returning, the team should have a positive future. Georgia Tech Director of Track Buddy Fowlkes sees much depth in the team and envisions greater achievements for Tech athletes in the future.
Tech All-Star runner Derek Mills sprints to another great finish at the Georgia Tech Invitational. Mills ran the 200m, 400m and was a member of both relay teams. 

Photo by Athletic Association.
The past season was one of great hurdles and high expectations for the Georgia Tech Women’s Track team. The team was expected to perform fairly well this season. Considering the fact that the women’s team was started in 1987, many have been surprised by their outstanding performances.

At the Auburn Invitational, Kelli Robinson won first place for the 100m hurdles, while freshman Mary Sullivan won first place in the 3000m. Be-Atrice Sams took honors in the shotput and broke school records in that event as well as in the discus. This was only the first event.

The Florida Relays came up next and the Yellow Jackets did particularly well. At the Georgia Tech Invitational, the athletes surpassed all expectations and brought off some extremely good results. Tracy Harrell, 5000m; Nelrae Pasha, 400m; Kelli Robinson, 100m hurdles and 100m; Be-Atrice Sams, shotput; Robinson, Andrews, Pasha and Jones 4x100m; and Pasha, Tucker, Leon and Jones on the 4x400m.

In the ACC Outdoor Championships, the women’s relay team of Andrew, Reed, Tucker, and Pasha finished in 3:48:80 which gave them a first place finish. Other women’s champions included Nelrae Pasha, who ran the 400m in 51:90, and Kelli Robinson who finished the 100m in 13:45 seconds. Tech athletes had a good run in the championships.

The Tech team wrapped up the season with credible performances in the Penn Relays, the Mississippi State Invitational, the Jesse Owens Classic, the Clemson Track Classic, and the George C. Griffin Invitational. At the NCAA Championships, Jones ran the 400m in 53:20. That was not fast enough to place. However, Pasha ran the 400m in 51:68, which put her in second place overall. Robinson ran the 100m hurdles, however she was not able to finish the event.

The toughest event of the season came in the form of the USA Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Oregon. Jones ran the 400m in 54:14, while Robinson ran the 100m hurdles in 14:41. The only woman to place was Pasha, who ran the 400m in 52:81, putting her at sixth in her heat.

Despite having been in the “running” since only 1987, the Georgia Tech Women’s Track team met with considerable success. In this short time span, Tech managed to become a formidable contender on the national scene. In 1992, the Lady Jackets boasted three All-Americans, seven Atlantic Coast Conference Champions and shattered six ACC meet records in the indoor and outdoor seasons combined. Georgia Tech women’s track is looking forward to a successful future.
Be-Atrice Sams watches the discus that just left her hands. Later on in the season, Sams set a school discus record at 119 feet 9 inches. Photo by Matt Baclar.

Kelli Robinson streaks to another fine finish. She holds three of Tech's records for the 100m hurdles. Photo by David Pauli.

Mike Nicklaus concentrates on the hole as he prepares to make a shot. Nicklaus, the son of the legendary Jack Nicklaus, was a freshman this year. Photo by Chris Carson.

David Duval makes sure to follow through on his all-star swing. Duval led Tech to several first place finishes, including an ACC title and a 2nd place NCAA finish. Photo by Chris Carson.
Georgia Tech's golf team wrapped up another fabulous year. Led by David Duval, the team consistently outperformed their competition. They won a school record of five tournaments last spring. Having lost a majority of the five players who boosted the Jackets to fifth place last year, Headcoach Puggy Blackmon could not have expected this year's national success.

During the fall, the team participated in four golf tournaments. David Duval was the only Tech student to participate in the first competition, the John Hancock All-American. He tied for second at seven under par. The next tournament on the schedule was the Jerry Pate National Intercollegiate. Tech took sixth overall out of twelve teams. The team participated in two more tournaments, the Golf World-Palmetto Dunes and the UNLV Rebel Classic. The team took fourth at both of these events.

The spring season started at the American University Collegiate in sunny Puerto Rico with a first place win. The team was led by Stewart Cink, who placed second individually. Mikko Rantanen and Carlos Beautell tied for fourth with Duval taking seventh place honors.

The next four tournaments added fuel to the already blazing Yellow Jacket golfers. Traveling to Tuscon, Arizona for the Ping Arizona Collegiate, the team added another first place finish. Jason Walters won a first place victory individually, with Duval and Cink tying for third. At the Golf Digest Collegiate, Tech received third place honors. At the Carpet Capital Collegiate, the Jackets won second place while freezing temperatures caused the tournament to be shortened to 36 holes. At the Ping American Intercollegiate in North Carolina, Tech won 5th place.

Next on Tech's schedule was the ACC championship, held in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Duval won first place individually, shooting 70-69-67 (par 72). Rantanen tied for third with 69-72-71.

After the ACC victory, Tech had two more tournaments until they hit the NCAA tournament. They played at the Cavalier Classic in Virginia and at the Perry Maxwell Collegiate in Oklahoma. Both the team and Duval picked up first place finishes at each of these tournaments.

The team's performance at the NCAA East Regional, which was held in Charlottesville, Virginia, gave the jackets their NCAA bid. At the regionals, All-American Duval led the team shooting 211, which placed him third individually. Other team members shot reasonably well at 218, 221, and 227 putting the team three over par and in fifth place overall.

Going into their final tournament, Tech was performing extremely well. The team was favored to win. Looking good throughout most of the tournament, it came down to the last hole. Heading into the last hole, Duval was in a tie for the lead. Unfortunately, he drove right into a fairway bunker. Due to the fact that the bunker was not properly raked, Duval had trouble getting the ball back onto the grass. He bogeyed the hole, costing him the individual title and Tech the championship. His final score was 279, placing him one stroke behind the number one golfer. Cink and Beautell each shot 289, which tied them for 13th. Rantanen shot 293 for 24th, while Tommy Johnston hit 310 for 71st.

Taking the top four scores from each round of the five golfers who participated, the team came up with a score of 1146. This put them at 6 under par, and once again one stroke behind the University of Florida, the leading team. With such an outstanding performance by these Yellow Jacket golfers, and a heartbreaking technical error, Tech finished in second place.
Men's Tennis

For The Record

Tech   Opp
3-4    Vanderbilt
5-2    Rice
3-4    Drake
4-3    Auburn
2-5    Tennessee
0-7    Georgia
2-5    Furman
4-3    N.C. State
3-4    Wake Forest
3-4    South Carolina
2-5    Florida Intl.
2-5    Miami, Fla.
2-5    Clemson
3-4    Florida State
6-0    Maryland
2-5    Virginia
1-6    Virginia Comm.
0-7    North Dakota
0-7    Duke
1-5    Wake Forest

The men's tennis team entered the 1993 season older and wiser. After competing last year with mostly sophomores and freshmen, the jackets began a new season with what coach Jean Desdunes called a "strong blend of veterans and solid playing skills." Desdunes has been head coach at Georgia Tech for the last six seasons.

At the top of the team were Rob Givone, Scott Cotton and Academic All-American Paul Stevens. Unfortunately, No. 1 Stevens, who posted a 10-13 record in dual matches along with an overall mark of 19-16 in 1992, was out all season with a wrist injury. Cotton, with an overall record of 45-29, went 8-12 in dual matches and 12-16 overall. Cotton played primarily in the No. 3 singles with good matches against Rice and Auburn. Sophomore Givone was ranked 20th in the pre-season singles poll. Givone improved from his freshman year to a 12-5 dual match and 25-10 overall record in the No. 1 spot. He is ranked 44th in the nation.

Returning starters Mark Ottinger and Joe Nickels, along with senior Jay Nerenberg who returns after a red-shirt year, gave the Yellow Jackets a "solid nucleus." Nerenberg, a former No. 1 player, sat out last season and some of this season recovering from shoulder surgery. He finished 3-7 in both dual matches and overall. Nickels, the ACC runner-up at No. 5 singles his freshman year, finished 7-13 and 11-17. Two-time ACC champion Ottinger, ranked No. 4 last season, posted 12-7 in dual matches and 15-12 overall, for a very productive third season at Georgia Tech.

In Georgia Tech doubles, the strong pairs were Givone/Cotton in the No. 1 spot with an overall record of 12-9 and Ottinger/Nickels posting 12-8 in the No. 2 position. Considering Tech's schedule was highly competitive with seven matches against teams ranked in pre-season Top 25, they finished with 5 strong wins against Rice, Auburn, N.C. State, Clemson, and Maryland. Georgia always provided good competition since they were usually one of the top five in their conference. Tech finished 5-16 overall and 5th in the ACC.

When asked how he felt about this season's turnout, Coach Desdunes replied, "We had high expectations, but the team lost an uncontrollable battle with injuries." The 1993 men's team was focused and highly motivated.

Rob Givone volleys the ball back to an opponent in a mid-afternoon match. Givone took over the number one singles position for this year's team. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
Tech tennis player uses his backhand swing to put a better spin on the ball. Knowing which way to hit the ball as well as the proper swings was very important to winning matches. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Scott Cotton shows perfect form in his follow through. Cotton finished the season with an overall record of 45-29. Photo by Matt Bacar.
Milly Chamdani focuses all of her energy on hitting the ball. Chamdani, a student from Indonesia, had the team's best record in fall tournament play. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Tiffany Schwartz races toward the ball. Schwartz, a freshman, had a productive first season finishing 9-10. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

Row One, Left to Right: Sandra Vidal, Mariela Vega, Terri Stripling. Row Two: Head Coach Janey Strause, Milly Chamdani, Erika Lewis, Donna Williams, Pierrette Harshaw, Pam Tatum, Priti Naik. Photo by the Athletic Association.
The 1993 Lady Jackets tennis program began with new head coach Janey Strause. After graduating from Furman in 1987, Strause became assistant coach at Wisconsin for three seasons before joining the Tech staff. She came to Georgia Tech realizing that she was approaching a transition period. Her main concern was to build a “strong foundation” for the upcoming seasons. Early in fall practices, Strause noted a lot of progress. The team was headed in the right direction, building a solid base for the season ahead.

The 1993 women's team performed well considering they were under new leadership. Coach Strause commented, “It is not very easy taking over someone else’s team,” but the ten Lady Jackets adapted fairly well. Along with senior captains Pam Tatum and Erika Lewis, there were three juniors, one sophomore and four freshmen. With so many young, talented players, Tech is definitely trying to build for the future.

The team improved their record to 6-15 and 7th in the ACC from 4-15 and 8th in the ACC in 1992. Leading the way at No. 1 singles was Pierette Harshaw. She has been the team's top winner and most valuable player for the past two seasons. She finished 4-8 this spring including wins against Maryland, Tulane, Lamar, and Rice. The match-up against Tulane was one of the biggest and most exciting matches of the season.

Marieli Vega, a junior from Puerto Rico, seemed to be the team's best bet, going 10-7. She played excellent matches against NC State, Georgia State, and Emory. One freshman, Tiffany Schwartz, had a productive first season, finishing 9-10.

Vega and Schwartz not only played singles well but excelled as a doubles team also. They were ranked number two and had a “will to win” according to Coach Strause. These two players took over and acted as leaders of the Lady Jackets. Harshaw and Lewis played the Number one position for the third consecutive year. They finished 4-5 with a good match against NC State.

Overall, the 1993 Lady Netters played well. The teammates had a lot of spirit and enthusiasm in their matches. They were tested by a schedule featuring five teams ranked in the pre-season Top 25. Duke was the hardest match at second in the ACC.

Next season looks promising, since they built a strong foundation for themselves. Coach Strause will be settled in and prepared for a winning season.

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Pierette Harshaw goes to return a serve. As a two-time M.V.P., she leads Tech’s singles team. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
Swimming

SETTING THE PACE

Tech	Opp
150 Florida A&M	36
92 N.C. State	141
46 North Carolina	103
39 Maryland	115
130 Davidson	117
139 Emory	101
162 Tampa	61
131 W. Kentucky	106
132 Georgia	82
92 Auburn	122
107 Georgia Southern	79
139 Florida A&M	46
71 Clemson	153
104 C. of Charleston	122
166 ACC Championships*

*7th Place

The swim team entered the 1993-94 season with a few veterans, and several new faces. After competing last year with a record of 8-8, 0-4 in the ACC, head coach Bill Humber knew it was time to get back on track.

Humber, in his first two seasons at Tech, had posted one winning season as well as last year’s .500 season. Under Humber, the Yellow Jackets also improved their finish and point total at the ACC Championships each year. This year as well, Humber coached the Jackets through another exciting season.

The Yellow Jackets were led by team captain Karl Greenbaum, a senior from Tampa, Florida, who competed in the breast stroke and individual medleys. Another bright spot on this year’s team was junior George Kossenko from Plantation, Florida. He held the school record in the 100 meter free-style at 46.77 seconds, which he swam at the 1993 ACC Championships.

Brandon Lumm led the team in diving. Lumm, a sophomore from Largo, Florida, immediately established himself as Tech’s top diver last year when he was a freshman. He held virtually every Rambling Wreck diving record. This season he developed into one of the top performers in the ACC. He was an ACC Champion in the 3 meter diving competition. He was also named to the all-ACC team.

Rounding out this incredible group of athletes were several new faces. The Jackets featured nine new swimmers on their roster this year. The blend of newcomers with veterans would hopefully help Tech to a better season.

The Jackets, however, faced a tough schedule. Matching up against heavy competition in and out of the conference, including such teams as Tampa and North Carolina, the Jackets went 6-8 for the season. They went 0-4 in the conference, unable to win against an ACC team. At the ACC Championships the team placed a disappointing seventh.

The team usually practiced at Georgia Tech’s Student Athletic Complex, where they were able to use either the indoor or outdoor pool.

The future was even more exciting for Georgia Tech’s swimming program. As the Summer Olympic Games in 1996 approach, Tech swimmers hope to play a big role in their development. The Games promised to bring with them the construction of a natatorium on Tech campus, which would be used during the Olympics and then given back to Tech for its own use. This building would become a permanent part of the athletic program at Tech.
A Tech athlete performs the backstroke during competition. The top time in a backstroke competition for a Tech student this year was held by Bryan Graves. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

A Tech swimmer swims his heart out during a competition at Emory last year. Tech swam against both the Emory team and the Tampa team during this competition. Photo by Ted McCrobie.

A one of Tech's many great swimmers performs the breaststroke. The year's top time for both breaststroke competitions was held by Franklin Coleman. Photo by Ted McCrobie.
Water Ski Club

The Georgia Tech Water Ski Club rounded out another year of fun and excitement. The club, which provided a unique combination of recreation and competition, gained even more eager skiers this year. The ski club had shown prominence and had grown steadily over the past few years.

The Water Ski Club was open to all students with or without experience. By owning all of its own equipment the club was able to offer a lot of fun without all of the expense.

Most club members found the lake a great place to relax and escape from campus. Skiers put off studying and did not worry about projects; instead, they headed for the lake.

Trips were quite often made to Lake Lanier and Lake Altuna, in Florida, where the team maintained boats. Weekends provided an excellent chance for club members to head to Lake Lanier or to other lakes for an afternoon of skiing excitement.

Club members formed an actual competing team a few years ago. The team was a member of the Southern Atlantic Conference, which consisted of about 18 other schools from Georgia, Alabama, and Tennessee.

The water ski team competed mainly during the fall and spring quarters. Members competed in a variety of eight different types of competitions, including slalom, jumping, and trick events. Club members were judged individually as well as by overall team performance. The team mainly participated for the fun of the competition. But compared with some of the other powerhouse schools the team performed extremely well.

Skip Munn shows great form on his knee board. Ski club members often abandoned their skis in order to try new and different things. Photo by the Water Ski Club.

Dan Guthrie leans into a curve, leaving a trail of water behind him. Guthrie, who was president, led the club to membership gains and a stronger presence on campus. Photo by the Water Ski Club.

Left to Right, Row One: James Schaffer, Bonnie Turner, Walter Patterson, Zhimin Yao, Chris Lamb, Tammy Ulmer. Row Two: Casey Brown, David Schimming, Tom Kirby, Scott Munn, Daniel Robats, John Paul, Michael Bertt, Chris Hamlin. Photo by SPI.
Tech students sail into the sunset in Fort Walton, Florida. Sailing club members often found quiet adventure at the lake. Photo by the Sailing Club.


A sailing club member enjoys being on the lake. Many members made the weekly journey to the lake in order to relax. Photo by the Sailing Club.

**GT Sailing Club**

The Georgia Tech sailing club finished up another exciting year this spring. Attracting many new members, the club raised its membership to about 60 people during the peak season. Sailing gave many Tech students the opportunity to drop the books and head towards the lake. But the club was not only for students. Several faculty and staff at Tech took part in club activities.

An Options class made sailing and racing even more accessible to the Tech community.

Several members took the club one step further and competed in actual races. Events such as the Two Day Valentine's Regatta gave sailors ample opportunity to test their competitive mettle. An undergraduate racing team also participated in several events, most of which were usually open to the public races. They usually performed quite well.

The main purpose of the club, however, was recreation. Many members enjoyed sailing on Lake Lanier for a relaxing afternoon away from Tech. Others ventured throughout Florida to find the perfect recreation. During Spring Break, several members travelled to the Bahamas in order to further the sailing experience.
Tae Kwon Do Club

Every Tuesday and Thursday evening about 40 Tech students could be found fighting and training in the Student Athletic Complex. This was no ordinary training; these students were participating in the Tae Kwon Do Club, here at Tech. The general purpose of the organization was to study the martial arts and to gain experience.

Most students signed up for the Options class for the quarter. Students with little or no training were able to work their way up the ranks and become experienced fighters. A lot of students continued to participate quarter after quarter, or year after year, in order to become even better fighters.

Self-defense was one popular reason for such a large interest in the sport. Other members participated in order to be involved in sport fighting. Other reasons or advantages to participating in Tae Kwon Do included rape prevention, improved concentration, and physical fitness.

Some of the more experienced club members found time to participate in competitions. Most competed against other martial arts schools in the Atlanta Area. The Georgia State Games also gave Tech sport fighters chance to show off their skills last summer. Tech fighters performed very well in these competitions, usually taking second or third place.
Flight simulators seemed to be one of the most popular software items this year, but some students did not have to use computers to receive those thrills. Members of the Yellow Jacket Flying Club (YJFC) took advantage of an opportunity of a lifetime, the opportunity to fly.

The club offered perhaps the most inexpensive flight experience in the area. By becoming a member of the YJFC, students in fact became part owners of the four aircraft that the club owned. Of course, being the owner of aircraft, students shared the responsibilities of ownership, including maintenance and upkeep. By playing such a large role in the possession of the planes, students had easy access to the aircraft and the lowest possible rates for flying. They were also expected to help when called on to volunteer time or to adopt a position in the club.

The use of the aircraft was the most obvious benefit of joining the club. Education and safe flying were others. Flying instruction was available to all students, as were frequent trips to their airport and guest lecturers.

The club also served social purposes throughout the year. Each student in the club shared a common bond, the love of flying. During the three warmer quarters, the club gathered at a local airport for a day of fun, including a cookout by the runway and games such as spot landing contests and bomb drops, while exchanging stories of great flying experiences.

Flying Club

Two club members prepare for take-off. The opportunity to fly a plane was available to almost everyone at Tech this past year. Photo by the flying club.

Flying club member checks out the controls of the airplane. Many members of the Georgia Tech community took advantage of this wonderful opportunity and got their pilot’s license during the year. Photo by the flying club.

GT Lacrosse

Give Blood, Play Lacrosse, was a common slogan around Tech campus this past year, but many students really did not know what the game involved.

Teams of ten players each used sticks with pouches on the ends to throw the ball up field and into their opponent's goals. The ball usually reached speeds of over 100 mph. It was a fast and exciting sport.

Since Tech had such a diverse population with students coming from all over the United States as well as all over the world, athletes were not too difficult to find.

The team was a member of the Southeastern Lacrosse Conference (SELC), which included such teams as Vanderbilt, Clemson, and Georgia. The team dominated its competition in its league. Tech was at an impressive 5-1 going into spring quarter with their only loss coming to Tennessee. They beat such teams as the Citadel and the University of South Carolina in the conference, and Mercer College in non-conference action.

Most on the team agreed that on attack Ryan Toney had been the most improved player. He was one of the team's top scorers this year, whereas in the past he was a far less productive, though important, part of the team. Cliff Moody transferred back to Tech and bolstered the midfield for the Yellow Jackets.

The strongest part of the team this year was the defense, which returned from last year.

The second half of the season was a bit more challenging. The Jackets faced the Tennessee Volunteers and Clemson. They were also forced to matchup against SELC powerhouses Vanderbilt and UGA.

An attempted score by a Tech player led to a pile-up in front of the opponent's goal. Rough play resulted in team t-shirts which read "Give blood. Play lacrosse." Photo by Todd Sleeman.
Fighting for control of the ball, a Tech player blocks his opponent's catch. The team's improvements in skills this year led to an impressive record. Photo by Todd Sleeman.

Tech and UGA fight for the puck during a face-off. Tech and UGA faced each other a number of times during the year and kept the rivalry alive. Photo by Felix Vicente.

Two Tech hockey players head up the ice during a game at the Omni. Tech usually played after the Atlanta Knights when they hit the ice at the Omni. Photo by Felix Vicente.

The Georgia Tech Hockey Club had a disappointing 1993-94 season finishing with a record of 6-11-1. After advancing to the play-offs last year, the Ice Jackets stumbled and were unable to place in the top four of the division. Only the top four teams in the Southern Collegiate Hockey Association could advance to the play-offs.

The Ice Jackets finished the fall with a 5-6-1 overall record and a 3-3 league record. However, in the winter the Hockey Club lost all but one game.

Leading the Ice Jackets in scoring this year was John Krueger, who had 20 goals from 96 shots. Krueger also had six assists. Forward Jerry Paxton was another bright spot on offense, as he recorded a double-double for the season. With 19 goals from 108 shots, Paxton finished second on the team with 15 assists. Finally, forward Jamie Bell led the Ice Jackets with 17 assists, while scoring eight goals during the season.

Scott Anderson had a reasonable season as he gave up only 31 goals on over 300 shots and won 4 games. The defensive stars were comprised of Chris McConnell, Fred Nilsson, and Ed Gallant, who lead the team in the all important +/- category.

The highlight of the season came on February 5 as the Hockey Club met its archrivals, the Georgia Bulldogs. The Ice Jackets crushed the Ice Bulldogs by the score of 5-3. Krueger scored twice while Paxton scored once and dished out three assists. Jeff Collins and Blake Dorr each scored as well.

The Hockey Club finished the season with two exhibition games against the TarHeels of North Carolina. While most of Tech’s home games are played at Parkaire Ice Arena in Marietta, these games were played at the Omni after Atlanta Knights games.
The Georgia Tech crew team finished up another exciting year this spring. As one of the largest sports clubs on Tech campus, the team excelled in almost every aspect of athleticism. The club owns several boats, including three eight-man shells, as well as two four-man shells. Several categories of competition including novice, lightweight, and heavyweight allowed almost anyone with a little extra time and the desire to be a rower to participate.

The team rowed out of St. Andrews Racing Center in Roswell, Ga. Different groups practiced at different times, including the men's varsity eight, which preferred to practice at 4:30 a.m.

The club competed in several competitions this past year. The men's varsity eight put in quite a few excellent performances, capturing third in the Dad Vail Nationals in Philadelphia last spring, and second in the Champion Intercollegiates in Boston. The women's team also had a few winners. The novice lightweight team placed first in the Augusta Invitational Regatta, a race in which several top schools such as Harvard, Yale, and Dartmouth usually appeared.

For many crew club members, winter was spent indoors training. However, club members did participate in two indoor races, which were done on rowing machines.

A group of lacrosse players watch to learn the proper techniques of ball handling. Since the club was new on campus, one of the main goals was learning. Photo by Josh Klapper.


The men's varsity eight team warms up before a big race last year. The eight-man team won several awards. Photo by Chuck Clinton.
Some crew club members get situated in their boat before they race. Several different categories of competition gave everyone a chance to participate. Photo by Chuck Clinton.

A lacrosse team member goes after the ball during practice. The club usually practiced two or three times a week at SAC fields. Photo by Josh Klapper.

Women's Lacrosse

With increasing numbers of women at Tech, it was only a matter of time before Tech students began a women's lacrosse team. As one of the fastest growing sports in America, another lacrosse team was destined to find itself among the club sports offered at Tech.

Under the leadership of coach Jill Noyce, and with several interested female athletes, this team became a reality. Noyce, an Atlanta resident interested in helping the team, had previous coaching experience at the college level.

The club had about 22 students in its first year of competition. Members usually practiced twice a week. They also scrimmaged against the team from Emory for extra practice.

They usually played in actual games after the men's team competed. They also took part in several tournaments throughout the year. The team travelled throughout the Southeast to North Carolina and Vanderbuilt in order to further its competitive spirits.

Since it was a new club, winning every game was simply not important for the club. The team participated more for recreation than for serious competition. Establishment of organization and the gain of extra practice seemed to be the main goals of the club. However, by gaining experience the team hoped to have a bright future.

Kevin Cargill cheers on the rugby team during an afternoon competition. Cargill served as the club president this past year. Photo by David Pauli.


A Tech rugby player concentrates on keeping the ball. The team performed extremely well this year, going undefeated in the fall. Photo by David Pauli.

GT Rugby

The Georgia Tech Rugby team ended another exciting year this spring. The team, which had greatly improved from last year, beat up on several southeastern teams as well as an international team, making up for last year’s poor performance.

This year the team had a lot of new members to grace the playing field. They usually practiced twice a week in the Burger Bowl, and invited every Tech athlete to give rugby a chance.

The team was a member of the Georgia Rugby Union (GRU), a conference which included such teams as Clemson, Georgia Southern, and Alabama. This fall they were undefeated in matrix play (games in their conference). They also participated in the GRU championships.

During the winter quarter, the team went 3-1 in conference play and lost to Vanderbilt. They also played an international team from Argentina, whom they tore apart, and won a great victory.

Spring was also a productive quarter for the rugby team. They once again continued their outstanding performances and played their hearts out, which took them to an almost undefeated schedule in two quarters.
Women's Soccer

The Georgia Tech women’s soccer program finished another fine year this spring. Under the direction of president Mary Chiozza, the team was able to advance its skills and make its mark on women’s soccer in the Southeast.

The club was more of a recreational program than one that fought tooth and nail for every win. During the fall, practices were held three times a week in the Burger Bowl. Members ran through drills in order to improve such skills as ball handling, dribbling, and shooting. Games were played on weekends, and were not usually held at Georgia Tech. The team played several games against opponents ranging from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga to Georgia. The Georgia Tech team went 1-2-1 for the quarter—a fairly good record against teams that will advance to varsity status for the 1994-1995 year.

During the winter and spring quarters, the women’s soccer team played indoor soccer at The Soccer Academy, in Roswell, GA. They participated in a women’s only league, in which they did well against some local powerhouse teams.

A few members of the club also kicked around SAC fields, where they played intramurals during the winter.


Players chase the ball downfield during a local outdoor game. The team played both indoor and outdoor soccer during their year-round schedule. Photo by Andy Curtis.

Gaining control of the ball, a player guides a pass to her teammate. Weekly drills helped club members maintain their playing talents. Photo by Andy Curtis.
For several years, Tech had as great a reputation in athletics as it had for its academics. The 1993-1994 seasons were no different. Although this year’s teams had their difficulties, students, faculty, and fans still stood behind the athletes.

Despite this year’s 5-6 football record, students were able to look to the past for comfort. They remembered fondly the past national championship teams of 1917, 1928, 1952, and 1990 and held hopes that Tech would soon rise to claim that title again. There was always next year for the young team to do better.

Other sports around Tech had more rewarding seasons during 1993-1994. Led by David Duval, the Georgia Tech golf team was able to make its mark in Tech athletic history. The team was just one stroke short of a national title, but still had several first place finishes throughout the year. The Yellow Jacket baseball team, although unable to pull through in the NCAA tournament, maintained a very high ranking throughout its entire season.

Both the women’s and men’s track teams produced their share of champions. Several runners sprinted their way to top finishes as well as all-NCAA rankings. Cross country runners performed equally well this year. They received some of the highest rankings ever in their sport at Tech.

The men’s and women’s tennis teams got off to shaky starts. The teams were plagued by both injuries and lack of experience in the college arena. Tech’s softball team slipped as well. They did not quite reach their 30-win mark, but their hopes were high for the next season. Tech’s swim team also had an on-and-off season this year, placing seventh in the ACC tournament.

And who could possibly forget the basketball team? Led by two outstanding juniors, the team knocked off several top ranked teams. Despite the fact that the regular season did not go as well as most fans had hoped for, there was still a tremendous showing against some of today’s toughest college basketball teams.

Sports clubs shined as well. Offering the less common, but certainly not less exciting sports, many students took advantage of this great opportunity. Many new clubs were formed, especially programs that emphasized the female athlete. Whether it was flying a plane, or running up and down Grant Field playing lacrosse, Tech athletes always found away to excel this year.

The 1993-1994 seasons wound up with mixed reviews. Heartbreaking losses combined with fantastic finishes left fans, students, and athletes simply astonished. No matter what the records show, all of the hard work and determination that went into the 1993-94 seasons made each and every athlete a winner.
Todd Harlicka goes for the no-look pass during a basketball game earlier this year. The basketball team had a rocky season, losing in the first round of the ACC and NIT Tournaments. Photo by David Pauli.

Dorsey Levens finds a hole to run through during the Maryland game, earlier this year. Despite the fact that the team went 5-6 this year, fans had been able to celebrate four national champion teams and several bowl victories in the past. Photo by Chuck Clinton.

The hockey team gathers before the period begins to discuss the game plan. The club team had an average year, but failed to make the play-offs. Photo by Felix Vicente.

A women's tennis player reaches out to get the ball. The team had a rough year, but hoped the that the experience it gained would help in the future. Photo by Matt Baclar.

A member of the Tech track team jumps for the gold. The team had a pretty good year, competing at several competitions and taking home quite a few awards. Photo by Matt Baclar.
Each quarter, new students arrived on campus, older students graduated, and many others left before graduating. Even with the Freshman Experience program, the ASSET program, and other efforts, only a little over seventy percent of entering freshmen were expected to graduate from the Institute. It was all of the people, faculty and students, not buildings or traditions, that made up Georgia Tech. The constantly changing faces on campus meant that each day at school was a unique experience.