

## SPORTS

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## Gailey's new guys

The list is in and the players have signed. Check out the incoming freshman that will be on the flats next season. Page 30.

## Track runs strong

The season is in full swing and the teams are on the way to the ACC's. Check out the results from the Carolina Fast Times meet. Page 29.



## by the numbers

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Number of times Chris Bosh has been named the ACC Rookie of the Week this season. Bosh averaged 22.0 points and 7.5 rebounds in the two ACC wins last week over North Carolina and Virginia.

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Number of Tech football players named to the 2002 ACC All-Academic football team, proving once again Tech football is made of both brains and brawn. Football standouts Dan Dyke, Luke Manget, Jeremy Muires, Kelley Rhino and Daryl Smith were the five players named to the team.

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Number of wins by senior Amy Dock at the Carolina Fast Times Meet in North Carolina. Dock won the 3000 with a time of 10:09.87 and the 5000 in 17:35.15. Both times were season-bests for the Jackets.

## atlanta thrashers number challenge

hint: Football recruiting

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Here's the number...what does it represent?

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## on deck

Event	Date
MT vs. Alabama	2/7
WB vs. Maryland	2/7
S vs. Boston College	2/8
WT vs. Iowa	2/8
S at South Carolina	2/8
T at Gator Invtnl	2/9
S at UNC Greensboro	2/9
MB vs. Maryland	2/9
<b>WT- Women's Tennis</b>	
<b>MT- Men's Tennis</b>	
<b>WB- Women's Basketball</b>	
<b>T- Men's and Women's Track</b>	
<b>S- Women's Softball</b>	
<b>MB- Men's Basketball</b>	

## Respect your Elder

Ryan Peck chats with Tech's leading scorer, B.J. Elder

By Ryan Peck  
Contributing Writer

The play of Georgia Tech's B.J. Elder has been a pleasant surprise for Tech basketball fans since he stepped foot on campus in 2001.

The sweet-shooting sophomore is currently second on the team in scoring (16.1 points per game) and is hitting three-pointers at a 44.4 percent clip on the season. Elder never ceases to amaze with his deft shooting touch, explosiveness, and leaping ability. Perhaps most amazed at times though, is Elder, himself.

During the 2001 Regional Playoffs in Elder's senior year at Morgan County High School in Madison, GA, his explosiveness was on display for many to see. Elder delivered, following up one of his teammate's missed jump shots with a mammoth follow slam dunk. The backboard shattered, leaving spectators frenzied and dazzled, but onlookers weren't the only ones caught in a state of amazement.

"I was surprised more than anyone," said Elder.

Earlier this season, Elder fought through nagging leg cramps to sink a key three-pointer in the midst of a 24-point outburst against Georgia. Tech would go on to defeat the Dawgs 83-77 on the strength of Elder's toughness and leadership.

B.J. was gracious enough to take some time with us to talk a little bit about his life, on and off the basketball court.

**Peck:** Briefly talk about the nagging foot injury you suffered before college.

**Elder.:** The foot injury happened about a week after the backboard. Talk about your good and bad luck. It happened in the first round of the



By The Gooley / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**B.J. Elder ranks 10th in the ACC with 16.1 points a game overall. He leads the ACC in three-point shooting percentage at 44.4 percent.**

State Playoffs. I went up for a three and came down on this dude's foot and it snapped. Lucky for them, because I was heated. I think I was on pace for 40, but we still won.

**Peck:** What is your favorite arena other than AMC to play in?

**Elder:** My favorite place to play other than AMC is Cameron. I really

enjoy the atmosphere. Their fans are crunk from the tip.

**Peck:** What is your favorite car?

**Elder:** Escalade Ext. or H2.

**Peck:** Who is your favorite musician/musical group?

**Elder:** Al Green.

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## Women's tennis rolls over Auburn, falls in Mobile

By Al Przygocki  
Senior Staff Writer

The 18th-ranked Lady Jackets took a tour of Alabama last weekend and came back with one solid victory and one tough loss to push their overall record to 2-1.

On Saturday, Tech lost a heart-breaking match against 27th-ranked Southern Alabama by a 4-3 margin. The Jackets took two of the three doubles matches to earn the all-important doubles point, but were unable to turn the day's early momentum into singles success. Jamie Wong and Kelly Anderson won their matches in straight sets, but they stood alone in the winners' circle as their fellow Jackets dropped two close matches.

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At No. 1 Singles, Wong downed Andrea Kurekova in a 7-6, 6-1 fashion. In No. 4 Singles action, Anderson steamrolled through Marlieke Jager by a score of 6-4, 6-1. No. 2

**Kelly Anderson, ACC Women's Tennis Player of the Week, didn't drop a set in any of her singles or doubles matches in dual-matches with Georgia State, South Alabama, and Auburn.**

Singles saw Catherine Gunn fall to USA's Viktoria Staklasova in tight 7-5, 6-3 matches. Annelies Schenk dropped the Number 3 Singles match to Dominica Nemcovicova 6-2, 6-3. Tech's last chance to salvage a victory went by the wayside when Maria Nieto fell to Klara Jarova in the Number 6 Singles match by a lopsided margin of 6-2, 6-0.

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By Bill Allen / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Jaime Wong (shown here) and her partner Kelly Anderson beat Auburn's Petra Bercik and Carolina Ramirez by a 9-8 (8-6) score.**

## Alumni Baseball game on Saturday

Georgia Tech's top-ranked baseball team will play its annual Alumni Game on Saturday at 12 p.m. at Russ Chandler Stadium. The nine-inning game will match up the current Yellow Jackets against former Tech players. The game will be the first chance for fans to watch the 2003 edition of the No. 1 ranked Yellow Jackets.

## Swimmers win one, lose one

Highlighted by an NCAA "B" cut performance in the 500-yard freestyle from senior All-American Shilo Ayalon, the Georgia Tech men's and women's swimming and diving teams concluded their dual meet schedule Saturday against Maryland and North Carolina at the Tar Heels' Koury Natatorium. Tech's men defeated Maryland, but fell to No. 23 North Carolina. The women lost to the Tar Heels while the No. 15 Terps topped the Jackets.

## Football gains new players for 2003

The Jackets saw 20 prospective student-athletes sign national letters of intent to play for the Rambling Wreck on Wednesday, in addition to one freshman football player already enrolled in classes at Tech. Headlining the class is USA Today prep all-America cornerback Kenny Scott of Daytona Beach, Fla., as well as running back Rashaun Grant of Tampa, Fla., quarterbacks Reggie Ball of Stone Mountain, Ga., and Stephenson High, and Patrick Carter from St. Petersburg, Fla., and linebacker Nick Moore of Arlington, Texas. Check out Page 30 for the list of the signees.

## Tennis

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Tech bounced back from the tough loss to South Alabama with a 5-2 victory over No. 32 Auburn on Sunday. Tech swept the three doubles matches to earn the all-important doubles point and rolled through four of the six singles matches to take the victory.

In No. 2 Singles, Catherine Gunn claimed an easy 6-1, 6-2 win over Petra Bercik. No. 4 Singles saw Kelly Anderson also roll in a 6-2, 6-1 fashion. Lyndsay Shosho took a grueling 3 setter, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 over Auburn's Ashley Cowart in No. 5 Singles competition.

No. 3 Singles saw Maria Nieto round out the singles stampede with a 6-3, 6-3 toppling of Jenny Paul. Only Jaime Wong and Annelies Schenk were unable to join the winning singles parade, but both were able to claim wins in doubles over their Tiger foes.

## Tennis Notes:

Freshman Kelly Anderson was named ACC Women's Tennis Player of the Week on the heels of a 6-0 week. Anderson, a native of Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, didn't drop a set in any of her singles or doubles matches in dual-matches with Georgia State, South Alabama, and Auburn. Anderson, who did not play with the team in the fall, is quickly developing into a dominant force on the squad. Tech's match against Texas A&M has been rescheduled for March 17. The next match will be Saturday at the Bill Moore Tennis Center at 11 a.m. as the Jackets host the Iowa Hawkeyes.

## Track and field teams strong at UNC, prepare for ACCs

*Graft, Brewer surpass school records in pole vault, weight throw at Carolina Fast Times meet; both men's and women's teams obtain NCAA provisional qualifying marks*



By Robert Hill / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The last meet for the track and field teams before the ACC Championships will be held Sunday, Feb 9 at the Gator Invitational in Gainesville, FL.

By Finny Turner  
Contributing Writer

Last weekend the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets faced their first indoor meet against conference rivals. At the Carolina Fast Times Meet at North Carolina's Eddie Smith Field House, the Jackets faced ACC rivals Duke, Florida State and North

Carolina, as well as Southeastern Conference opponents Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. In all, 13 teams participated in this highly competitive event.

The Jackets went into the meet with a quartet of NCAA provisional qualifiers on the women's side. Sprinters Jessica DeFreitas and Amandi Rhett met the standard in

the 60-meter dash earlier in the season, while freshmen pole-vaulter Jessica Graft and freshman high jumper Chaunte Howard were also provisionally qualified for the NCAAs.

Rhett and Howard lead the conference in their women's events like their male teammates, Chris Crawley and Dennis Davis, who lead for the men's events.

Saturday, the women's team was led by wins that set the school record in the 3000 and 5000 meters by senior Amy Dock. Dock was victorious in the 3000 with a time of 10:09.87 and she held off teammate Neta Ezer to win the 5000 in 17:35.15. Both times were

season-bests for the Jackets.

Freshman Chaunte Howard joined Dock in the winner's circle for the women, as she took the high jump in 5'11.25", which equals a season-best. Howard also took third in the long jump with a season-best mark of 19'8.25".

On the men's side, sophomore

Neil McDonagh placed first in the mile in 4:13.50.

In addition to those victories, two Jackets improved on school records set earlier this season. Freshman Jessica Graft cleared 12'11.50" in the pole vault to finish second. She improved not only her NCAA provisional mark, but also surpassed the school record posted earlier this season at the Kentucky Invitational.

Sophomore Ian Brewer claimed the other school mark, as he had a toss of 57'4.75" in the weight throw to finish seventh in a very competitive

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**Ian Brewer**  
Sophomore weight thrower

field.

"I'm happy with how our team is progressing, but I think we are going to improve even more and have a great shot at winning ACCs," Brewer said.

The Jackets also saw several more

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# Intramural Notebook

with Jack. B. Nimble

This week I want to take a closer look at A-League basketball, in particular the matchup between the top ranked Beta team and TKE.

Beta was coming off a 60-4 thrashing of Pi Kappa Phi, while TKE lost to Sigma Chi by a 46-25 count last week.

Both teams came out ice cold from the floor, leaving the score in single digits eight minutes in.

A run by Beta finally pushed the score out to a whooping 23-4 late in the first half. A late response by TKE got them back to within 28-19 at the half.

The second half saw much better shooting from sides and baskets were traded instead of bricks. TKE once again made a late run, getting within 53-49 before Beta closed the door with the last four points of the game to make the final score 57-49.

Michael Paxten led the way with

17 points for Beta with some nice work in the post.

TKE can take some consolation in the fact that the game was close enough to drop Beta to the third spot in the rankings, behind Phi Darts and Pike, who both posted more convincing wins.

Phi Darts beat Love for Donuts by a 61-26 count, while Pike beat Sigma Chi 48-32.

Wallyball got underway this week and the eight teams that posted wins are tied for the top spot. Pulling out in front is the Pike team, followed closely by Delta Tau Delta and AEPi.

Fiji and Reaction follow up closely in the fourth and fifth positions. The picture will get clearer as the weeks progress.

Next week, we'll check out the women's basketball teams and some A-league soccer action to pick out the front-runners in those leagues.

### A League Basketball Top 5

1. Phi Darts
2. Pike
3. Beta Theta Pi
4. Sig Ep
5. ESPN All Stars Pt. 2

### Women's Basketball Top 5

1. Phi Mu
2. Romans
3. Alpha Xi Delta
4. Alpha Gamma Delta
5. ADPi

### A League Soccer Top 5

1. Replacements
2. Red Rockets Too
3. Theta Xi
4. FIJI
5. TKE

### Women's Soccer Top 5

1. Alpha Gamma Delta
2. Alpha Delta Pi
3. Phi Mu
4. Alpha Xi Delta
5. Alpha Chi Omega

## Georgia Tech Football Commitments for 2003 Season

Pos	Name	School	Height	Weight
S	Joe Gaston	Walton (Marietta)	6-0	200
LB	Nick Moore	Arlington (Texas)	6-0	225
CB	Kenny Scott	Seabreeze (Fla)	6-1	175
LB	Joe Anoa'i	Escambia (Fla)	6-3	240
QB	Reggie Ball	Stephenson	6-1	185
QB	Patrick Carter	Lakewood (Fla.)	6-3	170
WR	Chris Dunlap	Miramar (Fla.)	6-0	190
CB	Brian Fleuridor	Boca Raton (Fla.)	5-11	180
RB	Reshaun Grant	Jefferson (Tampa)	5-11	190
OL	KaMichael Hall	Klein Forest (Texas)	6-1	203
DT	Leshawn Newberry	Spruce Cr. (Fla.)	6-1	315
DE	Adamm Oliver	Ridgewood (Fla.)	6-4	235
OL	Eddy Parker	Burnet (Texas)	6-5	280
QB	Al Pena	Leander (Texas)	6-3	200
LB	Kyle Pupello	Plant (Tampa)	6-2	230
OL	Matt Rhodes	Angleton (Texas)	6-5	265
S	Avery Roberson	Washington	6-2	185
OL	Kevin Tuminello	Boardman (Ohio)	6-4	285
LB	Phillip Wheeler	Shaw (Columbus)	6-2	215
CB	Sam Williams	Mays (Atlanta)	6-0	190
DT	Mansfield Wrotto	Brookwood	6-4	285

## sliver box

[www.nique.net/sliver](http://www.nique.net/sliver)  
 she doesn't work for the CIA, she's on Prozac  
 If you're using text as a pull quote, what don't you do?  
 Yes, I see a hand in the back.  
 No, Jody, the answer is not "sauce."  
 The answer is: not to put it in quotation marks! Copy editors, please dock your pay. Thanks...  
 The world is my vanilla pudding.  
 Your playoff bound Atlanta Hawks...my elbow has more of a chance to go to the playoffs than that bunch of losers  
 you're getting married? is she pregnant??  
 there's no E in INTA  
 If those two run, I'll be Handelman's campaign manager!  
 She must think you're tremendous in bed to be marrying you.  
 Heeeeeeaaayyyyy  
 9:45 am and still no UA to add paper to the printers... typical nude blackmail photos...priceless :D  
 Like hell if I am going to drive to Augusta for a girl...ok I changed my mind I will :D, whew, love that will power  
 mmmm Miss Asian Atlanta. I guess it is good that they didn't talk about that more for the 70% of the population here at tech  
 FASET...biggest damn scam I have ever seen...shananigans!  
 ok the mafia parking system here or indirect way of raising tuition to pay these bastards salaries is the biggest scam I have ever seen, excuse me, SHANANIGANS!!!  
 Mafia run bookstore is pretty corrupt, not as much as the parking bastards or the FACET scam, but still deserves a good SHANANIGANS!  
 there they go, taking the sliver away from us again... shaft dictators...  
 Ole Miss girls love heels and jeans  
 "War is silly, wack your willy"?  
 What losers come up with this crap?  
 alison looks mighty fine in that new "do"  
 No sliver section? I call shananigans on this stupid school yet again

## Respecting Elder

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**Peck:** Do you listen to any particular music or artist to get you pumped up before a game?

**Elder:** I like to listen to Lil' Wayne or Tupac before the games.

**Peck:** What is your favorite sport other than basketball to play/watch?

**Elder:** Football.

**Peck:** Who is your favorite actor? Actress?

**Elder:** Will Smith and Angela Bassett

**Peck:** What is your favorite television program?

**Elder:** Sports-center and "Martin."

**Peck:** What is your favorite movie?

**Elder:** Barry Gordy's *Last Dragon* (Leroy Green and Show-nuff).

**Peck:** As a child growing up, who was your favorite sports team?

**Elder:** The Chicago Bulls.

**Peck:** Which college arena in which you've played was the toughest to play in/had the most intimidating atmosphere?

**Elder:** Cole Field House (Maryland).

**Peck:** If you could travel to any place in the world, where would you go?

**Elder:** Hawaii.

**Peck:** Who is your most influential figure/role model?

**Elder:** My grandmother.

**Peck:** Why did you choose GT over the other schools recruiting you?

**Elder:** The coaches won me over early, and my boy, Isma'il Muham-

mad, was coming here also. We were teammates on the same summer team for three years.

**Peck:** What do you enjoy to do most in your free time?

**Elder:** Listen to music and chill with friends.

**Peck:** Where is your favorite place to shop?

**Elder:** Lenox and South Dekalb.

**Peck:** Do you have any brothers and/or sisters? Names? Ages?

**Elder:** I have a sister, Tiffany. She is 18.

**Peck:** Who is the toughest player, at any level, you've ever played against?

**Elder:** Juan Dixon (Maryland) was the toughest player for me to play.

**Peck:** Do you have any strange talents that hardly anyone knows about?

**Elder:** Singing is one of my hidden talents.

**Peck:** Who is the biggest joker/clown on the team? How so?

**Elder:** [Freshman walk-on] Mario West is the team clown. He is always doing something to get a laugh out of everyone.

**Peck:** What would be your ultimate, personal basketball highlight?

**Elder:** Winning a National or ACC Championship would be the ultimate highlight of my basketball career.

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**B.J. Elder**  
On why he chose Tech

## Beyond the White and Gold

# It's never too early for the bracketologist

By John Parsons  
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Selection Sunday is still well over a month off, but the tournament picture is starting to take shape. At this point any team not yet under consideration, needs to make a move fast.

It looks like it'll be tougher on teams from major conferences this year, as there is a lot more hype surrounding the mid-majors. In fact, it is extremely unlikely that a team will make the tourney with a losing conference record this year. Teams with even records might even find it tough to justify themselves.

One thing that is definitely clear though is that quality road wins are at a premium this year.

While this would make it seem that a team needs a few road wins, my feeling is that it primarily makes it all the more important to defend one's home court, as our Jackets have done.

How can a team expect to

get in with a less-than-excellent home court record in a year when nobody

that is any good is losing at home?

Let's look at couple recent devel-

opments. Florida can no longer be viably considered for a one or two seed after their thrashing at the hands of Kentucky. A team that needs a late run to get back to within 20 does not deserve a one or two seed, and only deserves a three or four if they bounce back and dominate someone else.

the guy with a ball and still take away all possible passes.

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Georgetown is hands down the tough luck team of the year. They've lost to two top ten teams by one point each and somehow failed to notice that Seton Hall had six men on the floor in the closing moments of regulation.

I don't see how they could fail to notice that there's six men on the floor when the bring the ball up the floor and Seton Hall can afford to double

In closing, I'll be the first to call some tournament chokes and Cinderellas.

First off, I'll go ahead and put Pitt and Marquette in the choke column because, well, when don't they choke?

Pitt looks like they'll end up with a one or two seed, so they'll probably wait until the second round to fold.

On the Cinderella side, the Butler and Creighton bandwagons are full, which generally means one thing: neither will make much noise.

Right now I like the Dayton Flyers. I like them mainly because they come out of the A-10 playing their ugly, yet effective, bruising style that can pull a favorite down to their level. It'll be ugly, but if they start knocking off favorites, no one will care.

Over the next several weeks, the picture will become clearer. Then hopefully on Selection Sunday we'll all be celebrating the Jackets eight or nine seed.

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