offensive output as East Carolina shuts them out the rest of the way. The lead was narrowed to one when the Hatters scored a brace of runs in the third, but Tech’s undoing came in the seventh. After Tech’s Kyle Bakker loaded the bases and then walked in the tying run, he was relieved by Brian Burks. Burks however didn’t do much better as he managed to get one out but gave up a grand slam. East Carolina added ever didn’t do much better as he relieved by Brian Burks. Burks how-ever didn’t do much better as he managed to get one out but gave up a grand slam. East Carolina added

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By Ryan Peck  
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In light of the recent academic casualties among Georgia Tech student athletes, most Tech fans and students have anticipated some serious changes in the NCAA. Partic-ularly, they expected improvements in communication between Tech student athletes, advisors and coaches. Dr. Robert Mc-Math, Tech’s Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Affairs, says such improvements are taking place as we speak.

Last month ten Tech football players, including star running back Tony Hollings and starting defensive end Tony Hargrove, as well as one Tech tennis player were declared academically ineligible for the upcoming season. The setback could be devastating to a Tech football team that anticipated Hollings re-turning as back and is facing serious depth issues on the defensive side of the ball.

Wholesale academic casualties such as the ones that hit Tech last month are extremely rare in collegiate sports nowadays and painfully embarrassing. It is doubly embar-rassing for a school with such an academic tradition as Georgia Tech boasts.

McMath attributes the academic losses to a breakdown in communication between student athletes, the academic support system and the assistant coaches for the Tech football team immediately under him.

"[I am] very pleased with the seriousness among the parties, Ev-eryone, including the coaches, players and advisors, is fully aware of the situation. There are mandatory checkups be-tween the stu-dent-athletes and the advisors, and everything is working as of right now," said McMath.

Tech’s academic support system is over-seen primarily by Carole Moore, Tech’s Director of Academic Ser-vices, and Cedric Stallworth, a former Tech player.

McMath was quick to empha-size that the infrastructure Tech ath-letes are dealt with from an academic standpoint has not changed. The system is no different than it was last year or in previous years. What is different, however, is a more co-operative, collaborative effort from everyone involved, as well as an urgent, strict fashion in which the aforementioned collabora-tion is carried out.

"We’re going to be hands-on to the point where somebody tells us to back off. I want to be involved. We want to be involved as a staff. We want to help [the players] but not do the work for them. We want to make sure they get it done," said Gailey.

While Gailey has stated that he will hold all 10 scholarships for the student-ath-letes in hopes of their return to school, as well as the football field in 2004, he con-ceded during one of his visits to a Tech club that the chances of all 10 retaining their eligibility are “slim to none.” When asked about the possibility of all 10 returning, McMath responded with “some will be back.”

However, the most important, encouraging news came via a one-word response given by McMath when asked if he foresaw anything like this hitting Tech student-ath-letes in such a devastating fashion in the future. He simply replied, “No.”
Beesball season ends with fall at regional
Nationally-ranked Jackets host Atlantic Regional but fail to capitalize on home field advantage losing two in a row

By Joseph Jeong
Staff Writer

There would be no repeat of the Greensboro heroics by the Tech base- ball team as they bowed out in un- ceremonious fashion, losing to Stetson and East Carolina in the NCAA Baseball regionals. Tech was rewarded with a no.1 seed and made host of the regionals for winning the ACC tournament, but the team failed to capitalize on their advantages. Stetson, regarded as one of the best no. 4 seeds in the regionals, edged out the host 5-4 in the opener. With their backs to the wall, the Jackets tried to rally but their worst fears came true as East Carolina ushered them out of the tournament.

Tech started out well in the tour- nament, as they took a 2-0 lead thanks to Stetson and East Carolina in the first and a third and a homer hit by pitcher Micah Owings. History was also on Tech’s side as they previously had never lost a game in which Owings pitched and homered in.

Things fell apart in the sixth in- ning, as Stetson exploded for 4 runs from 3 home runs. Stetson opened the sixth with back to back home runs to tie the game. A single and a home run later, the visitors took the lead for good. They increased the lead by one in the eighth, off of Tech’s closer Jeff Watchko. A desper- ate Tech rally in the bottom of the eighth saw the host narrow the lead to one, thanks to a two run homer by Clifton Remole, but they were unable to do anymore damage in the ninth as Stetson advanced to the winner’s bracket.

After losing the ACC Championship, Tech’s baseball team had expected to make a repeat appearance in Omaha. Tech’s two losses at the NCAA Atlantic Regional led to South Carolina making it to Omaha instead.

I’ve worked my entire life to be stand- ing here before you today. We have a lot of support here at Georgia Tech. We have everything it takes to be a national power in women’s basketball...my vi- sion for this program is for us to be the next Duke of wom- en’s basketball. “

Joseph to head women’s basketball

The end of the spring semester brought a surprise to the Georgia Tech Athletic Association. After 15 seasons as head coach of the wom- en’s basketball team, Agnus Bere- nato resigned to become the head coach at Pittsburgh.

Berenato had the most wins in Georgia Tech history with a record of 225-209 during her time as head coach. She had been at Tech a total of 17 years, including two years (1987-88) as an assistant coach un- der Bernadette McClade before she assumed the top spot in 1988. She leaves Georgia Tech with four straight appearances in the postseason. Though many felt Tech lost an ex- cellent coach, the Athletic Associa- tion immediately went to work with finding a replacement. A logical choice, the Athletic Director, Dave Braine, to appoint a new head coach.

McChelle Joseph, who helped bring success to the Tech wom- en’s basketball team as an assistant coach, was named the fifth head coach in the history of the Yellow jackets program. Joseph received a four-year contract with a base salary of $120,000.

In her two years as Tech’s top assistant coach, Joseph used her skills as an instructor and recruiter to help the program enjoy two of its best seasons ever. Joseph’s career spans 11 years in three of the nation’s top women’s basketball conferences, with successful stops at Auburn, Purdue and Illinois. In 15 seasons as a colle- giate player and assistant coach, Jo- seph has been part of programs that produced winning records every year but one, including 11 NCAA Tour- nament berths.

Athletic Director Braine said that by giving Joseph her first head coach- ing position was a logical choice. “McChelle has proven herself to be an outstanding coach and recruiter”.

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By the numbers

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Number of Tech baseball players to be drafted in the first round. Be- sides Matt Murton, the group in- cludes Kevin Brown, Ty Griffin, Jason Vazquez, Nenad Garicicurapa, Jay Payton, Mark Fischer, Mark Texten and Richard Lewis.

2
Number of honorees Georgia Tech has on the 2002-03 Verizon Aca- demic All-American Men’s and Female University Division First Team, which is one more than any other school. The honorees are All-Am- erican swimmer while Alyson and golf champion Troy Matteson.

11
The amount of time that new head women’s basketball coach McChelle Joseph has spent as an assistant coach. Joseph had successful stops in three of the nation’s top basketball con- ferences—the ACC, the SEC, and the Big Ten conferences.

15
Total number of newcomers to the Georgia Tech men’s and women’s swim teams. Coach Serh Baron has student-athletes from seven states, including six Georgians, and three countries. One of the highlights is local talent Nasunya Harper.

New head for GTRI

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Thompson leads golfers to 11th place finish

Sophomore golfer Nicholas Tho- mpson played the final holes in 2- under-par at the NCAA championships. He tied for 12th individually and earned first place as an American honors. The Yellow Jackets tied for 11th place after 72 holes at the championship held at Oklahoma State.

Tech-UGA charity game nets $65,000

Children’s Healthcare of Atlan- tana announced that the GT-UGA baseball game field May 15 at Turner field has netted more than $65,000 for the hospital. Over 1,000 tickets were sold and distributed.

McCormick joins basketball staff

Stephanie McCormick has been named an assistant coach for the women’s basketball team. She helped lead Charlotte to the Conference USA regular season title and a berth in the NCAA tournament.

Bosh retains agent

Chris Bosh decided to sign with Chicago-based agent Henry Tho- mas over the weekend, signifying that his days at Georgia Tech are officially over. Bosh made the deci- sion after he learned that he will be a top five pick in the NBA draft.