

## Beyond the White and Gold

# Roommate will feel my wrath for not watching series

By Derek Haynes  
Sports Editor

At 11:04 p.m. Sunday evening, I was in a panic. I had just finished some homework at the Flag Building and was hurrying back to my room to watch the Yankees take on the Diamondbacks in game seven of the World Series.

I had run to my friend's dorm, who is on the first floor of Sixth Street, and watched the eighth inning from outside. I saw the Yankees take the lead, I figured it was over.

I walked into my Eighth Street apartment and saw my roommate watching television. I could tell he was really into what he was seeing on the TV.

It wasn't the World Series.

I panicked.

I didn't know what to say. I went quickly into my room, turned on my computer, went to mlb.com and

tried to call up the New York Yankees–Arizona Diamondbacks contest.

Great. It cost 10 dollars to listen to the game.

I tried my radio. All I got was static.

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The victory celebration was average—I finally got up the nerve to ask my roommate to switch the channel—but I will forever hold a grudge against him for not watching the

World Series. The seventh game. The last inning.

There are simply some things you do in the United States. You eat McDonalds; you complain about the government; you hate the Yankees. For example, on the [ajc.com](http://ajc.com) Wednesday afternoon, a poll question asked which team would you most like to see disappear after the contraction.

67 percent of the pollsters said the Yankees.

What will I do to punish him for making me miss what might have been the last game of the best World Series in my existence? I might make him go to a Hawks game. I might make him go to a batting cage blindfolded. I might even read my *Modeling, Analysis, Design, and Control of Stochastic Systems* textbook out loud to him.

I do know this, roommate, consider the preceding words a stern warning.

## Intramural Notebook

with Jack B. Nimble

### Size Matters' numbers don't add up

This week, I think we have the worst Top Ten team in the history of Georgia Tech Intramurals.

Well, at least since I started covering intramurals this fall.

That team: **Size Matters**. Wow guys, I sure hope it does matter because you aren't getting anything done on the court.

#### A League Soccer

Rank	Team
1	Captain Allevé and the ChE Bombers
2	Internationals
3	FIJI
4	TKE
5	Pi Kappa Phi
6	AÉES All Carbon
7	Block This
8	Beta Theta Pi
9	Size Matters
10	Theta Xi

Jorge Almirall, Luis Caamano, David Hart and the rest of the gang are at .500 and are ranked eighth, but this team has not played a match in the young intramural volleyball season. The squad lost their first match by forfeit to **AÉES All Carbon** and followed up that performance with a forfeit victory over **Block This** in week three. Their point totals: 2 points for, 60 points against.

#### Women's Volleyball

Rank	Team
1	AXO
2	Alpha Xi
3	All-nighters
4	Alpha Gamma Delta
5	ADPi
6	The Insomniac Attack
7	Phi Mu
8	Katy Boehle

game VIII upclose: No. 23 Georgia Tech 28, No. 21 North Carolina 21

# Jackets back on track after stomping Heels

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Julius Peppers, North Carolina defensive end and Heisman candidate, summed up Tech's 28-21 victory in one sentence.

"They kind of picked us apart," said Peppers, who was held to two tackles in the Thursday night game. "They were running where they wanted to."

For the first time this season, No. 23 Tech played a complete game as Joe Burns ran for a career-high 198 yards and held the No. 21 Tar Heels, the ACC's hottest team, to just 13 yards on the ground.

Tech's usually strong special teams, which struggled in the homecoming victory over NC State, played a strong game led by junior punt returner Kelley Rhino's 111 yards on four returns and Kelly Campbell's 108 yards on four kickoff returns. Rhino nearly returned two of the punts for touchdown scores.

"I thought we played a good game offensively, defensively and on special teams," said Rambling Wreck Head Coach George O'Leary. "I think we made some big plays in all of those areas."

Burns, who put the game away with a tip-toeing 51-yard run along the sideline in the middle of the fourth quarter, wasn't surprised by Tech's strong ground game.

"To be honest, I felt going into the game that we could run the ball with success against North Carolina," Burnssaid. "We certainly proved we could."

Tech best demonstrated their offensive prowess against the ACC's second-best defense in an 18-play, 84-yard drive that took 8:47 off the clock and gave Tech a 20-14 lead at the end of the third quarter. Senior Quarterback George Godsey, who had been wearing a metal knee brace after off-season surgery on a torn



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Kelley Rhino was selected as ACC special teams player of the week after totaling 111 yards on four punt returns in the Jackets' win over UNC. The junior out of Smyrna nearly returned a pair of punts for touchdowns.**

ACL, didn't wear the brace for the first time in the second half and rushed into the endzone from three yards out to cap the drive. Godsey threw for an efficient 187 yards, a touchdown, and an interception.

The Jackets, who have played in more Thursday night games on ESPN than any other school, were the first team to go against Tar Heel redshirt freshman quarterback Darian Durant for an entire contest. Usually sharing time with injured senior signal caller Ronald Curry, Durant threw for 286 yards and three scores.

The one positive for the Heels was their containment of Biletnikoff Award candidate Kelly Campbell, who came into the game leading the ACC in both receptions and yards-per-game. Campbell was limited to 3 catches for 27 yards. Jonathon Smith, who wasn't expected

to get much playing time this season until speedy receiver Nate Curry was injured in the preseason, gained 86 yards on 8 catches. Smith caught a 17-yard touchdown pass early in the second quarter to give Tech a 7-0 lead.

The win over the Heels comes at an important time for the Jackets. Tech started the season with much hype, including national title hopes, but saw those dreams shatter in heart-breaking, home overtime losses to Clemson and Maryland. With the win, Tech stays within striking distance of ACC leaders Maryland and Florida State, who each have one loss.

The Jackets head to Charlottesville Saturday to take on 3-6 Virginia, who are ahead of only 0-9 Duke in the ACC standings. Tech has not beaten the Cavs on their home turf since the 1990 season.

## Student Seating

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against Pennsylvania. It has not been decided yet if the shirts will be distributed for any more home games. Akin says Tech is trying to get a sponsor to make the T-shirts freely available after the distributions at the first two home games. For the exhibition game Monday against the EA Sports All-Stars, shirts will be given to students on the floor level but can't be used for access to the floor in regular season games.

After the opening regular season games, the floor seating will be given away to students with the T-shirts on a first-come, first-serve basis. The floor seating is not the only change to basketball student ticket policy. Students no longer will need to register on the JustArrive Ticketing System to reserve tickets or go to the Athletic Association to get tickets before the game. The same first-come, first-served system used for floor seats will be installed for all student tickets.

The reason for the switch is simple: JustArrive went out of business. Akin doesn't view the switch as completely negative; many students didn't attend the games after they registered.

"When the Duke student tickets went on sale, the tickets were sold out in less than two hours," said Akin. "However, only 686 of 1300 students who registered actually attended the game."

Students, as expected, have been very supportive of the decision for the floor-level seating.

"I didn't go to any games last year, but I'm definitely going to try getting on the floor this year," said third year Mechanical Engineering major Khanh P. Nguyen.

Elizabeth Sanders, an avid Tech basketball fan, is also in favor of the decision.

"I'll line up early to get those tickets," said the Math major.

Lining up for tickets is exactly what the GTAA wants.

"We want there to be a desire for

the tickets. We want the tickets to be hard to get," said Akin.

Hewitt has made it a point of trying to reinstall the "Thrillerdome" atmosphere back into the Tech basketball program. The nickname came about during the late 1980s and 90s when the team played in front of large, boisterous crowds and tickets were very hard to get. Last season, Hewitt made the first steps in creating a larger crowd presence by moving the opponent's bench toward the student section.

"I loved the idea of getting the students closer," says Hewitt. "I'd like to seem them all down here someday."

Senior point guard Tony Akins, who has seen the loud crowds at Duke and other ACC foes throughout his career, knew the Coliseum was missing something.

"I always wanted to get students closer, it's a great idea," said Akins.

One of the few groups of people that have been upset over the new student seats are the season ticket holders who had seats in the end-zones. However, by moving the press box into the general attendance area, the GTAA was able to create new sideline seating for the season ticket holders.

"The seats they'll have now are actually better," said Akin.

Another group that has a conflict of interest with the new student seating is the student-run cheering organization Swarm. The members, who wear yellow shirts and are present in large numbers at Tech football games, won't be able to wear their shirts on the floor.

"The biggest conflict is that we're both trying to the same thing," says Brian Alexy, President of Swarm, on the mandatory T-shirts for students on the floor. "But we do like the new seating."

Ramblin' Reck members who are among the first 200 students at the game will be able to wear their shirts on the floor.

# No. 17 Georgia Tech (6-2, 3-2 ACC) at Virginia (3-6, 2-5 ACC)

## Coaches

Wahoo Coach Al Groh created chaos for the New England Patriots after coaching great Bill Parcells retired. Last year he came back to his alma mater where he has successfully turned a bowl-caliber team into one that with four weeks remaining is out of contention.



## Quarterback

For the second week in a row, Tech faces a system that is headed by two quarterbacks. This week it's Bryson Spinner, who plays the role of the quarterback that can run but not throw, and Matt Shaub, who plays the exact opposite role. As always, the two-quarterback system will fail.



## Running backs

Last year's ACC leading rusher Antoine Womack returns this week, however he will be not be near 100 percent. Even if he was near last year's status, Jacket Joe Burns would easily be able to outshine him—as long as his nightmare Maryland game doesn't return.



## Wide Receiver

The Cavaliers have one of the best wide receivers in the nation in Billy McMullen. McMullen has already amassed 63 receptions for 791 yards and scored ten times. However, he does not have the supporting staff that Campbell has in Jonathan Smith and Kerry Watkins.



## Offensive Line

The Wahoo's line features three returning senior starters from last season, one of which, Josh Lawson, was an All-ACC selection. Meanwhile, Tech's young line is getting stronger each week and is giving Burns larger holes to work with. Hoo's in a close one.



## Defensive Unit

Before last week's game against Wake Forest Head Coach Al Groh dismantled his defensive coaching staff and also switched from a basic 3-4 formation to a base 4-3 scheme. Even with this new devotion to stopping the running game, the Deacons ran for 248 total yards with a backup running back amassing 151 yards.



## Special Teams

Last week was the most complete game of the season against UNC. However, hidden underneath the dominating performance of Kelley Rhino and Kelly Campbell was another missed field by Luke Manget. Hopefully this week he can return to his early season status.

**EVEN**

## Forecast

It's hard to tell which team the Jackets will play on Saturday, the one that beat Clemson in Death Valley or the one that lost at home to Wake Forest. Either way Tech should be able to build upon last week's performance. Tech 35, Cavaliers 14.



## Back in Action

Virginia's Antoine Womack, last year's All-ACC running back, returns this week and will play sparingly throughout the game. He has been sitting the bench due to an ankle sprain that occurred during the Hoo's opening game against Wisconsin.

## Honor Roll

A round of applause for Tech gridgers Joe Burns and Kelley Rhino who received the ACC's runningback and special teams player of the week awards, respectively.

## Stepping Up

Honorable mention goes to receiver Jonathan Smith, who had his best game of the season against the Heels, catching eight passes for 86 yards and a score.

# Feeling lucky? You'll need it in college football's overtime



By Daniel Uhlig / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Joe Burns fumbles in the 20-17 overtime loss against Maryland, the second such overtime loss of the season. The first overtime game was a 47-44 defeat by Clemson in which Tiger Woodrow Dantzler ran for the final score.**

By Derick Stanger  
Assistant Sports Editor

To Tech fans overtime is now considered blasphemy and is the Achilles heel of a potentially great football team. However, even if those two games which will live in infamy had ended differently, it should not change the way all college football fans feel about overtime.

It is during overtime that sports turn into something that is similar to a rogue basketball game (this will all make sense in a second). Soccer and NFL football have do-or-die type systems with their 'golden goal' and 'sudden death,' respectively, while NCAA football has resorted to a simple game of "Pig". If you match what the other player does you get to try again. Inevitably the other player will make that behind-the-back-eyes-closed-on-one-leg-nothing-but-net shot that they have

practiced a total of one time. And when that shot goes down, one knows that their day is over. So what's wrong and how should it be fixed?

First off, there is the coin toss. This is clearly an admission by the football gods that overtime is unjust. In Vegas people should now bet on who will win the overtime coin toss rather than the final score since the coin toss is practically all that matters.

Jacket safety Chris Young says "I think it's fair because both teams get the ball. You want to be lucky and win the toss so you can play defense first and try to stop them."

While there is a certain aspect of luck in every sport, it should never be a deciding factor in a game. There is such a way to eliminate this unnecessary part of the game. Simply use the coin toss at the beginning of the game. The loser of the toss would be able to choose ball possession in

overtime if they wish. This would bring a whole new advantage to deferring the coin toss to the other team and would make coaches ponder that first decision so much more. This would also eliminate that two-

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headed coin that is utilized so many times by the likes of FSU and UGA.

After the coin toss, the college system continues its absurdity. Each team starts at its own 25-yard line

and attempts to score a touchdown or field goal. The other team then has to match the other team's score or surpass it for the win. So if the first team only scores a field goal, the opposing team can call safe plays and know that the worst-case scenario, barring the unthinkable, they tie. This sounds similar to a game of Hollywood Squares. "I'll take Gilbert Gottfried for the block."

Tech quarterback George Godsey says, "It's a big advantage to win the toss and go on defense first so that you know if you need a touchdown or a field goal."

This system continues for an infinite amount of overtime periods until someone is declared a winner. To make it a little more confusing, they threw in that after the second overtime a team is required to go for a two-point conversion after a touchdown. So it is completely possible for a game to be longer than the stadium bathroom line at half time. This was proven by last week's Mississippi-Arkansas game which lasted for seven overtime periods.

In this world of negatives, there is still a plus. At least the college system isn't as bad as the NFL system, whose innovators must have had the creativity of parents who name their newborn son John Doe.

"I don't like the NFL system because you could lose the game without ever getting the ball," says Young.

What is the solution? Well, being the deity that I am, I have the solutions to the quandary that many have failed at solving.

The first step to divining the solution is reinstating a phenomenon known as the tie. If two teams battle it out for 60 minutes, or what seemed to be several days in the case of the Razorbacks and Ole Miss, and they continue to match each other stride for stride, then a declaration of mutual cease-fire is called for. Of course, this would be dis-

counted for the national championship game.

As for the actual overtime, there are three possible situations. The first is to eliminate overtime entirely. However, this would wreak havoc with the BCS computers and polls. The second is to make overtime similar to that of basketball's system. Simply making something similar to a fifth quarter would ensure that the full capability of each team is tested. While some would argue that this would create a type of atmosphere similar to that of a baseball game in the 15th inning, it would also eliminate any possibility of the equivalent to a 25-inning game. Football is not meant for the casual fan and those 10 or 15 added minutes of heart-pounding drama that can send fans into cardiac arrest are all that matters.

For casual fans out there, I suggest an additional alternative. Use the exact same method that is currently in use but instead of teams starting at the opposing 25-yard line, have the ball kicked off. The special teams would be tested and complete playbooks would be usable. The respective red zone offense and defenses would not be the only squads displayed. Instead, teams would have to march down the field and have to work.

The fault to this last system is that while it would dampen the effect of the lucky factor, it would not eliminate it. A fluke fumble would still destroy a strong team as it partly should. The most complete and favorable plan is that of the 15-minute overtime.

#### Overtime Solution

Reinstate the possibility of ties into the college game.

Base overtime possession solely on the opening coin toss.

Make overtime play like regulation, complete with kickoffs and returns.

Create one 15 minute overtime period or two 10 minute overtimes.

# SPORTS

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## Football OT needs work

The 'Nique's Derick Stanger feels the main component for a college football overtime victory is luck, not skill. Page 31

## Cavs look to upset Tech

The Cavs haven't lost to Tech at home since '90, the year Tech won the title. How do the Cavs look against the Jackets? Page 30



## by the numbers

446

Season return yards by junior Kelley Rhino, setting a new Jacket record. With four games left, Rhino has already passed the previous record of 441 yards, held by his father, Randy Rhino.

200

Number of new courtside seats in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum available each game for students only. The seats will be located behind both baskets and will be accessible on a first come, first serve basis.

103.4

Rushing yards per game by Joe Burns. This comes after a 198-yard performance last week against the Tar Heels. He has managed this average even while playing limited time in four games.

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Number of overtimes in last week's Arkansas-Mississippi gridiron contest, an NCAA record. Arkansas won the contest 58-56. The teams were tied 17-17 at the end of regulation.

## football forecast

- Georgia Tech vs. Virginia
- Washington State vs. Arizona State
- Washington vs. Oregon State
- Oregon vs. UCLA
- Florida vs. South Carolina
- Clemson vs. Maryland
- Auburn vs. Georgia
- Penn State vs. Illinois
- Iowa vs. Northwestern
- Purdue vs. Ohio State

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## on deck

Event	Date
VB at Virginia	9
TW at Illinois Fall Invt.	9
SD at Maryland, 4 p.m.	9
BW vs. SE ProAm, 2 p.m.	10
FB vs. Virginia, 3:30 p.m.	10
BM vs. EA Sports, 7 p.m.	12
VB at ACC Tourney	15

FB - Football VB - Volleyball TW - Women's Tennis BM - Men's Basketball BW - Women's Basketball SD - Swimming and Diving

# Spikers kick Tar Heels out of first

By David Rottman  
Staff Writer

Heading into last weekend's final two regular-season home games, Tech was not playing up to its potential. Apparently, someone forgot to tell Maja Pachale. The senior led the Jackets to two ACC wins over North Carolina and NC State as Tech solidified their hold on third place in the conference.

In Friday night's five-game victory over UNC (18-6, 10-3 ACC), Pachale hammered home 28 kills and hit an impressive .434. Pachale rounded out her game by adding a team high 17 digs.

"She can be a very dominant player," said head coach Shelton Collier of Pachale. "We have a chance to win an ACC title if Maja's going to play with that type of dominating net play."

Joining Pachale in leading the Jackets was sophomore middle blocker Alexandra Preiss. Preiss led the team with nine block assists and added 17 kills.

"We were keying on their outside hitters, number 8 (Nicole Reis) and number 11 (Laura Greene)," said Preiss. "And I think we did a pretty good job."

And a good job they did. Preiss and company held Reis and Greene

to a combined hitting percentage of .115.

Also key in the Tech victory was the play of sophomore setter Kele Eveland. Eveland led the way with 67 assists, 16 digs and even added 7 kills.

"The most important variable was that Kele Eveland set her best match of the season," said Collier. "It really allowed our offense to run at a high level."

Tech continued their hot play on Saturday night. The Jackets blasted NC State (6-18, 1-13 ACC) in three games on Senior Night. Pachale again led the way with 18 kills. Pachale, in the game, surpassed Cris

Omicinski's record of 1,749 kills to become Tech's all-time kills leader.

Joining Pachale, seniors Kyleen Bell and Dori Pap led the team to victory. Pap notched a career-high 12 kills while Bell added five kills, five digs and one solo block.

"Senior night was very special for us tonight and I was so happy to see Ky, Maja and Dori all play so well in such an exciting home event," said Collier.

With the two wins, Tech improves to 16-6 and 10-4 in the ACC. The Jackets have two more matches—at Virginia and at Maryland—before heading into the ACC tournament on November 15.

## Jackets looking to build on UNC victory against Cavs

This week the Tech football team heads off to Charlottesville to face Virginia. Tech has been unsuccessful in several attempts at winning inside Scott Stadium. The last redeeming visit to the Hoo's breeding ground came back in 1990, when the Cavaliers were ranked No. 1 in the country and upset 41-38 by a No. 14 Jackets team that would eventually become NCAA champions. Overall, the matchups have been fairly close with the Jackets edging out the Cavaliers 12-10-1.

Virginia is playing its worst ball in five years under new head coach Al Groh. However, his is a team that when playing its best football can beat high-caliber teams. One of the Hoos' three wins came from the hands of the Clemson Tigers in a 26-24 win where they managed to steal two interceptions from Woodrow Dantzler and for the most part control him on the ground. This is also a team that has lost its last five games and isn't eligible for a bowl for the first time in four years. Last week, they managed to lose against ACC doormat Wake Forest, who successfully ran over the Cavaliers and gained a total of

481 yards to complete a 34-30 victory.

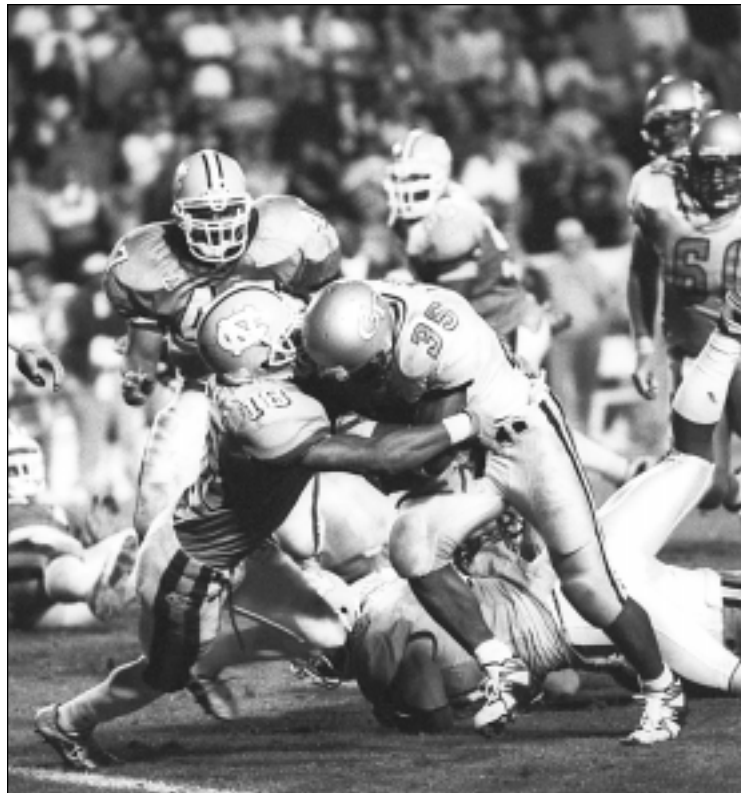
Which team will show up? "We're preparing for them both," says Ricardo Wimbush.

This does not only apply to the Wahoos though. Many facets of the Tech team have shown that they have a wide array of playing ability. Against Clemson the defense didn't show up, against Maryland the offense was on vacation and for the NC State game, the special teams were on some type of furlough. It was not until week eight against UNC that all three parts became a whole and played what many considered to be their most complete game of the season.

The point by point matchup for the UVA game is located on page 30.

### No. 17 GT at UVA

**Who:** No. 17 Georgia Tech (6-2, 3-2 ACC) vs. Virginia (3-6, 2-5 ACC)  
**When:** Saturday, Nov. 10, 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Scott Stadium (61,500)  
**TV/Radio:** None/ AM 790  
**Last Meeting:** Tech 35, UVA 0, Nov. 9, 2000  
**Series:** Tech leads 12-10-1



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Joe Burns, who rushed for a career-high 198 yards in last week's 28-21 victory over North Carolina, leads the Tech team into Charlottesville to take on the Cavaliers. The Jackets last beat Virginia at home in 1990.

## New basketball seating puts students on floor

By Derek Haynes  
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When ACC basketball foes visit Alexander Memorial Coliseum next season, they will notice something drastically different.

Yes, the goal padding has changed from black to old gold, but this is something bigger.

The press box has been moved from the sideline into the general attendance area, but that too isn't the big change.

What they will notice is screaming, passionate and college-aged sea of gold—at least that's what Paul Hewitt, coach of the Tech basketball team, Wayne Clough, President of Georgia Tech, and David Braine, Athletic Director, hope to see.

"I watch people and watch who cheers, and there were people sitting down on the floor who never got out of their seat," said Clough. "It's kind of ridiculous [for the students] to be way up in the corner."

Tech's new floor-level seating for students began last Friday when

the women's basketball team played the Virgin Island All-Stars in their first exhibition game. Seating, however, may not be the correct term. Instead of seats, a set of risers have been installed behind the two goals where season ticket holders used to sit. The risers are three deep and resemble wide steps. Each endzone is expected to hold 100 students, a total of 200 students at court-level.

"We expect to have 100 students on each side, but that could change," says Joeleen Akin, Director of Marketing and Promotions for the Georgia Tech Athletic Association (GTAA). "It's still a work in progress."

Getting the floor seats, which should become the most desired student seats in Tech sports, isn't as easy as walking straight down to the floor. To get the floor seats, students have to have an official Tech basketball shirt given by Tech marketing. The shirts will be distributed to the first 200 fans in attendance at both the Nov. 16 game against Florida A&M and the Nov. 19 game

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### Men's Basketball Student Ticket Distribution File

Tickets will not be distributed at the AA, seats will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Coliseum. Risers have been installed in the two endzones with enough space for a total of 200 students. Students must have a special shirt to get the floor seating, the shirt will be distributed at the Nov. 16 game against Florida A&M and the Nov. 19 game against Pennsylvania.