**TECHNIQUE**

**THE SUMMER:**

**STAFF MEETING OF THE SUMMER:**

**TUESDAY, JULY 1**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**SPORTS**

**faces in the crowd**

by katie neal

“Ace” Eziemefe
Sophomore
Running Back- Football

This 6-1 sophomore running back looks to be one of Tech’s hot spots for the 2003 season. Ace stepped up when Tony Hollings went down last in 2002. He will most likely see a good bit of playing time for this season as well.

The management major hails from Edna Karr High School in New Orleans, where he was named as the No. 16 prospect on SuperPrep’s Louisiana 45 list. Ace’s full name is Ajenavi Christopher Eziemefe. First name means “Let this child live” in Nigerian, but was nicknamed “Ace,” from his initials.

Brendon Mahoney
Junior
800, 1500 Meters- Track & Field

As one of Tech’s men’s track and field’s most prominent shining stars and one of the nation’s top middle distance runners, Brendon Mahoney’s most recent accomplishment was an eighth place finish in the 1500 meters at this past U.S. Nationals. After sitting out most of his sophomore year with a leg injury, he has returned to earn both all-ACC and all-America honors for the team.

A local boy from Marist, Mahoney captured both national and state titles at the high school level. He took the national title in the mile at the Footlocker High School National Championships in Raleigh, N.C., in 1999 and won Georgia state titles in the 800 meters and the mile.

MaChelle Joseph
First Year
Women’s Basketball Head Coach

A new face on campus, as well as one that will be seen on the sidelines of women’s basketball games in the upcoming season is MaChelle Joseph, the fifth head coach in the history of the Yellow Jacket program.

Joseph replaces Agnus Berenato, who became the head coach at Pittsburgh after 15 seasons in the same position at Tech. In her two years as Tech’s top assistant coach, Joseph helped the program to two of the best seasons in its history. Joseph helped the Jackets gain a top ten recruiting class this past year. Her career as an assistant coach spans 11 years in three of the nation’s top women’s basketball conferences with Auburn, Purdue, and Illinois among her previous experiences.

**Track**

by Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After a second place finish at the NCAA Track & Field Championships this past month, freshman Chaunte Howard went on to a first place finish at the junior national championships in the high jump, setting a new record.

“I can’t believe it went so fast, but I’ve enjoyed my time here...I’m just glad I had this opportunity.”

Bryan Swann
All American Runner

Howard placed fourth in the high jump the day after winning the junior national title in the event. Howard had a height of 5’11.25” in the event and tied her personal best and school record by clearing 6’2.25”. She tied with Ifoma Jones, Asics’ Amy Acuff, a 2000 Olympian, cleared 6’4.75” to win the event.

In the men’s 1500 meter final, Mahoney ran 3:46.82 and finished eighth. Mahoney had run at the back of a 12-man pack for most of the race before he kicked into high gear in the final lap to move up to eighth.

Nike’s Jason Lunn finished first in the event with a time of 3:44.00.

Smith finished 16th in the triple jump on the women’s side with a leap of 41’2.50”.

While in junior national action, freshman Simone Parker had a toss of 136’6”.

Freshman Brandt Depland was 11th in the triple jump with a leap of 134’0”.

Freshman Rob Kuhn competed in the 1500 meters at the junior nationals as well. Kuhn was 13th at the USAATF championships. His time was 4:00.86.

The stellar performances at the championships capped off an outdoor and indoor season that ranks among the teams’ best.
By Kimberly Rieck  
Sports Editor

ACC offers invitation to Miami, Va. Tech

After weeks of twists in what has been an “interesting” process, the ACC’s nine presidents voted on Tuesday to approve an expansion plan that would add Miami and Virginia Tech, forming an 11-team league. The New York Times reported that the vote was 7-2. Duke and North Carolina were the opposing teams.

The current plan excludes Boston College and Syracuse, who had been slated for weeks to be included in the ACC expansion plan. The ACC had compiled site visits to Miami, Syracuse and Boston College but had not issued formal invitations.

ACC Commissioner John Swofford met with reporters on Tuesday night, but would not discuss the specifics of the meeting or confirm any deal. “We hope to have an announcement in a couple days,” Swofford said, the Winston-Salem (N.C.) Journal reported. “There are no done deals at this point.”

When Swofford was asked if there was a need for another presidential teleconference, his response was “I doubt it,” according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

Tuesday night’s meeting was the fifth in the past two weeks for the expansion process. The ACC’s proposal to expand has become incredibly complicated due to politics and competing agendas.

Virginia President Teresa Sullivan faced political pressure from his state’s senators and congressmen because of Virginia Tech’s initial exclusion from the plan. Casten was expected to vote no to any proposal that did not include Virginia Tech.

The prospect for adding Virginia Tech as a 13th team came about last week. However some of the schools that were already planning to vote yes balked at the proposal because they didn’t want to split the league’s revenues 13 ways.

In order for an expansion plan to pass, seven of the nine ACC schools needed to vote yes. Duke and North Carolina have opposed expanding to 12 teams.

A lawsuit Virginia Tech and four other Division I-A Big East teams filed against the ACC added pressure to the situation. Attorney generals from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania stepped in and began to pressure the ACC to drop its proposed expansion plans because of the negative impact on the Big East teams in their states. However, Florida’s Attorney General promised to support Florida State and Miami in their fight to expand the league.

A compromise plan to invite only Miami to the ACC has been briefly floated around by a number of parties including Rutgers’ president and Duke men’s basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski. If only Miami had been invited, the ACC would have expanded to a 10-team conference.

By adding Miami and Virginia Tech, the ACC was able to establish several goals. First, it would enable the league to keep its geographical “footprint” rather than go far north with Boston College and Syracuse. That goal addresses concern from the faculty that expansion would add to travel for student-athletes, particularly in nonrevenue sports.

Another goal was to upgrade ACC football. Miami and Virginia Tech are two teams that have been consistent in the top 10 during the past few years. However by only adding two teams, the ACC would not be able to hold a conference championship football game, one of the league’s main reasons for expansion. Under NCAA rules, only conferences with 12 teams can hold a conference championship football game. The ACC is expected to appeal the rule if the league does only expand to 11 teams.

The league was under serious internal pressure to complete a deal Tuesday. Krzyzewski criticized the expansion process during a press conference Tuesday. “I think we haven’t distinguished ourselves in doing this,” said Krzyzewski. “I hope we mend fences because we’ve obviously gone into another person’s yard with our tractor-trailer and our John Deere and knocked down a few trees.”

If Miami and Virginia Tech choose to join the ACC for the 2004-5 academic year, the teams have to inform the Big East of their intentions by Monday. If the schools miss that deadline, their exit fee for leaving the Big East increases from $1 million to $2 million.