By Derek Haynes
Sports Editor

I think it’s time for a wardrobe change.

My clothes are too boring. I wear pants that came out at least two years ago.

My shirt was in the fall fashion lineup at GAP—year 1998.

My shoes are Air Jordan; my socks have both the word “Nike” and the swoosh on them.

The wardrobe gets the job done, but who wants to just get the job done anymore?

I want an exciting wardrobe. I want to walk into the room, have everyone look at me and say “whoa, look at that.” I want Dennis Rodman to say “well, it looks like I’m going to have to marry a trashy model to get attention away from that guy!”

Yes, some people will hate my bright yellow pleather shirt and my orange glasses, but they will notice. They will go out of their way to see what I am wearing tomorrow.

Sports coverage in the 2001-02 campaign of the Technique is throwing out the style that simply got it done and putting a new emphasis on a writing style that reads more like something off the glossy pages of a magazine than a story off of recycled, gray paper.

Gone will be the standard, workmanlike articles, in will be an edgier and more personal style never seen before in the Technique.

What is going to change in my wardrobe?

So Tech won a football game last week—who wants to read about it a week later? If someone was really interested in the game story, there are plenty of places to find it. What the Technique will provide is under-the-scope information into why the Jackets won or lost and a comprehensive graphical preview of the gridders next matchup.

The Olympic sports will receive more in-depth profiles of the athletes and the trials and tribulations they face competing in a sport where seeing yourself on Sports Center isn’t a reason to compete.

We’ll provide increased coverage of intramurals. We won’t cover the C-League pregame rituals, but there are plenty of compelling personalities and teams to demand attention weekly. Here’s hoping the finely-tuned athletes that are the flag football players don’t start demanding athletic scholarships.

We’re starting a weekly column. We will provide a column that doesn’t read like a dissertation; a column that is light but witty. This has been missing from the Technique a lot longer than it should; it will become a staple of the “South’s Liveliest” sports section.

All this couldn’t be happening at a better time:

• The gridders have the potential to turn out one of the most successful seasons in history and face a potential epic battle in Tallahassee against the Seminoles.
• The volleyball team secured 80 of a possible 81 votes in the ACC Volleyball Coaches Pre-Season Poll and are ranked 25th in the country.
• Women’s Swimming begins its first year as a varsity sport and men’s swimming finished in the top-30 at the NCAA Championship meet last season.
• The men’s basketball team has a solid freshman class coming in under ACC Coach of the Year Paul Hewitt and the women’s squad should challenge for an NCAA Tournament bid after a disappointing 2000-01 campaign that resulted in a first round exit from the NIT.
• Baseball, which is becoming a true national power, has a new stadium and a recruiting class ranked at the top of most polls.
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Time is running out on the back-to-school sale.
Perfect player’ looks for ACC Ring

Tech volleyball player Kyleen Bell is strong both on and off the court. Senior and team captain, she looks forward to her last year.

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Senior Kyleen Bell looks for a kill off of a Kele Eveland set at last year’s NC State game. Bell has collected 1,082 kills in her three years at Georgia Tech, finishing her junior campaign with a total of 442.

“Seeing how quick the men rose to the occasion, you see the similarities,” said Collier. “This is how you get the turnaround.”

The Aquatic Center has been a tremendous help, people already know it’s going to be a staple of getting tickets for a football game. Just Arrive, the company which ran the system back in 1996, will continue to provide tickets for men’s and women’s basketball last season, filed for bankruptcy on July 17. Its disappearance not only left Tech scrambling for a way to distribute tickets but several other problems. Florida had all been using the system.

“It was a big surprise. We had no idea,” said Leigh Baker, Director of Ticket Operations.

Baker emphasized that the ticketing method will be the same as last fall. This fall the pool will be enclosed, ticket will be replaced, new variable locker rooms will be added, and a lounge will be

Just arrive online ticketing system goes off-line

By Scott Bude
Contributing Writer

Baron knows the losses will start to hard for this first year program. But Collier and others associated with the Tech Volleyball Program, this is a common problem. Ky Bell is the terminator of Tech’s volleyball team, the type of player who won’t give up even if her legs felt like a rubber band. Bell, chosen as the best practice player in her junior campaign, is consistently at the top of her game.

“Our team could have bad practice but somehow Ky will have a good practice,” said Collier. “But Bell isn’t the hard-working, no-talent athlete that became a fan favorite the moment she stepped on the court. She’s got talent.

“When we were in Germany she was playing against top competition and nobody could stop her,” says Collier. “She was basically unstoppable.”

In the toddler days of Hollywood, producers used to go after performers that had “It.” They couldn’t describe what “It” was, but they knew it when they saw it. Max Senate knew Charlie Chaplin had “It.” He wanted to see him perform in a traveling stage act and signed him on the spot.

Bell has “It.”

“Her special kind of the perfect player because her attitude is so good, her work ethic is so strong and she’s a great player,” says Collier. “She’s got a 3.9 GPA, she’s captain of our team and I think our team really looks up to her as an ideal player.”

In a sport where million dollar contracts aren’t awarded to star players, Bell’s achievements off the court may end up being more important for her in the long run. While she is contemplating playing a season in Europe after she graduates, she knows that isn’t a long-term situation. Bell hasn’t decided what she’s going to do after Dr. Wayne Clough hands her a degree in management.

“I don’t know. Part of me says I’ve done volleyball so long, it’s time to close the book and move on to a new thing. But at the same time it would be a good opportunity to go over to Europe for a year,” said Bell.

Bell may be good — ACC Player of the Year good—but there are five other players that must perform for Tech to have success this season.

Two of those five are more than average players.

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Maja Pachal, one of three players from Europe on the squad, received first-team All-ACC Honors and was selected as team MVP her junior season last year.

Yellow Jackets, Baron boast new women’s swimming program

By Justin Lay
Contributing Writer

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Head Coach, Georgia Tech Volleyball

The Lady Jacket volleyball squad celebrates a win over Minnesota in last year’s September matchup. The girls finished the 2000 season 2-5-8 and will return four starters and begin the 2001 season ranked 25th in the USA Today/AVCA coaches poll. Their first home game is Friday, August 31 at 10 a.m. against Texas Tech.
Women’s Club Soccer rebuilds

For Parika Petaipimol, soccer is not all fun and games like it was in high school. She does not listen to sad, slow songs and kick a beaten-up soccer ball against her dorm room wall. She doesn’t wish for the rides on the school bus that felt like it each stoplight would be its last.

Now the junior has to schedule games, work on fundraising, organize tournaments, and help do all the activities a high school athletic director would.

Except Petaipimol plays too.

“It’s a challenge, but it’s something I love,” said Petaipimol.

Each year the women’s club soccer team starts again. Each year, the number of participants is as unpredictable as a Quentin Tarantino flick. In her freshman season the team had more than 25 players; last year they had barely enough to cover the positions on the field. This season Petaipimol, the Public Relations Chair for the club, feels the club could field two teams for the first time.

“We’ve got an exceptional coach in Crowf Young, who was an assistant for Ohio State. We’ve got 10-12 game guaranteed and a home tournament. Things are coming together this season,” said Petaipimol.

Club Soccer is a step above intramurals; the majority of the 10 players returning have varsity experience. Fielding two teams, there will be a spot for players of all skill levels.

“It’s going to be a unique opportunity. People that play on the second team will have the opportunity to play with the first squad as they gain experience,” said Petaipimol.

The team hopes to field 30 players this season and will have tryouts August 27-30. Monday’s and Wednesday’s tryouts will take place at the Burger Bowl, Tuesday’s and Thursday’s will be held at SAC Field. The tryouts will be held in the late afternoon but no official time has been set.

Highlighting the 2001 schedule will be Tech’s first shot at hosting a tournament. The tournament, called Fall Fest, will be held in Columbia, GA September 28-30. Sixteen teams are expected to compete.

Other highlights on the schedule include a September 9 match-up at archrival Georgia and a trip to Florida State for the Florida State Invitational on October 5-7.

While the club team does not play in a conference, the more matches it plays and the more games it wins help it achieve a higher ranking in the NIRSA Invitational Tournament in Huntsville, AL. The tournament is the national championship for club teams.

Contact Women’s Club Soccer Public Relations Chair Parika Petaipimol at 404-454-2202 for more information.
# 2001 Football Schedule

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Saturday, August 25, 2001
North Carolina vs. Oklahoma (3)
Virginia vs. Wisconsin (23)
TCU vs. Nebraska (4)

Sunday, August 26, 2001
Syracuse vs. Georgia Tech (13)
“It will be almost as if we are competing in a brand new facility,” said Baron.

The renovations are set to begin in December. For the next two years the team will practice in the bubble pool and have their home meets at Emory.

The next step in building a program is getting the swimmers.

“Last season it wasn’t finalized that we would be fielding a team until August,” says Krueger, who specializes in recruiting. “Recruiting starts in July, so we had a late start.”

Krueger and the rest of the coaching staff brought in four swimmers last season in their first recruiting class. All of them were redshirted.

In their first recruiting class this season, Krueger was able to help land a pair of swimmers that should have an immediate impact in the conference. The first, Cara DeVinny, will compete in the backstroke, butterfly and individual medley. Krueger expects to see her place in the top eight of at least two events at the ACC Championships.

The second, sprinter Anna Saum from Toledo, OH, will be the fastest on the team in three and maybe four events.

“Her time is within the top eight in the 100m backstroke in the ACC and she’s close in two other events,” said Krueger.

In all, the second recruiting class at Tech had a hefty 13 members, including two divers. However, the 17 members on Tech’s squad is twice as small as the Tar Heel’s 34. The small roster will create obvious problems.

“We have gaps and our depth isn’t very good in some events,” said Krueger.

Krueger, who saw three women’s sports start-up in her four years at Syracuse, has had plenty of advice in starting a new program.

“I keep calling back to Syracuse again and again asking for advice,” said Krueger.

“It’s kind of like giving birth.”

Swimming from pg 2

The new Lady Jacket swimmers will only be practicing until they face Rice University at Tech's aquatic center in an October 26 meet. The 17 member team, which is composed of 15 swimmers and two divers, will face an Owl squad that finished their 2000 season in 29th place at the NCAA Championship Meet.
PROFILE:

Class: Junior
Hometown: LaPlace, La.
High School: East St. John

Height / Weight: 6-1 / 260
Position: Defensive End
20 career sacks, 131 tackles

Greg Gathers • DE
SPORTS COMMENTARY

Turf should not be focus of fall practice

By Brian Brennan
Contributing Writer

If you are a Tech football fan, you better sit down before you read this. It appears that the Yellow Jackets have suffered a major setback in their pursuit of a trip to Pasadena and the Rose Bowl and it might be something from which the Jackets cannot recover.

It appears as if the Jackets will have to forego having home field advantage because it seems that historic Grant Field has been maliciously vandalized. Coach O’Leary remarked over the weekend that he is “very concerned” because the field “is not in very good shape.”

In response to the understandable concerns of O’Leary, the coach of the Beat graciously replied, “I’ll ask my 120-pound players to take it easy on the field on Saturday.”

I have just one question for Coach O’Leary: ARE YOU KIDDING ME?

Since when did college football become a game where everything has to be nice and pretty? The football field is referred to as the “gridiron” and as a modern day coliseum on which gladiators do battle and all of the sudden a few brown spots are an issue worth worrying about?

Coach O’Leary, your offensive line alone outweighs the entire Atlanta Beat squad, and you are worried about them running around a little bit on your pretty field? You will do more damage to the field on your first drive than those women could do in an entire year’s worth of games (at least I hope so; without Friedgen that drive could be pretty short).

Since when did college football players become such prima donnas? I thought football was a game where mud and blood on a uniform was a badge of honor.

It is the only game that is played rain, sleet, or snow, some of the greatest football games ever have been played in these conditions, including Gale Sayers’ record 6 TD performance at a muddy Wrigley Field.

According to NFL Hall of Fame Mike Munchak, “I grew up in a neighborhood with so many kids around that we’d play football in the snow, out on the baseball fields—tackle, touch, whatever.” The Jackets, however, apparently have to play on a pristine field of green grass to be satisfied.

Coach O’Leary, do you really think that it makes a difference to Greg Gathers if he drives opposing QBs into green or brown grass? Will Joe Burns break tackles less effectively on brown grass, or will Goosel all of a sudden start tailing his throws? Hell, Kelly Campbell won’t even be able to distinguish the difference in colors when he is running a 4.3.

But you are the coach, so what you think is important must be important.

To make the issue even more ludicrous is the fact that the Jackets do not even play a home game until we face Clemson on September 29. Yes, we do play a glorified scrimmage against a high-school all-star team on September 1 (vs. the Citadel), but you could win that one with the scout teams playing and it would not matter what surface you were playing on.

We are just two weeks away from the season and you are wasting time worrying about a few brown spots on the football field? I guess that is why you get paid the big bucks—no worry about the important details.

If I were the head coach, I might waste my valuable time worrying about how losing Nate Curry for the season will impact my team, or if Godsey’s knee is going to hold up, or if my young offensive line has learned all of the blocking schemes abruptly, or if my new offensive coordinator can hold a candle to my old one.

In my ignorance, I would have completely overlooked such an important issue as brown spots on the field. It’s good to know that you have your priorities in order.

Campbell looks for third All-ACC

By Marcus Angel
Contributing Writer

Few games defined senior wideout Kelly Campbell more than Tech’s upset victory at #4 ranked Clemson last season. It wasn’t just the stats: 14 receptions, 209 yards, 1 TD.

It was the look on his face as he stood on the sidelines. It was a look of pure agony.

The 5-11 junior was playing the game of his life. He was making great catch after great catch.

But the junior out of May’s High School was cramping up. He was in serious pain. It looked as if he could barely walk. Play after play he continued going out. He simply wouldn’t let up.

In a small package, literally and figuratively, that’s Campbell. He simply presses on.

He thinks about declaring himself eligible for the 2001 NFL Draft, finds out he is being projected as a third rounder, and goes back to school. He took it in stride.

“I felt like the need for one more year wouldn’t hurt me. I felt like I needed to get bigger and stronger,” Campbell said last January.

In Kids, the taxi driver says his grandmother told him the secret to life: “Don’t think.”

According to Campbell’s mom Belinda, ever since Campbell was a kid he was always moving. He was always doing something. He didn’t spend much time daydreaming.

“He was always outside playing sports as long as I can remember,” recalled his mother.

Campbell has continued to stay as active as possible, especially on the gridiron. He starts on offense, is the team’s top kick returner, and is expected to field punts this season.

Why? Not the ball in the May’s High grad’s hands as often as possible?

• He led the nation last year with an average of 18.9 yards per return.

• His 21 career touchdown receptions are the most ever recorded by a Jacket.

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• He is a two-time all-conference receiver and a candidate for the Biletnikoff Award given to the nation’s top receiver.

He doesn’t have the size that NFL scouts desire, but Campbell won’t think of that.

He will simply catch the ball.