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## A Word from the Alumni Director

Another academic year has been completed at Louisiana Tech University — and what a year it has been! Last fall, Tech enrolled the largest freshman class, graduate class and overall number of students in the history of the university. Spring commencement followed suit, with Thomas Assembly Center holding the largest graduating class in Tech's history.

Also during the year, Tolliver Hall and the Ropp Center were formally dedicated. Just as the "Tonk" was for many of you, Tolliver Hall has evolved into a center of campus life for today's students. Ropp, the "Old President's Home," now plays host to receptions and offers faculty and staff a spot of their own, too.

Hale Hall has been rebuilt into a wonderful likeness of its first glory days. Hale, set to open this summer, will be formally dedicated at Homecoming 2004.

University Park, the new student housing project, is well under way and will launch its first move-in phase this fall. The second phase will open to students at the beginning of winter quarter.

Plans for the Biomedical Engineering Building have been finalized, and in President Dan Reneau's column, "From the 16th Floor," he goes into more detail about this tremendous addition to our campus.

The Alumni Association spent much of the spring caravanning around the state during its annual "Spring Road Show." These have proved to be extremely successful in our smaller markets, and the communities have come out in great numbers to support Tech.

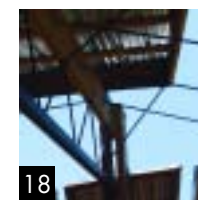
As for future events, Happening XXIII is in Monroe on August 5, and Homecoming 2004 is scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 22-24. Please check our Web site at [www.latechalumni.org](http://www.latechalumni.org) for all of the upcoming events, including tailgating for home and away football games.

If you have any comments or suggestions about the magazine, please let me know at [kyle@latechalumni.org](mailto:kyle@latechalumni.org). Thank you for your continued support of Louisiana Tech University and the Louisiana Tech Alumni Association.

*Kyle Edmiston*

### ABOUT THE COVER

Jim King (class of 1984), vice president for student affairs, is looking forward to seeing the first group of students move into University Park this fall.



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# FROM THE 16TH FLOOR

## BIOMED CENTER TO JOIN PROGRESSION OF DREAMS

TIME MOVES ON WHETHER WE USE IT WELL OR NOT. BUT HERE at Louisiana Tech we are seizing the day — and the future.

In the 21st century we are as dedicated to progress as we were back in 1972 when our biomedical engineering program joined just a handful of such programs in the nation.

The momentum continues today.

During the next academic year, we will lift yet another historic shovel of dirt and begin construction of a new biomedical engineering center. The new facility will help keep us competitive in recruiting the best faculty and students while reinforcing our foundation of world-class research and instruction.

Among the many benefits of the new space and connections will be the enhancement of all our Ph.D. programs, including a joint M.D./Ph.D. program which can be completed in six years. The double degree, (the Ph.D. is in biomedical engineering), is being offered through a cooperative agreement with LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

The total budget for the biomed project is \$8.3 million, which includes \$1.9 million generated by the university itself. The promise of private donations such as Humana Foundation's matching challenge grant of \$350,000 has expanded plans for the center from an original state-funded 30,000 square feet to 52,000 square feet.

Plans call for 6,000 square feet for general research labs and 10,000 square feet for bionanotechnology labs. (The university is providing "naming opportunities" for anyone wishing to contribute toward the cost of the labs.)

Another 6,000 square feet offers incubator space for emerging technologies. Besides office and lab space, startups need access to faculty and students. Nothing encourages that like proximity.

And speaking of proximity, the new center will sit next to the Institute for Micromanufacturing on the main campus because much of biomedical engineering and biomedical technology builds upon micro- and nanotechnology in IfM.

An enclosed walkway between the two buildings, "Collaboration Alley," will help tear down the walls. In addition to the walkway, collaborative space within the new center will encourage impromptu exchanges of ideas. In this era of cooperation and crossover, the design couldn't have been otherwise.

Allow me to share some more specifics of the design:


A balcony will overlook a three-story atrium that will host receptions and presentations.

The first floor will offer class/labs with untraditional seating that will facilitate hands-on learning; areas of general research support; neural engineering labs; rehab engineering labs; idea rooms that offer collaborative space and which can't be scheduled like more traditional conference rooms are; and incubator space for business and technology startups.

The second floor will feature bionanotechnology research labs; some shared equipment space (microscope equipment, for example); individual investigation labs for faculty members and students; faculty offices; a formal conference room; and some collaboration space at the center of the labs.

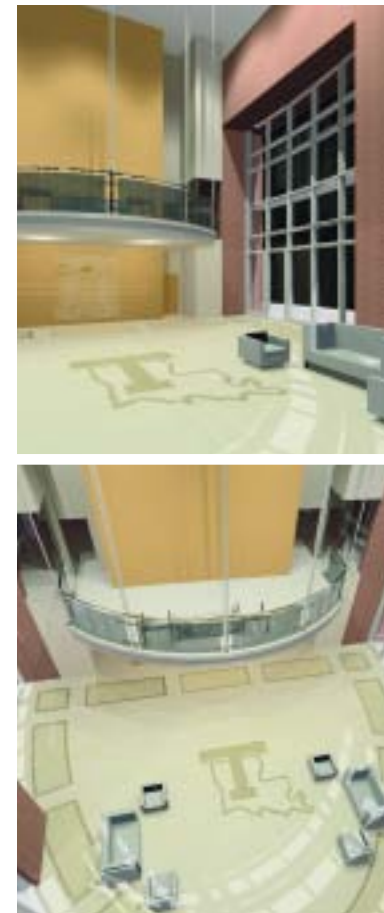
The third floor will house heating and air conditioning units and 8,000 square feet that can accommodate future needs.

It takes a modern, well-planned space for great minds to work together in the exciting and wide-open field of bionanotechnology, and that's what we will have.

This ongoing investment in cutting-edge facilities — and in quality faculty and students — has positioned us at the forefront of emerging medical technologies and something even better — hope. Which is where we always want to be — at the leading edge of a commitment to people, and to the future. 

"DURING THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR, WE WILL LIFT YET ANOTHER HISTORIC SHOVEL OF DIRT AND BEGIN CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING CENTER. THE NEW FACILITY WILL HELP KEEP US COMPETITIVE IN RECRUITING THE BEST FACULTY AND STUDENTS WHILE REINFORCING OUR FOUNDATION OF WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTION."

- Daniel D. Reneau, president



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BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING BUILDING  
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## DR. CAROL RIDENOUR A CAREER OF CARING

DR. CAROL RIDENOUR NEVER PICTURED HERSELF BEING honored with the Tower Medallion award at Tech's May commencement ceremony.

"It's humbling to receive such an award for loving my job," she said.

As the highest honor that Tech presents to an alumna, the Tower Medallion recognizes professional, civic, or community excellence and service to the university.

Ridenour grew up in Bernice, a town just north of Ruston. Like all her siblings, she went to Tech. Although she graduated magna cum laude in 1973 with a degree in home economics, she was destined for a life in medicine.

"I have delivered more babies than the number of people residing in my hometown of Bernice," she declared with a grin.

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- Dr. Carol Ridenour

Ridenour said the medical field had always held a special significance in her life. Her father, Dr. Calvin Reeves, a 1945 Tech graduate, was the only doctor in their community. As a young child, she tagged along as he worked. "I'd use Daddy's stethoscope and travel with him on house calls," she recalled.

After Tech, Ridenour went on to graduate from LSU Medical Center in Shreveport with a specialty in obstetrics and gynecology. She also earned the Crawford Memorial Award for Senior Residents.

The walls of Ridenour's Baton Rouge office, decorated with photos of newborns, now testify to her devotion to her patients. She also keeps several scrapbooks for all the baby photos that no longer fit on the walls.

"Obstetrics and gynecology is generally a very happy, joyous specialty and allows me to mother my patients," she said.

Today, in addition to her thriving obstetrics and gynecology practice, Ridenour is an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge and one of its administrative board members.

She has been active on the Baton Rouge Area Foundation's Medical Grant Review Committee and in the Louisiana Arts and Science Center. For six years Ridenour served as a board member for the American Cancer Society, and for two years she was the president.

In February 2003, she went on a medical missionary trip to Mexico.

Ridenour was honored by her college in 1995 with the Distinguished Alumna of the Year Award. She currently serves on the Louisiana Tech University Foundation Board of Directors.

She has two grown sons, Drew and Hamilton, and is married to Baton Rouge attorney Mike Dufilho.

Ridenour may live in Baton Rouge but she keeps her first alma mater close to her heart. "Tech has the closeness and charm of a small school environment. It's a real gem—not a diamond in the rough." 🏠

## LEON BARMORE TAKE A BOW

LONG HONORED FOR HIS SUPERB ACHIEVEMENTS IN basketball, Leon Barmore has one more prestigious award to add to his collection: the Tower Medallion.

As Tech's highest alumni honor, it celebrates professional achievement and service to the university and to the community. Barmore received the award during May's commencement exercises, sharing the honor with Dr. Carol Ridenour.

"It's quite an honor to be recognized in this way," Barmore said.

Barmore's legendary career as head coach of the Lady Techsters came to an end with his retirement in 2002. A Ruston native, Barmore played basketball for Tech, earning letters from 1965 through 1967. As a coach, Barmore cultivated a strong basketball program and built the Lady Techsters into one of the top programs in the country.

During his 25 years of coaching, (20 of which he served as head coach), Barmore averaged 30 wins a year.

"This consistency is something that amazes me still," he said.

With 576 wins to only 87 losses, Barmore earned an 86.9 winning percentage, still the highest winning percentage in the history of collegiate basketball. In addition, when Barmore coached Tech to a 31-5 mark in 2000-01, he became the first coach in Division I college basketball history to record six straight 30-plus win seasons.

Barmore joined Tech as an assistant coach during the 1977-78 season. In the ensuing years, he led Tech to 20 consecutive NCAA postseason tournament appearances, nine Final Four Tournaments, five national championship games, and the title during the 1987-88 season. He also coached 12 Kodak All-Americans and two Wade Trophy winners during his career.

Barmore's superlative coaching accomplishments make him both a local and national celebrity.

Twice he received the national Coach of the Year award from the Basketball Writers Association. In 2003, Barmore was inducted into both the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., and the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn.

In addition to the Tower Medallion, Barmore has received other honors from Tech. In 2003 he was selected as Alumnaus of the Year for the College of Education, and also was inducted into Tech's athletic hall of fame.

When asked about his stellar career, Barmore responded with a heartfelt statement.



"IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE A PART OF SOMETHING THAT MEANS SO MUCH TO SO MANY — THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME SWELL UP WITH PRIDE."

- Leon Barmore

"It is wonderful to be a part of something that means so much to so many – thinking about it makes me swell up with pride."

Barmore saluted Tech for opening doors for him. "I'm a hometown boy who played for Tech. Then Tech made my career possible for me to do what I love."

Although Barmore admits to missing the game, he maintains an active lifestyle and focuses his attention firmly on his family.

"It is a blessing to have grandkids, and I love being able to spend valuable time with them," he said. "Family is so important to me and I am grateful." 🏠



# HOME IMPROVEMENT

## THE FUTURE OF STUDENT LIVING HAS ARRIVED AT LOUISIANA TECH.

WITH UNIVERSITY PARK APARTMENTS WELCOMING STUDENTS for the first time this fall and old residence halls being decommissioned, Tech is entering a new era of student housing.

“There’s a misconception we will house fewer students, but we’re not,” said Jim King, vice president for student affairs. “As buildings go off-line and with University Park coming up, we will simply reconfigure existing space and continue to house about the same 3,000 we did before.”

Although some of the older residence halls are being phased out, the names they honored will live on in University Park commons that will be called Caruthers, Kidd, Thatcher and Sutton.

Thatcher, built in the 1930s, was taken down several decades ago, and Sutton harks back to the family who owned the property where University Park will stand.

The idea behind the commons is to cluster the buildings around common green space, King said.

“It balances the privacy of apartment living with a sense of community and social interaction,” he said.

The apartments are expected to help energize baseball, tennis and recreational activities by moving students closer to one of the most vibrant areas of campus.

“I recently climbed a ladder overlooking the beautiful, green baseball field to see what the students will see from the apartments,” he said. “There will hardly be a bad seat in the house, what with all the amenities, views and covered patios.”

Juniors and seniors who have already lived on campus are the students being targeted for the apartments.

The waiting list already exceeds the 200 beds which will become available to students this fall. Later in the academic year, a final total of almost 450 beds will be available.

“It’s going to be interesting to watch that first group move in,” King said. “The students say they are looking forward to having an off-campus feeling on campus. They’re excited, and so are we.”

The lease includes rent, all utilities, phone, high-speed Internet connection and cable (more than 55 channels including Tech



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this as 50-year construction.”

For starters, the apartment buildings feature metal studs and 4 inches of concrete between floors.

“It’s commercial quality,” King said.

Older residence halls such as Adams, Aswell, Dudley and Pearce were built to similar standards, King said, and that’s why they are still serving the university well.

In order to get quality control and efficiency, Tech acted as its own developer and turned almost exclusively to area talent for construction.

From the general contractor and most of the subcontractors to the plumbing, mechanical work, bricklaying, cooling/heating installers, dry wall and landscaping, almost all the construction providers were local, King said.

Helping to keep everyone straight at the site is “clerk of the works” Wayne Brooks. He came to work at Tech in the mid-’60s and retired from housing as director of building services for student affairs. Now he’s back and going on 40 years of service.

Before any money is issued for work, Brooks has to verify the work has been done, and done well.

“I’m on the construction site each day,” Brooks said. “I log the work inventory, how many workers and what they’re doing. I also take digital images of the work and provide project updates.”

Another duty he never signed on for but which he takes in good grace is fielding inquiries from curious people.

“I have them stop and ask questions,” he said. “Most of the time they want me to describe what the apartments are going to look like and how many buildings there’s going to be.”

He tells them that the design is consistent with “that old Tech look,” and that he counts 17 buildings at the site, a different count from what the architects make since they often count two buildings as one if they are connected with a balcony or walkway. “But I judge from slabs,” he said.

There are two unit options: a two-bedroom flat with one bathroom (600 square feet) or a two-story, four-bedroom unit with two bathrooms (1,400 square feet).

“It’s going to give students a lot of personal choices based on personal preferences,” King said. “My 10-year-old has already picked out her spot for when she’s a Tech student. She likes the area over center field of the baseball field.”

TV channel). A choice of meal plans is mandatory.

Junior biology major Ashley McGarity of Baton Rouge is among the students moving into University Park this fall. She said she likes the transitional feel of the setup.

“It’s a step between a dorm and an apartment,” she said. “I don’t have to worry about utilities or cable, but it’s like a normal apartment, too. There aren’t any RAs, your neighbors could be guys or girls, and you have your own showers.”

McGarity has checked out the UP site on the Internet — [latech.edu/universitypark](http://latech.edu/universitypark) — which offers virtual tours.

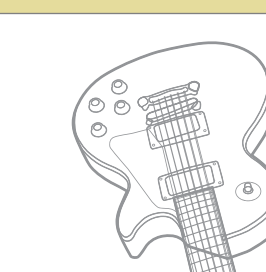
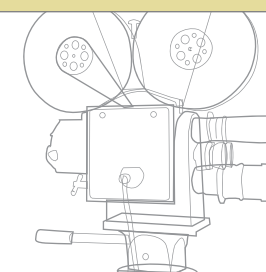
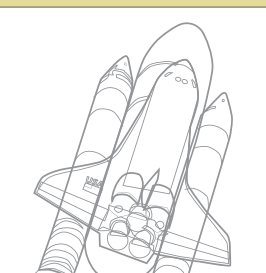
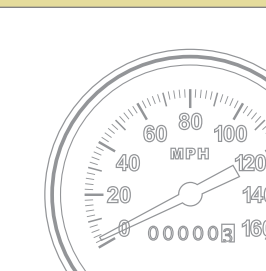
“The plans look really cool,” she said. “It’ll be all new, and everything’s furnished. You don’t have to worry about bringing beds up or any of that.”

King said University Park will be solid as well as attractive.

“The thing I’m most pleased about is the quality of construction,” he said. “Tech has designed and constructed quality that will serve us for a long time. Architects characterize

# MAKING THEIR MARK

CAR ENGINE ENGINEER... SPACE STATION ENGINEER... INTERIOR DESIGNER... MOVIE MAKER... ROCK STAR... THEY ALL HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON: TECH PRIDE. THESE YOUNG (BUT WISE) ALUMNI ARE MAKING THEIR MARK AND CARRYING THE TECH TRADITION RIGHT ALONG WITH THEM. THEY'RE TECH TRIUMPHS.



kelie  
MAYFIELD

## URBAN OFFICE INNOVATOR

**HOMETOWN:** Houston

**GRADUATION:** 1994, B.F.A., Interior Design

**FURTHER EDUCATION:** 2000 Master of Architecture, University of Houston; 1994-1995, post baccalaureate, Centre d'Etude d'Architecture et d'Urbanisme, Saintes, France

**ABOUT MY JOB:** As a project designer for DMJM Rottet, we work with corporate office space, but we are also involved in retail and hospitality and even assist as conceptual designers for other firms. We are currently a small office and part of a large Los Angeles-headquartered corporation.

**DESCRIBE THE DOC AWARD AND HOW YOU GOT IT:** The Solutia Doc Awards competition is considered to be one of the architecture and design community's benchmarks of success. Companies enter interior design projects in which a Solutia carpet fiber has been used. Our design team captured the Doc Award for the Vanco Energy headquarters in Houston. We accepted the award in Rockefeller Center during the Interior Design Hall of Fame banquet and have been featured in several industry magazines as a marketing tool for Solutia products.

**ABOUT THE WINNING DESIGN:** Vanco Energy does deepwater oil exploration off the coast of West Africa and wanted a space that conveys this process through an open and creative work environment with subtle branding. Our team designed a contemporary office environment accented by Vanco's collection of African sculpture and modern art that we selected for the space. Every little design detail speaks to you as you move through the space.

**ADVICE TO SOMEONE ENTERING MY FIELD:** Become well rounded. Develop strong design and technical skills but also develop interpersonal skills. A big part of the job is working with clients, listening to their needs, and interpreting them into an architectural concept. Traveling and discovering other cultures are important on many levels. Ruston can be an insular place and it's really beneficial to seek out opportunities that enable you to experience and see new things.

**TRIUMPH IN MY JOB:** It's very satisfying to walk through a transformed office space that you designed and hear the clients say how much they enjoy coming to work in their new environment.



marcus  
MORTON

## PRODUCING EVERY DAY

**HOMETOWN:** Shreveport (now resides in Beverly Hills, Calif.)

**DEGREES:** 1990, B.S., Business Management and Entrepreneurship; 1992, M.B.A.

**ABOUT MY JOB:** As an independent producer you multitask. You're in charge of that film from concept to completion — everyone and everything — talent, director, money, distribution, hiring and firing, and now even the home video component.

**MY CAREER PATH:** My involvement with Tech radio station KLPI played an important role in me breaking into the music business. As KLPI's business manager I was able to go to music conventions in New York and Atlanta where I networked with people in the industry. That led to college internships and eventually a job in marketing and promotion with a major record label. In 1997, I was vice president of rap music for EMI Records, which helped leverage me from the music business into the movie industry. Since then, I've been an associate producer for the film "Molly" (1999) and producer of "3 Strikes" (2000) and "You Got Served" (2004).

**ABOUT MY PROJECTS:** I have several projects in development such as the remake of the 1970s action flick, "Foxy Brown," starring Halle Berry, slated to shoot at the end of next summer for MGM. I'm working on a remake of the 1980 workplace comedy "9 to 5" with Jada Pinkett Smith for Fox Entertainment Group. Also in the works is a picture for Universal Studios titled "Carmen" that stars Jennifer Lopez.

**A RECENT TRIUMPH:** "You Got Served" had the largest opening of any movie ever released on Super Bowl weekend.

**ON MAKING A MOVIE SET IN LOUISIANA:** Hang tight — I'm working on it.

**MY TOUGHEST PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE:** Trying to get movies made. I have more pressure as an independent producer. When you work at a studio you have something to fall back on. As an independent, you have to get movies made in order to eat.

**MY DREAM JOB:** Owning my own film production and distribution company — my own film studio.



lana  
FOUNTAIN

## MULTIPLE MISSIONS

**HOMETOWN:** Moss Point, Miss. (now resides in Houston)

**GRADUATION:** 1997, B.S., Biomedical Engineering

**CAREER PATH:** My first job was with the subcontractor engineering firm GHG Corp. as a safety and mission assurance reliability engineer working on NASA projects. I gave design and reliability input on the Mir space station, the International Space Station, and the shuttle. I helped engineer devices for the crews to stay in shape while on their missions. I also designed testing schemes for hardware before it went into orbit. After about four years, I realized I wanted to move into a more technical role so I have since pursued ASQ (American Society for Quality) certification in reliability engineering and my professional engineering licensure. Then I took a position with Teledyne Brown Engineering designing interface hardware for the International Space Station. Today, I'm with Cimarron Inc. as a verification engineer in which I evaluate test data for hardware to be used on the Station to ensure that hardware is working properly and meets NASA mandate.

**MY HISTORY WITH SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS:** In 1993, I was walking through Bogard Hall at Tech when a flier caught my eye. It was an organizational meeting for starting a chapter of women engineers. I went to the meeting and became part of the charter group. After graduation, I naturally looked for the Houston chapter. I got involved in a number of volunteer activities and sought leadership roles. Before I knew it, I was elected president, which is my current capacity.

**ON BEING NAMED 2004 YOUNG ENGINEER OF THE YEAR:** The Society of Women Engineers recognizes a "shaker and mover" in the Houston-area chapter at a ceremony that includes all the engineering professional societies. I submitted my application detailing my volunteerism and commitment to encourage other women engineers. I was flattered to receive the honor because there are many outstanding women engineers here.

**PERSONAL TRIUMPH:** When I was up for a promotion and wasn't selected. A few years later, when I had moved on and it was well behind me, I received an e-mail from a customer I had during that time. They were offering me a job. It was a personal victory to have that customer still thinking of me and have the confidence in my abilities even though I hadn't gotten that promotion years earlier.



dane  
ADRIAN

**SQUINT**

**ORIGINALLY FROM:** Houghton, Mich. (now resides in Ruston)

**GRADUATION FROM TECH:** 2000, B.S., Industrial Engineering

**MY POSITION:** Lead singer and lyricist for the alternative rock band Squint.

**MY CAREER PATH:** After graduating high school, I made a serious commitment to my band and decided to move from Michigan's remote upper peninsula to a more centralized place. We moved to Ruston because I wanted to get my engineering degree at Tech and also live in a place that was in proximity to larger cities and college towns so that our band could tour.

**ABOUT OUR LATEST RECORD:** "Tinsel Life" is doing really well. The album climbed to No. 18 on the commercial specialty radio chart.

**REFLECTIONS ON ROCK MUSIC:** I follow the philosophy that rock music has to be honest. Honesty is what the grit of rock and roll should be about. So I always stick to being personal and truthful in my lyrics.

**EXPOSURE:** Squint is an independent band. We do everything ourselves without a manager. Being in Louisiana, we operate under the radar. But whether you like it or not, L.A. and New York are where the music business happens. They don't see what's going on in the heart of the Bible Belt. Even bands based in Dallas and Atlanta have similar problems. On the flip side, if we were living in one of those towns, it would be very easy to get lost. We want to build up and be a big fish in a small pond.

**LIVING IN RUSTON:** It's great being based in Ruston. For one, the cost of living is cheap. When you're on the road 150 days a year, covering rent in a New York City apartment would not be practical. When you're on tour, the best thing in the world is to come home to a small town where in five minutes you can get takeout and groceries compared to a big city where doing anything is a half-day commitment.



karen  
BEVAN, PH.D.  
*(Maiden name: Karen Bottom)*

**ZOOM, ZOOM, ZOOM**

**HOMETOWN:** Silver Spring, Md. (now resides in Northville, Mich.)

**GRADUATION:** 1997, B.S., Mechanical Engineering

**FURTHER EDUCATION:** M.S.M.E., Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin, Madison

**HOW I GOT TO TECH:** I researched a lot of universities and found that Tech had a very good engineering program. When I visited, I fell in love with Tech. I knew it would be the right fit academically and socially. I was also ready for a new cultural experience.

**LIFE TODAY:** I am senior research engineer for Detroit-based Eaton Corp., a tier-one supplier to the automotive industry. I work on a variety of power-train-related projects utilizing my background in internal-combustion engines. I help develop new engine technologies that are five to 10 years away from production.

**HOW I GOT INTO AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH:** When I went to UW-Madison for my Ph.D., I did research at its automotive engine research center, which is a top U.S. engine research facility. My experiments focused on the engine's intake port geometry (the passage that introduces the fuel/air mixture into the engine) and how this affects the flows that occur in the engine, ultimately impacting emissions.

**PIONEERING GENDER ROLES:** There were very few women in my programs. I was the only female Ph.D. doing research at UW-Madison's engine research center. Of course we want that to change, but I've gotten used to being in a traditionally male profession.

**MY TOUGHEST PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE:** That would be the transition from Tech to MIT. It was a steep learning curve because the cultures are drastically different. MIT is very theoretical in its teaching approach whereas Tech is very practical and prepares many graduates to go right into the work force. Also, MIT students are in their own worlds, whereas Tech engineering students are a family. We had crawfish boils together.

**A PROFESSOR AND MENTOR:** Dr. Jim Nelson helped me at all stages of my college career. He was a great listener and sounding board for all my concerns and ideas.



Tech President Dan Reneau addresses the capacity crowd at the Claiborne Parish Road Show at the Homer City Hall.



John Swart of Tech's Division of Student Life visits with a future Tech student at the Winn Parish Road Show (above). Longtime Tech supporter June Shell visits with Corre Stegall, vice president for university advancement, at the Winn Parish Road Show (right).

# SPRING ROAD SHOW BRINGS OUT HOMETOWN PRIDE

DURING APRIL AND MAY, LOUISIANA TECH'S annual Spring Road Show rolled through the state with Tech pride events in eight towns. These gatherings brought together Tech alumni, friends of the university, parents and prospective students. In all, more than 1,000 people came out for the Road Show events for dinner and camaraderie with the university community.

Tech administrators made presentations, and representatives from athletics, admissions, student life, financial aid, academics, and advancement were in attendance to discuss their areas of expertise. Members of the Student Advancement Team also participated in the Road Shows.

The Road Show planning committees encourage this hometown connection with the university.

"This was a unique opportunity for all fans and alumni of Tech to have the university bring its presentation to our back yard," said Barry Stevens, chairman of the Franklin Parish Road Show committee.

Get in on the fun when Tech rolls into your town next year!



# LINDA RAMSEY

## A CATALYST FOR TOMORROW'S SCIENTISTS



LINDA RAMSEY LIKES HER JOB AS DIRECTOR OF CATALYST, Tech's Center for Applied Teaching and Learning to Yield Scientific Thinking.

The center offers professional development programs for kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers. Ramsey said being an integral part of that process is very gratifying.

"I have a great respect for teachers," she said. "They face enormous challenges in the workplace, and their dedication to their work and students is momentous."

CATALyST programs help teachers create a student-centered learning environment in their classrooms and integrate hands-on activities.

The center's guiding principle can be summed up in three words: Make learning fun.

"Ultimately, the reward is that the programs are fun for everybody — fun for the teachers, their students, the workshop

trainers — everyone," Ramsey said. "If it weren't fun, we wouldn't do it because the work is too hard."

An advocate of innovative teaching that promotes student inquiry, deepens students' comprehension and produces lifelong learners, Ramsey said she could not think of a more valuable way to spend her time than helping to lay such critical groundwork.

With formal recognition by the Louisiana Board of Regents as an educational center several years ago, CATALyST continues to find new areas in which to carry out its mission.

Ramsey is herself the catalyst for the center's efforts. She works to obtain funding for current programs while continually widening the scope of programs offered. Since CATALyST's beginning in 1992, Ramsey has helped secure more than \$10 million in external funding to support and expand the professional development programs.

She works from an unclouded vision.

"We are in the business of helping teachers find ways to reach their students, improve their content knowledge and increase learner outcomes," Ramsey said.

She recalled the first grant for which she applied and received funding — pocket change compared to the funding she secures today.

"I submitted a proposal to develop manuals and hold a workshop for science teachers," she said. "I was thrilled when I found out my proposal was fully funded. I received \$400 to execute the project."

Humble it may have been, but this first grant fully encompassed CATALyST's mission of creating a student-centered learning environment.

"It helped to build teachers' confidence about integrating a hands-on activity into their classrooms," Ramsey said. "Having taken the time in the workshop to try an activity for themselves, the teachers were more likely to use it in their classrooms."

Since that time, the success of CATALyST's outreach could well be called phenomenal. To date, approximately 1,500 teachers from 900 schools in five states have participated in the center's professional development programs.

One of Ramsey's proudest moments this year occurred at the Louisiana Science Teacher Association's awards ceremony that recognizes K-12 teachers for their classroom accomplishments. Teachers who completed CATALyST programs swept the awards.

"It was so rewarding to see valuable teachers honored and to know that they worked with the center," Ramsey said. "It was proof that what we are doing at CATALyST is making a difference."

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- Linda Ramsey

Ramsey also received a distinguished honor at the LSTA award's ceremony in New Orleans: the Claudia Fowler Distinguished Service to Science Education Award. She said she must share credit for the award.

"It's not just me," she said. "We couldn't get done what we get done here with just one person. We have a whole team. That's what I'm proudest of."

Ramsey also serves as the director of the Center for Educational Excellence, Tech's faculty and staff professional development center. She designs and facilitates workshops and reading groups that address the needs of higher education teachers.

She said a student's education is no longer viewed in distinct sections; rather, it's a continuum of learning.

"Students are in a learning spectrum that spans from kindergarten through grade 16. Finding innovative ways to assist teachers at all levels will assure that critical skills are addressed and built upon with each year of a student's schooling."

She heads up a number of other campus programs, including the Brown Bag Lunch Series, a program that encourages faculty discussion on research and best instructional approaches over a noontime presentation. The New Faculty Academy supports faculty during their first years at Tech. Ramsey also organizes pre-service programs for Tech's graduate teaching assistants.

Regardless of the program, Ramsey is always on the lookout for ways to improve and expand programming. She said Tech's support has been crucial.

"Tech has been wonderful throughout the years," she said. "It is committed to support educators at all levels."



Linda Ramsey joins students at Tech's A.E. Phillips Lab School for an end-of-school shot.



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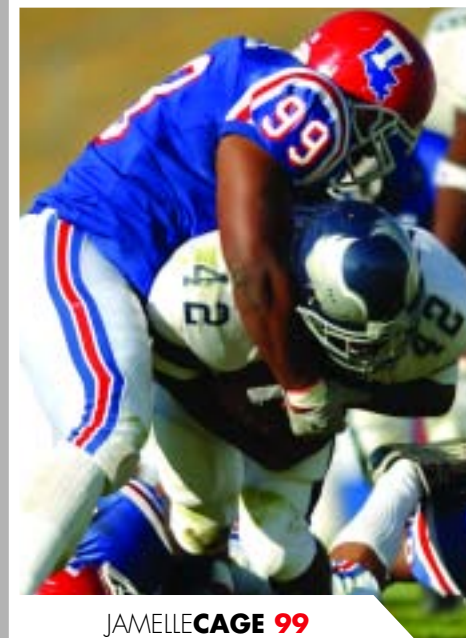
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# ATOP HER GAME

HARD WORK GAVE THIS NCAA BASKETBALL EXECUTIVE A CLEAR SHOT AT HER GOALS



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- Sue Donohoe, NCAA vice president for Division I women's basketball

PINEVILLE NATIVE AND LOUISIANA TECH ALUM SUE DONOHOE was back in Louisiana this spring, having taken the long way home.

As the new NCAA vice president for Division I women's basketball, she has come a long way, period.

On the last day of March, the Indiana resident found herself counting down days and duties as she prepared for 18,000 fire-breathing fans to flood the New Orleans Arena, site of the 2004 NCAA Women's Basketball Final Four.

"It's great to be in Louisiana and have the Final Four here," she said. "It's a good coming home for me."

Donohoe graduated summa cum laude from Tech in 1981 with a B.S. in biology, and earned her master's in physiology in 1983 while serving as a graduate-assistant coach for the Lady Techsters.

Retired Lady Techsters coach Leon Barmore remembers her focus and her work ethic.

"She was a bright, energetic young woman who had set lots of goals for herself, and I'm not surprised where she is today," he said. "When Sue was here, it didn't take you long to figure out she was going to accomplish great things. When you gave her a job, she did it quickly, she did it well, she did it efficiently."

The path from graduate assistant to NCAA executive was not a straight shot, of course, but the Tech coaching stint did expose her to great coaches, and therefore, to NCAA circles. "I could talk to you all day long about that experience — coaching with Coach (Leon) Barmore and Ms. (Sonja) Hogg and Coach (Gary) Blair," Donohoe said.

After graduation she did some high school coaching but kept her ties with college sports, particularly after she went to work with Blair who had gone to Stephen F. Austin University. At the University of Arkansas she moved into administration. Then she worked for the Southland Conference, based out of Dallas, where she directed championships.

"The NCAA decided at that time, this was fall of '99, spring of 2000, that they were going to form a women's staff," she said. "They named a vice president, who I happened to know by association of the tournament experiences that I had. I called her and said, 'Hey, congratulations, and if there's ever anything I can do to help let me know.' This conversation kind of spun itself around, and she said, 'Would you have any interest in coming to the NCAA and working on the women's staff?' And I said, 'You know what, I absolutely would.'"

After serving as director of the Division I Women's Basketball Championship and then director of the Division I Men's Basketball Championship, Donohoe was named to her current job.

Now she connects all the dots that make up Division I women's basketball. "We've got our coaches. We've got our student-athletes. We've got different constituent groups like our rules committee, our issues committee, our D-I women's basketball committee."

Jim Oakes, Tech's athletic director, attests to the tight ship Donohoe helps run.

"Those who follow the NCAA tournaments will tell you they are run with precision," he said. "Practices start on time; press conferences start on time; everything's run efficiently because of people like Sue Donohoe."

That's because Donohoe sees her role as one of great responsibility given its focus: students. She points to an NCAA campaign to emphasize what athletics can do for young people.

"We're more than an enforcement arm," she said. "We are providing 360,000 student-athletes an opportunity to participate each year. You may have a softball player who's also a biochemist, and softball is helping her pursue a career in biochemistry."

Donohoe said she doesn't have to look far to know how important it is for a student to have support systems.

She credited Tech adviser Dr. Sylvia Stroops for telling her to "do the things that make you unique and marketable," and Dr. Robert Guthrie Jarrell for always following her college and professional career.

Jarrell, a Monroe physician who grew up near Donohoe's mother in Epps, said the daughter of his childhood friend had always been "special."

"She just achieved her goals by working hard," he said. "Opportunities presented themselves, and she took advantage of them."

Experience tells Donohoe that her efforts will continue to bring rewards.

"When I stand out on that court, and they sing the national anthem, there's not a time that I don't have tears running down my face," she said. "You invest so much of who you are and what you are and what you hope for, and you sit there and look at those student-athletes on the floor, and you think, 'I had a little piece of this.'"



"I think the important thing in my career is I don't forget where I started," says Sue Donohoe of her graduate-assistant coaching days at Tech.

# ARCHITECTURE IS A COMMUNITY ACT AT TECH

"IT'S REMARKABLE WHEN YOU LEAVE STUDENTS TO THEIR OWN DEVICES TO TRY TO SOLVE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. THEY COME UP WITH SOME INGENUOUS SOLUTIONS TO REAL-LIFE SITUATIONS."

- Karl Puljak

IN THE RIGOROUS FIFTH YEAR OF STUDY, TECH ARCHITECTURE students face their most demanding assignment: to build a lasting structure in the Lincoln Parish community. Since 2001, this innovative program has produced such good results that the students and community alike eagerly anticipate the newest batch of yearly projects.

Integrating practical field experience into the curriculum serves an important purpose. It helps students learn a range of skills and develop a body of knowledge that in turn better prepares them for the workplace.

Karl Puljak, associate professor and architecture program chair, oversees the projects. Each spring, his Jeep becomes a makeshift office as he checks in with students at their construction sites.

"By removing students from the classroom, they grapple with some real problems which otherwise they would not encounter," Puljak said.

Working in small groups, students start the project by crafting a mission statement to guide their effort and identify community groups with applicable needs. From there it is a comprehensive experience. They handle every aspect of their projects including design work, client meetings, fund-raising events, and ordering building supplies. The experience culminates in the spring when students build their structures with their own hands.

"It's remarkable when you leave students to their own devices to try to solve specific problems. They come up with some ingenious solutions to real-life situations," Puljak said.

By creating something useful, meaningful and lasting in the community, the students develop a deep sense of responsibility and take pride in their work. Four of this year's projects are:

## ROBERT'S PARK PICNIC PAVILION

Tucked away in Ruston stands a large group of mature pines. Pine needles blanket the ground, and the land heaves and plunges as it folds itself into a small winding creek bed that spans the park. Although Robert's Park is a tranquil spot, it lacked some basic facilities that would increase its use. The students were immediately drawn to this landscape and wanted to find a way to enhance a visitor's experience.

"A lot of people visit during their lunch hour and eat lunch in their cars because of the lack of picnic benches," said Laura Erdely of New Orleans.

As a result, a modern, airy pavilion complete with a textured and stained concrete floor was designed and built by the students. The structure is situated to take advantage of the surrounding beauty and also includes a grilling area.

## THE SCIENCE OUTDOOR CLASSROOM, RUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ruston Elementary Principal Sonja Walker was thrilled to hear that Tech students chose her school for their capstone project. Everyone in the school community got involved to help the project along. Students brought in spare change for the "Cents for Science" jars; the parents association organized fund-raisers; and Tech students pitched in at the elementary school at every opportunity.

"They are just like our children," Walker said. "We think of them as our family. The Tech students have done a great job, and our parents feel so much pride that our school was selected."

In the outdoor classroom, the Tech students incorporated scientific principles in order to promote hands-on learning. There is, for example, a sundial where students can tell time, and the structure's design is based on the planetary system. "The teacher will stand at the location of the sun, symbolically radiating knowledge," explained April Brancamp of Shreveport.

Brancamp reflected on just one impact the project might have. "All of the young girls get to see women do this work, and that might spark the thought that they too could do this or be architects."

## PLAY AREA AND HEALING GARDEN, D.A.R.T. (DOMESTIC ABUSE RESISTANCE TEAM) SAFE HOUSE

Alice Snee of New Orleans summed up the mission statement of her group: "We wanted something philanthropic that would benefit people." The students turned to D.A.R.T., a nonprofit organization dedicated to the issue of domestic abuse.

"We felt that we would be able to design something powerful because we could focus on a specific issue, and we could create something in response to what the women and children have experienced," she said.

The structure is a landscaped area that serves two unique functions at D.A.R.T.'s safe house. The recreation area offers children a secluded community place where they can play and reflect. The healing garden allows mothers to meet with counselors within sight of their children and also can be a place for quiet contemplation.

"We wanted to offer some privacy for the mothers, but didn't want to enclose them in walls," said Jacob Seither of Metairie. "Trees and nature were the answer."

## OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER, JAMES LAKE, DUBACH

Not far from downtown Dubach is James Lake. Formerly used by a local sawmill to stockpile logs, the small lake's use for many years was an industrial one. Today the sawmill is closed and the lake has a new purpose as a public park.

Looking out from a bridge constructed by last year's architecture students, one has a perfect view of this year's project. Nestled among lily pads and cattails that line the shore is an outdoor science amphitheater. Built on pilings that the students sunk into the lake's bottom, the amphitheater is a marvel of functionality.

By day, it will serve as an outdoor science learning center. (Dubach's high school science teacher currently brings students to the lake for research, and the amphitheater will enable the classes to do more on-site activities.) By night, the structure can be used as a stage for performances, marriages and services. The audience sits at the shore in tiered seating, also constructed by the students, which offers an ideal view of both the stage and the lake.

The group had to work with many site challenges, including soil conditions of the lake bottom. For Mickey Rushing of Vidalia, installing 250-pound metal channels was the most challenging and memorable event.

"We had to learn how to think creatively and use machinery at hand, which wasn't necessarily designed for the task."





Frederick Richardson poses with his father's football sweater which dates from before World War I. Richardson's father, H.T. "Leggs" Richardson, was a student at Louisiana Tech back when the school was called Louisiana Industrial Institute.

## FREDERICK RICHARDSON PUTTING EDUCATION FIRST

From the time he attended Louisiana Tech, Frederick Richardson always had a keen interest in education and all that it can offer. Although he transferred to Louisiana State University after two years at Tech, he still wanted to honor the lineage of Tech graduates in his family.

Recently, Richardson established three charitable gift annuities that will create scholarships for the College of Administration and Business, and Tech's baseball, softball and tennis programs.

Many of Richardson's family members graduated from Tech and his generosity is in tribute to them and their interests.

His mother, for example, loved baseball and softball, while his uncle was a tennis player.

Helping people obtain an education is of paramount importance to Richardson. "I feel blessed and never thought that I would be so fortunate. I want to help others," he explained. "I always liked the idea of helping youngsters out."

Indeed, he has done so through his support of numerous educational institutions and service organizations across the country.

Although he quips that his success is 90 percent luck and ten percent hard work, it is difficult to fully agree considering his deep commitment to education.

## VELMA RELAND HORTMAN BOUCHER SUPPORTING FUTURE EDUCATORS THROUGH A PROFESSORSHIP

Cheryl Garner speaks enthusiastically about how much her parents, Velma and Hubberd Boucher, believed in education.

Mrs. Boucher was a veteran public schoolteacher when she retired after 32 years of service. She was also active in the International Reading Association. Mr. Boucher, a voracious reader, always seemed to have an open book in hand on most any subject.

"He liked books of any kind, and we always knew that a book was a perfect gift for my daddy," Garner recalled. Through their example, Garner grew up in a home where education and intellectual

development were enjoyed and earnestly pursued.

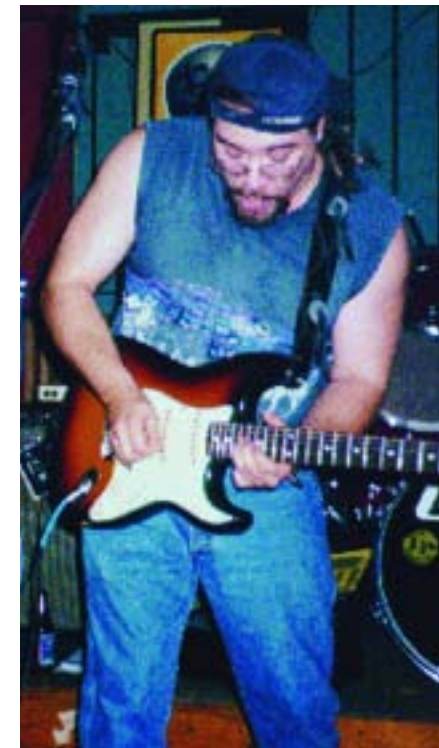
"My sister and I were expected to go to college. And it was always expected that we would go to Tech. It was never really a topic for discussion," she said. Indeed, following in her mother's footsteps, Garner graduated from Tech and made teaching her profession for 34 years.

Mrs. Boucher graduated from Tech in 1940 and began teaching at age 18. In retirement Mrs. Boucher pursued interests which included community and church activities.

Garner believes that for her parents, intellectual activity was a centerpiece of a fulfilling life.

"Both of my parents were very active at every stage of their lives and had sharp, clear minds," Garner said.

Mrs. Boucher continued her lifelong dedication to education by establishing the Hubberd H. and Velma Reland Hortman Boucher Professorship in Education through her will. Mrs. Boucher was 91 at her death on Sept. 13, 2003, and was married to Mr. Boucher for 58 years.



## JOHN SIMONEAUX THE MUSIC LIVES ON

Although John Simoneaux studied classical guitar at Tech, his passion was playing the blues. After graduating in 1996, Simoneaux pursued his passion and met weekly with friends and band members at Ruston's Sundown Tavern. It was during one of these jam sessions that Simoneaux met drummer Ken Carter. A friendship, grounded in their mutual love of music, quickly developed.

Simoneaux died on Jan. 17, 2000 in a car accident on his way to Austin, Texas. He was traveling to what he believed to be his band's first big break: a recording session. Carter, along with John's family, established the John Simoneaux Memorial Scholarship for an upperclassman pursuing a degree in classical guitar.

Carter heads up the fund-raising effort for the scholarship, which centers on an annual blues jam at Sundown Tavern. To date, the concert has raised \$27,000 for the scholarship.

Attendance and participation in the memorial jam have grown. Musicians travel many miles to play for the event and include Simoneaux's former band members, who come from as far away as Illinois.

Although many of the participants never knew Simoneaux, they come because they share his passion for music. "John would have really enjoyed himself at these concerts — playing blues music and spending time together," Carter said.

## CAROLYN EVANS DEVOTION TO BAND

Carolyn Evans' devotion to Louisiana Tech's band was extraordinary.

Although she lived in Jackson, Miss., and was not a Tech graduate, she would visit campus several times a year expressly to hear the band perform. Even in declining health, Evans would travel to Tech on overnight trips. Band members would be only too pleased to escort her to and from campus.

Despite her devotion, no one was more surprised than band director Jim Robken when she donated her entire estate to the group. But as Robken pointed out, perhaps it shouldn't have been such a surprise given all that Evans had already done for the band through the years.

Generosity had always been one of her traditions. "She brought us food and goodies for the last band rehearsal before the holiday break every year," Robken said.



She attended band practices and performances, and even kept scrapbooks on band-related events. Evans also arranged concert engagements in Jackson for the band.

"She was a genuinely warm and welcoming lady," Robken recalled. "We would talk on the phone once a month and she would inquire about the students and their progress."

Her generosity opened up two endowments for the band, both to begin in fall 2005: a scholarship for students who are members of Tau Beta Sigma, the band service sorority, and an enhancement fund for the symphonic band.

"The funds will allow the band to purchase special items, ones that will truly help to distinguish the Tech concert band," Robken said.



## EVELYN SWIHART A RETIRED TEACHER OFFERS A LESSON IN GIVING

EVELYN SWIHART REMEMBERS GETTING A LITTLE BIT OF HELP on her way to enroll at Louisiana Tech.

Now she wants to help others.

The retired teacher recently established an endowed scholarship in education at Tech. Earnings from her gift of \$60,000 will help generations of education majors follow her into the profession she has always seen as a “calling.”

Now 98, the Malden, Mo., native lived most of her life in Delhi. She came to Tech when Louisiana began requiring a state teaching certificate. She arrived on a shoestring and a promise from Tech President George Bond that she could “sign a note” for her tuition.

“I had \$10 for my bus ticket,” she remembers. “When I went to pay, the driver said it had already been taken care of by a Mr. Davis. So I got to keep my money, which was good because my room and board cost \$20 a month.”

Her benefactor would surely have enjoyed knowing his gift helped launch a 42-year teaching career.

In addition to getting a B.S. from Tech in 1950, she got her first teaching instruction from Missouri and a master’s from

“GIVE YOUR WHOLE HEART, AND THINK OF THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU HAVE TO HELP MAKE THE MEN AND WOMEN OF TOMORROW.”

- Evelyn Swihart

what is now the University of Louisiana at Monroe. She was never a stranger at Tech, often attending homecoming games and celebrations, one year as the oldest graduate.

During the career she loved, “Miss Evelyn” never taught from behind her desk, preferring to roam the room and make herself handy to youngsters struggling with a lesson. And she never stood on ceremony with her elementary-age students, letting them simply call her “Miss Evelyn” when “Miss Swihart” proved too tough a mouthful.

Her rules were simple, too. The children were expected to be respectful and obedient — and one more thing:

They were expected to use their heads.

“I had the word ‘THINK’ cut out in wooden letters and nailed above the blackboard,” she says. “I told the children that if they didn’t know the answer to a question, don’t say, ‘I don’t know.’ Go out and find the answer. I told them to ‘do research,’ and that made them feel important.”

Just as she once gave straightforward instruction to students, she offers cut-to-the-chase advice for new teachers: “Give your whole heart, and think of the responsibility that you have to help make the men and women of tomorrow.”

As a longtime teacher in Waverly, she practiced what she now preaches. Her students may have come from impoverished homes, but she always knew their worth.

“I could see the possibilities in the bright-eyed, eager children who sometimes were living in houses that had dirt floors,” she says. “I hope teachers love children now like we old-fashioned teachers did back then.”

The woman who played “teacher” as a child grew up trying to exalt the profession and make it better, often holding offices in multi-parish teacher organizations and supporting “anything and everything” that had to do with teaching.

She is also a longtime, faithful member of the Delhi United Methodist Church and of the United Methodist Women’s organization.

Asked if teaching got any easier for her over the years, she gives a typically straightforward reply.

“It never was hard,” she says. “It was a joy.”



## PROFESSOR PROLIFIC DURING ARTIST RESIDENCY IN BELGIUM

Marie Bukowski, an assistant professor of art at Louisiana Tech, spent three weeks in an artist residency program in Kasterlee, Belgium. Bukowski worked at the Frans Masereel Center creating monotypes, a “one-of-a-kind” method of printmaking she produced using a sheet of copper. The mixed-media printings also included drawing and hand-sewing.

“It’s a method of printing that looks more like a painting,” Bukowski said. “I’m also a painter, so I feel like there’s a nice similarity there. This seems to be the best way to do my work right now.”

She was chosen to work at the center after submitting a resume, slides of her work and a proposal of the art she wanted to create. Bukowski, the only American in the group, said she found enrichment in the exposure to fellow artists.

This summer she will be an artist-in-residence at the BaZille in Zoetermeer, The Netherlands.

## TECH HOSTS AMBITIOUS MIDEAST SERIES

This spring, Tech offered an in-depth look at the Middle East as some of the world’s top experts on the subject visited campus to share their unique insights. “The Media and the Middle East” was a quarter-long pilot program of a longer-term project designed by Tech’s College of Liberal Arts to encourage teaching, learning and research across disciplinary lines.

The program — sponsored by a Board of Regents Enhancement grant, the College of Liberal Arts and the American Foreign Policy Center — incorporated coursework, public lectures and other activities to shed light on the Middle East and the role of news and entertainment portrayals in constructing U.S. perceptions and responses to conflict there.

“The Middle East remains one of the most volatile regions of the world and one of the least understood,” said Dr. Brian C. Etheridge, principal investigator for the project and an assistant professor of history at Tech. “This program helped us analyze the topic from a lot of angles.”

He said the contributions of visiting speakers were invaluable. “They’re at the top of their respective fields, very active in their professions, and their research is top-notch.”



## ROBINSON NAMED ACADEMICIAN IN U.N.E.S.C.O.

Charles J. Robinson, the Max and Robbie L. Watson Eminent Scholar Chair in biomedical engineering and micromanufacturing, was inducted as an Academician in U.N.E.S.C.O.’s World Academy of Biomedical Technology at the First World Congress on Men’s Health Medicine in Paris last month. U.N.E.S.C.O. is the United Nation’s Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. Members of the academy serve as its advisory group on matters of medical technology throughout the world. Robinson was an invited featured speaker and session chair at the congress, where he presented his research on the effects of age and diabetes on postural control and balance in men.

At a dinner held at U.N.E.S.C.O. headquarters in Paris, Dr. Charles J. Robinson, right, accepted his Academician certificate from Giuseppe Tritto, M.D., the engineering delegate for the World Academy of Biomedical Technologies.



**NASA ADMINISTRATOR SPEAKS AT GRADUATION**

NASA Administrator Honorable Sean O'Keefe was the keynote speaker at Tech's 268th commencement ceremony this spring. O'Keefe wedded the themes of exploration and public service and encouraged the record-size class of 871 graduates to participate in both.

"Give President Bush's Freedom Corps some serious consideration," he said, urging participation in the government-funded volunteer program that builds homes, teaches literacy, and assists police.

He also praised Tech for advances in nanotechnology that could help NASA someday. "We have great interest in your cutting-edge work," he said. "Research at Tech can enable us to boost capabilities we have."

O'Keefe, who leads the NASA team and manages its resources, was appointed the 10th administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on Dec. 21, 2001, after being nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

O'Keefe earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1977 from Loyola University in New Orleans and his Master of Public Administration degree in 1978 from the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (New York). He and his family reside in northern Virginia.

**DEBATE TEAM WINS NATIONALS**

Tech's debate team, led by speech instructor Trey Gibson, headed out of the season as the highest-ranked team in the nation and then went on to Nacogdoches, Texas, where they sealed the deal by one point to become national champions.

Gibson said this year saw the team debate topics as lighthearted as khakis vs. blue jeans and issues as weighty as the Middle East and gay marriage.

Last year, Tech finished second in the International Public Debate Association's national championship tournament. After winning the top spot this year even though he had lost a number of seniors from the year before, Gibson is looking forward to next year when he will lose only one senior.

"I've got the big guns ready now," he said.



**Front Row:** From left are Mallory Hawthorne, Lysie Fielder, Michelli McKnight, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Megan Smith, Brooke Swanson. **Second Row:** Trey Gibson (director), Bill Willis, Anthony Gregory, Jay Williams, Parag Jhaveri, President Dan Reneau. **Third Row:** Michael Melcher, Levy Leatherman, Sheldon Clark, Matt LaCaze, Kris Lucas.



**APPLEBERRY SETS ANOTHER RECORD AT TEXAS RELAYS**

Tech's track and field team shattered a school record at the 77th Annual Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. Junior Doria Appleberry from Dallas posted a school record and a regional qualifying mark for the second time in as many weeks in the 400-meter hurdles preliminaries. Appleberry qualified for the 400-meter hurdles finals with a time of 59.70. She came into the meet with the top time in the Western Athletic Conference.

**MCCONATHY, GUICE NAMED VICE PRESIDENTS**

Dr. Terry M. McConathy has been named executive vice president and dean of the Graduate School and Dr. Leslie K. Guice is the new vice president for research and development and director of information technology. The appointments were approved by the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System Feb. 27.

McConathy's post is newly created; Guice's features a new name and expanded duties.

Previously, McConathy served as dean of the Graduate School and University Research. Guice was dean of the College of Engineering and Science, Jack Thigpen professor of engineering, and director of information technology.

Reneau made the announcement through a memorandum to faculty and staff. Dr. Kenneth Rea maintains the No. 2 position on campus as academic vice president.

Reneau cited the graduate and research programs and economic development as areas that have grown rapidly in both quantity and complexity. Strategic planning, assessment and institutional effectiveness are other areas where there is a growing need.

McConathy chairs the campus President's Initiative "From Good to Great," the Southern Association of College and Schools Reaffirmation Task Force, the Strategic Planning Task Force, and the Graduate and Research councils. She has also served as chair of the Patent and Licensing Committee and president of the University Senate.

McConathy has been on the Tech faculty since 1990, when she joined the English department as an assistant professor. She was appointed dean of the graduate school and university research in 1999 and promoted to professor of English in 2000. Other campus jobs have included research associate for the Institute for Micromanufacturing and coordinator of English in the School of Literature and Language. She also had an earlier stint at Tech as an acting assistant

professor in English and has experience in the office of grants and development at Northwestern State University.

Other professional experience includes providing consultant services in Canada and the United States with Cambridge: The Adult Education Co. of New York; serving at different times as regional manager or marketing editor with Simon & Schuster Higher Education Group of New York; and advertising manager and adult education specialist with Gage Educational Publishing of Toronto, Canada.

McConathy received her bachelor's degree in English from Trinity College, University of Toronto, Canada, in 1969; her master's in English from Tech in 1986; and her doctorate in composition and rhetoric from Louisiana State University in 1989. She is a native of Toronto.

The other new vice president, Guice, joined the Tech faculty in 1978 as an assistant professor of civil engineering. Other campus positions have included assistant director of the Trenchless Technology Center, head of civil engineering, academic director of the College of Engineering and Science, and founding director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology.

Since becoming dean in 1998, Guice has worked with others to develop novel approaches to interdisciplinary engineering and science education. Several new degree programs have been added, including a Ph.D. in engineering, a master's degree in molecular sciences and nanotechnology, and a master's in microsystems engineering.

His expertise is in the structures specialty area. Off-campus duties have included being research engineer for the U.S. Army Engineer Waterways Experiment Station and consultant for numerous entities.

Guice earned his bachelor's degree in architecture and master's in civil engineering from Tech, and his doctorate in civil engineering from Texas A&M University. He is a native of Bastrop.



**Dr. Terry McConathy**  
Executive vice president and dean of the Graduate School



**Dr. Les Guice**  
Vice president for research and development and director of information technology

## WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

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### BARBARA BEALE HALL Louisiana Realtor of the Year

**ORIGINALLY FROM:** Shreveport

**NOW RESIDES IN:** Slidell

**GRADUATION FROM TECH:** 1944, B.S., Business Administration

**ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS:** Certified Residential Specialist; Certified International Property Specialist; Leadership Development Specialist.

**HOW I GOT TO TECH:** My high school teacher, whose heart was at Tech, took me to visit and inquire about a part-time job to help pay for college. I think I got a job that paid about 12 cents an hour! At the time, the library was where you landed the best jobs

but there wasn't an opening, so I got on a mile-long waiting list and went back repeatedly to inquire. One day, the librarian came to find me on campus to offer me a job. As in the real estate business, sometimes you just can't take no for an answer.

**ABOUT MY CAREER PATH:** When my husband and I moved to New Orleans, I needed to work to help support our family. I was waffling between counseling vs. real estate. Both required further schooling. I decided to get my real estate license, and I have been a Realtor since the early 1970s.

**ON RECEIVING THE HIGHEST HONOR IN REAL ESTATE:** I was named Realtor of the Year for Louisiana and received the award at the National Association of Realtors meeting in San Francisco. The award was first established in 1958 to recognize Realtors who've helped advance their profession and serve their communities.

**TRIUMPHS IN MY JOB:** Working to find a home for a family where you know they are going to be happy.

**1942** .....  
Dr. William McBride Jr., zoology, of Shreveport received the 2003 Psychiatrist of the Year award by the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association. McBride is a clinical professor of psychiatry at LSU Health Sciences Center in Shreveport.

**1946** .....  
Marshall McKenzie, arts and sciences, has been elected state president of the Retired State Employees Association, which represents


more than 30,000 people in state service careers.

**1949** .....  
Dr. Robert Guthrie Jarrell, pre-medicine, was honored by the Ouachita Medical Society for 50 years in the medical profession. As an obstetrician-gynecologist, Jarrell estimates that he has delivered more than 15,000 babies. He has had an office on Jackson Street in Monroe for 42 years.

Dr. Sidney Seegers, mathematics, has earned the Rotary International's Service Above Self Award, the civic club's highest honor. He is the first member of the Monroe Rotary Club to achieve this honor.

**1959** .....  
Charles L. Farrar, accounting, was honored with the 2003 Delta Sigma Pi Lifetime Achievement award. Delta Sigma Pi is an international fraternity for people pursuing business careers. Farrar held various positions at the national level including Delta Sigma Pi Executive Director. He resides in Huttig, Ark.

**1960** .....  
J. W. Slack, education, retired after 30 years with the Bossier Parish Sheriff's department. He is currently serving his second term as president of the Bossier Parish School Board.

**1963** .....  
 G. Rollie Adams, Ph.D., social studies education and English (master's in social studies education, 1967), is president and CEO of Strong Museum in Rochester, N.Y., one of the nation's leading history museums, one of the

top 10 children's museums, and home to the National Toy Hall of Fame® and the world's largest collection of dolls and toys. He was also named CEO of the Year from the Public Relations Society of America.


**1969** .....  
Paula C. Johns, sociology (master's of guidance and counseling, 1973), was named vice chancellor of economic development for Bossier Parish Community College. She resides in Shreveport with her husband, David, a 1973 graduate in architecture.

**1970** .....  
Allan C. Richard Jr., industrial management, is author of "The Defense of Vicksburg – A Louisiana Chronicle," published by Texas A&M University Press. He wrote the book with his wife, Mary Higginbotham Margaret Richard (education, 1969). Allan works in project management for SGB Architects in Shreveport.



**1973** .....  
Gary Gaar, agriculture, is now market manager for Valent's southern row crop segment. Gaar has more than 25 years of sales management experience in the South. He formerly served as mid-south district manager for Syngenta Crop Protection Inc.

**1974** .....  
Judy T. Kindrick, education (master's, 1982), was awarded the 2003-2004 Louisiana Association for Developmental Education J.J. Ewell Outstanding Developmental Educator Award. She is an assistant professor of developmental education at Bossier Parish Community College.

**1975** .....  
 Bruce Canfield, business administration, is Shreveport president of Community Bank of Louisiana. He is also a noted author, historian and collector of military weaponry. He has written nine books



### JOHN L. MORRIS Intelligence

**HOMETOWN:** Farmerville

**NOW RESIDES IN:** Fairfax, Va.

**DEGREE:** 1968, B.S., Electrical Engineering.

**FURTHER DEGREES:** After being commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force in 1969, I earned an M.S. in electrical engineering from Southern Methodist University in Dallas and received training in Space Object Identification at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.; in Systems Acquisition Management at Brooks Air Force Base in San Antonio; and in Cryptology and Signals Intelligence at Fort Meade, Md.

**TODAY:** I am special adviser to the director of the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency. My most recent and retirement position was as deputy for Measurement and Signature Intelligence, Imagery and Space-related Activities, assigned to the assistant director of Central Intelligence for Analysis and Production in Washington, D.C. I am currently president of Tech's Engineering and Science Foundation board of directors and also facilitator to the Air Force Institute of Technology's Distinguished Review Board.

**MOST RECENT TRIUMPH:** Receiving the National Intelligence Medal of Achievement from the director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

**ABOUT MY CAREER PATH:** I had a cousin at my school who not only taught advanced math and physics, she was also the guidance counselor. We talked about what I could do with my strong interest in math and science. Eventually I interned at Texas Instruments in Dallas and worked there a year. But the draft was in effect, and my number was coming up, as they say. That's when I chose to go into the Air Force.

**MY TOUGHEST PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE:** Creating a new intelligence organization, the Central Measurement and Signature Intelligence (MASINT) Organization, in an era of declining budgets when everyone was competing for shrinking resources. I had to develop a network of allies among the ranks of academia, government agencies and industry; develop political strategies; cajole my superiors; and testify at congressional hearings alongside intimidating figures such as generals and admirals. In the long term, success meant saving American lives in combat and providing our leaders with intelligence to make the most informed policy decisions.

**FOND MEMORIES OF TECH:** Getting ready the night before Engineers Week, the camaraderie of everybody pitching in and getting displays together and everyone getting really creative with last-minute problem solving.

on the subject and contributes to Gun Report and to American Rifleman, the National Rifle Association's magazine.

**1976** .....  
Thomas M. Morris, journalism, has been named to the Boys and Girls Club of America National Youth and Technology Advisory Committee. He is the executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of West Monroe.

**1978** .....  
Richard K. Braud, geography, has been named director of logistics for the Cryptologic Systems Group at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Herbert "Rick" Hohlt, advertising, publisher of The Ruston Daily Leader, accepted the award for the paper being named as the Louisiana Press Association's Newspaper of the Year. The paper was chosen from a field of 85 entrants.

Joe E. Mitcham Jr., zoology, has been named the 2004 Louisiana Farmer of the Year by the Louisiana Agri-News Network. His internationally acclaimed peach farm is located in Ruston.

**1979** .....  
Sue M. Edmunds, history, is the new assistant vice president of external affairs at University of Louisiana at Monroe. She had been the



**KAREN E. DYSON**  
Accountable for Vision

**HOME:** Houston (reared in Ruston).

**GRADUATION:** 1979, M.P.A., five-year Master of Professional Accountancy.

**TECH IN THE FAMILY:** You could say I was a “Tech brat” because I was on the campus so often. My mother held three posts: dean of women, then dean of student development, director of research and student affairs, and after that she was a professor of home economics. My father was head librarian and taught library science.

**CURRENT POSITION:** Senior vice president of human resources and administration, Reliant Resources Inc.

**ABOUT MY CAREER PATH:** I’ve worked for two companies that have restructured a number of times and re-emerged with new names. My first position was in Shreveport where I worked for six years as an auditor for Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. (now KPMG). I earned my C.P.A. and moved into the energy sector as an assistant controller for what was then known as Arkla Inc. I had a number of positions within the company, managing areas such as accounting, budgeting, purchasing, communications, IT and HR. The company’s name changed from Arkla Inc. to Noram Energy, and was acquired by Houston Industries in 1997. We moved from Shreveport to Houston shortly before the Noram acquisition. I was named senior vice president in 2003. Through the years, I’ve always used my accounting knowledge as a base. I’ve branched out into more general management roles where accounting is an important skill, but not the central focus of my job.

**MY TOUGHEST PROFESSIONAL CHALLENGE:** Today, I must be forward thinking and provide guidance on where we should go as a company. In my previous positions, I was entrenched in being service-oriented and responsive to situations so it’s a real mind shift to be a vision shaper in a proactive manner.

**ON WOMEN LEADING COMPANIES:** Balancing work and family will always be challenging for women. I feel fortunate to have a very supportive husband and three wonderful children. We’ve all made choices so that I can do what I do. I tell my daughters that you always want to have a choice about whether to work or stay home. They see many mothers in our neighborhood who’ve made the choice to stay home, but they have marketable skills (RNs, lawyers, teachers, etc). Hopefully, they will grow to see the value of having choices and independence.

president of the West Monroe-West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce since 1995.

## 1981

**Tina M. Feldt**, social welfare, was awarded the Dorothy Schenthal Leadership Award by the Shreveport Region of the National Association of Social Workers. She is the director of counseling services at Centenary College and a part-time instructor at Northwestern State University School of Social Work in Natchitoches.

**Andrew J. Harrison**, wildlife conservation, has joined the Baton Rouge law firm McGlinchey Stafford. He practices in the environmental section specializing in regulatory counseling, litigation, and transactional advising.

## 1982

**Dr. Michael T. Acurio**, pre-medicine, recently

participated as an expert in thrombosis management at two national meetings. Acurio is an orthopedic surgeon with Orthopedic Specialists of Louisiana in Bossier City.

**David E. King**, professional aviation, was named department head in aviation science at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

## 1983



**Bert Carson**, finance, owns the Pelican Broadcasting Network (KPBN), a Baton Rouge television station and production company. He’s been doing video production for more than 20 years.

## 1985

**Joyce C. Jeffrey**, general studies, has been awarded the Bossier Chamber of Commerce Athena Award. The award recognizes people who strive toward the highest levels of professional accomplishments, excel in their field and devote time and energy in their community. Jeffrey serves as vice president of the Council on Aging and vice president of the Mayor’s Commission for Women. She owns and operates International Realty Plus in Bossier City.

## 1986

**Jacqueline Allen Davis**, business administration, was promoted to supervisory revenue officer with the Internal Revenue Service. She lives in Rockford, Ill.

**Robert G. Griffin Jr.**, mechanical engineering, was named manager of the assembly engineering department with the United Space Alliance. He manages an engineering group and prioritizes all technical aspects of assembly engineering.



**Dr. Gregory Owens**, biomedical engineering, is an urogynecologist (a subspecialty within obstetrics and gynecology) in private practice near Cincinnati.



**Scott Poole**, forestry, is the chief operating officer and vice president of Roy O. Martin Lumber Co. L.L.C. in Alexandria. He was recently the invited speaker for the Blackwell Lectureship series at Louisiana Tech’s School of Forestry.

He has been working for Roy O. Martin since he graduated. He holds an M.B.A. from Louisiana State University.

**John Warner**, forestry, was named the first urban district forester in Texas. He works with landowners, combining rural and urban forestry principles. He is also the managing forester of the W. Goodrich Jones State Forest in Conroe, Texas.

## 1987



**Willie Clark III**, civil engineering, has been named vice president, energy/nuclear sector, for the systems defense and security division of Parsons Corp., an architect, engineering and construction firm

based in Pasadena, Calif., with more than 9,000 employees worldwide. Formerly, he was director of the Office of Project Management and Systems Support in the National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Department of Energy. Clark is based in the Washington D.C./Fairfax, Va., office and heads up the business development (new business) and operations (employee management) of Parsons’ energy/nuclear sector.



**Laura Malone**, graphic design, is associate creative director for Targetbase, a full-service marketing firm in Dallas. She manages teams that work on accounts like Cingular Wireless, Iams,

PetSmart, Shell Energy, and Southwest Airlines. She resides in Waxahachie, Texas.

**Byron McCauley**, journalism, was named associate editorial page editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer. He has worked 19 years in newsrooms with positions ranging from summer intern to the Shreveport Times editorial page editor.



**Deborah Wells**, biomedical engineering, was named the 2004 Space Coast Outstanding Woman Engineer of the Year. She is the manager of laboratory, planning and operations for

Bionetics Corp., at the Kennedy Space Center. Wells is on the board of directors for Tech’s Engineering and Science Foundation. She was the keynote speaker at this year’s Engineers’ Day. She resides with her family in Merritt Island, Fla.



**LOUIS WALLER**  
GOALS THAT SOARED

**ORIGINALLY FROM:** Waynesboro, Miss.

**NOW RESIDES IN:** Lighthouse Point, Fla. (based in Miami)

**GRADUATION:** 1987, B.S., Professional Aviation

**ABOUT MY CAREER PATH:** When I graduated, the market for pilots was tough — so I ended up in Laurel, Miss., as a basic flight instructor. A

year later I interviewed with the Mississippi Air National Guard for a part-time flying position. At the same time, I got a job in Jackson, Miss., flying “light twins,” which is a normal progression for pilots to build time and hopefully make it to the majors (the big airline carriers). A year later, I did 18 months of training for the military. When I came back, the civilian job I had was bankrupt, so I stayed in the military part-time for three years and then was hired by UPS in April 1994. I started as a flight engineer on the Boeing 747 for two years. Then, I upgraded to co-pilot on the Boeing 727 for five years. In 2001, I upgraded to captain on the Boeing 767 and 757. I predominantly fly to Central and South America today.

**FULFILLING A DREAM:** I just had my 20-year high school reunion and pulled out some old memory books. One of the things I found was: What do you want to do as a career? I had written at age 17 that I wanted to be an airline pilot.

**ADVICE TO STUDENTS WHO WANT TO ENTER MY FIELD:** Network. Keep in touch with fellow alumni. Have perseverance. It’s not like you can graduate from Tech and someone hands you a nice, comfortable job that you can retire from 35 years later.

**ABOUT GIVING BACK:** When I found out about the UPS matching gift program I thought it was the coolest thing. I came through Tech on a work-study program and loans. Because the aviation program adds so much more expense to your total package, my wife and I set up an endowment program at Tech. We thought it was important to give back and since Brown will match our contribution to any organization, I thought why not give it to an organization that helped me reach the goals that I set?

**TRIUMPH IN MY CAREER:** The opportunity to fly with the Mississippi Air National Guard. I was the second person in my family to participate in the military and that position isn’t given to you. You have to apply and I was rejected the first time. I reapplied and was accepted.

## 1988



**Dr. Connie Shum**, doctorate in business administration-finance, associate professor of finance at Pittsburg State University, was named a Fulbright Scholar and taught in Seoul, South Korea. She resides in

Pittsburg, Kansas.

## 1989

**Ava Denise Coolman Attaway**, journalism (master’s in English, 2003), earned a Silver

Award in the national competition of the Association for Communication Excellence. She is the communications agent for the LSU AgCenter in north Louisiana.

**Stan H. Mahaffey**, psychology (master’s and specialist in counseling, 1990, master’s in industrial organizational psychology, 1993), has been named the Mental Health Center Manager for both the Ruston and Jonesboro centers.

**Mark Musselwhite**, marketing, was elected mayor pro tem for 2004 by the Gainesville, Ga., city council. He has served on city council since 2000.





**CRISTY HALLEY**  
NUTRITION WITH HEART

**ORIGINALLY FROM:** Calhoun

**GRADUATION:** 1997, B.S., Nutrition and Dietetics

**POSITION:** Renal Dietitian, Lincoln Kidney Center

**MY CAREER PATH:** I started in consulting and worked as a dietitian with nursing homes and rehab hospitals. At the time, I was filling in for a dietitian on maternity leave. I also did health and wellness consulting for a wellness center. Then I went into dialysis, which is where I found my true calling. I worked in dialysis for four years and then took off a year to do sales and

marketing for a nutritional company. I realized that I missed the contact with patients, so I returned to dialysis. I still maintain a private practice with some nursing homes and home-health patients.

**PAT ON THE BACK:** The Louisiana Dietetic Association recently honored me with the “Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year” award.

**ON BEING THE FOOD POLICE:** In my work we do diet education every day. You have to continually remind patients about making healthy eating decisions. I’m known as the food police because patients often bring snacks to dialysis since they are here for three or four hours at a time. Sometimes they try to hide snacks from me that they know I wouldn’t approve of for dialysis patients, such as peanuts. Kidney patients have one of the most difficult diets to follow.

**TRIUMPH IN MY LIFE:** Since 2002, I’ve been the chairperson for the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life in Union Parish. The fund-raiser was held recently, and the small town of Farmerville raised more than \$41,000.

**1990**

**Michael Pate**, human resources management, is author of “When Big Boys Tri: It’s Not the Race-It’s the Journey.” The motivational book profiles a self-proclaimed couch potato training for a triathlon. Pate and his wife, Felicia, live in Alexandria.

**Dr. Michael M. Robinson**, mathematics education (master’s, 1993), completed his doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Virginia. He is the assistant superintendent of Orange County Public Schools in Orange County, Va.



**Susan Stephenson**, studio art, is an associate professor of painting and drawing and chairman of the foundation program for Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts located in the historic village of

Old Lyme, Conn. She has been on the faculty for nine years. This past winter, she had an exhibition at the Masur Museum of Art in Monroe titled “Susan Stephenson: Color and Light.” She resides in Westerly, R.I.

**1991**

**Dr. Patrick Weldon**, zoology, a neurology resident at the University of Mississippi, was awarded the Palatucci Advocacy and Leadership Award by the American Academy of Neurology. The national award is given to a neurology resident who demonstrates dedication to patient advocacy and exceptional leadership in patient care.

**1992**



**Jim McAnally**, master’s in fine arts-graphic design, was nominated for a Grammy in the “best packaging” category for the Fisk University’s Jubilee Singers CD titled “In Bright Mansions.” He is

creative director for Corrections Corporation of America. McAnally resides in Antioch, Tenn.

**1993**

**Brian Trahan**, journalism, has been promoted to editor of the Leesville Daily Leader. Previously, he was sports editor since 2002. He has more than 11 years of newspaper experience.

**1994**

**John M. Holland**, civil engineering, was presented the Young Engineer of the Year award by the East Texas Chapter of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers. He is a senior project engineer with Kassaw and Dietz Inc., in Tyler, Texas.

**David Leslie**, civil engineering, accepted a position with BBC Engineering in Shreveport. He and his wife, Kristi, relocated to Shreveport from Monroe.

**1996**

**Lance K. Reed**, mathematics (master’s, 1998), has been named the head football coach at Natchez High School. Reed previously was defensive coordinator at Sam Houston High School. He is a 1991 graduate of Natchez High School. He went on to be a Tech bulldog defensive standout.

**1997**



**Jayme Brotherston Norrie**, general studies, patented a revolutionary medical injection system for osteoporosis. Parathyroid hormone will be launched in 2006 for treatment of osteoporosis in

postmenopausal women and works by re-growing bone loss due to estrogen depletion. Norrie developed the injection system for delivery of parathyroid hormone. She has traveled extensively this year throughout Italy, Portugal, Spain and France meeting with global leaders in osteoporosis. She is based in Salt Lake City.

**Rob D. Knepper**, fitness and wellness, has been promoted to rehabilitation coordinator for the San Francisco Giants baseball organization.

**Kelly W. Stuckey**, health and physical education, has been named Coach of the Year for District 2-B. She is the head coach of the Simsboro High School girls basketball team that reached the Louisiana High School Athletic Association “Sweet 16” tournament this year.

**1999**



**Jasmine Beslagic**, biomedical engineering, is an invasive cardiology product manager – Europe for GE Medical Systems Information Technologies. She develops support for new products and

their introduction, including providing training, marketing strategies and sales tools. She lives in Freiburg, Germany (gateway to the Black Forest). She is fluent in English, Swedish and Croatian.

**Clinton R. Hanchey**, marketing, has joined the firm of Theus, Grisham, Davis, and Leigh as an associate in the general practice of law. He lives and practices in Monroe.

**Claire F. Moxley**, forestry, has been certified as an arborist/utility specialist by the International Society of Arboriculture. She is a vegetation specialist with the City of Ruston.

**Jennifer M. Nelson**, speech, has moved to New York City to be a production stage manager for the New York Classical Theatre. She was a former member of the Tech Theatre Players.

**Jeff T. Parker**, finance (master’s in business administration, 2001), has been promoted to a middle market banker in northern Louisiana by Bank One Inc. Jeff and his wife, Shelly, live in West Monroe.

**2000**

**Jeremy**, speech (bachelor’s in graphic design, 2002), and **Kimberly** (civil engineering, 2003) **McDaniel** reside in Detroit. Kimberly is pursuing a master’s in civil engineering at Wayne State University and plans to finish alongside Jeremy in May 2005 when he completes his master’s in lighting design for theater, also at Wayne State. Jeremy works as a lighting and sound designer at the Hilberry and Bonstelle theaters, both in Detroit. Kimberly is a highway design engineer for the nationwide civil engineering and architectural firm HNTB Inc.

**2001**

**Kristopher E. King**, sociology, has joined the Bossier City Fire Department. He was formerly with the Ruston Fire Department. He is completing paramedic training at Bossier Parish Community College.

**M. Andrew Sandel**, biology (master’s 2001), has been named administrator of the Alpine Guest Care Center in Ruston. He and his wife, Cathryn, have two children, Mac and Grace.

**2002**

**Kim D. Husband**, accounting, has earned the Certified Fiduciary and Investment Risk Specialist designation. She is employed with Argent Financial Group in Ruston.

**Carrie M. Otts**, journalism, is the new communications and marketing director for the Monroe Chamber of Commerce. She was

previously a reporter and anchor for KTVE in Monroe.

**Tammy C. Trosclair**, finance (master’s in business administration, 2003), is now a credit analyst with IberiaBank in Monroe.

**2003**

**Michael P. Salter**, marketing, was recognized for outstanding production by the Realty Executives SB. He was awarded the executive club which recognizes the top 10 percent of agents worldwide. Realty Executives of Shreveport/Bossier City is part of an international real estate company with more than 10,000 sales associates in over 583 offices in 19 countries.



**Nathan Scott**, physics, is pursuing a doctorate at University of Pennsylvania in biochemistry and molecular biophysics on a distinguished scholar fellowship.

**G. Adam Terry**, journalism, has joined the staff of United States Representative Rodney Alexander. He serves as the congressional press secretary.

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