



# TINA DEESE

Head Coach (11th season) | Record at AU: 334-286-1 (10) | Overall Record: 620-409-1 (18)

**Alma Mater**

- Florida State, 1986

**Head Coach**

- Huntingdon, 1988-1995
- Auburn, 1996-pres.

- 2002 SEC Co-Coach of the Year

**Assistant Coach**

- Florida State, 1985-86

**Playing Experience**

- Florida State, 1984-85

- 1984 Lady Seminoles MVP
- 1984, 1985 All-Southeast Region 1st Team

**College Education**

- Bachelor's Degree, Leisure Services and Studies, Florida State (1986)
- Bachelor's, Human Performance and Kinesiology, Huntingdon College (1994)
- Master's Degree, Teaching, Troy State (1995)

**Personal**

- Hometown: Huntingdon Beach, Calif.
- Husband: Allen
- Children: Kyler (13), Jessi (9)

The architect of the Auburn softball program, Tina Deese enters her 11th season as the head coach of the Tigers.

The only Southeastern Conference head coach who has remained with their program since its inception, Deese has guided Auburn to three straight NCAA Regional berths -- and four in five years. Her teams have upped the bar each season, setting the program record for victories in 2004 and then 2005, and in 2006, advancing their furthest in NCAA play.

In 2006, Deese guided the Tigers to a program first -- a bid into the Tucson Regional Championship Game. Auburn narrowly missed a win in the game, losing to eventual national champion Arizona. But that did little to diminish the Tigers 36-22 season, one that included the team's seventh straight trip to the SEC Tournament and a third consecutive berth to an NCAA Regional.

The 2006 season continued a trend that has served Deese and the Tiger program well. Much like the 2006 season, the 2004 and 2005 clubs achieved feats never before equaled at Auburn.

In 2005, Auburn rolled to a program-record 50 victories and hosted its first ever NCAA Regional at picturesque Jane B. Moore Field. For the second straight season, the Tigers finished in the top 25 of both collegiate polls.

Deese guided Auburn to its second straight, second-place finish in the SEC's Western Division in 2005. The Tigers went 21-8 in conference play, and did not allow Alabama to clinch first until the second-to-last day of regular season play.

Auburn made an unprecedented second straight appearance in postseason play, and went 1-2 in the NCAA Regional at Jane B. Moore Field.

The season prior, 2004, Deese and the Tigers accomplished a program first -- winning more than 40 games for the first time. The 2004 season saw Auburn post 42 victories and advance to its second-ever NCAA Regional in Stanford, Calif.

In 18 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Deese is 620-409-1. Since joining the Tigers prior to the 1997 season, she guided Auburn to a 334-286-1 overall record. Her 300th victory at Auburn came in grand fashion, a 15-1 win Feb. 10, 2006 against Miami (Ohio).

With the creation of a program comes hurdles. Deese has met these head on, and, as the only head coach in Auburn's history, she has been successful every step of the way.



In 10 seasons with the Tigers, Deese has guided Auburn to five winning seasons, including four in the last five years. Those winning seasons have coincided with Auburn's NCAA Regional appearances as the Tigers have become postseason veterans.

Auburn's players have done it right in the classroom as well. The team placed five players on the 2006 SEC Academic Honor Roll. In 10 seasons, the Tigers have seen 47 players on the conference's honor roll. Auburn has had at least two in every season.

The 11th-year head coach has stressed the importance of giving back to the community as well. Her players often visit children at schools in the Lee County community.

Deese has proved to be a master at finding and developing talent. Auburn has two players -- senior Holly Currie and freshman Anna Thompson -- currently on the roster who have joined the program after being named Miss Softball of Alabama.

In turn, Deese has mentored five All-Americans and nine All-Region players. She has been recognized in the SEC as well, as 17 Tigers -- including a program-record four in 2005 -- have been named to the All-SEC Team. Last season, the Tigers placed two players on the second team and saw freshman Tatiana Fernandez earn Freshman All-SEC honors.

On a conference note, Deese's hard work into building the Tigers into an SEC and national power has not gone unnoticed. In 2002, after guiding Auburn to a then-program best 38-27 record, she was named the Co-SEC Coach of the Year.

Deese helped oversee the creation of Jane B. Moore Field, a sparkling facility on the edge of the Auburn campus. Since 1998, the team has called the field on the edge of campus home but it wasn't until 2003 when the final phase of Jane B. Moore Field was completed that the

**Deese By The Numbers**

SEC Academic Honorees .....	47
All-SEC selections .....	17
SEC Players of the Week.....	11
All-Region selections .....	9
SEC Pitchers of the Week .....	7
All-American selections .....	5
SEC All-Tournament selections.....	5
SEC Freshmen of the Week .....	1
Academic All-Americans .....	1



Tigers could truly call it home.

Deese has used that home-field advantage. Since 1999, the Tigers have gone 129-73 (.639) at the picturesque stadium. In the past three seasons, the Tigers have dominated opponents on the Plains, going an impressive 64-18 (.780).

Deese took over the program before its first season in 1997. Since then, she has built the program to one which expects an NCAA Tournament berth every year. Among her many achievements at Auburn, which includes close to 300 wins, Deese has led Auburn to one season with 50 victories, two with 40 or more wins and seven seasons with 30 or more victories.

In 2004, Deese posted a 42-18 record with the Tigers, the best season in program history. The Tigers won 19 games in the SEC, finishing second in the Western Division, and were a game away from earning a spot in the SEC Championship game. Auburn finished the season ranked 20th, a program first.

In her first season, Deese led Auburn to a 34-35 overall record and a third-place finish in the SEC Tournament. However, tough times followed as the Tigers suffered two more losing seasons before Deese guided the program to its first winning season in 2000. That team finished 34-31 overall and proved that Auburn was a program on the rise.

Deese was also responsible for starting the softball program at Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Ala.

In her eight seasons at Huntingdon, Deese proved her ability to build a program as she amassed a 286-123 record. She led her teams to seven straight winning seasons and third-place finishes in the NAIA (National Association for Intercollegiate Athletics) in 1992 and 1994. Those years, she won 49 and 55 games, respectively. In 1992, Deese was named NAIA District 27 Coach of the Year.

In addition to her duties as Huntingdon softball coach, Deese also handled volleyball head coaching duties.



Deese Family: Allen, Tina, Jessi and Kyler

Prior to her arrival at Huntingdon, Deese served as a pitching coach at her alma mater, Florida State, from 1985-86.

Deese began her playing career in 1982 as a member of Golden West College's (Calif.) Varsity Softball team. She helped lead the team to the California State Championship in 1983 and was named the California State Championship Most Valuable Player.

Her accomplishments at Golden West led her to Florida State where she once again was greeted with immediate success. In 1984, her first season with the Seminoles, Deese led the nation in strikeouts per seven innings at 11.6, which remains tied for fifth in NCAA history. As a result, she was named the Lady Seminoles Most Valuable Player while helping lead the team to the Florida State Championship. She was also named to the All-Southeast Region First Team -- a feat she duplicated her second season and final season at Florida State.

Deese received a bachelor of science degree in leisure services and studies from Florida State in 1986. She later received a bachelor of arts degree from Huntingdon College in human performance and kinesiology in 1994. She completed her master of arts in teaching from Troy State University in 1995.

Deese and her husband, Allen, have one son, Kyler, 13, and daughter, Jessi, 9.

**Deese Year-By-Year**

**At Huntingdon College**

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
1988	26	16	.619
1989	34	14	.708
1990	23	19	.548
1991	38	13	.745
1992	49	10	.831
1993	41	12	.774
1994	55	15	.786
1995	20	24	.455
<b>Totals</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>.699</b>

**At Auburn**

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
1997	34	35	.493
1998	16	40	.286
1999*	27	32	.458
2000	34	31	.523
2001	31	32	.492
2002	38	27	.584
2003	26	31	.456
2004	42	18	.700
2005	50	18	.735
2006	36	22	.621
<b>Totals*</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>.539</b>
<b>Overall*</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>.603</b>

\* Record does not include one tie.

**Deese's Auburn Milestones**

- First Win:** 2/18/97 at Samford  
Auburn 4, Samford 2 (10 inn.)
- First Home Win:** 2/26/97 vs. JSU  
Auburn 7, Jacksonville State 0
- First Neutral Win:** 2/22/97 vs. Toledo  
Auburn 6, Toledo 1
- First SEC Win:** 3/23/97 vs. Kentucky  
Auburn 5, Kentucky 4 (9 inn.)
- 100th AU Win:** 3/25/00 at Tennessee  
Auburn 18, Tennessee 5
- 100th SEC Win:** 3/12/05 vs. Arkansas  
Auburn 4, Arkansas 0
- 200th AU Win:** 4/12/03 vs. Tennessee  
Auburn 1, Tennessee 0
- 300th AU Win:** 2/10/06 vs. Miami (Oh)  
Auburn 15, Miami (Ohio) 1, [5 inn.]

**Deese vs. The SEC**

147-174 Overall

**Vs. The West**

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Alabama	13	24	.351
Arkansas	16	19	.457
LSU	11	29	.275
Mississippi State	15	20	.429
Ole Miss	23	11	.676
<b>Totals</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>.431</b>

**Vs. The East**

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Florida	15	13	.536
Georgia	10	18	.357
Kentucky	19	8	.704
South Carolina	11	18	.379
Tennessee	14	14	.500
<b>Totals</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>.486</b>



# JACK BYERLEY

Assistant Coach (third season)

Jack Byerley is in his third season as an assistant coach for the Auburn softball team. He was named to the staff in August 2004, after two years as the head coach at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C.

Byerley's two seasons with Auburn has already paid in dividends, evidenced in team and individual batting marks.

In his two seasons at Auburn, Byerley has mentored six hitters who have earned All-SEC status, including Sara Ghezzi, who took home second team honors in 2006. Additionally, Tatiana Fernandez batted .311 in her first season with the team and earned Freshman All-SEC honors.

As a team, the Tigers have posted two of their top four batting averages in team history, including a program-best .308 mark in 2005. Last season, Auburn's .359 on-base percentage was the second-best in team history while its .421 slugging percentage ranks third.

Prior to joining Auburn, Byerley led Francis Marion to a 73-26 record as the team's head coach. He guided the Patriots to a 36-9 mark in 2003, then bettered that a year later, going 37-17. In 2003, Francis Marion earned its first ever national ranking in Division II play.

Byerley served as the top assistant at the University of Florida from 2000-02, helping lead the Gators to an NCAA Regional appearance in 2001. With Florida, Byerley was responsible for working with the team's infielders and hitting, recruiting and team travel.

A pioneer and strong promoter of fastpitch softball, Byerley started the fastpitch program at Central Alabama Community College in 1996. He saw immediate success with the Trojans, posting a 205-47 record from 1996-2000. While with Central Alabama, Byerley guided the Trojans to four conference titles (1997-2000) and made three consecutive trips to nationals. He earned Alabama Junior College Athletic Association Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and 2000.

While with the Trojans, Byerley also served for four years as the president of the AJCA Coaches Association and was the chairman for the NJCAA All-American selection committee. Taking the chance to impact more athletic lives, Byerley also coached the Central Alabama volleyball program for four seasons.

Byerley had a long tenure at Robertsdale (Ala.) High School, heading the program from 1989-1996. However, in 1995, he may have made his biggest impact, starting the fastpitch program at Robertsdale. In two seasons as head coach of the fastpitch program, Byerley was 107-9 as his teams claimed back-to-back state titles.

Prior to that, Byerley guided the slowpitch program at Robertsdale from 1989-94, making the state tournament five consecutive times. Overall, as the head coach of Robertsdale High School softball, Byerley compiled a 211-46 record.

The Albuquerque, N.M., native graduated from the University of South Alabama in 1981 with a bachelor of science in physical education and health. He and his wife, the former Barbara O'Berry, have four children; the late Jennifer, and sons Brien (23), J.J. (14) and Blake (13).

**Alma Mater**

- South Alabama, 1981

**Head Coach**

- Robertsdale High School, 1989-1996
- Central Alabama Community College, 1996-2000
- Francis Marion (S.C.), 2003-2004

**Assistant Coach**

- Florida, 2000-2002
- Auburn, 2004-pres.

**Non-Softball Coach**

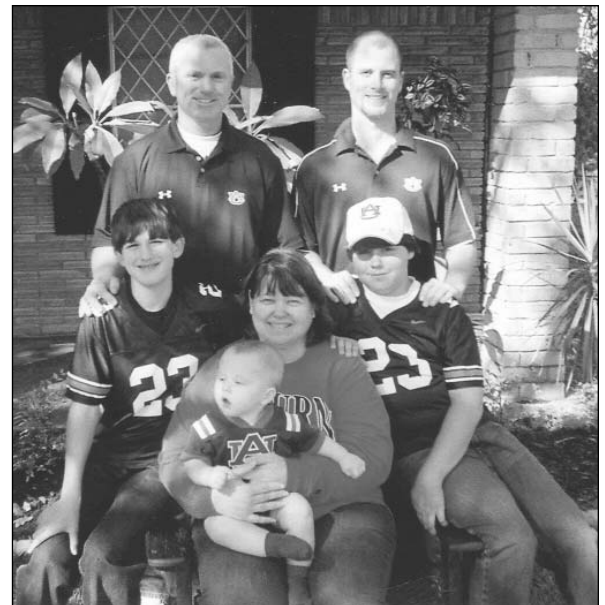
- Robertsdale High School, 1981-1996 (assistant football coach, head women's tennis coach, varsity basketball coach, varsity women's volleyball coach)

**College Education**

- Bachelor's Degree, Physical Education and Health, South Alabama, 1981

**Personal**

- Hometown: Albuquerque, N.M.
- Wife: Barbara
- Children: the late Jennifer, Brien (23), J.J. (14), Blake (13)



Byerley family (clockwise, from top left): Jack, Josh Yoast (son-in-law), J.J., Barbara, Jack Yoast (grandson), Blake. Not pictured: Brien.



# STEWART MCGILL

Assistant Coach (first season)

Stewart McGill enters his first season as an assistant coach, joining head coach Tina Deese's staff in September.

McGill serves as the team's No. 2 assistant and is primarily responsible for coaching Auburn's outfielders, slappers and other hitters. He assists with recruiting and general softball operations.

The Hazel Green, Ala., native is familiar with the Auburn program after serving as a student manager for the past two seasons. As a manager, he helped run team practices by setting up and preparing the field. He assisted Deese and Auburn's coaches with any other duties as assigned.

McGill has international softball coaching experience, leading the Florida Quicksilver at the Canada Cup the past two seasons. Most recently, in 2006, the team went 5-4 in July, advancing to Championship round play. Prior to the tournament, McGill's club defeated eventual Canada Cup runner-up Canada before finishing 5-2 in pool play. In 2006, McGill coached current Auburn players Holly Currie, Lauren Walton, Jorja Bell and Ashley Arcuri while with the Quicksilver.

Prior to coming to Auburn, McGill served as a student manager for softball at Arkansas from 2002-04. While with the LadyBacks, McGill served as gameday manager and assisted with on and off the field operations for the coaching staff.

McGill is pursuing his degree in physical education and lives in Auburn.

**Head Coach**

- Florida Quicksilver (Canada Cup), 2005-2006

**Assistant Coach**

- Auburn, 2007-pres.

**Student Manager**

- Arkansas, 2002-2004
- Auburn, 2004-2006

**College Education**

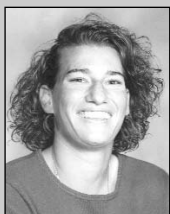
- Bachelor's Degree, Physical Education Auburn, 2006

**Personal**

- Hometown: Hazel Green, Ala.



Past Auburn Assistant Coaches



Julie Crandall  
1999



Sara Graziano  
1997-1998



Ashley Moore  
2004-2006



Mike Perniciaro  
1998-2004



Amy Reif  
2000-2004



Deb Sonnenberg  
1997-1998



Deni Zeigler  
2004



## HANK HAGER

Assistant Director, Media Relations | Third Season

Joined Auburn Staff ... July 2004

**Responsibility ...** Assists in the administration of the overall Auburn media relations program with special emphasis on football and softball.

**Professional Experience ...** Came to Auburn as a media relations assistant in July 2004. Was named an assistant director of media relations in August 2005. Prior to Auburn, served as the director of media relations for the Eugene Emeralds of the Northwest League for the 2003 season. Was a communications intern for the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League in 2002. Spent the 2001 offseason as an intern in the San Jose Sharks (NHL) media relations office. While at the University of Oregon, served as a sports reporter and sports editor at the Oregon Daily Emerald (2001-04).

**Personal Information ...** Born January 17, 1982. Is a native of San Jose, Calif. Received a B.S. in Journalism (news-editorial and public relations focuses) from the University of Oregon in 2004. Member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the Alabama Sportswriters Association. Is a member of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity.



## JASON LOSCALZO

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach | Fourth Season

Joined Auburn Staff ... May 2003

**Responsibility ...** Strength and Conditioning Coach for Baseball. Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach for football. Director of Sports Nutrition for football. Strength and Conditioning Coach for softball.

**Professional Experience ...** Prior to Auburn, served as the Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach/Sports Nutrition Professional Consultant at Marshall from August 2001-May 2003. Was an Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach and Athletic Sports Nutritionist at the University of Nevada, Reno from August 1999-August 2001. Was a Graduate Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach at Arkansas from May 1999-August 1999. Began career as a Student Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach at Humboldt State from January 1996-May 1999.

**Personal Information ...** Born April 13, 1975. Native of Cool, Calif. Wife: Nicole. Received B.S. in Kinesiology from Humboldt State in May, 1999, and master's in Athletic Administration from University of Nevada, Reno in 2001. Received an A.A. in Liberal Arts from Sierra Junior College in May 1995. Played fullback at Humboldt State from 1996-97 and at Sierra Junior College from 1993-95. Certifications include: CSCS, SCCC, SPN, USAW Level I.



## BRYAN MacMUNN

Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer | Second Season

Joined Auburn Staff ... June 2005

**Responsibility ...** Athletic Trainer for Auburn softball.

**Professional Experience ...** Has served as an athletic training intern with the Kansas City Royals. Was the Head Athletic Trainer for the Arizona Rangers of the Arizona League. Head ATC for South Forsyth High School in Sugar Hill, Ga. Interned with the Georgia Tech baseball team.

**Personal Information ...** Born July 9, 1982. Native of Sugar Hill, Ga. Received B.S. in Sports Medicine/Athletic Training from Valdosta State University in 2004. Currently pursuing his Master's in biomechanics. Is a certified athletic trainer. Member of the National Athletic Trainers Association, and the Southeast, Georgia, and Alabama Athletic Trainers Associations. Member of the Association of Professional Ball Players of America.



## JANICE ROBINSON

Academic Counselor | 11th Season

Joined Auburn Staff ... September 1994

**Responsibility ...** Provides academic advising and coordinates academic support efforts for the Auburn softball team and equestrian teams. Life Skills Coordinator: develops and implements commitment components of the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program.

**Experience ...** Has served as the Auburn softball team's academic advisor since the program's inception in 1996. Serves as the Tiger CHAMPS/Life Skills Coordinator. Since coming to Auburn in 1994, has served as the academic counselor for football, track and field, softball, soccer, equestrian, women's basketball and gymnastics.

**Personal Information ...** Native of Tuskegee, Ala. Husband: Tommy Robinson. Has two children: daughter TaMyra (17) and son Tommy, Jr. (7). Received a B.S. in Social Welfare from Tennessee State. Earned her Masters of Education, Counseling & Student Development from Tuskegee University.



## EMILY THORNTON

Marketing Assistant | First Season

Joined Auburn Staff ... July 2006

**Responsibility ...** Assist in the development and implementation of marketing and promotional plans for Auburn soccer, men's basketball, gymnastics, and softball programs.

**Experience ...** Served as Student Assistant for Sports Marketing at the University of Florida from 2005-2006. Graduate Assistant for the Travel and Recreation Program at the University of Florida from 2004-2006.

**Personal Information ...** Born March 24, 1981. Native of Cranberry Twp, Pa. Earned B.A. in Classical Studies from Gettysburg College in 2003 and M.Ed. in Student Personnel in Higher Education from the University of Florida in 2006.



**Kristy Eharis**  
Event Management/SWA  
Intern



**Marc Haon**  
Public Address Announcer



**Brandon McKee**  
Student Manager



**Zach Willard**  
Student Manager



**Richard Wilt**  
Student Manager