Paxten, Gibbs win Mr. and Ms. GT

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At Saturday’s Homecoming football game, the winners of the Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech titles were announced. The honors went to Kirsten Gibbs, a fourth year biology student, and Michael Paxten, a fourth year biomedical engineer. "I was very shocked," Gibbs said. "I didn’t expect it at all. At first I didn’t even realize that they had called my name…It was a very exciting day."

The naming of the new Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech takes place every year, and Kirsten Gibbs explained the process. "Any student organization can nominate you, then from there you submit an application, which is basically your GPA, your activities and the honors you’ve received. You also write a paragraph about your career aspirations," Gibbs said.

"From there you have your picture taken [to be displayed in the Student Center], and then you have an interview. The panelists that interview you typically consist of previous Mr. and Ms. Georgia Tech winners, a dean or professor and an alumni…so the panel represents different aspects of campus."

"From your interview [the panelists] narrow it down from the initial twenty people to ten, and then the students vote based on the bios that are posted in the Student Center and also just on how well they know you," Gibbs said. "Then it is narrowed down to five people, which is announced at the [Homecoming] talent show, and these are the five people that get to go out on the field escorted by their family and friends."

"[The decision is based on] half your interview and half student vote."

I think that having clear career aspirations and always working towards those made a big difference in my interview portion. Most of the things I’ve been involved with directly relate to what I want to do, and other...
The campus was already buzzing with excitement due to the Homecoming festivities of the week, and the football game brought on a perfect ending to a fun weekend. N.C. State has now not won a game at Bobby Dodd Stadium since 1987.

The game started quickly, with the Jackets driving easily down the field, only to miss a 38 yard field goal. N.C. State then took the ball back down the field for a 41 yard field goal, after the Jackets muffed a punt return.

On the next drive, quarterback Reggie Ball completed a 42 yard touchdown pass to Josh Smith to make the game 7-3. Tech went on to cruise to two more touchdowns and three field goals.

Ball, who was named the ACC Rookie of the Week for the third time this season, stole the show with 291 yards passing and three touchdowns. Josh Smith also had an amazing game, catching nine balls for 159 yards and a touchdown. Smith was named the ACC Offensive Player of the Week as he moved into the second spot in the ACC in receiving yards for the season.

Tech dominated on the defensive side of the ball as well. They came into the game with the No. 25 best rushing defense in the nation and did not disappoint. The Jackets held the Wolfpack, who have averaged over 120 yards a game on the ground, to an ACC low of negative eight yards rushing for the game.

Tech's defensive performance moved the Jackets to the top of the ACC in rushing defense. Sophomore backup Chris Reis also had a breakout game for the Jackets. Reis recorded eight tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery.

The win improves the Jackets record to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the ACC. With games against Wake Forest, Maryland, Duke and North Carolina coming up, the Jackets have a chance to move atop the ACC standings and receive a bowl bid.