The new Campus Recreation Center (CRC), formerly known as the SAC, opened on August 18. The CRC features many improvements over the former SAC. The new CRC now features an elevated cardio track above the basketball courts on the fourth floor. The number of basketball courts has increased and there are separate rooms for aerobics, weights and the boxing equipment.

The CRC is also the new home of the Georgia Tech Swim Team. “I’ve seen pictures of what it would look like for months, but it has surpassed my expectations. The facility is just beautiful,” said coach Seth Baron. “The new facility is a major piece of the puzzle and is vitally important to help draw recruits.”

For the past two seasons, the men’s and women’s swim teams have had to practice at the “bubble pool.” The divers have had to practice at Emory’s diving well. All of the home meets the past two seasons were also held at Emory.

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The swimmers now have their own varsity locker rooms instead of sharing facilities with other patrons. Baron said the swimmers are “excited about the new facility.” “Their reaction towards it has been phenomenal as it has surpassed even their expectations for what it would look like,” said Baron. The facility will also be a great place for the team to “just lounge around after and in-between classes.” The team held their first practice in the facility on Monday.

“The facility is one of the top five facilities in the United States,” said Baron. “It is also definitely the top facility within the conference.” The competition pool is “one of the fastest in the world.” The pool was used in the 1996 Olympic Games.
Pro Athletes

class of 2001, Mark Teixeira never graduated from minor league baseball. Never making it past AA ball, he proved to manager Buck Showalter he wanted to make the grade, saying "coming into the spring, I wanted to make the team. I was out there trying to make the team from the beginning. If I didn’t, I’d be cheating myself." Landing the 1B job with veteran Rafael Palmeiro through a stellar spring, his 2003 totals as of July 31 are a .254 batting average, 15 homers and 49 RBIs—top 5 in all categories among qualified rookies.

Enjoying the best season of his six year Major League career, Jay Payton has produced a .367 batting average with 13 home runs and 52 RBIs and become a pivotal member of the Rockies’ bid for a wildcard spot. While at Tech, Payton was one of the most prolific batters in Jacket history setting the record for most at-bats in a season (297), best batting average (.434), most base hits in a season (129), most doubles (27) and triples (12) in a season, most triples in his career (22), most RBIs in a season (102) and most total bases (224). Kris Wilson, a major league for 4 years, has been a Royal his whole career, cumulating a 5.28 ERA in 218 innings pitched. Kris is a finesse pitcher who has a lifetime 5.28 ERA in 218 innings.

Along with 15 conference championships, the [baseball] program has brought home three Division I first-team All-American. The elder of the two Harpring siblings associated with Tech basketball, Matt was known at Tech for his intensity and fiery attitude. A player with a lot of heart, Matt became only the second player in Tech history to earn All-ACC First Team honors three times. He was also the second-leading career scorer and second-leading career rebounder at Tech with 2225 points and 997 boards, respectively. To culminate his collegiate career, Harpring averaged career-highs in points-per-game with 21.6 and rebounds-per-game with 9.4 as a senior along with getting his jersey number 15 retired in his final regular season game. Only last season did Harpring finally come mature into a reliable small forward averaging 17.6 points- and 6.6 rebounds-per-game with the Jazz.

Among the most elite Tech alumni include legendary guard and future Hall of Famer Mark Price, John Salley, a true Tech graduate who has a television career outside of basketball, Kenny Anderson, who led Tech to the Final Four in 1990 and was another ACC Rookie of the Year to bolt early for the draft, and the now-retired Dennis Scott, who was part of the "Lethal Weapon" unit with Anderson and Brian Oliver that led Tech to the Final Four.

Undoubtedly Tech’s most dominant program over the span of its century-plus existence, the football program has brought home three national titles (1917, 1928 and 1990). Along with 15 conference championships and a covered 20-11 record in Bowl games, the program is associated with such names legendary coaches John Heisman, after whom the trophy that is awarded to the most valuable college football player is named, and Bobby Dodd.

Among the most elite Tech alumni their taking their skills to the pro level include LB Keith Brocking of the hometown Atlanta Falcons, WR Dez White of the Chicago Bears, S Lee Flowers of the Denver Broncos, DE Marco Coleman of the Jacksonville Jaguars and RB Doney Levens of the New York Giants.

The all-time leader in tackles at Ma Tech with 467, Coweta Coun-
ty native Keith Brocking recalls his journey through Georgia as "unbe-
lievable the way it worked out. Playing high school ball in Atlanta, going to college and playing in Atlanta, and then ending up with the Atlanta Falcons; it’s a dream come true." Now one of the premier linebackers in the game, Brocking just recently was awarded with a six year deal to keep him in Atlanta earned through this stellar statistic though the last two years: started all 32 games, 207 tackles, 3 forced fumbles, and 4 in-
terceptions.

Golf legend Bobby Jones would have been proud of his alma mater. Graduating with a degree in mechanical engineering in 1930, Jones went on to live one of the most successful golf careers. Jones com-
pleted the Grand Slam, winning every Major tournament during the course of his career and was a founding father to the Augusta National Golf Club. If he were around today, he would have seen Tech make 11 con-
secutive trips to the NCAA championships from 1985 to 1995 and four straight ACC championships from 1991 to 1994. More impor-
tantly, he would have seen Tech golf successful David Duval, Stewart Cink, Matt Kuchar and Bryce Molder score big on the college level and take it to the next level on the PGA Tour.

Winner of 13 tournaments and two major tournaments, David Du-
val is Tech’s most famous and suc-
cessful modern golfing alumni. Among his most amazing feats in-
clude shooting the lowest score ever recorded in a single round (59, at the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic) and being the first player since Nick Price to win three consecutive starts. While at Tech he was named 1993 Colle-
giate Player of the Year, awarded the Dave Williams Award, and be-
came one of four players to be four-
time Division I first-team All-American.

Other golfing Tech alumni in-
clude two-time winner on the PGA Tour Stewart Cink, and youngsters Matt Kuchar and Bryce Molder, who really drove the sport forward in terms of popularity in the late ‘90s."

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“There was not a soul in the history of Tech that rocked the house quite like Starbury rocked ‘The Thriller Dome’ the winter of ’95-’96...”
by Katie Griffin
Senior
10,000 Meters- Cross Country

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BJ Elder
Senior
Guard-Basketball

Since B.J. Elder came to Tech from Morgan County, Georgia in 2001, his playing performance has left basketball fans with something to cheer. The 6-4 Elder finished last season ranked tenth in the ACC with 16.1 points a game overall and led the ACC in three-point percentage with 44.4 percent. He was named to the All-ACC third team as a sophomore and, his playing performance has left basketball fans with something to cheer. The 6-4 Elder finished last season ranked tenth in the ACC with 16.1 points a game overall and led the ACC in three-point percentage with 44.4 percent. He was named to the All-ACC third team as a sophomore and

Hugh Reilly
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Center-Football

This big man on campus also stands to be one of Tech’s big men on the offensive line this season. A red-shirt senior, Hugh Reilly is a two-year starter for the Jackets who has solidly filled both the center and defensive lineman positions during his stay at Tech.

A six-foot-four 285-pound local boy from Roswell, Reilly started every game for the Jackets last season at center, playing every single snap but three for the year. Reilly racked up an all-ACC honorable mention for his performance and earned a preseason nomination for the Dave Rimington Award as the nation’s top center. Like the snazzy headset of Reilly? You can also catch him on the cover of Georgia Tech’s 2003 Football Media Guide, along with seniors Keyaron Fox, Dazyl Smith and John Paul Foschi.

In its third season, Tech’s women’s swim team is on track to have a breakout year. The team attracted several high profile recruits including freshman Vesna Stojanovska, a 2003 World champion from Macedonia.

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Tech’s rich history: profiles of athletic alumni in the pros

Like seeing one’s child grow up to be an adult, the Georgia Tech Athletic Association is similarly the proud parent of its children: former Yellow Jackets who have now become star professional athletes. These athletes have shined as leaders in their respective sport in college and have taken the next step to dominate as professionals.

The baseball program is perhaps Tech’s most dominating sport in the recent past. Among the best in the country year after year, the program has finished in the top 20 according to Baseball America, three of the last five years. Despite never winning the College World Series, the program has spit out future Hall of Famers SP Kevin Brown of the Los Angeles Dodgers and SS Nomar Garciaparra along with all-star C Jason Varitek and Rockie Jay Payton, both playing for the Boston Red Sox and has also produced standout rookie 3B Mark Teixeira of the Texas Rangers. Other Jacket alumni include: P Jung Keun Bong and OF Darren Bragg of the Atlanta Braves; RP Doug Creek of the Toronto Blue Jays; P David Elder of the Cleveland Indians; OF Jay Payton of the Colorado Rockies; and P Kris Wilson of the Kansas City Royals.

Perhaps the most renowned product of Tech baseball is Boston shortstop Nomar Garciaparra. Backwards for his father’s name, Nomar has established himself as one of the premier shortstops in the game. He holds Major League records for the most RBI by a leadoff hitter (98, in 1997), most homeruns by a rookie shortstop (30, same year), and tied for the most grand slams in one game (2, in 1999) not to mention the several Red Sox records he set all in a span of a year – his rookie year, at that.

At Tech, his most notable records include the most doubles in a game with 3 (1994, against UNC) and the most triples in a game with 2 (1994, against Appalachian State). In his last year at Tech, he finished off with an unbelievable stat-line: a .427 batting average, 16 HRs, and 73 RBI. Numbers like these earned him First Team All-America in 1993 and 1994. Not limited to individual greatness, Nomar, along with fellow Major League teammates Jason Varitek and Rockie Jay Payton, led the Jackets to their first ever College World Series in 1994.

The oldest member of this elite group of athletes is the class of 1986’s very own Kevin Brown, whose career blossomed with age. In his three years at Tech, he compiled a 28-13 win-loss record with a 4.07 ERA in 330 innings pitched, earning him First Team All-America in 1986. Not till he won the World Series with Florida in 1997 did Brown’s career really lift off. Since then he’s had an average ERA of 2.53 and 15 wins a season minus last year’s injury-filled summer. His accomplishments have earned him one of the highest payrolls in the majors, earning on average over $15 million dollars a season while making each team he’s played for a serious playoff contender. Brown was named into the Georgia Tech Hall of Fame in 1991.

A part of that memorable team of ’94, Jason Varitek’s claim to fame at Tech is his number 33, which is the only number to ever be retired. Undoubtedly the most amazing catcher to come out the Tech baseball program, Varitek was named First Team All-America from his sophomore to senior years while averaging over .400 in batting for all three of those seasons. At the Major League level, Jason’s poised for his best season ever, accumulating a .292 average with 18 homeruns and 65 RBI – 2 and 11 short of his career best homeruns and RBIs, and it’s only August.

Although part of the graduating
Georgia Tech’s Damarius Bilbo is a self-proclaimed "neat freak." And that label seems fitting after listening to Bilbo describe the décor of his dormitory. "People are always asking me [if] girls live [there]," he said with a smile. "I’ve got trees, a red carpet in the bathroom, candles, blue shower curtains, the whole nine. I can’t wait to get off campus and have my own bachelor pad. I’m one of the cleanest guys around."

For the guy affectionately known as D-Bo, his spick-’n-span life became decidedly cluttered in early August. After an apparent changing of the guard during December’s Silicon Valley Classic, when Bilbo took over for then-starting QB A.J. Suggs, he was abruptly taken out of the running for the starting quarterback job by coach Chan Gailey just days into fall practice.

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Football forecast

By John Scaduto  Contributing Writer

Before and after football games this fall, Tech sports fans will be able to check out the no. 12 volleyball team in the nation and a top swim team program. Here’s a look at how the teams will fare this season.

Women’s Volleyball

The volleyball team is coming off an impressive 2002 campaign, setting a new school mark for wins with a record of 33-6. The team finished the regular season ranked 17th, and ended the post-season with a loss to 10th ranked Minnesota in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The loss has provided the team with motivation for the fall after they dominated every other facet in 2002.

Aside from breaking the Georgia Tech single-season win count, the team also ran through the ACC post-season, with Tournament MVP Lynnette Moster leading the Jackets to the second ever tournament title. Teammates Alexandra Press and Kele Eveland joined Moster on both the All-Tournament and First Team All-Region squads.

The scary thing is that second-year Head Coach Bond Shymansky will be returning the entire squad for 2003. Even new recruits Sarah Hall, Abby Showers and Jacqui Berbe “[will] bring added size and power,” said Shymansky. They will also be able to learn from players such as Keight Vincent, who “anchored” the squad from last year and provided stability for the team’s success.

While maintaining a modest tone, Shymansky said that the team will simply “try to get better everyday… with focus on success and beating the opponent we have next.”

But does the team have the talent to take a run deep into tournament? “Of course we do,” said Shymansky. It looks like the sky’s the limit for these ladies.

Men’s Swimming

The men’s swimming squad also made a statement in 2003 by completing in both the ACC Championships. Two years ago the team had a “best-ever” year as the team placed second in the 2002 ACC Championships. The team was led by Shilo Ayalon who recently completed his reign with a third All-American award and a seventh All-Conference award. The team also had the highest scoring seniors in the ACC last year with Josh Hershko, Tomonori Tsuji, Juis Salazar, Robbie Foster and Jorge Oliver.

In contrast to volleyball, the team graduated its highest scoring athletes last year, including Ayalon and Tsuji. Head Coach Seth Baron said they will be “dearly missed, but we must move forward.” Even with nine incoming recruits, Baron insists that the team has maintained a healthy confidence and is “not shying away from the challenges ahead.”

He is also hopeful that returning swimmers, such as captans Eduardo Oliver and Irai Eden, will lead this effort to “takeover where we left off.” Having freshmen such as Ryan Bishop, who impressed many at the Olympic Qualifiers this summer.

Gailey decision leaves Ball in top spot

By Katie Neal  Senior Staff Writer

Head coach Chan Gailey announced Monday that Reggie Ball, a true freshman from Stone Mountain, would be the starting quarterback for the Jackets in their season opener Thursday against Brigham Young University. Ball looks to be the first-ever true freshman to start a season opener for the Jackets.

“I think we were initially impressed by how he handled himself, by the way he understood the game and by the way he played the position,” Gailey said of Ball. “There are no upset quarterbacks as true freshmen. That doesn’t happen. There are things that he still needs to work on.”

The last true freshman quarterback to start any game for Tech was Stu Rogers in 1980, who filled in for injured starter Mike Kelley against Duke. Kelley also started as a true freshman, in the third game of the 1978 season against Tulane, but no freshman has ever started a season opener in the history of Tech’s football program.

Besides the intense pressure of starting as a freshman, Ball will also be facing a tough BYU defense. Ball has been working with the first team offense in recent weeks and his performance has his Jacket teammates standing behind him.

“He doesn’t make mistakes,” line- backer Daryl Smith said. “He makes plays. He’s smart.”

“Reggie faces an all-out blitz football team that we have some idea of what they’re going to do,” said Gailey. “We’ve gotten some film, and we have looked at what they’re going to do. But until you get on the field with a new defensive coordinator, you just don’t know.”

“We’ll have to get a feel during the course of the game,” Gailey added.

“Those two points played into each other somewhat. Since you don’t know what they’re going to do, you have to have a generic game plan, and a generic game plan helps a freshman quarterback more than anything. So those two things are somewhat compatible at this juncture.”

Fifth-year senior A.J. Suggs, who completed 57.3 percent of his passes for 2,242 yards with 12 TDs and 15 interceptions, will be the backup quarterback for Ball. Freshman Pat Carter will be the third-string quarterback.

Ball, who will turn 19 on Oct. 6, will not be allowed to speak to the press until after the BYU game.

Fall sports look towards new season

The Nique takes a look at Tech’s top teams, volleyball and swimming, this fall

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Ranked no. 12 in the nation, the women’s volleyball team will begin their season with the Courtyard by the Marriott Classic tournament this weekend. There will be games from tonight through Sunday at O’Keefe Gym.

Brooks named assistant coach

Former Florida State All-American and softball team as assistant coach. Brooks came to Tech from Chapman Fairpetch Academy, where she was an instructor. Brooks’ job will include assisting players with hitting and working with the outfielders, along with the day-to-day operations. Brooks helped lead the Seminoles to an ACC Championship in 2000.

New tracker provides ultimate fan experience

Georgia Tech football fans can now follow the Men’s basketball players through the Official College Sports Network’s Gametracker. The product is an enhanced live statistical interface and is available at www.RamblinWreck.com. The Gametracker takes official statistical feeds from the press box and provides updated results for the users.

MOVIN’ ON UP


POWER STROKIN’

Tech’s swimming and diving teams have a new home to call their own after two years of renovations. Check out the new facility. Page 27.