

Dodgeball teams compete for glory in CRC's newest sport

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Before a crowd of joggers, basketball players and small packs of fans, two teams competed in the newest intramural sport to hit Tech in recent years—dodgeball.

"It's a monumental battle when two teams are brought together on the court," said Elliot Hunt, a member of the team We Wear Cups.

Games begin when two teams, composed of ten players each, race to gain possession of four rubber gym balls placed at the center of the basketball court. There is no limit on how many balls one team can gain at once. Once ten seconds have passed, a player may throw the ball at any opposing team member. Multiple balls can be thrown at once.

The object of the game is to be the last man standing at the end of the six-minute game. Instead of hear-

ing chants for defense, teammates can often be heard shouting "get catches." A player can throw one of the balls anywhere below the neck. To win a match, a team has to win the best out of five games.

During last Monday's sequence of games, the Johntys Boys faced off against the Ducks. In the first game, the Ducks grabbed three balls compared to the Johntys Boys' one ball and flung them at the Johntys Boys as soon as ten seconds had passed. Within a minute, the Ducks had already knocked out one of their opponents.

"Dodgeball brings out your inner beast," said Courtney Wilson, a STAC major.

The matchup was ferocious as dodgeballs flew all around the court, even straying and coming close to hitting spectators. Players were only able to dodge or catch the ball because it is illegal to duck.

"With this many balls flying around, it's hard to keep track of who's in or out," said Cody Spencer, an intramural supervisor. Intramural referees have to watch closely to catch any illegal plays and keep score totals.

Both teams effectively made use of "out" players by having them retrieve stray balls for them. After two games, it was clear the Ducks were dominating the field as the team made many skillful moves such as deflecting a dodgeball from hitting a fellow Ducks by deflecting it with another ball.

At the end of the match, the Ducks had won 3-1 over the Johntys Boys. While the teams may have been hostile on the court, the two teams were good sports and shook hands after the match.

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Dodgeball is the latest addition to the world of Intramurals at the Campus Recreation Center. Approximately 30 teams are in the dodgeball league.

Rugby triumphs over Bulldogs



By Christopher Gooley/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

After a shout-out from Clemson, Tech's club rugby team went on to defeat archrival Georgia last weekend. Alumni from the two schools challenged each other to a match afterwards, in what has become a club tradition.

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In the latest installment of the storied rivalry between the Jackets and the Georgia Bulldogs, the club rugby teams of both schools met at Atlanta's Central City Park last Saturday. After football and basketball losses, Tech is on the board for the season with three victories in three rugby matches against UGA.

In the main event, the A-sides of both squads played a closely fought match that Tech carried 17-15.

Georgia's superior backs gave their offense a high-powered feel, with their points coming off of long breaks. But the Jackets held the advantage in the forwards, and so Tech gutted

out its hard-earned points for victory in the match.

Freshman Steve Genevish was a highlight for Tech, as one of seven freshman starters for the Jackets.

The victory was a great rebound win, after the team was shut out against Clemson by a score of 65-0.

The Alumni game and B-side game were just as exciting, with the OGRES, the Old Gold Rugby Elite Side, defeating the Georgia alumni team, the Blind Pig Sporting Society.

The alumni jumped out to a 14-0 lead thanks to two early tries by Doug Hardin, who is now a professor at Vanderbilt. When the dust settled, the score was 26-7 and the OGRES had stomped the little Blind

Pigs into blind bacon. The B-side showed great promise in finishing the shutout 31-21.

These victories may be the start of an upswing for the Jackets, who suffered a loss of the South African Steven von Bremsen in the off-season to injury. He was the starting fly-half, a position analogous to quarterback, and has proven difficult to replace, according to Coach Dan MacDougald. Von Bremsen also had many more years of experience at rugby than most of the team. MacDougald said von Bremsen's replacement, Brandon Olekas, is progressing well.

The team's next match will be against Georgia Southern tomorrow at the Burger Bowl.

Beyond the White and Gold

Bynum adds thrills to Jackets' game

By **Ryan Peck**
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It's official: Will Bynum can play some hoops.

Not too many people in ACC land knew that until just recently. Before matriculating to Tech via the University of Arizona, Bynum's minutes, along with his role on Lute Olsen's Wildcat team, started to diminish with each passing game.

A tad over a year ago, Bynum, generously listed at 6'0", decided that he needed a change of scenery. He swapped Arizona cacti for Georgia peaches and the rest, as they say, is history.

Well, perhaps not quite. Will Bynum has many chapters yet to author on the Flats, and he is shaping up to be Tech's most celebrated roundball transfer since Jason Collier in the late '90s.

Following less-than-spectacular numbers during his first five games since becoming eligible on Dec. 13, Bynum has erupted for an average of 18 points per game in five of Tech's last seven contests. He had his coming-out party Jan. 17 versus Maryland, when he dissected the Terps for 25 big points.

Perhaps more titillating than watching Bynum score, however, is watching what he does to those unfortunate defenders he leaves in his wake. All too often, Bynum circumvents his rivals in a fashion that leaves them gasping for air.

Maybe it's the Chicago-style street mentality oozing from the kid, but he has provided enough clips during his brief stay at Tech to produce at least two or three episodes of ESPN's "Streetball."

The Jackets have not had an offensive player like Bynum who can break down that first defender with regularity since maybe Stephon Marbury. Tony Akins would do so occasionally, but Bynum simply cannot be checked one-on-one.

When Tech was losing control against Maryland, Bynum shaked, baked, then drained a raindrop three or a running kiss off the summit of the glass.

When Tech needed a big basket at Wake Forest, Bynum was the go-to guy again. Wake's highly-touted Chris Paul was defenseless against Bynum, and Paul will not be the last poor sap to earn the distinction "used" when attempting to slow Bynum.

What more would you expect from a guy that was playing in professionally sponsored tournaments in Chicago as an early adolescent? Not only was he playing, he was thriving. Bynum became a legend as a 16-year-old, posting prolific numbers against the likes of current Dallas Mavericks star Antoine Walker. I know, I know. Walker's never been known to play much defense anyway. Impressive, however, for kid a few months removed from passing his driver's test.

Dick Vitale would refer to Bynum as a "Thomas Edison," in that he creates offense every time the ball is in his hands. Tech fans have come to affectionately refer to the smallish bundle of energy as "Willie B."

All monikers aside, Tech fans should enjoy Will Bynum for the next year and a half.

It's been quite awhile since the Jackets have possessed such an *innovator, baby!*

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Stokes

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3A Player of the Year at Riverwood High School, where she graduated with honors the same year.

During her first two years at Tech, Stokes started in 25 games, scoring in double-digits in 13 of those games, including an amazing 32-point performance against Maryland on the road.

On top of these athletic achievements, Stokes was named to the 2001 Dean's List. Stokes' junior year was really a breakout year for her, when she scored her career high with 34 points against UNC, and was second leading scorer on the team, averaging 15.7 points per game.

Helping the Lady Jackets receive their first bid to the NCAA tournament since 1993, Stokes' junior year numbers were so impressive that she was named a 2004 pre-season All-America and All-ACC candidate.

When asked if she ever envisioned that she would amount to this type of success in college, Stokes replied, "I wouldn't want to say that it's unexpected because I always believed that I could do it, but I had to put a lot of hard work into it." Stokes said that being able to have great coaching since arriving here as well as her teammates pushing her has really helped her to excel.

Although Stokes has learned much from experience and has been spurred on by her teammates at times, she proudly cites her father, Wayne, as the most inspirational and influential person in her career. Her father played collegiate basketball and football at Kentucky State University, and has been a source of guidance and advice for his daughter while growing up, as well as now.

Along with her mother, Claudia, he attends all of Fallon's home games and some of the away games as well. Fallon goes home on weekends when she can to spend time with family.

Second only to her parents, Stokes credits Coach Joseph as being a major source of inspiration. Playing for [Coach Joseph] "is always intense," Stokes said. "She's such a competitor because she was a player...and that's the only way she knows how to play and coach. Everything's intense." She definitely feeds off the intensity of her coach, and takes it with her out on the court.

Off the court, Stokes is a self-proclaimed movie fanatic, and lists going to the movies and chillin' with her teammates as her favorite things to do. She also loves to listen to music.

"Right now my favorite song is that 'Yeah!' with Lil' Jon and Usher," Stokes said. "I'm a huge Lil' Jon fan, I think his music is always energetic and it always can hype us [the team] up." Stokes also loves writing and said her favorite class at Tech has been Social Policy. Stokes will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in Public Policy. She hopes to one day obtain a law degree stating that she sees herself being a lawyer ten years from now. She said she is going to see where basketball takes her in the next year, but one of her long-term goals is to receive her JD.

Short-term, Stokes just wants to take one game at a time, and get wins in the conference.

Her advice to both athletes and non-athletes is simple. "Never settle and sell yourself short, just always aim for the sky. The sky is the limit."

"She finally turned the corner of going from a very good player to a great player."

MaChelle Joseph
Women's Basketball Coach

faces in the crowd

by kimberly rieck



Ashlee Kidd
Freshman
Track and Field

Hailing from St. Petersburg, Florida, freshman Ashlee Kidd has made her mark on the women's track and field team. Kidd has already qualified provisionally for the NCAA Indoor Track Championships. Before Kidd came to Tech to major in industrial engineering, she was named the St. Petersburg Female Athlete of the Year. Kidd was a member of the National and Spanish Honor societies and graduated cumma sum laude from St. Petersburg High School.

Kidd first qualified for the NCAA championships in the 400 meters at the Kentucky Invitational. She set a new Clemson indoor track record last week in the 400 meters at the Clemson Invitational.



Michael Massey
Senior
Track and Field

For the third consecutive time this season, Asheboro, North Carolina native, Michael Massey won the high jump event, clearing the NCAA provisional mark at the same time. At Tech, Massey balances his athletic duties with his studies in Industrial Engineering. Multitasking is nothing new for Massey who balanced a 4.6 GPA with basketball and track and field in high school.

As a junior, Massey earned All-ACC honors in the high jump after he finished third at the ACC Outdoor Championships. In his senior season, Massey has won the high jump events at the Kentucky Invitational and Clemson Invitational.



Moeko Wallis
Junior
Swimming

A member of Tech's first women's swim team, Moeko Wallis has swum her way into the school record books. Wallis came to Tech after a successful prep career where she was the Georgia state champion in the 50-yard freestyle and earned three letters in cross country and one in track. Wallis, a management major, has received recognition for her academic pursuits, making Dean's List, Faculty Honors and the ACC Honor Roll.

Last week, the 400 free relay team of Wallis, Elizabeth Foster, Dana West and Natanya Harper finished first against Clemson with a time of 3:33.36. Wallis placed third in the 50 free at the Clemson meet with a time of 24.86.

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Track and field teams break records at Clemson meet

By Kimberly Rieck
Sports Editor

Before the men's basketball team faced Clemson Tuesday night, the men's and women's track and field teams faced the Tigers at the Clemson Invitational last Sunday. The women's team narrowly finished behind host Clemson, 93-91.33 points. The men's track and field team finished fifth out of nine teams with 66 points.

"Senior Kyle Rabbit broke in Clemson's brand new indoor track and field facility by setting a new Clemson indoor track record..."

Senior Kyle Rabbit broke in Clemson's new indoor track and field facility by setting a new Clemson indoor track record in the 3000 meters with a time of 8:17.49. Freshman Ashlee Kidd also set a new Clemson indoor record in the 400 meters with a NCAA provisional time of 54.38.

Breaking another kind of record, ACC performer of the week Montrell Person destroyed his own school record in the 60-meter hurdles and

won the event for Tech. Junior Dana Rogers had a NCAA provisional mark in the same event for the women's side. Teammate Andriane Lapsley finished sixth in the events with a personal best time.

In the long distance events, senior captain Brendon Mahoney finished third in the 800 meters, while freshman Jennifer Sims finished fourth in the event for the women's team.

Much of the Jackets' success in the meet was due to three Tech runners finishing in the top eight in the mile run.

Senior Jennifer Lentz led the Rambling Wreck with a sixth-place finish in 5:08.39. For the men's team, junior Neil McDonagh placed seventh, posting a time of 4:22.84, and freshman Kirby Cross finished the race in eighth place with a time of 5:12.70.

In addition to placing in the 60-meter dash, Person and Lapsley finished fifth and sixth, respectively in their 60-meter dash events. Bringing home the silver for the pack, senior Amandi Rhett tied her season-best time of 7.46. Rhett also placed in the top eight in the 200 meters.

Leading the field events for Tech, All-American sophomore Chaunte Howard won the high jump for the women. Howard posted a mark of 1.78 meters in the event. Howard placed second in the long jump even with a mark of 5.93 meters.

For the third consecutive week,

senior Michael Massey captured the high jump event and cleared a NCAA provisional mark of 2.17 meters. Sophomore I-Perfection Harris, who also plays football for the Wreck, posted a mark of 7.45 meters in the long jump. Junior transfer Mike McPherson finished behind Harris in the top eight with 7.14 meters.

After tallying a NCAA provisional mark of 12.95 meters in the triple jump, junior Shanta Smith found herself in second place in the event.

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Teammate Brandy Depland finished fourth.

Senior Spencer Irvine had a jump of 14.22 meters to take home a sixth place for the men's team.

The men's distance medley relay team, with members Barton Christ, Brandon Duckett, Cristan Duvall and David Herren, finished in 10:22.36, fast enough to qualify for the NCAA championship meet provisionally and a fifth place finish.

Tech will return to Clemson today for the Clemson Pentathlon.



Photo Courtesy of the Georgia Tech Athletic Association

Senior captain Brendon Mahoney leads the pack in the 800-meter long distance event. Mahoney placed third in the event at last weekend's Clemson Invitational. Overall, the men's team placed fifth at the meet.

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The critical moment for Tech and Elder came at the seven-minute mark, when Elder made his second consecutive three pointer. When asked after the game when he knew it was his night, Elder said, "After I made my second shot, I knew it." What Elder knew then, Clemson was about to find out.

Clemson's head coach Oliver Purnell tried putting four different guys on Elder, but it was to no avail as he contributed almost half of Tech's total offense. "He was outstanding and obviously the player of the game," Purnell said. Elder ended the night shooting 60 percent from the field and from behind the arc, going 12 for 20 and 6 for 10 respectively.

"Yesterday, I was worried for him because he was suffering from a stomach flu. I wasn't even sure he was going to play today. Obviously, he wasn't feeling too bad," Head Coach Paul Hewitt said after the game.

Despite Elder's 20 shots, team captain Marvin Lewis said that they were not intentionally running plays for Elder. "A lot of times we weren't even looking for him. He just found his shot," Lewis said.

Elder's 36 point performance may not have given him the school record for highest scoring output by a Tech player in a single ACC game—he was one point shy of Dennis Scott's record—but it did give him the honor of the highest scoring output by a player in an ACC game this year. When asked about the record, Elder said that he wasn't even aware of it and that no one on the bench even told him about it. Tech will try to continue its 12-game home winning streak against No. 1 Duke this Saturday. Hewitt stated that unfortunately Clarence Moore would not be available for that game.

"It's a shame; he was starting to play really good basketball. But I've decided to shut him down till he recovers, and not let it be a season-long thing," Hewitt said when asked about Moore's turf toe.

After Duke, Tech will travel to Tallahassee to face FSU and hopefully avoid the fates that North Carolina and Wake Forest received at the hands of the Seminoles.

Cagers look to upset second No. 1 of the season

By Vishal Patel
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Going 4-1 since dropping their ACC opener at Chapel Hill nearly two weeks ago, Head Coach Paul Hewitt's Jackets are now getting ready for their premier game of the season as the team welcomes the No. 1 team in the nation, the 16-1 Duke Blue Devils, to Alexander Memorial Coliseum Saturday.

Tech goes into the game this weekend with plenty of rest and high hopes for an upset, thanks to the stellar play of Will Bynum off the bench against Maryland, Wake Forest and North Carolina as well as the slump-breaking performance of B.J. Elder Tuesday night against Clemson.

"We need to shake this little malaise in terms of rebounding. I think everything else, we're doing well."

Paul Hewitt
Men's Basketball Coach

Before the basketball season even started, Hewitt said junior guard B.J. Elder was college basketball's "best kept secret."

The secret is out after Elder's 36 point barrage against a Clemson squad that has won only once in seven tries against ACC opponents.

Perhaps the momentum provided by Elder will be able to last and overshadow the loss of forward Clarence Moore, who is nursing lingering turf toe and is likely to sit out Saturday.

Moore was replaced by senior guard Marvin Lewis, who resumes starting after a four game hiatus.

Unbeaten against ACC opponents and riding a 13-game winning streak going into a face-off against Florida State Jan. 29, the



By Scott Meuleners / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

At last year's Duke game, Jarrett Jack tries to sneak past Duke's J.J. Redick. Duke won the game 77-58. The Jackets hope to defend their unbeaten home record against the No. 1 Blue Devils tomorrow at 5 p.m.

Blue Devils are a young squad capable of throwing a lethal two-way attack that can score both from the perimeter as well as inside.

Led by sophomore guard J.J. Redick, Duke shoots an average of 38 percent from beyond the arc, which is second in the ACC, compared to Tech's average of 36 percent, good for third place.

Duke has a powerful inside presence that cannot be forgotten either. Forwards Shelden Williams and Shavlik Randolph gather the majority of Duke rebounds. Overall,

Duke boasts the best shooting and best scoring defense in the ACC.

However, more important for Tech will be keeping up with Duke on the rebounding end. The Jackets have had difficulty rebounding lately, getting outboarded in the last four games.

The loss against NC State can be blamed heavily on State's abundance of second-chance shots as a result of offensive rebounds for State at the expense of the Jackets.

"We need to break loose," Hewitt said in the *Atlanta-Journal Consti-*

tution regarding the rebounding situation this week.

"We need to shake this little malaise in terms of rebounding. I think everything else, we're doing well."

Clemson had the most lopsided rebounding edge of the four teams, outrebounding Tech by 13.

The Jackets will have to step up their rebounding game to a higher ground if they stands a chance at its second upset of a No. 1 team this season.

The Duke game will be televised tomorrow at 5 p.m. on ESPN.

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Revenge of the Nerds

While Georgia may have licked the Jackets on the football field and basketball court, Tech's rugby team took out its revenge on a different type of field. Page 28

Tanglin' with Tigers

While the basketball team faced Clemson on the court, men's and women's track and field took on the Tigers on their home turf. Page 30



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Number of three-point field goals B.J. Elder had against Clemson Tuesday. Elder scored a career-high 36 points in the victory, going 12 for 20 from the floor and 6 for 7 from the foul line. Elder was also named a midseason contender for the John R. Wooden Award, the most prestigious award in college basketball.

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Number of times in as many weeks that Montrell Person has been named ACC Indoor Track and Field Performer of the Week. Person helped the Jackets finish fifth at the Clemson Invitational by scoring in three events.

20

Number of points Megan Isom scored in Tech's 73-62 victory at Florida State. The win was the Lady Jackets' first regular season sweep of the Seminoles since 1999.

272.55

The NCAA Zone Diving qualifying mark diver Laurissa Prystaj tallied against Clemson last weekend. Prystaj's total was a season-high tally for the Jackets on the one-meter board. The men's and women's swim teams will host Kentucky today at 4 p.m.

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Difference between first-place Clemson's point total and runner-up Tech's point total at the Clemson Invitational last Sunday. The Jackets will compete at the Gator Invitational Feb. 1.

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Elder battles flu to lead Tech

By Joseph Jeong
Staff Writer

Tech's basketball team suffered another bump in the road with a lost to NC State 76-72 at Raleigh. The notoriously tough-at-home Wolfpack fought off a comeback by the Jackets to take sole possession of second place in the ACC.

The team quickly rebounded from that loss when they defended their homecourt against a valiant Clemson effort Tuesday night. Behind Elder's career-high 36 points, Tech held on to defeat the Tigers 76-69.

At Raleigh, Tech did a fantastic job of defending the then-leading ACC scorer Julius Hodge, restricting him to just two points, which he earned from the free throw line.

However, the game was lost on the boards as State pulled down 21 offensive rebounds and took full advantage of the second chances they got. Scooter Sherrill led State with 18 points and Bynum was Tech's leading scorer with 17.

Tech put up another stellar defensive effort against Clemson at home, but the Tigers returned the favor in kind. The game started out slowly, with both teams playing good defense and struggling on offense.

Clemson had a hard time adjusting to Tech's full court press and found it difficult to move the ball up the court. However, Tech didn't really capitalize on the turnovers they forced; errant passes and dropped balls were the main culprits for Tech's turnovers.

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By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Defending Tech's home record, guard B.J. Elder was unstoppable against Clemson last Tuesday. Elder scored a career-high 36 points. The junior was recently named to the watch list for the Wooden Award.

Stokes fires up Lady Jackets with athletic prowess

By Fenton Gardner
Contributing Writer

If you were asked to look up the verb *stoke* in the dictionary, you would find the following definition: "to poke or stir up (as a fire): supply with fuel." If someone asked you to then use the word in a sentence, you could say something like "Old man Giles stokes up the fire every evening in order to keep warm after coming in from the cold." Stokes. What a fitting last name for a young woman who, in 2003, helped lead Tech to the NCAA tournament, and was named to both the 2003 All-ACC and ACC All-Tournament teams along the way.

"She finally turned the corner of going from a very good player to a great player," said Head Coach MaChelle Joseph of Stokes' 2003 NCAA tournament campaign in a press release earlier this year, "and I'd like to see her become an elite player this year." Well it is evident

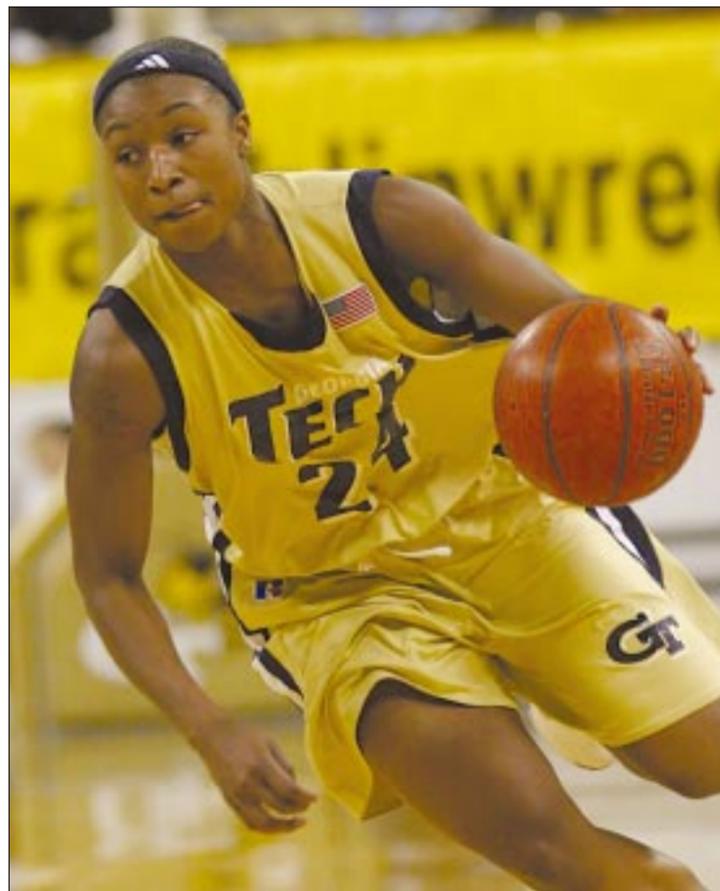
that Fallon Stokes has evolved into an elite player in her senior year.

In the offseason, she worked to improve her jumpshot and ball-handling skills in order to become a more consistent threat. She is currently the third leading scorer in the ACC with 17.5 points per game and the leading rebounder for the team with 6.6 rebounds per game.

Her field goal percentage of 42.7 percent and free throw percentages of 71 percent have also increased since last year. Although amazing and numerous, these accomplishments are only a part of the story.

A native Atlantan, Stokes first began playing organized basketball when she was in the eighth grade. After seeing her skills in track and field, a coach at South Atlanta Christian Academy suggested that maybe she needed to play basketball. Thus began the basketball career of Stokes, not knowing that she would go on to become the 2000 Georgia

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

A Dean's List student, Fallon Stokes has served as a role model on and off the court for her team. Currently Stokes is the No. 3 scoring leader in the ACC. The 5'10" guard was also named a pre-season All-ACC candidate.

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Baseball Benefit honors 1994 team

Tech's annual Baseball Benefit Dinner will honor the 1994 College World Series team tonight. The annual dinner and auction will be held at the Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center. Boston Red Sox Catcher Jason Varitek, a member of the 1994 team, will be in attendance. On Saturday, the baseball team will also hold the annual free alumni game at 12 p.m. with an autograph session set to follow.

Softball team ranked ACC No. 2

Tech's softball team has been selected as the No. 2 pick for the 2004 ACC softball season after finishing in a tie for second with UNC and Virginia last season. Florida State was picked as the No. 1 team in the poll.

Gailey hosts signing day party

Tech fans have been invited to join Head Coach Chan Gailey and his staff for a Signing Day Celebration Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. The event includes a reception, dinner and a video presentation on Tech's 2004 class of signees. The event will be held in the Club Lounge on the east side of Bobby Dodd Stadium. Tickets are \$12 each.