The Six-point Scribe next looks to the Layout Editor—or at least he would if the Layout Editor bothered to show up and do anything. So much for the doesn’t have to think about her picks, she is going to spend the extra time watching coverage of John Glenn’s historic mission to Mars aboard Pathfinder.

Mississippi is a step ahead of everyone this week—she knows that all the final scores for tomorrow’s games are available at InterNations. What a thrill for the Forecasting crown has him showing will help him find a job in Minnesota so he can live under the enlightened rule of Jesse “The Governor” Ventura. The Online Editor wisened up adjective and should be hyphenated.) The guy carrying the “Will Write Stories for Food” sign hung onto first place this week. He hopes a strong Forecast as the leaves change color and the miserable winter weather approaches, the ever-vigilant Football Forecasters are at it again. ("ever-vigilant" is a two word

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Let’s offer him a quick round. What’s the first thing you think of when I say... oh... I don’t know... “syrup?” Even in her performance-enhancing Sudafed-induced coma, the office jock can only think about one thing—the Talkmaster. She confided her true feelings for Mighty Whitey to the Scribe just the other day. “He is so dreamy. He’s just horribly gorgeous!” Hey, what are all those shouts of “I quit” and “Go ahead, fire me!”? It can only mean there’s a News Editor logjam in eighth place. They each have so much in common, like their habitual “Dawson’s Creek” viewing. Maybe they could co-host a weekly DC party. But most of all, they really seem to like long, long phone calls... Pocohontas continues to brutally weigh the poor, poor News section down...
Men's basketball plays poorly in exhibition loss to Athletes in Action

By Nate Owen
No cheering please

The Georgia Tech Men's Basketball Team has a lot of work to do. In an exhibition game played on Monday night, the Jackets looked very tentative and nervous, leading to a sloppy 84-73 loss to Athletes in Action.

With the exception of only a few short spurts by the Jackets, the Athletes in Action (AIA) controlled the play for most of the game. One of those spurts forced a 41 all tie at the midway intermission and another with about 5 minutes to play in the game shrank the AIA lead to 2, but the Jackets would go no closer.

The Jackets, who lost their star player, Dion Glover on the first day of practice, had another scare when Jon Babul and Alvin Jones went down on the same play late in the second half. Babul's injury looked the more serious of the two, as he was carried to the bench with an apparent knee injury. Jones' injury came on an apparent elbow (the referees didn't see it that way) above the eye that was closed in the final minutes of the game.

Junior guard/forward Jason Floyd, who shot 8 for 13 from the field and 5 treys in the process, had 21 points, paced Tech in the game. Jones chipped in 18 points and 4 blocks before he went down, and T.J. Vines had 15 points, including 4 three-pointers.

The game was marred with turnovers and poor shooting. The major faults for the Jackets were an inability to rebound or shoot free throws. The Athletes in Action out-rebounded the Jackets almost 2-1 at 55 to 30. But just as important, Tech shot a woeful 8-21 from the floor.

The game marked the debut of Tony Akins in a Georgia Tech uniform. The highly touted freshman guard from Lilburn seemed nervous and unsure on the court, although he only made one turnover. Akins shot a disappointing 2 for 17 from the field for 5 points.

Darryl LaBarrie, also in his first game for Georgia Tech, gave the Jackets some good minutes off the bench, scoring 5 points and giving some needed rest to Vines and Akins. LaBarrie is a transfer from Florida A&M who sat out last season to become eligible. Ashley Kelley, a redshirt junior who has made his living on the practice squad, was the only other Tech reserve to see playing time.

“We needed a game,” commented Cremins on the game. “We looked very nervous at times and tentative. Obviously, we didn’t play real well, but that’s why we have exhibition games. When you have a game like that, you want to learn something from it.”

The next test for the Jackets will be next Monday night as they take on All-Star California at 7:30 in the Arch Deluxe at Alexander Memorial Coliseum. The Jackets will then start their regular season at home the next week against Charleston Southern.

One of the few bright spots for the Jackets was Alvin Jones, who showed that his offensive game has improved significantly over the offseason.

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Maryland

204 total yards, not bad for a first career start.

With 179 yards rushing, Burns became Tech’s first 100-yard rusher this season. Also, he was named ACC Rookie of the Week. “Joe Burns had a good day,” praised O’Leary. “We needed someone to step up, and he did that.”

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Finishing in the latter half of a meet was new territory for the Jackets this season. The women's team went into the ACC Championships enjoying a three-meet winning streak, and the men had won two titles in their last three competitions. However, the Jackets weren’t able to keep their early season contests close eye on that game. A Seminole victory could open up the gates for the Jackets to capture the ACC title and maybe even receive a bowl championship series bid. Too many factors are still unknown, but be assured that the team will keep a close eye on that game.

Nevertheless, the Jackets will have one key conference game on their mind this Thursday. Georgia Tech will be pumped to face Clemson in front of 80,000 roaring fans at Clemson Memorial Stadium before a national television audience.

Drosky and his crew will keep training in an effort to break back into the top five in District 9. At this point in the season, they're cutting down on the number of miles run in a week. More emphasis is being put on tapering skills and resting. The men, who normally run 90 miles a week, will tone it down to 50 miles a week, while the women will lower their total to 40 miles a week from all of them. You have to have an emotional attachment to the race,” stated Drosky.

Tech won its second chance, when Tech finished below third or the women's top finisher was senior Judy Johnson. She ran the 5 K course in 18:21.2, the 22nd best time overall. Sophomore Carolyn Kreiger and junior Becky Megesi came in right next to each other at 45th and 46th places.

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By Larry Memberg
Don’t diss my family name

The ACC Championships came and went for the men’s and women’s cross country teams, but unfortunately the Yellow Jackets missed their opportunity to gain some ground in the conference. Coach Alan Drosky anticipated Tech’s chance to improve upon last year’s seventh-place finishes, but this year the men’s and women’s squads placed seventh out of the ACC’s 12 teams.

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What a disappointment,” said Drosky. “It certainly wasn’t the performance I was expecting.”

Tech won most of its meets easily, but their early season contests contained no ACC opponents.

Drosky feels that this lower level of competition affected Tech’s readiness for the ACC meet.

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Drosky and his crew will keep training in an effort to break back into the top five in District 9. At this point in the season, they’re cutting down on the number of miles run in a week. While the women will lower their total to 40 miles a week from all of them. You have to have an emotional attachment to the race,” stated Drosky.

The ACC Championships were the first time in 1998 that the men finished below third or the women’s team placed lower than fourth, so the Jacket runners are eager to prove themselves again. They’ll get their second chance, when Tech fights to add another title to this season’s collection.
Jackets improve to 6-2 with sloppy win over Maryland

By Matthew Memberg

Hugging the computer

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets went trick-or-treating last Saturday in Baltimore and came away with a nice treat: a 31-14 triumph over the Maryland Terrapins. The win improves the team’s record to 6-2, 5-1 in the ACC, and keeps the Jackets in a tie with Virginia and Florida State for first place in the conference.

With the victory over Maryland, the Jackets have earned the minimum number of wins necessary to qualify for a bowl game. This fact may be somewhat lost in the shuffle of the ACC title chase, but it should not go unnoticed. Recall that last year, Tech didn’t earn bowl-qualifying sixth win until the 10th game of the season, a loss against Maryland.

Head coach George O’Leary is certainly pleased that Tech is bowl-bound after only eight games. “[Qualifying at this point in the season] takes some pressure off. We’ve done an outstanding job of playing eight-one-game seasons, but we need to keep focused.”

The Tech-Maryland contest, the Jackets’ first showing in Baltimore since 1991, was the first ever Division I-A game played at the brand-new Ravens Stadium. Both teams had not enjoyed in an entire month. Playing an inferior team gave Tech an excellent opportunity to regain some confidence after having humble pie stuffed down their throat at home by the Seminoles the previous week.

The Jackets took that excellent opportunity and threw it out the window in the first half in Baltimore. The Tech offense evoked bad memories from the Boston College game, managing only 95 total yards in the first two quarters and missing two field goal attempts. Junior quarterback Joe Hamilton, who suffered a hip pointer in the loss to Florida State, was way off track, completing only six of 16 passes for 58 yards before halftime.

“I was in some pain but that was no excuse,” admitted Hamilton. “It was very frustrating. Those plays I’m counting on as a quarterback to make, I just wasn’t making them.” Things looked really bad for the Jackets during their first possession. Sophomore wide receiver Dez White hurt his left ankle on the first play of the game but was able to walk off the field under his own power. A few plays later, on a broken play, Hamilton lobbed the ball towards offensive end Peter Timmins, who then danced his way 32 yards into the end zone for the score tied at 14 despite zero offensive production in the first thirty minutes of play.

The rest of the first half was sloppy and ugly, with neither offense making much progress. Tech went into the locker room at halftime with the score tied at 14 after 17 third-quarter points and shut down the Terrapins the previous week. Both the Yellow Jacket players and their fans expected O’Leary to tip the team during his halftime remarks; however, that turned out not to be the case.

“He told us the second half decided the rest of our season,” said senior defensive end Nate Stimson. “He put it on us. He didn’t yell at us. He didn’t have to tell us we were playing like crap.”

The Jackets obviously took O’Leary’s halftime words to heart and came back out of the locker room showing determination and a definite will to win. The Ramblin’ Wreck rolled out 17 third-quarter points and shut down the Terrapins for the remainder of the game. The winning score came with 8:25 remaining in the third quarter when Hamilton and Burns gave Maryland a lesson on the correct way to run the option. Burns took the pitch from Hamilton and sprinted down the sidelines virtually untouched for a 44-yard touchdown. After the extra point by senior placekicker Brad Chambers, Tech was on top 21-14.

In the second half, Burns could not be stopped or contained as he ran for 143 yards on 10 carries. In addition to the 44-yard touchdown, the Burn highlight reel also included a 54-yard tackle-breaking run on another option pitch from Hamilton. Burns finished the day with a game-high 260 rushing yards.

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Tech preparing for Thursday night trip to Death Valley

By Haynes Killen
A little too apologetic

After a 31-14 thumping of their ACC rival, the Maryland Terrapins, the battered Jackets will take advantage of this upcoming off-weekend to recuperate and improve on its fundamentals before traveling 100 miles up Interstate 85 to face the Clemson Tigers the following Thursday. The Jackets will look to continue their impressive play against conference opponents.

The Jackets (6-2 overall, 5-1 conference) are currently tied for first place in the ACC with the Florida State Seminoles and the Virginia Cavaliers. The Jackets enter the game with a powerful offense that ranks first in scoring with a 34.6 point average. Directing the Jackets will be none other than junior Quarterback Joe Hamilton. Hamilton leads the ACC in passing efficiency and is always a threat to run with the ball.

The Jackets are recovering from a shoulder injury he received against the Florida State Seminoles. The loss dropped Tech into a tie for second place in the ACC. The Jackets face the Clemson Tigers the following Thursday. Both matches will begin at 7:30 p.m. in O'Keefe.

Lady Jackets finish home schedule this weekend

The Georgia Tech women’s volleyball team finishes its home schedule this weekend with two ACC contests. Tonight’s 7:30 p.m. match against Virginia will be Senior Night. Both matches are at O’Keefe Gym.

Having this week off should allow Charlie Rogers and the other banged up Jackets to return to full strength for next week’s Thursday night matchup against Clemson.

Lady Jackets finish home schedule this weekend

By Dale Russell
Photographer turned writer

After a disheartening 0-3 loss at Florida State last weekend, the Lady Jackets rallied back this past Tuesday night to post a 3-0 victory over Mercer Bears in front of a partisan attendance of 278, compared to the 1,427 at the Clemmons game.

The Lady Jackets were held to a season-low 33 digs in losing 15-6, 16-14, 15-11 to the Seminoles. The loss dropped Tech to third in the ACC.

The Jackets ramped up to an early 11-3 lead in the first game against Mercer and kept on rolling, winning the match by a final score of 15-5, 15-4, 15-7.

Playing Mercer, a team that had gone 3-21 this season, provided sophomore Merritt Miller, freshman Lauren Grubka, and freshmen Alexis Moran the opportunity to see match time. The highlight perhaps being Grubka’s three kills of the evening.

Teryl Townend led the Jackets with 10 kills, followed by Kyleen Edwards, who had 10. Junior Amanda Sabo tallied 39 sets in the match as she filled the void created by injured Carly Clevenger. Clevenger, who hasn’t played in six games, is still ranked eighth in the ACC in assists per game. Bell had a slow night, only managing a 263 kill average. Although the match was not as dramatic as the match against Clemson, which featured six game points and saw Coach Collier receive a yellow card warning, it was still good Yellow Jacket volleyball.

As the Jackets come down the homestretch, several players are among the ACC leaders. Carla Gartner is ranked sixth in the ACC in hitting percentage and Maja Paidale is sixth in the league in kills per game. In the category of service aces per game, Amanda Medrow is ranked ninth, and Aimee Boulet is ranked fifth. Bell is fourth in the ACC in blocks per game.

This weekend will be extremely important as the ACC leaders host two ACC matches. Friday’s game against UVa is a battle for second place in the ACC. The Jackets will then host Maryland on Saturday. Both matches will begin at 7:30 p.m. in O’Keefe.

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The men’s basketball team faces All-Star California in an exhibition Monday night at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free for students.

Coach Bobby Cremins will host Biscuits with Bobby Teddy morning at 11 a.m. Chick-Fil-A will provide free biscuits and lemonade at the event, which is at O’Keefe.

On November 16, the men’s team officially opens their season against Charleston Southern. At halftime, the world-renowned Cirque de Soleil will perform. See next week’s Technique for more details.

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