



THE COACHES' TROPHY

Les Miles

HEAD COACH



Les Miles by the numbers....

- 34-6** overall record at LSU
- 19-1** record vs. unranked teams
- 19-2** record in Tiger Stadium
- 19-5** record in SEC regular season games
- 15-5** record vs. Top 25 teams
- 13-2** record vs. SEC Western Division
- 11-3** record in road games
- 10** number of comeback wins for LSU since 2005
- 7-3** record vs. Top 10 teams
- 6** number of wins over coaches who have won a national title *
- 3-0** record in bowl games
- 2** number of wins in BCS bowl games
- 1** BCS National Championship
- 1** SEC Championship

* - The six wins over coaches who have won a national title came against Philip Fulmer (twice), Urban Meyer (twice), Larry Coker, Steve Spurrier, Nick Saban, Jim Tressel.

It has been said that LSU is in the midst of the Golden Era of football at the school and head coach Les Miles has been the driving force behind the Tigers' dominance at the national level for the past three years.

Since taking over as head coach at LSU in January of 2005, Miles has guided the Tigers to the 2007 BCS National Title and to three-straight top five rankings, a first at the school. Miles' record with the Tigers is an astonishing 34-6, which marks the best three-year stretch in the history of the program.





National Championship Season!

(Above) Head coach Les Miles acknowledges the LSU fans who watched the Tigers' 38-24 victory over top-ranked Ohio State in the 2008 Allstate BCS National Championship Game. (Top left) Postgame, Miles congratulates the team on a stellar performance and the program's second national championship in five years. (Middle left) Jacob Hester (18) presents coach Miles the game ball after the Alabama game. (Bottom left) With an historic season in the books, Miles lets out a blissful cry of jubilation in the postgame news conference.

LSU's success under Miles hasn't been just on the playing field as the Tigers have also excelled in the classroom as well as being active participants within the community. With an approach that demands his players strive for excellence and pursue an education while representing the University in first-class fashion, the response by the players has been overwhelming. In addition to averaging over 11 wins for the past three years, the Tigers have had 51 players earn a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll with another 51 earning their college diploma. Of the 25 seniors on the 2007 national championship team, 15 have already earned their college degree with the remainder of the class on pace to graduate within the next year.

The Tigers also played an instrumental role in the recovery efforts following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, two of the most devastating natural disasters to hit the Louisiana coast.

On the field, the Tigers have produced 19 NFL Draft picks over the past three years, including a school-record four first-round picks in the 2007 draft. In 2007, senior defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey became the most decorated defender in school history, winning four national awards – the Lombardi, Outland, Nagurski and Lott Trophies – as

well as being named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year and a consensus All-American.

Now, with the Tigers becoming the first school in the country to have won two BCS National Championships, the foundation for LSU football is more stable than ever. After 34 wins, including 14 over foes ranked among the nation's top 25, and with three-straight recruiting classes ranked among the top 10 in the nation, Miles and the Tigers have solidified their standing as one of college football's premier programs.

The LSU Years

Les Miles' first three years with the Tigers have been unmatched in the history of the program. One would be hard pressed to find a better three-year stretch in major college football. The results are impressive and staggering: 34 wins, 20 SEC victories, 14 wins over top 25 teams, eight wins over top 10 teams, three bowl victories, including a win over Ohio State in last year's BCS National Championship Game, an SEC title and three-straight top five final rankings.

Add to that 19 NFL Draft picks, including six in the first round, and seven first-team All-Americans, and it's easy to see why LSU has become one of the

The Les Miles File

BIRTHDATE:Nov. 10, 1953
HOMETOWN:Elyria, Ohio
WIFE:Kathy
CHILDREN:Kathryn "Smacker", Leslie Matthew "Manny", Benjamin and Macy Grace
COLLEGE:Michigan, '76

EDUCATION:
 Graduated from the University of Michigan in 1976 with a degree in economics.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:
 Two-year letterman at Michigan in 1974 and 1975. Played on two Big 10 Championship Teams as well as participated in the 1976 Orange Bowl. Earned all-state honors in football at Elyria High School in Ohio and also earned letters in baseball and wrestling.

COACHING EXPERIENCE:
 Coached on six Big Ten championship teams and 10 bowl teams at Michigan. Coached offensive line at Colorado from 1982 to 1986 and on two Colorado teams that went to bowl games. Served as offensive coordinator at Oklahoma State from 1995-97. Spent three seasons coaching tight ends for the Dallas Cowboys before returning to OSU as head coach prior to the 2001 season.



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Les Miles Year-by-Year

YEAR	TEAM	RECORD	BOWL	NOTES
ASSISTANT COACH				
1980	Michigan	10-2	Rose	Big 10 Champions
1981	Michigan	9-3	Bluebonnet	Ranked No. 12
1982	Colorado	2-8-1		
1983	Colorado	4-7		
1984	Colorado	1-10		
1985	Colorado	7-5	Freedom	
1986	Colorado	6-6	Bluebonnet	
1987	Michigan	8-4	Outback	Ranked No. 19
1988	Michigan	9-2-1	Rose	Rose Bowl Champions
1989	Michigan	10-2	Rose	Big 10 Champions
1990	Michigan	9-3	Gator	Gator Bowl Champions
1991	Michigan	10-2	Rose	Big 10 Champions
1992	Michigan	9-0-3	Rose	Rose Bowl Champions
1993	Michigan	8-4	Outback	
1994	Michigan	8-4	Holiday	Holiday Bowl Champions
1995	Oklahoma State	4-8		
1996	Oklahoma State	5-6		
1997	Oklahoma State	8-4	Alamo	
1998	Dallas Cowboys	10-6		Divisional Champions
1999	Dallas Cowboys	8-8		
2000	Dallas Cowboys	5-11		
HEAD COACH				
2001	Oklahoma State	4-7		
2002	Oklahoma State	8-5	Houston	Houston Bowl Champions
2003	Oklahoma State	9-4	Cotton	
2004	Oklahoma State	7-5	Alamo	
2005	LSU	11-2	Peach	SEC Western Division Champions
2006	LSU	11-2	Sugar	No. 3; Sugar Bowl Champions
2007	LSU	12-2	BCS	National Champions, SEC Champions
TOTAL	7 Seasons	62-27		



Miles vs. All Opponents

OPPONENT	RECORD	OPPONENT	RECORD
Appalachian State	1-0	North Texas	1-0
Alabama	3-0	Northern Iowa	1-0
Arizona	1-0	Northwestern State	1-0
Arizona State	1-0	Notre Dame	1-0
Arkansas	2-1	Ohio State	1-1
Auburn	2-1	Oklahoma	2-2
Baylor	4-0	Ole Miss	3-1
Colorado	1-1	SMU	3-0
Florida	2-1	South Carolina	1-0
Fresno State	1-0	Southern Miss	1-1
Georgia	0-1	Missouri State	1-0
Iowa State	1-1	Tennessee	2-1
Kansas	2-0	Texas	0-4
Kansas State	1-1	Texas A&M	2-2
Kentucky	1-1	Texas Tech	1-3
Louisiana-Lafayette	2-0	Tulane	2-0
Louisiana Tech	2-1	Tulsa	1-0
Miami (Fla.)	1-0	UCLA	1-1
Middle Tennessee	1-0	Vanderbilt	1-0
Mississippi State	3-0	Virginia Tech	1-0
Missouri	1-1	Wyoming	1-0
Nebraska	1-1	Total	62-27

most dominant programs in college football over the past three years.

Miles' 34 victories are the most of any coach during a three-year span in the history of the school and his 19 SEC regular season wins rank as the best among any Tiger coach in his first three seasons with the program. His 34 wins since taking over at LSU in 2005 also ties with Pete Carroll as the most by any head coach in college football during that three-year span.

After two of the most successful seasons in school history in 2005 and 2006, Miles again led the Tigers to a season of firsts in 2007. LSU became the first school in the Bowl Championship Series era to claim a second BCS National Title with its 38-24 win over Ohio State. LSU's first BCS title came in 2003 when the Tigers beat Oklahoma, 21-14.

With a 12-2 final record in 2007, the Tigers became the first team in school history to win at least 10 games in three-straight years. The 2007 Tigers also set the school record for wins over top 25 teams (7), won the SEC Championship with a backup quarterback and were ranked No. 1 in the BCS Standings during the regular season for the first time in school history. LSU finished the year ranked No. 1 in the nation in both the USA Today Coaches Poll and the AP Poll.

The road to the 2007 SEC title was anything but easy for the Tigers as LSU faced a total of seven top 25 teams, winning six of those games. After spending most of the season ranked among the top three teams in the nation, including a four-week stay at No. 1, the Tigers quickly found out that they had a target on their back each week. Time after time, week after week, LSU was getting the best shot from their opponents.

It didn't help matters that LSU played key stretches of its season with injuries to standout players. Star wideout Early Doucet missed five games; quarterback Matt Flynn wasn't healthy for close to a month; and All-American Glenn Dorsey played hurt for the final five games of the regular season. Still, LSU, with outstanding depth and a will to overcome adversity, found a way to win. Four times in 2007 the Tigers had to come from behind in the fourth quarter to win games, including its 21-14 victory over Tennessee in the SEC Championship Game.

LSU scored a touchdown with a second left to beat Auburn at home and then followed that by scoring two touchdowns in the final three minutes of the Alabama game to record a comeback win over the Crimson Tide.

Against top 10-ranked Florida, LSU scored with just over a minute left,

capping a drive that saw the Tigers convert on a pair of fourth down attempts, to beat the defending national champions, 28-24, in Tiger Stadium. Perhaps its best game of the season came in week 2 when a completely healthy LSU squad dominated No. 9 Virginia Tech in all phases of a 48-7 victory.

LSU didn't lose a game in regulation during the 2007 regular season, falling to both Kentucky and Arkansas in triple overtime.

When it mattered most, playing without an injured Flynn, the Tigers overcame the adversity that followed in the wake of week-long media speculation leading up to the SEC Championship Game about Miles perhaps leaving LSU to take the head coaching position at Michigan. In the end, Miles remained true to his word, staying at LSU and leading the Tigers to a 21-14 win over Tennessee in the SEC title game, a victory that helped propel LSU into the BCS National Championship contest. In the BCS Championship Game, the Tigers spotted top-ranked Ohio State an early 10-0 lead, but LSU came roaring back to take a convincing win over the Buckeyes by a 38-24 count. The win gave LSU its third national title and it also marked the fourth time this decade that the Tigers were victorious in a BCS bowl, the most of any SEC school.

After leading LSU to an 11-2 mark and a top five national ranking in his first year as LSU's head coach in 2005, many wondered just what Miles would do for an encore. His second year with the Tigers proved to be another year full of milestones and firsts as he guided the Tigers to another 11-2 overall record, culminating with a 41-14 dismantling of 11th-ranked Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl.

The Tigers finished their second year under the direction of Miles ranked No. 3 in the nation, marking the first time since the 1958-59 seasons that LSU was ranked in the top five in the country in back-to-back years.

LSU's at-large berth in a BCS bowl was a first in school history and it also represented the third time this decade that the Tigers ended their season in the Sugar Bowl.

In 2006, Miles became the first coach in LSU history to lead the Tigers to back-to-back 10-wins seasons, something that he added to with another 10-plus win season in 2007.

He became the first LSU coach since Jerry Stovall in 1982 to beat two top 10-ranked teams on the road in the same season as the Tigers posted a 28-24 win over No. 8 Tennessee in Knoxville followed by a 31-26 victory over No. 5 Arkansas in Little Rock.

The Tigers were able to accomplish all of this during the 2006 season



Miles' Career Head Coaching Record

2001 - Oklahoma State

RECORD: 4-7 (2-6 BIG XII, 5TH SOUTH)

Sept. 1	at Southern Miss	L	17-9
Sept. 8	Louisiana Tech	W	30-23
Sept. 22	at Texas A&M	L	21-7
Sept. 29	Northwestern State	W	24-0
Oct. 6	Missouri	L	48-31 3 (OT)
Oct. 13	#11 Texas	L	45-17
Oct. 20	at Iowa State	L	28-14
Oct. 27	#25 Colorado	L	22-19
Nov. 10	Texas Tech	L	49-30
Nov. 17	at Baylor	W	38-22
Nov. 24	at #4 Oklahoma	W	16-13

2002 - Oklahoma State

RECORD: 8-5 (5-3 BIG XII, 4TH SOUTH)

Aug. 31	at Louisiana Tech	L	39-36
Sept. 7	Northern Iowa	W	45-10
Sept. 14	#23 UCLA	L	38-24
Sept. 21	SMU	W	52-16
Oct. 5	at #2 Texas	L	17-15
Oct. 12	at #19 Kansas State	L	44-9
Oct. 19	Nebraska	W	24-21
Nov. 2	Texas A&M	W	28-23
Nov. 9	at Texas Tech	L	49-24
Nov. 16	at Kansas	W	55-20
Nov. 23	Baylor	W	63-28
Nov. 30	#3 Oklahoma	W	38-28
HOUSTON BOWL • HOUSTON, TEXAS • RELIANT STADIUM			
Dec. 27	Southern Miss	W	33-23

2003 - Oklahoma State

RECORD: 9-4 (5-3 BIG XII, 3RD SOUTH)

Aug. 30	at Nebraska	L	17-7
Sept. 6	Wyoming	W	48-24
Sept. 13	SMS	W	42-3
Sept. 20	at SMU	W	52-6
Oct. 9	UL-Lafayette	W	56-3
Oct. 11	#22 Kansas State	W	38-34
#24 Oct. 18	Texas Tech	W	51-49

#19 Nov. 1	at Texas A&M	W	38-10
#15 Nov. 8	at #1 Oklahoma	L	52-9
#22 Nov. 16	#11 Texas	L	55-16
Nov. 23	Kansas	W	44-21
#24 Nov. 30	at Baylor	W	38-21
COTTON BOWL • DALLAS, TEXAS • COTTON BOWL STADIUM			
#22 Jan. 2	Ole Miss	L	31-28

2004 - Oklahoma State

RECORD: 7-5 (4-4 BIG XII, 5TH SOUTH)

Sept. 4	at UCLA	W	31-20
Sept. 11	Tulsa	W	38-21
#25 Sept. 18	SMU	W	59-7
#24 Oct. 2	Iowa State	W	36-7
#21 Oct. 4	at Colorado	W	42-14
#15 Oct. 16	Texas A&M	L	36-20
#21 Oct. 23	at Missouri	W	20-17
#20 Oct. 30	#2 Oklahoma	L	38-35
#19 Nov. 6	at #7 Texas	L	56-35
#24 Nov. 13	Baylor	W	49-21
#23 Nov. 23	at Texas Tech	W	44-21
ALAMO BOWL • SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS • ALAMO DOME			
Dec. 29	#19 Ohio State	L	33-7

2005 - LSU

RECORD: 11-2 (7-1 SEC, 1ST WEST)

#3 Sept. 10	at #15 Arizona State	W	35-31
#4 Sept. 26	#10 Tennessee	L	30-27 (OT)
#4 Oct. 1	at Mississippi State	W	37-7
#11 Oct. 8	at Vanderbilt	W	34-6
#8 Oct. 15	#11 Florida	W	21-17
#7 Oct. 22	#15 Auburn	W	20-17 (OT)
#7 Oct. 29	North Texas	W	56-3
#6 Nov. 5	Appalachian State	W	24-0
#5 Nov. 12	at #3 Alabama	W	16-13 (OT)
#4 Nov. 19	at Ole Miss	W	40-7
#3 Nov. 25	Arkansas	W	19-17
SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME • ATLANTA • GEORGIA DOME			
#3 Dec. 3	#13 Georgia	L	34-14
PEACH BOWL • ATLANTA • GEORGIA DOME			
#9 Dec. 30	#10 Miami	W	40-3

2006 - LSU

RECORD: 11-2 (6-2 SEC, 2ND WEST)

#8 Sept. 2	Louisiana-Lafayette	W	45-3
#8 Sept. 9	Arizona	W	45-3
#6 Sept. 16	at #3 Auburn	L	7-3
#10 Sept. 23	Tulane	W	49-7
#9 Sept. 30	Mississippi State	W	48-17
#9 Oct. 7	at #5 Florida	L	23-10
#14 Oct. 14	Kentucky	W	49-0
#14 Oct. 21	Fresno State	W	38-6
#13 Nov. 14	at #8 Tennessee	W	28-24
#12 Nov. 11	Alabama	W	28-14
#9 Nov. 18	Ole Miss	W	23-20 (OT)
#9 Nov. 24	at #5 Arkansas	W	31-26 (OT)
SUGAR BOWL • NEW ORLEANS • SUPERDOME			
#10 Jan. 3	#10 Notre Dame	W	41-14

2007 - LSU

RECORD: 11-2 (6-2 SEC, SEC CHAMPIONS) **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

#2 Aug. 30	at Mississippi State	W	45-0
#2 Sept. 8	#9 Virginia Tech	W	48-7
#2 Sept. 15	Middle Tennessee	W	44-0
#2 Sept. 22	#12 South Carolina	W	28-16
#2 Sept. 29	Tulane	W	34-9
#1 Oct. 6	#7 Florida	W	28-24
#1 Oct. 13	at #17 Kentucky	L	43-37 3OT
#5 Oct. 20	#18 Auburn	W	30-24
#4 Nov. 3	at #17 Alabama	W	41-34
#2 Nov. 10	Louisiana Tech	W	58-10
#1 Nov. 17	at Ole Miss	W	41-24
#1 Nov. 23	Arkansas	L	50-48 3OT
SEC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME • ATLANTA • GEORGIA DOME			
#7 Dec. 1	#14 Tennessee	W	21-14
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME • NEW ORLEANS • LOUISIANA SUPERDOME			
#2 Jan. 7	#1 Ohio State	W	38-24

despite having to face four top eight opponents on the road, also a first in school history. LSU posted a 2-2 mark in those road games, which included November wins over Tennessee and Arkansas that propelled the Tigers to a berth in a BCS bowl.

LSU opened the 2006 season in grand style, posting identical 45-3 wins over Louisiana-Lafayette and Arizona. After a gut-wrenching 7-3 loss at No. 3 Auburn, the Tigers reeled off decisive wins over both Tulane (49-7) and Mississippi State (48-17). Following a 23-10 setback to eventual national champion Florida, the Tigers responded with seven-straight wins to end the season, starting with a 49-0 victory over a Kentucky team that went on to win eight games and beat Clemson in a bowl game.

The Tigers capped the 2006 season with a 41-14 win over an overmatched Notre Dame team in the Sugar Bowl, giving the Tigers their third win in a BCS game since the 2001 season. With a makeshift offensive line that featured three first-time starters and a pair of true freshmen running backs having to plug holes in a depleted backfield, the Tigers still managed to lead the SEC in total offense (411 yards per game) and scoring offense (33.7 points per game), while ranking No. 2 in the league in rushing offense (165 yards per game). Defensively, the Tigers, despite losing three defensive linemen

to the NFL Draft the year before, ranked among the top four in the nation in scoring defense, total defense and pass defense.

In all, the Tigers fashioned their 11-2 record against seven teams who went on to play in bowl games as LSU's schedule was ranked as the 12th toughest in the nation according to the NCAA.

Even though the Tigers had to go on the road to face four top 10-ranked teams in 2006, year two under Miles seemed somewhat ordinary compared to what the Tigers had to endure during his first year in Baton Rouge.

In Miles' inaugural season at LSU he led the Tigers to only the third 11-win season in school history, a top five national ranking and a berth in the SEC Championship Game, despite numerous distractions that covered most of the months of September and October.

The Tigers, playing without starting quarterback and future No. 1 overall NFL Draft pick JaMarcus Russell, put an exclamation point on the year with a 40-3 win over No. 9 Miami in the Peach Bowl to finish with an 11-2 overall mark and a No. 5 national ranking.

To appreciate just how adverse the conditions that Miles and the Tigers had to overcome in 2005, you have to go back to late August and Hurricane Katrina, the first of two storms to devastate Louisiana during the fall.

Days before LSU's originally



Les and Kathy Miles with their four children, Kathryn, Leslie Matthew, Benjamin and Macy Grace.

scheduled season opener against North Texas in Tiger Stadium, Hurricane Katrina blew ashore, packing tremendous winds, and turned the state, in particular New Orleans and southeastern Louisiana, upside down.

Massive flooding followed in the wake of the storm as more than 30 LSU players had their families and their homes affected by the hurricane and

Miles' first game in Tiger Stadium against North Texas postponed. With the LSU campus serving as the recovery center for those sick, homeless and displaced due to Hurricane Katrina, football seemed to be the farthest thing from most people's minds. However, Miles was able to successfully manage a delicate situation, one that saw his team and coaching staff volunteer time





Men of Honor

Les Miles and his 2007 LSU national championship team traveled to Washington, D.C. in April 2008. The Tigers' head coach met with President George W. Bush at the White House and visited with soldiers assigned to guard the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.



The Cable Guy

(Above) Les Miles and defensive tackle Glenn Dorsey share a laugh with ESPN GameDay anchor Chris Fowler after the Tigers defeated Florida in October. (Bottom right) Three months later, Miles participated in the filming of an ESPN SportsCenter commercial at their headquarters in Bristol, CT.



to those in need, while still attempting to focus on football for at least two hours a day.

After a week of trying to minimize the distractions for a football team that had their apartments and dorm rooms filled with displaced family members and friends due to the storm, it appeared that the Tigers would finally get to play a home game, this time against 15th-ranked Arizona State.

However, just as the Tigers began to prepare for the Sun Devils and the season opener in Tiger Stadium, it was learned that the devastation to New Orleans was much greater than originally thought. With the Maravich Center on the LSU campus serving as what would become the largest field triage unit in United States history, it was mutually decided to move the LSU-Arizona State game to Tempe.

With many in Louisiana under the distress of Hurricane Katrina, the Tigers were going to have to take to the desert to face a powerful offense in their first game of the season.

These were certainly trying times for everyone in the state of Louisiana, but even more so for a football coach who now had his team carrying the banner

for a state in need of a diversion. LSU football had become a release for those consumed with the hurricane. LSU even re-stated its team goals, putting playing for the state of Louisiana at the top of the list.

The Tigers didn't disappoint as Miles and his LSU team used a 28-point fourth-quarter rally to come back to beat Arizona State, 35-31, in Tempe.

Now with the Arizona State game behind them, it looked as if things for the LSU football team would gradually get back to normal as the Tigers now had a week off before facing Tennessee in Tiger Stadium on Sept. 24.

Then, the unthinkable happened. Another storm, this one named Rita, hit southwest Louisiana, causing severe damage to more homes, leaving thousands without electricity and displacing even more Louisiana natives.

The combination of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita forced LSU to again shuffle its schedule. Instead of playing Tennessee on a Saturday night in Tiger Stadium, the Tigers would now be forced to face the Volunteers on a Monday night. An emotionally drained LSU team saw a 21-0 halftime lead evaporate into a 30-27 overtime loss to the Vols.

There was no coaching handbook for Miles to refer to when it came to dealing with the hurricanes and preparing a team for competition during extreme adverse conditions. Miles was on his own, forced to navigate his LSU team through a treacherous stretch of games, while also being sympathetic to those still effected by the natural disasters.

With just five days between the Tennessee loss and the Mississippi State game, Miles and the Tigers were obviously dealt an unfair hand, however, he asked his team to respond and they did. The Mississippi State contest was the starting point for a stretch of games for the Tigers that saw LSU win nine straight. The 37-7 win over the Bulldogs was followed by a 34-6 road victory over Vanderbilt as the Tigers had re-established themselves as one of the nation's elite on the football field.

During what would be 11-consecutive weeks of play, the Tigers posted a win over Florida, along with overtime victories against Auburn and Alabama. In all, the Tigers beat four teams ranked among the top 15 in the nation, then a school record for regular season victories over ranked opponents.

After 10 straight weeks of play during the regular season, the Tigers fashioned a 7-1 conference mark and earned a berth in the SEC title game.

Miles became the only coach in his first year in the SEC to lead his squad to the league's title game. He also became the first coach in LSU history to beat Alabama, Auburn and Florida in the same season.

Following a loss to Georgia in the league's title game, Miles and the Tigers re-grouped, this time to beat No. 9 Miami, 40-3, in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl. The win gave the Tigers 11 victories for the year, making Miles the winningest first-year coach in school history.

Following his first year with the Tigers, LSU had seven players taken in the NFL Draft, including running back Joseph Addai, who went on to win a Super Bowl with Indianapolis in his first season in the league.

Miles, the 2002 Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year and former assistant with Michigan, Colorado and the Dallas Cowboys who built Oklahoma State into a force in the Big 12, became LSU's 32nd head football coach on Jan. 3, 2005.

During his three years with the Tigers, Miles has put together a 34-6 overall mark, while leading LSU to a 19-5 conference record. LSU has also had 12 players selected in the NFL Draft over the past two years, including a school-record four in the first round in 2007, which included the No. 1 overall pick in Russell. In addition, LSU has had seven players earn first-team All-America status under Miles.

Oklahoma State Years

In four short years, Miles turned the Oklahoma State football program into one that was nationally competitive, despite competing in state against one of the country's dominant programs.

Miles honed his head coaching skills



at Oklahoma State. Under Miles' direction, the Cowboys were the only team in the nation to beat Oklahoma twice in the four-year period, and he was also the first coach in Oklahoma State history to post wins over Nebraska and Oklahoma in the same season.

Miles led the Cowboys to three-straight bowl appearances, an accomplishment Oklahoma State had not achieved since Jimmy Johnson started a string of three-straight post-season games beginning in 1983. In addition, Oklahoma State's appearance in the Cotton Bowl to cap the 2003 season marked the first time in 55 years that the Cowboys appeared in a January bowl game.

Miles' success as a collegiate head coach came by combining an explosive offensive system with that of a sound defensive scheme. In his last two years at Oklahoma State, Miles' offenses put up a total of 857 points for an average of 34.3 points per game.

As head coach at Oklahoma State, he built a consistent winner out of a program that had recorded only one winning season since 1988, and had posted a record of 13-20 in the three years prior to his arrival at OSU. After going 4-7 in his first year as head coach in 2001, he took the Cowboys to consecutive winning marks of 8-5 in 2002, 9-4 in 2003 and 7-5 in 2004.

Miles led Oklahoma State to a four-year record of 28-21 for a winning percentage of 57.1, the best career winning percentage for an OSU coach since Jim Lookabaugh ended his career in Stillwater in 1949.

In 2004, Miles took Oklahoma State as high as No. 15 in the country with five wins to open the season. The 2004 season included road wins at UCLA, Colorado and Missouri, and the Cowboys never lost to a team outside of the top 25. In addition, his 2004 Cowboys ranked 12th in the nation in rushing, averaging 237 yards per game, and Oklahoma State was among the national leaders in scoring offense with 32.3 points a contest.

Oklahoma State's 2003 season was highlighted by victories over eventual Big 12 Champion Kansas State and a bowl-bound Texas Tech squad. Miles and his Cowboys won seven straight in 2003 after a season opening loss at Nebraska, and finished the season with back-to-back victories. The seven consecutive victories marked the longest winning streak by an Oklahoma State team since 1949 when the Cowboys posted a perfect 9-0 record.

Miles' 2003 Oklahoma State team featured one NFL First Round Draft pick in wide receiver Rashaun Woods and second round selection in running back Tatum Bell as the Cowboy offensive attack featured both a 1,000-yard rusher (Bell) and a 1,000-yard receiver (Woods).

Miles was the 2002 Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year after directing his second Oklahoma State team to an 8-5 record and the school's first bowl appearance since 1997. In 2002, Miles' Cowboy offense set the school standard for passing offense (259 yards per game), while averaging 403.3 yards of offense per game, the fourth-highest total at the school.

The Cowboys, who averaged 34.4 points per game, closed the 2002 season with wins in six of their last seven games, including a 38-28 victory over then-No. 3 ranked Oklahoma in the regular-season finale. The Cowboys capped the 2002 season with a 33-23 win over Southern Miss in the Houston Bowl.

Assistant Coach Years

Prior to his tenure as head coach at Oklahoma State, Miles was the tight ends coach for the Dallas Cowboys for three seasons from 1998-2000. During his three years with the Cowboys, Dallas won one divisional title while participating in the playoffs twice. In Dallas, Miles learned of LSU and the charm of the school from tight end David LaFleur, who starred for the Tigers in the 1990s. In three years of coaching tight ends for the Cowboys, Miles' players combined for 136 receptions for 1,287 yards and 16 touchdowns. LaFleur, a former LSU All-America selection, had his best year under Miles in 1999, starting 16 games and catching 35 passes for 322 yards and seven touchdowns.

Before going to Dallas, Miles served as Oklahoma State's offensive coordinator for three seasons from 1995-97, including an 8-3 season and Alamo Bowl berth in 1997.

Miles' college playing and coaching career includes experience under some of the most noted coaches in college football. At Michigan, he played for legendary coach Bo Schembechler and later served on Schembechler's staff. He also worked with Gary Moeller at Michigan and Bill McCartney at Colorado.

Success has followed Miles at every stop of both his playing and professional career. He was a two-year letterman at Michigan (1974-75). During those two seasons, Michigan was a combined 18-3-2, had final Associated Press national rankings in the top 10 and participated in both the Rose and Orange Bowls.

He joined Schembechler's Michigan coaching staff in 1980 for the first of two stints as a coach in Ann Arbor. In 1980 and 1981, Michigan combined for 19 wins and just five losses, won the Big 10 title in 1980 and played in the Rose and Bluebonnet Bowls, respectively. Miles left Michigan for Colorado, where he served on McCartney's staff from 1982 through 1986. In his final two years at Colorado, the Buffs earned bids



Off the Field

(Top) In 2006 Miles took part in the USO Tour, where he visited American Troops in Kuwait and Iraq. (Bottom) Miles took time out of his busy Sugar Bowl preparations schedule to spend time with the patients of New Orleans' Children's Hospital.

to the Freedom Bowl and Bluebonnet Bowl.

In 1987, he returned to Michigan, where he would spend the next eight years as part of one of the most successful eras in Michigan football history. From 1987 to 1994, Michigan won 71 games, made eight straight bowl appearances, including four trips to the Rose Bowl, and finished no lower than No. 21 in final Associated Press national rankings.

The 1989 Michigan squad finished 10-2, won the Big 10 championship and finished ranked No. 7 in the country. That would be Coach Bo Schembechler's final season as Michigan's head coach.

When Moeller took over the Michigan program prior to the 1990 season, Miles remained on the staff. The 1990 team finished 9-3, winning the Big 10 title and the Gator Bowl. The following season (1991), Michigan finished 10-2 and with a No. 6 national ranking. Miles coached some of the best players to wear the Michigan uniform, including eight first-team All-Americans, 10 total All-Americans and 12 players from Wolverine offensive lines that were NFL draftees.

Philanthropist At Heart

One of Les Miles' most impressive qualities is that of the time he spends giving to and helping causes that benefit others. Each year, Miles and his wife Kathy host an event that raises close to \$100,000 for the Children's Miracle Network. In addition, he is active in other community service events such as the Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center annual fundraiser, the Special Olympics and the Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center Celebrity Waiter Event.

Miles spent a week in June of 2006

taking part in the USO Tour, where the Tiger head coach visited American Troops serving in Kuwait and Iraq. Miles was joined on the tour, which serves as a morale booster for the troops serving abroad, by former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz and Tampa Bay Devil Rays owner Vincent Naimoli.

The week-long trip took Miles to several U.S. bases in Kuwait and then on to Iraq, where he visited with hundreds of American troops and even flew over the city of Baghdad in a Black Hawk helicopter.

The Family Man

When Miles isn't overseeing his LSU football family, he can most likely be found in the bleachers supporting his wife and kids at their sporting events. His oldest daughter Kathryn, who is commonly referred to as "Smacker", is one of the top junior swimmers in the state of Louisiana and, as a middle schooler, helped University High School claim the Division IV state title in 2006 and 2007. Smacker won the Division IV state championship in the 200 freestyle and placed sixth overall in the 100 backstroke in 2006. She followed that with two more state individual titles as well as swimming on two relay championships in 2007. Smacker also participates in basketball, volleyball and track and field.

Miles' two sons - Manny and Ben - are also avid athletes as they participate in everything from football to baseball to wrestling. Coach Miles also gets his share of time with the youngest of the Miles family, 5-year old Macy Grace.

Coach Miles' wife Kathy, who is a former assistant women's basketball coach at the collegiate level, spends time serving as a coach for Smacker's AAU basketball team.

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Gary Crowton

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

YEAR AT LSU: Second (appointed Jan. 17, 2007)
BIRTHDATE: June 14, 1957, at Provo, Utah
WIFE: Maren
CHILDREN: Dane (21), Tara (19), Jenessa (17), Quinn (14), Mikauli (12), Toriana (8), Macloud (6)
HIGH SCHOOL: Orem (Utah) High School
COLLEGE: BYU, '83

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1976-77 Snow College (quarterback)
 1978 Colorado State (quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1982 BYU (student assistant)
 1983-86 Snow Junior College (secondary, 1983; offensive coordinator, 1984-86)
 1987 Western Illinois (passing game coordinator)
 1988-90 New Hampshire (offensive coordinator)
 1991-93 Boston College (quarterbacks)
 1994 Georgia Tech (co-offensive coordinator)
 1995-98 Louisiana Tech (offensive coordinator, 1995; head coach, 1996-98)
 1999-2000 Chicago Bears (offensive coordinator)
 2001-04 BYU (head coach)
 2005-06 Oregon (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
 2007- LSU (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a coach
 1982 Holiday Bowl (BYU lost to Ohio State, 41-17)
 1992 Hall of Fame Bowl (Boston College lost to Tennessee, 28-23)
 1993 Carquest Bowl (Boston College def. Virginia, 31-13)
 2001 Liberty Bowl (BYU lost to Louisville, 28-10)
 2005 Holiday Bowl (Oregon lost to Oklahoma, 17-14)
 2006 Las Vegas Bowl (Oregon lost to BYU, 38-8)
 2008 BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

Gary Crowton, who has served as the head coach at Louisiana Tech and BYU and is considered one of the top offensive minds in all of football, enters his second season with LSU in 2008. Crowton, nicknamed "The Wizard" by the LSU players, made an immediate impact with the Tigers in 2007, guiding the LSU offense to numerous school records during their run to the national title.

A year ago, the LSU offense set 10 school records, including points in a season (541), points per game (38.6) and touchdowns scored (64), on its way to posting a 12-2 overall mark. Other single-season school records set in 2007 include rushing TDs (35), passes attempted (442), passes completed (256), total yards (6,152), total plays (1,054) and first downs (316). LSU also scored at least 40 points a school-record seven times in 2007.

The Tigers enjoyed all of their offensive success in 2007 employing a balanced attack, one that had LSU averaging 214.1 rushing yards per game and another 225.3 passing yards a contest. The Tigers also set up their record-setting numbers with a running back-by-committee approach for most of the year, with a first-time starting quarterback in Matt Flynn, who was hobbled for several games with an ankle injury and missed the SEC Championship Game altogether with a shoulder injury, and perhaps the most explosive player on the team in wideout Early Doucet missing five games with a groin injury.

The 2007 LSU offense produced one of the top rushing and passing seasons in school history as Jacob Hester ran for 1,103 yards and 12 scores, while Flynn threw for 2,407 yards and 21 touchdowns. It marked only the sixth time in school history that LSU's offense has featured a 1,000-yard rusher and a 2,000-yard passer in the same season.

Four players on the LSU offense were drafted following the 2007 season, with Hester going in the third round to San Diego, wide receiver Early Doucet going in the fourth round to Arizona, Flynn going in the seventh round to Green Bay and tight end Keith Zinger going in the seventh round to Atlanta.

Crowton joined the Tigers after a two-year stint as the offensive coordinator at Oregon, where he overhauled the Ducks offense into one of the best in the nation. In 2006, Oregon ranked No. 9 in the nation in total offense, averaging 422.8 yards per game, which included 241 through the air and 182 on the ground. Oregon led the Pac-10 in both total offense and rushing. The Ducks posted a 7-6 mark as they reached the Las Vegas Bowl.

In his first year with Oregon in 2005, Crowton produced an offense that tallied the second-highest totals in school history in passing yards (304.5 per game) and points (34.5 per game). The Ducks ranked No. 8 in the nation in passing, No. 12 in scoring and No. 18 in total offense on their way to posting a 10-2 overall mark and reaching the Holiday Bowl.

Crowton joined the Oregon staff after a four-year stint as head coach at Brigham Young from 2001-2004. During his four seasons at his alma mater, Crowton guided the Cougars to a 26-23 record to run his head coaching career mark to 47-36 in seven years. Crowton's best year with BYU came in 2001 when he led the Cougars to a 12-2 overall mark, capped with an appearance in the Liberty Bowl. Crowton's BYU offense scored 40 or more points 10 times that year, including 70 points in a win over Tulane and 44 in a victory over California.

BYU led the nation in total offense (542.9 per game) and scoring (46.8 per game) in 2001 as the Cougars captured the Mountain West Conference title. Crowton was named the MWC Coach of the Year for his efforts in his first season at BYU.

Other highlights for Crowton during his stay at BYU include a 44-16 win over California and a 41-38 victory over Mississippi State in 2001, and a 20-17 win over Notre Dame to open the 2004 campaign.

Prior to taking the head coaching job at BYU, Crowton served as the offensive coordinator for two years with the Chicago Bears. In his first year with the Bears in 1999, Crowton's offense ranked No. 3 in the NFL in passing with an average of 258.5 yards per game. That year, the Bears established a franchise record with 4,136 passing yards behind a trio of quarterbacks.

In 2000, Crowton's offense produced 1,000-yard rusher James Allen and also featured former LSU standout Eddie Kennison, who caught 55 passes for 549 yards and two scores for the Bears.

Crowton joined the Bears after a four-year stretch at Louisiana Tech, three of which were as head coach of the Bulldogs. Crowton served as head coach at Louisiana Tech from 1996-98, leading the Bulldogs to an overall mark of 21-13, which included a 9-2 record in 1997. In three years at Louisiana Tech,



Gary and Maren Crowton with daughters Jenessa, Mikauli and Toriana and sons Quinn, and Macloud.

Crowton's teams scored at least 35 points 16 times. He also posted some of the biggest wins in school history - beating Mississippi State, 38-23, in 1995; and beating California, 41-34, and Alabama, 26-20, in 1996.

Crowton's 1998 Louisiana Tech team proved to be one of the most potent offenses in the nation that year as the Bulldogs ranked No. 1 in the nation in passing yards with a 432.1 average behind All-American quarterback Tim Rattay. Tech finished the year ranked No. 2 in the nation in total offense, averaging 542 yards per game.

The 1998 Bulldog offense also featured future first-round draft pick in wide receiver Troy Edwards. Rattay and Edwards teamed up for what was one of the most explosive offensive displays against a nationally-ranked team to open the 1998 season. In that game, Rattay threw for 590 yards, while Edwards caught 21 passes for an NCAA record 405 yards against fourth-ranked Nebraska.

In 1997, a year that saw Crowton lead the Bulldogs to wins over California and Alabama, Louisiana Tech ranked No. 3 in the nation in passing (360.5 per game) and total offense (496.0 per game).

Crowton began his 24-year coaching career as a student assistant under LaVell Edwards in 1982 at BYU, where he earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1983. He proceeded to serve as secondary coach at Snow (Utah) Junior College in 1983 before becoming offensive coordinator at the school for the next three seasons. During his stint, he helped lead Snow to the National Junior College Athletic Association national championship in 1985.

He then served as passing game coordinator at Western Illinois for one year (1987), followed by offensive coordinator at New Hampshire (1988-90), quarterbacks coach at Boston College (1991-93), co-offensive coordinator at Georgia Tech (1994), and offensive coordinator at Louisiana Tech (1995). Crowton was elevated to head coach at Louisiana Tech the following year.

Among the standouts he has tutored include BYU running back Luke Staley, who was the recipient of the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back and led the nation in scoring in 2001; Troy Edwards, Louisiana Tech's 1998 Biletnikoff Award honoree as the top collegiate receiver in the country; Louisiana Tech quarterback Tim Rattay, who finished 10th in balloting for the Heisman Trophy in 1999; and Boston College quarterback Glenn Foley, who finished fifth in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1993.

Crowton has coached seven quarterbacks who have gone on to be selected in the NFL Draft, including Oregon's Kellen Clemens, who was a second-round selection of the New York Jets in 2006, and Rattay, who was a seventh round pick by the 49ers in 2000.

The former all-league quarterback at Orem High School earned All-America acclaim at Snow Junior College before completing his football career as a quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back at Colorado State in 1978. He then ran track for one year at Idaho State before earning his degree at BYU.

Crowton and his wife Maren have four daughters - Tara, Jenessa, Mikauli and Toriana, and three sons - Dane, Quinn, and Macloud. Crowton was born on June 14, 1957, in Provo, Utah.





Josh Henson

Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator

YEAR AT LSU: Fourth
BIRTHDATE: July 14, 1975, in Tuttle, Okla.
WIFE: Shauna
CHILDREN: Will (5), Kate (2)
HIGH SCHOOL: Tuttle (Okla.) High School
COLLEGE: Oklahoma State, '98

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1993-97 Oklahoma State (offensive lineman)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1999 Oklahoma State (graduate assistant)
 2001-04 Oklahoma State (tight ends/recruiting coordinator)
 2005- LSU (tight ends/recruiting coordinator)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a Player

1997 Alamo Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Purdue, 33-20)

As a Coach

2002 Houston Bowl (Oklahoma State def. Southern Miss, 33-23)
 2003 Cotton Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Ole Miss, 31-28)
 2004 Alamo Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Ohio State, 33-7)
 2005 Peach Bowl (LSU def. Miami, 40-3)
 2007 Sugar Bowl (LSU def. Notre Dame, 41-14)
 2008 BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

Josh Henson, a former standout offensive lineman at Oklahoma State, enters his fourth year as LSU's tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator. In just three short years with the Tigers, Henson has developed the reputation as being a tremendous on-field coach, while leading the charge for LSU's recruiting efforts that have ranked among the top 10 in the nation three times.

In 2007, Henson's coaching efforts helped sophomore tight end Richard Dickson put together one of the most productive seasons at the position in school history. Dickson caught 32 passes for 375 yards and five scores in 2007, which marks the third-highest single-season reception total by a Tiger tight end in school history. Dickson capped the 2007 season by catching a pair of TD passes in LSU's 38-24 win over Ohio State in the BCS National Championship Game.

As a unit, LSU's offense set a total of 10 school records in 2007, including points in a season and total yards in a season. The Tiger tight ends contributed to the offense by accounting for 36 receptions and six scores, while also providing blocking for a unit that rushed for 2,998 yards and 35 touchdowns.

Following the 2007 season, LSU tight end Keith Zinger was selected in the seventh round of the NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons.

As LSU's recruiting coordinator, Henson's abilities have made an immediate impact on the Tiger roster as LSU had the nation's No. 2-ranked signing class in 2007 after a consensus top 6 national rating in 2006. For his efforts, Henson was ranked as one of college football's top 25 recruiters in 2006 and 2007 by Rivals.com.



Josh and Shauna Henson with son Will and daughter Kate.

In 2006, Henson molded Dickson, who was then a true freshman, into an all-conference performer. Dickson also earned honorable mention Freshman All-America honors. Despite being in his first year of college football, Dickson stepped in and started nine games after veteran Keith Zinger went down with a season ending injury in September. In his first year at LSU in 2005, Henson's tight ends combined for 20 catches for 256 yards and one touchdown.

At Oklahoma State, Henson was instrumental in the development of Billy Bajema, who was a three-year starter for the Cowboys. As a senior in 2004, Bajema was one of the top tight ends in the country, earning first-team All-Big 12 honors after catching 20 passes for 293 yards and one touchdown. Bajema was picked in the seventh round of the 2004 NFL Draft by the San Francisco 49ers. Bajema played in 14 games for the 49ers a year ago, missing two games due to injury.

Off the field, Bajema was selected as a National Scholar-Athlete by the National Football Foundation as well as earning the Bobby Bowden Award, which is given by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to a student-athlete for displaying faith in all facets of their life.

Henson was a key component in the development of Charlie Johnson, a member of the Indianapolis Colts Super Bowl Championship team in 2006. Johnson spent three years as a tight end under Henson before moving to offensive tackle as a senior. Johnson was later selected in the sixth round of the 2006 NFL Draft by the Colts.

Henson also played a vital role in OSU's offensive development as the Cowboys ranked among the top 15 scoring teams in the nation for three consecutive years. The Cowboys averaged over 34 points per game from 2002-04, which included 35.9 points per game in 2003 and 34.5 points a game in 2004.

Critical to any rushing attack is the play of the tight ends and in four years with the Cowboys, Henson's tight ends paved the way for a ground game that improved each year. The Cowboys ranked 11th in the nation in rushing in 2003 and followed that with the nation's 12th-best rushing attack in 2004.

As Oklahoma State's recruiting coordinator, Henson played a key role in OSU's 2003 signing class being ranked No. 15 in the nation by Rivals.com. A year earlier, Rivals.com rated the Cowboy class as the 26th-best in the country.

As a player, Henson was a four-year letterwinner with 40 career starts for Oklahoma State from 1993-97. He was a starter on the offensive line as well as team captain for Oklahoma State's 8-4 team in 1997, a squad that played in the Alamo Bowl against Purdue. He was a second-team All-Big 12 selection as a senior in addition to being an honorable mention All-Big 12 pick as a junior. Off the field, Henson was named the recipient of the L.L. Boger Award as a senior, an honor that recognizes a student-athlete's achievement both on the field and in the classroom.

Henson graduated from Oklahoma State with a bachelor's degree in secondary education in 1998. Upon graduation, he went straight into coaching, serving as a high school football coach in Kingfisher, Okla. In one season at Kingfisher, he helped guide the Yellowjackets to the state semifinals.

Henson returned to Oklahoma State as a graduate assistant in July of 1999, spending one year with the Cowboy offensive line before taking a full-time position with the Cowboys as tight ends coach in 2001.

Henson, a native of Tuttle, Okla., was born on July 14, 1975. He and his wife Shauna have a son, Will, and a daughter, Kate. Henson lists golf, fishing and hunting as his hobbies in his spare time.





Earl Lane

Defensive Line

BIRTHDATE: April, 23, 1956
HOMETOWN: Tampa, Fla.
WIFE: Sharon
CHILDREN: James (24), Sharrick (19)
HIGH SCHOOL: H.B. Plant (Fla.) High School
COLLEGE: Northwood University (Mich.)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1980-81	Tampa Catholic High School (defensive coordinator)
1982-83	Tampa Chamberlain High School (defensive line)
1984-85	Tampa Gaither High School (defensive line)
1991-92	Tampa Bay Vo-Tech (defensive coordinator)
1993	Bloomingdale High School (linebackers)
1994	Brandon High School (defensive coordinator)
1996-2005	South Florida (defensive line)
2006-	LSU (defensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a Coach	
2005	Meineke Car Care Bowl (South Florida lost to Maryland, 14-0)
2007	Sugar Bowl (LSU def. Notre Dame, 41-14)
2008	BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

Earl Lane enters his third season with LSU in 2008, serving as the Tigers defensive line coach. Lane joined the Tiger coaching staff in the spring of 2006 following a 10-year career at South Florida.

The 2007 season proved to be one of the best ever for LSU in terms of defensive line play as Glenn Dorsey won numerous awards, including the Lombardi, Outland, Nagurski and Lott Awards. Dorsey was named the SEC Defensive Player of the Year, while also making numerous All-America teams on his way to becoming the most decorated defender in school history.

The 2007 season also saw the return of Kirston Pittman to the lineup after he had missed the two previous seasons with injuries. Pittman stepped right in and made an immediate impact on his return to the lineup, recording 68 tackles, 13.5 tackles for loss and 14 quarterback hurries.

As a unit, LSU's defense ranked No. 3 in the nation in total defense, allowing 288.8 yards per game. The Tiger defensive line contributed by combining for 23.5 sacks and 44 tackles for loss. Following the 2007 season, Dorsey was selected with the fifth overall pick in the 2008 NFL Draft, marking the fifth consecutive season the Tigers had a player drafted in the first round.



Earl and Sharon Lane.

In his first year with the Tigers in 2006, Lane helped continue the recent trend that has seen LSU put together one of the best defensive lines in all of college football. Under Lane's watch, the Tigers had one player picked in the NFL Draft (Chase Pittman - 7th round Cleveland Browns), one player earn first-team All-America honors (Glenn Dorsey), another player be named a first-team Freshman All-American (Ricky Jean-Francois) and a fourth defensive lineman named second-team All-SEC (Tyson Jackson).

Dorsey was also a first-team All-SEC selection, while Jean-Francois earned freshman all-league honors. LSU accomplished all of this on the defensive line in 2006 despite having three starters from its 2005 defensive front selected in the NFL Draft.

With only one returning starter on its defensive front in 2006, the Tigers didn't appear to miss a beat as LSU ranked No. 3 in the nation in total defense (242.8 yards per game) and No. 4 in scoring defense (12.6 points per game).

LSU's defensive front combined for 26 sacks as the Tigers led the SEC and ranked sixth in the nation in total sacks with 40. Tyson Jackson led all Tigers with 8.5 sacks and 10.0 tackles for loss, while Dorsey had 8.5 tackles for loss and three sacks. Dorsey and Jackson were both tabbed as preseason All-America selections heading into the 2007 season with several publications calling Dorsey the best defensive player in college football.

Prior to joining the Tigers in the spring of 2006, Lane helped build a South Florida football program from scratch. Lane was part of the first coaching staff, being hired in 1996 by Jim Leavitt. Lane spent all 10 years with the Bulls under Leavitt. During his tenure, South Florida began play in 1997 in the I-AA ranks, moved up to Division I-A in 2001 and earned the school's first bowl bid during the 2005 season as a member of the Big East Conference.

Lane coached a defensive line that helped the Bulls rank among the top five in the nation in sacks in 2001 and 2002. In 2002, South Florida's defensive line accounted for 33 of the team's 45 sacks, while a year earlier they had 31.5 of the squad's 41 sacks.

In 2005, the Bulls ranked No. 14 in the nation in scoring defense and were No. 18 in rushing defense on their way to reaching a bowl game for the first time in school history. USF lost to N.C. State, 14-0, in the Meineke Car Care Bowl to cap the 2005 season.

Lane is also known as a tremendous recruiter, something that is beneficial for the Tigers, especially in the state of Florida. Prior to his coaching stint at South Florida, Lane coached linebackers for one year (1993) at Bloomingdale High School, followed by two years (1994-95) as the defensive coordinator at Brandon High School in Florida.

Other coaching stops for Lane include: defensive coordinator at Tampa Catholic High School in 1980-81; defensive line coach at Tampa Chamberlain High School in 1982-83; defensive line coach at Tampa Gaither High School in 1984-85; and defensive coordinator at Tampa Bay Vo-Tech in 1991-92.

Lane is a graduate of Northwood University in Midland, Mich., and H.B. Plant High School in Tampa. He and his wife Sharon have two sons, James and Sharrick, who is in his third year as a defensive lineman for the Louisiana-Lafayette football team.





Doug Mallory

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs

YEAR AT LSU: Fourth
BIRTHDATE: Nov. 2, 1964, in Bowling Green, Ohio
WIFE: Lisa
CHILDREN: Emily (14), Allison (12), Sarah (9)
HIGH SCHOOL: Dekalb (Ill.) High School
COLLEGE: Michigan, '88

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1984-87 Michigan (defensive back)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1988	Indiana (graduate assistant)
1989	Army (offensive line)
1990-93	Western Kentucky (defensive coordinator, 1992-93; secondary, inside linebackers, special teams, 1990-91)
1994-96	Indiana (defensive backs, special teams)
1997-2000	Maryland (secondary)
2001-04	Oklahoma State (secondary)
2005-	LSU (co-defensive coordinator/defensive backs, 2008; defensive backs, 2005-07)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a player

1984	Holiday Bowl (Michigan lost to BYU, 24-17)
1986	Fiesta Bowl (Michigan def. Nebraska, 27-23)
1987	Rose Bowl (Michigan lost to Arizona State, 22-15)
1988	Hall of Fame Bowl (Michigan def. Alabama, 28-24)

As a coach

1988	Liberty Bowl (Indiana def. South Carolina, 34-10)
2002	Houston Bowl (Oklahoma State def. Southern Miss, 33-23)
2004	Cotton Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Ole Miss, 31-28)
2004	Alamo Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Ohio State, 33-7)
2005	Peach Bowl (LSU def. Miami, 40-3)
2007	Sugar Bowl (LSU def. Notre Dame, 41-14)
2008	BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

Doug Mallory, who grew up in a college football family and has an extensive background on the defensive side of the ball, takes on a new role with the Tigers this year as he was promoted to co-defensive coordinator following the 2007 season.

Now in his fourth year at LSU, Mallory, along with Bradley Dale Peveto, will serve as co-coordinators in 2008. Mallory, who will make the defensive calls from the press box, will continued his role as LSU's defensive backs coach.

In three years, Mallory's impact on the LSU secondary has been significant and impressive as he's guided the Tigers to a No. 3 national rating in pass efficiency defense for three-straight years. LSU led the SEC in pass efficiency in both 2005 and 2006 before ranking second in the league in 2007. As a unit, the Tiger 2007 defense limited opposing offenses to only 182.7 yards passing per game and the Tigers intercepted 23 passes, a figure that led the SEC and ranked fourth in the nation.



Doug and Lisa Mallory with daughters Allison, Sarah, and Emily.

Individually, LSU safety Craig Steltz, in his first full season as a starter, earned numerous first-team All-America honors as well as being one of three finalists for the Thorpe Award. It also marked the second-straight year in which an LSU safety earned first-team All-America honors. In addition, Steltz and cornerback Chevis Jackson were both first-team All-SEC selections in 2007, while freshman Chad Jones was a member of the Freshman All-SEC team at defensive back.

Steltz and Jackson were both selected in the 2008 NFL Draft with Jackson going in the third round to Atlanta and Steltz in the fifth round to Chicago.

In 2006, the Tiger secondary played a key role in an LSU defense that was dominating in all phases. In addition to leading the SEC in pass efficiency defense, the Tigers also ranked No. 1 in the league and No. 3 in the nation in pass defense, limiting opponents to only 145.7 yards passing per game. That total marked the fewest passing yards allowed by a Tiger defense since the 1990 season.

In 13 games in 2006, the Tigers allowed just 11 passing touchdowns after giving up 12 the year before. The 23 combined TD passes allowed in back-to-back seasons were the fewest by an LSU defense in consecutive years since the 1996-97 teams held foes to 20 touchdown passes. As a unit, the Tiger defense ranked No. 4 in the nation in scoring (12.6 points per game) and third in total defense (242.8 yards per game) in 2006.

Mallory capped his second year with the Tigers by having free safety LaRon Landry selected with the sixth overall pick in the 2007 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins as he became the highest drafted defensive back in school history. Landry, who earned third-team All-America honors in 2005, was a first-team All-America selection as a senior in 2006.

In his first season with LSU in 2005, Mallory's secondary rated first in the SEC and third in the nation in pass defense efficiency with a 96.3 rating. The Tigers held opponents to a 47.3 completion percentage, which also ranked best in the league.

Mallory came to LSU from Oklahoma State where he spent four years on Les Miles' staff as the secondary coach. In four years with the Cowboys, Mallory's secondary intercepted 54 passes with All-Big 12 cornerback Darrent Williams leading the way with 11. Oklahoma State ranked fourth in the Big 12 with 18 pass interceptions in 2003, followed by 13 interceptions in 2004.

Prior to his four-year stint with the Cowboys, Mallory served in the same capacity at Maryland from 1997-2000. Under Mallory, the 1998 Terrapin defense ranked as the nation's 14th most improved unit in terms of pass efficiency.

In addition, Mallory guided defensive back Lewis Sanders to third-team All-America honors as selected by The Sporting News in 1999. Sanders was later drafted in the fourth round of the 2000 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Prior to his four years at Maryland, Mallory spent three years at Indiana, serving as the defensive backs and special teams coach for the Hoosiers under his father, Bill Mallory, from 1994-96.

In the second of his two stints as an assistant coach at Indiana, the younger Mallory coached defensive back Eric Allen to third-team All-America honors in 1996, while two other players were selected in the NFL Draft. Cornerback Lance Brown was taken in the fifth round of the 1995 draft by the Pittsburgh Steelers and safety Eric Smedley was drafted by the Buffalo Bills in the 1996.

Mallory also coached at Western Kentucky, serving as the defensive coordinator in 1992 and 1993. He spent the 1990-91 seasons with Western Kentucky as the secondary, special teams and inside linebackers coach. In 1989, Mallory also served a one-year stint at Army, coaching the offensive line for the 6-5 Black Knights.

Mallory got his start in coaching in 1988, serving as a graduate assistant under his father Bill at Indiana. That season, the Hoosiers posted an 8-3-1 mark, beat Ohio State 41-7, and defeated South Carolina, 34-10, in the Liberty Bowl.

As a player, Mallory was a four-year letterwinner at Michigan from 1984-87, participating in four bowl games with the Wolverines (Holiday, Fiesta, Rose, Hall of Fame). For his career, he recorded 182 tackles and six interceptions.

He helped lead Michigan to a share of the 1986 Big Ten title and was team captain for the Wolverine's 8-4 team in 1987 that beat Alabama, 28-24, in the Hall of Fame Bowl. As a senior in 1987, Mallory earned second-team All-Big Ten honors and was an honorable mention All-America defensive back.

A native of Bowling Green, Ohio, Mallory graduated from Michigan in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in sports management and communications. His father, Bill Mallory, remains the winningest football coach in Indiana football history. The elder Mallory recorded a 69-77-3 mark in 13 years at Indiana, leading the Hoosiers to six bowl games, while also having head coaching stops at Colorado and Miami (Ohio).

In addition to his father, Mallory's brothers, Curt and Mike, are both football coaches - Curt serves as the co-defensive coordinator at Illinois, while Mike is the special teams coach for the New Orleans Saints.

Doug and his wife Lisa have three children, Emily, Allison and Sarah. He lists his hobbies as jogging, playing golf and skiing.



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D.J. McCarthy

Wide Receivers

YEAR AT LSU: Second (appointed Feb. 21, 2007)
BIRTHDATE: July 26, 1971, in Providence, R.I.
WIFE: Trisha
CHILDREN: Guy (8), Nathan (4), Dillon (2)
HIGH SCHOOL: Boca Raton (Fla.) High School
COLLEGE: Washington, '94

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1989-90 Long Beach City College (wide receiver)
 1991-93 Washington (wide receiver)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1994-95 Boca Raton (Fla.) High School (wide receivers/secondary)
 1996 Ft. Lauderdale (Fla.) High School (wide receivers/special teams)
 1997 Boca High School (assistant coach)
 1997-98 West Hills College (secondary/special teams)
 1998-2000 Oakland Raiders (defensive assistant - secondary/special teams)
 2000-03 Nevada (wide receivers)
 2004-05 Central Florida (wide receivers)
 2006 UCLA (wide receivers)
 2007- LSU (wide receivers)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a player

1991 Rose Bowl (Washington def. Michigan, 34-14)
 1992 Rose Bowl (Washington lost to Michigan, 38-31)

As a coach

2005 Hawaii Bowl (Central Florida lost to Nevada, 49-48 ot)
 2006 Emerald Bowl (UCLA lost to Florida State, 44-27)
 2008 BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

D.J. McCarthy, who has won national titles as both a coach and a player, enters his second season as LSU's wide receivers coach. McCarthy joined the Tigers in the spring of 2007 after spending 2006 with UCLA.

In his first year with the Tigers, McCarthy developed a Tiger receiving corps that was forced to play without senior Early Doucet for five games. In Doucet's absence, the Tigers young receivers grew up in a hurry as sophomore Brandon LaFell and junior college transfer Demetrius Byrd became LSU's "go-to" guys.

LaFell, in his first season as a starter, caught 50 passes for a team-best 656 yards and four scores, while Byrd ranked third on the team with 35 receptions for 621 yards and a team-high seven touchdowns. Byrd caught the game-winning TD with only one second left in LSU's win over Auburn.

Doucet, despite missing five games with an injury, led the Tigers with 57 receptions for 525 yards and five touchdowns. Doucet, who finished his career ranked third in LSU history in receiving TDs (20), fourth in receptions (160), and ninth in receiving yards (1,943), went on to become a fourth round draft pick of the Arizona Cardinals in the 2008 NFL Draft.

LSU had eight different receivers catch passes in 2007 with four of those catching TD passes.

During his one season with the Bruins, McCarthy helped UCLA to a 7-6 mark and a berth in the Emerald Bowl. The Bruins capped their 2006 regular season with a stunning 13-9 win over second-ranked Southern Cal.

Prior to joining the Bruins, McCarthy held the position of wide receivers coach at Central Florida for two years. While at UCF, McCarthy tutored two outstanding wide receivers, both of whom earned All-Conference USA acclaim in 2005.

Brandon Marshall caught 74 passes for 1,195 yards and 11 touchdowns while Mike Walker had 64 catches for 856 yards and eight scores for the Golden Knights in 2005. Marshall, who was a fourth round pick of the Denver Broncos in the 2006 NFL Draft, had seven games of at least 100 yards and finished the year ranked No. 22 nationally in receiving yards per game (91.9). UCF posted an 8-5 overall mark in 2005 and went on to play in the Aloha Bowl that year.

In his first season with the Golden Knights, McCarthy tutored a group of wide outs that included Tavaris Capers, who finished ranked in the top 10 in UCF history in career touchdown receptions. McCarthy also assisted in the development of Luther Huggins, who led the team with 42 receptions for 585 yards.



D.J. and Trisha McCarthy with sons Guy, Nathan and Dylan.

Before arriving at UCF, McCarthy was the receivers coach at Nevada for four seasons (2000-2003) and was instrumental in the development of record-setting receiver Nate Burleson, who led the nation in receptions in 2002 with 138 catches for 1,629 yards and 12 touchdowns. Burleson set numerous Nevada and Western Athletic Conference records, including receptions in a game with 19 and receiving yardage in a game with 326.

Two of McCarthy's wide receivers at Nevada were picked in the NFL Draft following the conclusion of their collegiate careers. Nate Burleson was a third round pick of the Minnesota Vikings, while Maurice Mann was a fifth round selection of the Cincinnati Bengals. Mann is currently a member of the Washington Redskins, while Burleson caught nine TD passes last year for the Seattle Seahawks.

McCarthy graduated from the University of Washington in 1994, where he played receiver for the Huskies for three seasons. He was a member of the 1991 National Championship team and was part of two Rose Bowl teams. McCarthy ranked second among wide receivers in touchdown receptions his senior season. Prior to transferring to Washington, he attended Long Beach City College for two years.

Following Washington, McCarthy played parts of four seasons in the Arena Football League. He began his coaching career at his alma mater, Boca Raton High School, where he spent two years (1994-95). He then coached at Ft. Lauderdale High School before moving into the college ranks at West Hills Community College in Coalinga, Calif., where he coached the secondary and special teams.

McCarthy spent two years as a defensive coaches' assistant in the NFL with the Oakland Raiders (1998-99), prior to moving to Nevada. He also served as an intern with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the summer of 1998.

McCarthy was born on July 26, 1971, in Providence, R.I. He and his wife Trisha have three sons - Guy, Nathan, and Dylan.





Bradley Dale Peveto

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

YEAR AT LSU: Fourth
BIRTHDATE: Dec. 28, 1962, in Beaumont, Texas
WIFE: Melissa
CHILDREN: Payton Marie (6), Jake (3)
HIGH SCHOOL: Orangefield (Texas) High School
COLLEGE: SMU, '87

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1982-86 SMU (defensive back)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1987 Trinity Valley Community College (secondary)
 1988-91 Stephen F. Austin (defensive line, linebacker, secondary, special teams coordinator)
 1992-93 Southern Miss (outside linebackers, special teams coordinator)
 1994-95 Arkansas (linebackers, special teams coordinator)
 1996-98 Northwestern (La.) State (defensive coordinator, linebackers)
 1999-2002 Houston (secondary/co-defensive coordinator)
 2003-04 Middle Tennessee (defensive coordinator, secondary, linebackers)
 2005- LSU (co-defensive coordinator/linebackers, 2008; special teams coordinator, linebackers, 2005-07)

BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

As a player

1983 Cotton Bowl (SMU def. Pittsburgh, 7-3)
 1983 Sun Bowl (SMU lost to Alabama, 28-7)
 1984 Aloha Bowl (SMU def. Notre Dame, 27-20)

As a coach

1988 I-AA Playoffs – First Round (Stephen F. Austin def. Jackson State, 24-0)
 1988 I-AA Playoffs – Quarterfinals (Stephen F. Austin lost to Georgia Southern, 27-6)
 1989 I-AA Playoffs – First Round (Stephen F. Austin def. Grambling, 59-56)
 1989 I-AA Playoffs – Quarterfinals (Stephen F. Austin def. Southwest Missouri, 55-25)
 1989 I-AA Playoffs – Semifinals (Stephen F. Austin def. Furman, 21-19)
 1989 I-AA Championship Game (Stephen F. Austin lost to Georgia Southern, 37-34)
 1995 Carquest Bowl (Arkansas lost to North Carolina, 20-10)
 1997 I-AA Playoffs – First Round (Northwestern State lost to Eastern Washington, 40-10)
 1998 I-AA Playoffs – First Round (Northwestern State def. Illinois State, 48-28)
 1998 I-AA Playoffs – Quarterfinals (Northwestern State def. Appalachian State, 31-20)
 1998 I-AA Playoffs – Semifinals (Northwestern State lost to Massachusetts, 41-31)
 2005 Peach Bowl (LSU def. Miami, 40-3)
 2007 Sugar Bowl (LSU def. Notre Dame, 41-14)
 2008 BCS Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)



Bradley Dale and Melissa Peveto with daughter Payton and son Jake.

Now in his fourth season at LSU, Bradley Dale Peveto takes on a different role this year, serving as the co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Tigers. Peveto, along with fellow co-defensive coordinator Doug Mallory, was elevated to his current position last spring following the departure of Bo Pelini to Nebraska.

Peveto will continue to work with the Tiger linebackers in 2008 and he will remain on the field during the games, signaling in the calls from the sidelines.

In his three previous years with LSU, Peveto held a dual role, serving as the special teams coordinator while coaching the Tiger linebackers.

As linebackers coach, Peveto's development of players at that position has been critical to the success of the Tiger defense that has ranked among the top five in the nation in each of the past three seasons. In 2007, linebacker Ali Highsmith earned first-team All-America honors from CBSsports.com, while also being named a second-team All-American by the Associated Press. Highsmith earned first-team All-SEC honors a year ago, while junior Darry Beckwith was a second-team All-SEC pick.

As LSU's special teams coordinator, Peveto had both his punter (Patrick Fisher) and placekicker (Colt David) earn first-team All-SEC honors in 2007. It marked the first time in school history that LSU had the All-SEC punter and kicker on its roster in the same season. Fisher averaged a league-best 44.5 yards per punt in 2007, while David kicked a school-record 26 field goals and led the SEC in scoring with a league record 147 total points.

In 2006, Peveto directed a special teams unit that returned both a punt and kickoff for touchdowns. LSU return specialist Craig Davis earned second-team All-SEC honors in 2006 after averaging 14.2 yards on punt returns. Davis was picked in the first round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers.

In three years as LSU's special teams coordinator, the Tigers have returned two punts for touchdowns and a pair of kickoffs for a score. They have also blocked six kicks, converted 49-of-71 field goals and 165-of-167 extra points.

In 2005, Peveto's impact was immediate as the Tigers fielded some of the best special teams units in the country. LSU ranked first in the SEC and fifth in the nation in net punting (39.0 average). The Tigers were also first in the conference in kickoff coverage (45.5 net average) and second in the league and 12th nationally in punt return average (14.1). LSU's field goal and point-after-touchdown units were also much improved as the Tigers converted 45-of-46 PATs in 2005 and connected on 14-of-24 field goals.

Individually, LSU punter/placekicker Chris Jackson ranked first in the SEC in punts down inside the 20-yard line with 26 and had six field goals of 40-yards or longer, which ranked second in the league. Skyler Green earned first-team All-America honors as a return specialist after returning 27 punts for 359 yards (13.3 average) and one TD.

In 2005, Peveto's linebacking corps of Highsmith, Cameron Vaughn, Kenneth Hollis and E.J. Kule were among the best in the SEC. Vaughn ranked first on the team with 83 tackles, while Highsmith was second with 75 stops.

Peveto joined the Tigers in the spring of 2005 after a two-year stint at Middle Tennessee State. Peveto served as secondary coach in 2003 before being elevated to defensive coordinator/linebacker coach in 2004. A native of Orangefield, Texas, Peveto led a Blue Raider defense that ranked second in the Sun Belt Conference in rushing defense.

Prior to his arrival at Middle Tennessee, Peveto spent four years (1999-2002) at Houston as the Cougars' co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach. During his stay in Houston, he had four players earn five all-conference awards while three were placed on the league's all-freshman squad. In 1999, the Cougar defense ranked 25th in total defense, 20th in rushing defense and 22nd in scoring defense and tied for 14th nationally with 28 forced turnovers.

Prior to arriving in Houston, Peveto served as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Northwestern State (La.) University for three years from 1996 to 1998. While in Natchitoches, Peveto helped the Demons capture back-to-back Southland Football League Championships and NCAA I-AA playoff berths.

Peveto's "Purple Swarm" defense was ranked nationally in several statistical categories during each of his three seasons and four of his players earned All-America honors. In addition, four Demon players were selected in the NFL draft. The 1998 Northwestern State team went II-3, reached the I-AA semifinals, and ranked third nationally.

Under his direction, the Demon defense also set single-game records for fewest yards allowed, fewest rushing yards allowed, and most quarterback sacks. NSU also set school season records for most defensive touchdowns scored. In addition, the "Purple Swarm" also set season records for quarterback sacks in two of his three seasons, accumulating 52 in 1998 and 122 in three years.

Before his stint at Northwestern State, Peveto spent two seasons on Danny Ford's staff at Arkansas, while the Razorbacks won the SEC Western Division title with an 8-5 overall mark and played in the Carquest Bowl in 1995. While at Arkansas, Peveto served as special teams coordinator and linebackers coach.

Prior to going to Fayetteville, Peveto coached the outside linebackers and special teams at Southern Miss in 1992 and 1993. He also coached the defensive line, linebackers and secondary at Stephen F. Austin from 1988 to 1991, serving as the special teams coordinator all four years, as the Lumberjacks led the nation in punt returns in 1989. SFA also won the Southland Conference and advanced to the 1989 I-AA championship game. His secondary was nationally ranked in passing efficiency defense in 1990 and 1991.

A 1987 graduate of SMU, Peveto began his coaching career as a secondary coach at Trinity Valley Community College. Peveto was a four-year letterman for the Mustangs and played in four bowl games (Cotton, Sun, Aloha and Mirage). During his playing career, SMU won two Southwest Conference championships (1982 and 1984) and had a combined record of 43-14-1.

Peveto served as team captain in 1986 and earned the Wild Mustang Special Teams Player of the Year award and the Mike Kelsey Award for attitude, hustle and desire as a senior. He also was a member of the 1984 SWC All-Academic team.

Peveto comes from a family with a rich football coaching tradition. His late father, Ed, coached high school football in the southeast Texas area and was inducted into the Greater Houston Coaches Hall of Honor in 1993 and into the Golden Triangle Coaches Hall of Fame in 1997. Two of his brothers, Jeff and Garey Birt, coach at high schools in the southeast Texas area.

Peveto is married to the former Melissa Weser, and the couple has a daughter, Payton Marie, and a son, Jacob Edward.



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Larry Porter

Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs

YEAR AT LSU: Third
BIRTHDATE: April 28, 1972, in Jackson, Miss.
WIFE: Sharmane
CHILDREN: Brandon, Omari, Olivia
HIGH SCHOOL: Columbus (Ga.) High School
COLLEGE: Memphis, '96

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1990-93 Memphis (running back)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1998 Tennessee-Martin (running backs)
 1999-2001 Arkansas State (running backs)
 2002-2004 Oklahoma State (running backs)
 2005- LSU (running backs; assistant head coach, 2006)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a coach
 2002 Houston Bowl (Oklahoma State def. Southern Miss, 33-23)
 2004 Cotton Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Ole Miss, 31-28)
 2004 Alamo Bowl (Oklahoma State lost to Ohio State, 33-7)
 2005 Peach Bowl (LSU def. Miami, 40-3)
 2007 Sugar Bowl (LSU def. Notre Dame, 41-14)
 2008 BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

Larry Porter, a former standout running back at Memphis, enters his fourth season as LSU's running backs coach, coming to Baton Rouge after a three-year stint with Les Miles at Oklahoma State. Porter also serves as the Tigers' assistant head coach after being promoted to that position in the spring of 2006.

In addition to his duties as running backs coach, Porter is also noted for being one of the nation's top recruiters. Rivals.com named Porter its 2007 National Recruiter of the Year after the Tigers landed a consensus top-three signing class.

As LSU's running backs coach in 2007, Porter continued to rely on a running back-by-committee approach as four Tiger backs had at least 40 carries. Senior Jacob Hester led all running backs with a career-best 1,103 yards and 11 touchdowns. Hester, who was a second-team All-SEC selection, had four 100-yard rushing games, including a 120-yard effort against Tennessee in the SEC Championship Game. Keiland Williams was second on the squad with 478 yards and six scores, while Trindon Holliday was third with 364 yards and two TDs. Five LSU running backs scored at least two rushing TDs in 2007.

As a unit, LSU rushed for 214.1 yards per game and 35 touchdowns. The 214.1 yards per game and 35 rushing touchdowns both ranked second in the SEC. Another impressive feat for the Tiger running backs was the fact that they combined for 432 carries in 2007 with just one lost fumble, which came against Tennessee in the SEC title game.

Following the 2007 season, Hester was picked in the third round of the 2008 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers. Hester is the fourth running back coached by Porter that has been selected among the first three rounds of the NFL Draft since 2004.

In 2006, Porter coordinated LSU's running back-by-committee approach as the Tigers started four different players, including two true freshmen, at tailback. In 13 games, the Tigers had five different running backs lead the team in rushing. Hester led the Tigers in rushing with 440 yards and six scores. Hester added another 269 yards and three touchdowns on 35 receptions, which ranks as the third-highest total for a running back in school history.

A pair of true freshmen in Charles Scott and Williams also burst onto the scene during the 2006 season, giving the Tigers a glimpse of the future. Scott and Williams combined for 713 yards and 10 TDs. Williams capped his first season with the Tigers in a big way, rushing for 107 yards and a pair of scores in LSU's 41-14 win over Notre Dame in the Sugar Bowl.

As a unit, the Tigers ranked second in the SEC in rushing in 2006 with 165.8 yards per game. The Tigers also had 25 rushing TDs, a figure that ranked No. 2 in the league.

In his first year with the team in 2005, Porter made an immediate impact on LSU's running game as the Tigers, despite losing perhaps the top runner in the SEC in Alley Broussard to a knee injury in mid-August, still managed to rush for 1,951 yards and 21 touchdowns. LSU's rushing offense ranked fourth in the SEC, while the 21 rushing TDs was the second-highest total in the league.

Joseph Addai had his best year in a Tiger uniform, rushing for 911 yards and nine touchdowns; while Justin Vincent added 488 yards and five scores. Addai had five 100-yard rushing games, capped by a 130-yard, one-TD performance in LSU's 40-3 win over Miami in the Peach Bowl. He went on to become a first round draft pick of the Indianapolis Colts in the 2006 NFL Draft, becoming the first LSU running back taken in the first round of the NFL Draft since Harvey Williams was the 21st overall pick by the Chiefs in 1991. Addai was a finalist for NFL Rookie of the Year in 2006 and played a key role in the Colts' Super Bowl victory over the Chicago Bears.

At Oklahoma State, Porter's stable of running backs continued the tradition of "Tailback U.," as he coached 1,000-yard rushers for three straight seasons. In 2004, Vernand Morency earned second-team All-Big 12 honors after rushing for 1,474 yards, which ranked eighth in the nation, and 12 touchdowns. Morency was a third round pick of the Houston Texans in 2005.

A year earlier, Tatum Bell earned first-team All-Big 12 honors with 1,286 yards and 16 touchdowns. Bell and Morency combined for 2,204 yards and 24 TDs for the Cowboys in 2003. Bell then went on to become a second round draft pick by the Denver Broncos in the 2004 NFL Draft. In his first season at OSU, Porter guided Bell to a 1,096-yard, 11-TD season for 8-5 Oklahoma State.

Prior to his arrival in Stillwater, Porter spent three years at Arkansas State, where he coached Jonathan Adams to back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Adams rushed for 1,004 yards and six touchdowns in 2000 and followed that with another 1,004 yards and five scores in 2001.



Larry and Sharmane Porter with daughter Olivia and sons Brandon and Omari.

Under Porter's tutelage, Adams capped his career as the second-leading rusher in Arkansas State history.

Porter began his coaching career at Wooddale High School in Memphis, Tenn., serving as head track and field coach, while assisting with the running backs and secondary on the football squad. After two years at Wooddale, Porter moved to the collegiate ranks, coaching the running backs at Tennessee-Martin in 1998.

During his playing days, Porter was a four-year letterwinner at Memphis where he was co-captain of the 1993 Tiger squad. Porter capped his career as the fourth-leading rusher in Memphis history, totaling 2,194 yards and 20 touchdowns. Porter's 2,194 rushing yards currently ranks No. 6 in Memphis history, while his 20 rushing TDs is fourth all-time at the school. In all, Porter led the Tigers in rushing yards for three years during his career.

As a rookie in 1990, Porter rushed for 206 yards against Arkansas State, the highest single-game total for a freshman in school history. Porter had a total of six 100-yard games during his career, a figure that ranks fourth in Memphis history.

Porter graduated from Memphis in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in education. A native of Jackson, Miss., Porter and his wife Sharmane have three children, Brandon, Omari and Olivia.





Joe Robinson

Special Teams Coordinator/
Defensive Line Assistant

YEAR AT LSU: First (appointed Feb. 18, 2008)
BIRTHDATE: Sept. 12, 1960, in Abilene, Texas
WIFE: Abby
CHILDREN: Alexandra, Madeline, Valerie
HIGH SCHOOL: Fairmont East (Ohio) High School
COLLEGE: LSU, '85

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1986	Catholic High of Pointe Coupee (defensive coordinator, 1986; head coach 1987)
1988	Bastrop High School (defensive coordinator)
1989-91	Louisiana Tech (graduate assistant, 1989; defensive line/recruiting coordinator, 1990-91)
1992-98	Southern Mississippi (defensive line, 1992; defensive line/recruiting coordinator, 1993; linebackers/recruiting coordinator, 1994-96; special teams/recruiting coordinator, 1996-98)
2001	Louisiana Tech (running backs/recruiting coordinator)
2002	Houston (special teams coordinator)
2003	Central Florida (special teams coordinator)
2004-07	Arizona (special teams coordinator/defensive ends)
2008	LSU (special teams coordinator/defensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a coach

1990	Independence Bowl (Louisiana Tech tied Maryland, 34-34)
1997	Liberty Bowl (Southern Miss def. Pittsburgh, 41-7)
1998	Humanitarian Bowl (Southern Miss lost to Idaho, 42-35)
2001	Humanitarian Bowl (Louisiana Tech lost to Clemson, 49-24)

Joe Robinson, a 1985 graduate of LSU, joined the Tigers in February as the special teams coordinator and defensive line assistant. Robinson will oversee all phases of the LSU special teams while also coaching the defensive tackles and nose guards.

Robinson, who is the only new addition to the LSU staff in 2008, will take over the special teams role from Bradley Dale Peveto, who was promoted to co-defensive coordinator following the 2007 season. He will assist Earl Lane with the defensive line.

Robinson came to Baton Rouge after a four-year stint at Arizona, where he served as special teams coordinator and defensive ends coach for the Wildcats. In 2007, Robinson had two of his players go on to be selected in the NFL Draft. Cornerback and return specialist Antoine Cason was a first round pick in the 2008 draft by the Chargers, while defensive end Lionel Dotson was taken in the seventh round by the Dolphins.



Joe and Abby Robinson with daughters Alexandra, Madeline, and Valerie.

A year earlier, punter Nick Folk was a first-team All-Pac 10 member and was picked in the sixth round of the 2007 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys, while kick return specialist Syndric Steptoe, also a first-team all-conference selection, was drafted in the seventh round by the Browns.

Another one of Robinson's standout punters at Arizona was Danny Baugher, who earned All-America honors in 2005 and was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award after leading the nation in punting. Baugher is currently a member of the Denver Broncos organization.

Robinson's coaching career has now come full circle with his return to Louisiana. He got his start as a coach at the prep level in the mid-80s before moving on to the collegiate ranks. In all, Robinson's career has seen him serve as a football coach in Louisiana at the prep and collegiate level for seven years, four of which were spent with Louisiana Tech. Robinson's first coaching job came as an assistant at Catholic High School of Pointe Coupee in 1986. He was promoted to head coach in 1987.

Robinson spent the 1988 season as the defensive coordinator at Bastrop High School before spending the next three years at Louisiana Tech. Robinson followed that stop with eight years at Southern Mississippi, along with stints as the special teams coordinator at Houston in 2002 and Central Florida in 2003.

Robinson brings a great deal of expertise in the area of special teams to the Tigers. During his career, he's been a part of some of the nation's most productive special teams units, which includes leading the nation in kick return average at Southern Miss in 1997, ranking second in the nation in net punting at Central Florida in 2003, and having the nation's top-rated punter at Central Florida in 2003. In addition, Central Florida led the country in blocked kicks in 2003 with seven - four punts and three field goals.

As a defensive coach, Robinson assisted with a 1994 Southern Miss unit that led the nation in turnovers gained. Robinson has coached in four bowl games during his career.

A native of Abilene, Texas, Robinson earned his bachelor's degree from LSU in 1985 followed by a master's degree from Southern Mississippi in 1994. Robinson and his wife Abby have three daughters - Alexandra, Madeline and Valerie





Greg Studrawa Offensive Line

YEAR AT LSU: Second (appointed Jan. 20, 2007)
BIRTHDATE: Nov. 3, 1964, in Fostoria, Ohio
WIFE: Cindy
CHILDREN: Samantha (17), Katelin (14), Allison (11)
HIGH SCHOOL: Wendelin (Ohio) High School
COLLEGE: Bowling Green, '87

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1984-87 Bowling Green (offensive tackle)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1989-90 Cincinnati (assistant offensive line)
 1991-96 Wilmington (offensive coordinator)
 1997 Ohio State (graduate assistant - offense)
 1998-2000 Arkansas State (offensive line)
 2001-06 Bowling Green (offensive line, 2001-02; offensive coordinator/offensive line, 2003-05; assistant head coach/offensive coordinator, 2006)
 2007- LSU (offensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE

As a coach

1998 Sugar Bowl (Ohio State lost to Florida State, 31-14)
 2003 Motor City Bowl (Bowling Green def. Northwestern, 28-24)
 2004 GMAC Bowl (Bowling Green def. Memphis, 52-35)
 2008 BCS National Championship Game (LSU def. Ohio State, 38-24)

Greg Studrawa, a former offensive coordinator who guided a record-setting offense at Bowling Green, enters his second year as LSU's offensive line coach in 2008.

In his first year with the Tigers in 2007, Studrawa helped mold the Tiger offensive line into one of the most consistent in the Southeastern Conference. Featuring a pair of first time starters at right guard (Lyle Hitt) and right tackle (Carnell Stewart), LSU managed to average nearly 440 yards of offense per game, including 214.1 yards a game on the ground. As a unit, the Tiger offense set a total of 10 school records in 2007, including total points and total yards.

LSU's left offensive guard Herman Johnson earned first-team All-SEC honors in 2007, while left tackle Ciron Black was a second-team all-conference pick.

Studrawa held the position of offensive coordinator at Bowling Green from 2003-06, overseeing some of the top offenses at both the national and Mid-America Conference level during that time. He was also the assistant head coach for the Falcons during the 2006 season.

In his four years as the offensive coordinator, Bowling Green played in two bowl games - beating Northwestern, 28-24, in the 2003 Motor City Bowl and defeating Memphis, 52-35, in the 2004 GMAC Bowl - and recorded a combined record of 30-19. Studrawa also helped lead the Falcons to two of the biggest wins in school history as they beat 16th-ranked Purdue, 27-26, in 2003 and followed that with a 34-18 victory over 12th-ranked Northern Illinois later that year.

In 2005, Studrawa led a Bowling Green offense that ranked second in the MAC in both passing (283.9) and scoring (33.8) and was third in the league in pass efficiency (142.4). In 2004, BGSU finished second nationally in total offense with a MAC record 506.3 yards per game. The Falcons were also third in the nation in passing (338.3) and turnover margin (1.25) and fourth in scoring with a MAC record 44.3 points per game.

In 2004, the Falcons had four games of scoring at least 50 points as they averaged 49.4 points over their final nine games of the season. The 2004 season saw the Falcons go 9-3 overall, which included the 52-35 victory over Memphis in the GMAC Bowl in Mobile, Ala.

Individually, quarterback Omar Jacobs was named the 2004 MAC Offensive Player of the Year after leading the nation in TD passes with a league record 41. Jacobs was second in the nation in passing yards per game as well as total offense. In addition, his 41 TD-to-4 interception passing ratio set an NCAA record. Jacobs went on to become a fifth round NFL Draft pick by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2006.

Studrawa also guided an offensive line that allowed a league-low 11 sacks in 2004 as three members of that interior line were named All-MAC, including left tackle Rob Warren, center Scott Mruzkowski and left guard Kory Lichtensteiger. Mruzkowski was selected in the seventh round of the 2005 NFL Draft by the San Diego Chargers where he is currently a backup offensive lineman.

In his first year as Bowling Green's offensive coordinator, Studrawa guided the Falcon offense to a No. 3 national ranking in total offense. The Falcons were also ranked 11th nationally in passing, 14th in pass efficiency and No. 18 in rushing.



Greg and Cindy Studrawa and daughters Samantha, Katelin, and Allison.

The 2003 Bowling Green offense broke a total of 10 school records during the season - six team and four individual - on its way to an 11-3 overall mark, which was capped with a 28-24 win over Big Ten member Northwestern in the Motor City Bowl.

Studrawa served as the offensive line coach at Bowling Green in 2001 and 2002 before being elevated to the offensive coordinator position in 2003.

Prior to his return to Bowling Green, he spent three years as the offensive line coach at Arkansas State. Other coaching stops for Studrawa include serving as an offensive line coach at Cincinnati in 1989 and 1990 as well as holding offensive coordinator duties at Wilmington (Ohio) College from 1991-96. He followed that with a one year stint as a graduate assistant at Ohio State in 1997.

As a player, Studrawa was a two-year starter at left tackle for Bowling Green in 1986 and 1987. Studrawa was named the recipient of Bowling Green's Coaches Award following the 1987 season for his outstanding attitude toward Falcon football. Studrawa is a 1987 graduate of Bowling Green.

A native of Fostoria, Ohio, he is a graduate of St. Wendelin High School where he was a first-team All-Ohio selection as a senior. Born on Nov. 3, 1964, Studrawa and his wife Cindy have three daughters - Samantha, Katelin, and Allison.



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Mack Butler
Assistant AD/Football Administration

When it comes running the day-to-day tasks of the LSU football program off the field, the Tigers are in good hands with third year assistant athletic director for football administration Mack Butler.

Butler, who enters his eighth season with Les Miles, along with longtime football operations director Sam Nader, gives LSU two of the most respected and knowledgeable men in the business on the Tiger football staff.

A 2004 Oklahoma Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame inductee, Butler is a 36-year coaching veteran

who has proven his worth, both on the field as a coach and now off the field as an administrator.

Butler continues to serve on the Director of Football Operations National Committee in 2008, representing district four.

Butler joined LSU in the spring of 2005, coming to Baton Rouge after serving as the director of football operations at Oklahoma State under Miles for four years. Prior to his four years at Oklahoma State, Butler served a 12-year stint at Tulsa, coaching on both sides of the ball. After 11 years on the field, Butler got his start in football administration in 2000 at Tulsa, serving as the Golden Hurricane's director of football operations.

As a member of the Tulsa coaching staff, Butler coached the defensive secondary for eight years, served as the tight ends coach for two years and coached the defensive ends for one season.

Among his more notable players at Tulsa include Tracy Scroggins, a second round pick in the 1992 NFL Draft by the Detroit Lions and Todd Franz, a fifth round selection in the 2000 draft by the Lions. Butler also coached three players who earned All-Western Athletic Conference honors.

Prior to arriving at Tulsa, Butler was an assistant coach at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, where he coached the defensive secondary as well as serving as recruiting coordinator. Butler coached four All-America selections at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, including Ben Smith, who was a first round draft pick of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1990.

Butler coached in the Oklahoma High School system for numerous years before making the jump to the college ranks at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Butler is a 1972 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, where he earned his bachelor's degree in education. He then went on to earn his master's degree in administration from Southeastern Oklahoma State in 1986.

Butler and his wife Jacque have four children.



Mack and Jacque Butler with daughter Shelby and son Jesse.



Dr. Sam Nader
Assistant AD/Football Operations

A long-time member of the LSU football staff, Sam Nader is in his eighth season as Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations after being promoted to the position during the summer of 2000. Nader is in his 34th season overall with the LSU football program.

Nader is responsible for overseeing all of the day-to-day administrative duties for the LSU football team.

Nader joined the LSU staff as a graduate assistant in 1975 and was hired by head coach Charles McClendon as a full-time assistant coach in 1977. He was named recruiting coordinator in 1980 and served in that role

through the 1993 season.

When the NCAA eliminated the recruiting coordinator's position, Nader assumed the position of administrative assistant for football operations in 1994 and remained in that role, handling a myriad of responsibilities for the LSU football program, until his promotion to assistant athletic director in 2000.

Nader was a quarterback for the Auburn Tigers from 1963-67. From 1968-69, he served as assistant coach at Jordan High School in Columbus, Ga., and was promoted to head coach and athletics director in 1970. He served in that capacity until 1974.

In his role as recruiting coordinator, Nader spearheaded the recruiting efforts of 32 players who developed into first-team All-SEC players, plus seven who became All-Americans.

Nader is married to the former Ann Gardner of Montgomery, Ala., and they have three children, Breaux, Lauren and John Ryan, and five granddaughters, Brooks Claire, Mary Holland, Grace Ann, and Sarah Jane, who are the daughters of Breaux and his wife Holland.



Dr. Sam and Ann Nader with children Breaux, Holland, Lauren and John Ryan, and granddaughters, Brooks Claire, Mary Holland, Grace Ann and Sarah Jane.



Sharon Mangum
Assistant AD/Football Recruiting and Alumni Relations

Sharon Mangum, a former member of LSU's national championship women's track and field program, enters her seventh year with the LSU football program in 2008. Mangum was promoted to assistant athletic director with oversight of football recruiting and alumni relations during the spring of 2007.

Mangum's role within the football department is to provide administrative support for the recruitment of potential student-athletes. Mangum also coordinates official and unofficial recruiting visits to campus as well as overseeing all special events associated with recruiting.

A new role for Mangum in 2007 will be her involvement with alumni relations, in particular former Tiger student-athletes.

Mangum began her career in athletics working for Career Sports

International where she coordinated client recruiting efforts and help the clients implement personal development plans. She also spent four years at the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio Texas as the Sponsorship Coordinator, assisting in fulfilling the sponsorship agreements and also had event management duties. She was also administrative assistant to the Executive Director.

Prior to coming on board with the LSU football staff, Mangum was district coach of the year as head track and field coach for Istrouma High in Baton Rouge.

A native of San Antonio Texas, Sharon earned her Bachelor degree from LSU in 1991 and then followed that with a Master's degree from Southern University in 2003. She is married to Vernon Magnum and has a son, Sean.



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Charles Baglio

Director of External Football Relations

Charles Baglio, one of the most successful high school football coaches in Louisiana over the last 20 years, enters his sixth season with the LSU athletics department as the director of external relations for the Tiger football team.

Baglio came to LSU in 2002 after coaching at Independence High School for 34 years, 22 of which as head coach. While at Independence, Baglio posted a head coaching record of 205-69. He won nine district titles and led his team to the state championship game twice.

Baglio also had numerous players go on to play collegiate football, including former Tiger running back LaBrandon Toefield, who is now a member of the Carolina Panthers in the NFL.

Baglio, who goes by the nickname of "Coach Bags", graduated from Southeastern Louisiana University in 1967 with a degree in health and physical education and followed that with a master's degree from SLU in 1973 in supervision and administration.

Baglio, an avid golfer who regularly shoots in the 70s, is a native of Independence, La.



Tommy Moffitt

Strength & Conditioning Coordinator

Considered by many in college football to be one of the nation's premier strength and conditioning coaches, Tommy Moffitt enters his ninth season at LSU after coming to the Tiger staff from the University of Miami.

Moffitt was named the 2003 College Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by America Football Monthly. Moffitt has been part of national championship football teams at LSU (twice), Miami and Tennessee.

Since taking over his current position at LSU, Moffitt's offseason program has helped the Tigers post an 82-22 mark. Moffitt's offseason conditioning program paved the way for LSU's run to the national title in both 2003 and 2007.

Moffitt was appointed LSU's Strength and Conditioning Coordinator on Jan. 10, 2000. In February 2000, Moffitt was named the 1999 Collegiate Football Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society.

In eight years with the Tigers, Moffitt has developed LSU into one of the most durable teams around by combining a program that focuses on both strength and speed. Moffitt has also incorporated a weekly yoga routine in the Tigers' offseason program, which increases the player's flexibility, while forcing the team to stay focused for a lengthy period of time.

Moffitt served as the head strength and conditioning coach at Miami for two years, helping head coach Butch Davis rebuild the Hurricane program. While at Miami, Moffitt was named the 1998 Big East Strength Coach of the Year. Moffitt went to Miami after four seasons, 1994-97, as associate head strength and conditioning coach at Tennessee.

A 1986 graduate of Tennessee Tech, Moffitt started his career as an assistant football coach at John Curtis High School in River Ridge, La., from 1987-94, earning the 1992 National High School Strength Coach of the Year award given by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society.

Born in Springfield, Tenn., Moffitt is married to the former Jill Beron and they have three children, Clay, Aaron and Brady.



Derrick LeBlanc

Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coordinator

Derrick LeBlanc returns to LSU in 2008 as the assistant and conditioning coordinator after serving a two-year stint as the defensive line coach at Missouri State.

LeBlanc spent the 2000 season as a graduate assistant in the LSU weight room. He will assist Tommy Moffitt in all phases of LSU's strength program.

LeBlanc is a 1997 graduate of Northwestern (La.) State and entered the NFL as a two-way lineman, he spent three seasons at Breau Bridge (La.) High School as an assistant coach, working with the offensive and defensive lines.

After his year as a graduate assistant at LSU, LeBlanc moved to Henderson (Ark.) State University, where he coached the defensive line coach from 2001 to 2004. LeBlanc was defensive line coach in 2005 at Arkansas Tech University.

LeBlanc and his wife, Niema, have one son, Dayton.



Jack Marucci

Director of Athletic Training

Jack Marucci enters his 13th season as director of athletic training at LSU. Since joining the Tigers, Marucci's leadership and vision has moved LSU to the forefront of athletic training at the collegiate level.

As director of athletic training, Marucci oversees the athletic training operation for all 20 varsity sports, which includes supervising a staff of six full-time trainers and 10 graduate assistants.

An experienced trainer with a strong background in collegiate athletics, Marucci helped design the Broussard Center for Athletic Training at Tiger Stadium as well as the one located in the Football Operations Building, which the football team operates out of on a daily basis.

Marucci served as an assistant athletic trainer at Florida State from 1988-96, a stint that

included eight bowl trips with the Seminoles. While in Tallahassee, he also served as the host trainer for two NCAA regional baseball tournaments.

Marucci graduated from West Virginia in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in athletic training and then gained his master's from Alabama in 1988, serving as a graduate assistant trainer for the Crimson Tide from 1986-88. He also worked with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1987 and the Cleveland Browns in 1985.

Off the field, Marucci has mastered the art of crafting wooden baseball bats and founded his own company, the Marucci Bat Company. The bat company, which originally started with a workshop in his backyard, now has dozens of Major Leaguers to its credit, including Carlos Beltran, David Wright, Chase Utley, Brad Hawpe and the 2006 NL MVP and home run champion Ryan Howard.

In July 2007, the Marucci Bat Company was represented in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game by eight different players. Marucci and his bat company have been featured in numerous national publications including the USA Today.

Marucci is married to the former Leah Gaines and they have a son, Gino, 13, and a daughter, Sarah, 10.



Andy Barker

Senior Associate Athletic Trainer

Andy Barker enters his 13th season as senior associate athletic trainer at LSU. Barker came to Baton Rouge following a six-year stint at Florida State.

Since coming to LSU, Barker has been an integral part of designing and implementing a state-of-the-art computer tracking program that assists the staff in following the progress and rehabilitation of injuries. The program produces daily injury reports for a variety of sports and it also tracks and monitors

purchase and inventory as well as tracking insurance and medical bill payments.

In April 2000, Barker received the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association "Backbone" Award, which recognizes the top collegiate assistant athletic trainer from the seven states included in the Southeastern district of the National Athletic Trainers Association.

A 1988 graduate of Clemson University, Barker became a graduate assistant trainer at Florida State in 1988. After two years as a graduate assistant, Barker was named an assistant athletic trainer at FSU in 1990 and served in that position until coming to LSU in August 1996.

While at Florida State, Barker worked seven bowl games and served as host trainer for the 1995 NCAA Regional basketball tournament, seven NCAA regional baseball tournaments and the Junior Pan-American Games in 1990.

Barker, a native of Clemson, S.C., enjoys playing golf in his spare time. He's married to the former Andrea Conerly.



Shelly Mullenix

Senior Associate Athletic Trainer

Shelly Mullenix begins her 11th year as part of the LSU training staff in 2008. As LSU's senior associate athletic trainer, Mullenix plays a key role in servicing the athletic training needs of the football team on a day-to-day basis.

In addition to Mullenix's role as a trainer with the football program, she plays an integral role in the education and development of nutritional programs for all LSU sports. This nutritional information is given in a team format as well as

through one-on-one individualized counseling.

With the use of state-of-the-art computer analysis, Mullenix is able to perform body fat analysis, customize dietary intake and exercise prescription to suit the specific needs of the athlete. Administratively, she is responsible for the recruitment of student athletic trainers and the development of the athletic training curriculum.

Mullenix joined the LSU training staff in January 1997, coming to Baton Rouge from Florida State University, where she worked as a graduate assistant athletic trainer from 1992-93. She was promoted to assistant athletic trainer at FSU in 1993 and served in that capacity until December 1996.

She is married to Matthew Mullenix and has two children, Maggie and Briana.



Greg Stringfellow

Equipment Manager

Greg Stringfellow enters his fifth season as LSU's equipment manager after being elevated to the position in the spring of 2004. Stringfellow served as the interim equipment manager during LSU's National Championship season in 2003, stepping in for longtime equipment manager Jeff Boss, who passed away in the fall of 2003 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Stringfellow, one of the many equipment managers who learned the trade under Boss, enters his 11th season overall with the Tigers. He previously served as a student assistant in the LSU equipment room for five years.

As a member of the equipment staff, Stringfellow is responsible for the ordering and maintaining of equipment and facilities for the LSU football team as well as LSU's 19 other sports.

Stringfellow lettered two years in football at McGill-Toolen High School in Mobile, Ala., before coming to LSU, where he earned a degree in construction management in 1997.

An avid golfer, Stringfellow is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association and annually works the Senior Bowl in Mobile.

He is married to the former Ashley Mitnick, a former LSU soccer standout. The couple have two children, Sarah Elizabeth (3) and Lily Grace (1).

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Ferrell Shillings
Assistant Equipment Manager

Ferrell Shillings is now in his 17th season on the LSU equipment staff after joining the Tigers in 1991. A native of St. Amant, La., Shillings oversees the LSU athletics central receiving department. He is also responsible for the daily delivery of overnight packages within the athletics department, while also working closely with the Tiger football team.

Shillings lettered four years in football, four years in basketball and once in baseball at St. Amant High. He worked for 33 years as a supervisor at South Central Bell Telephone in Baton Rouge before he turned his attention to the field of athletic equipment.

Shillings is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association and the SEC Equipment Managers Association. He is also a lifetime member of the Telephone Pioneers.



George Branigan
Assistant Equipment Manager

George Branigan begins his third year as a full-time member of the LSU equipment staff, where he serves as the head manager for baseball, softball, gymnastics, soccer, cheerleading, and assists with the nationally-ranked football team.

Prior to his full-time post, Branigan spent six months helping family members rebuild their personal businesses devastated during Hurricane Katrina.

While attending LSU, Branigan spent five years as a student equipment manager, working with the baseball team during his entire tenure and the football team during the 2002-03 season.

A native of Kenner, La., Branigan prepped at Brother Martin High School before earning his degree in general studies from LSU in May 2005. He is a member of the American Equipment Managers Association and the SEC Equipment Managers Association.



Garland "Chico" Rodriguez
Assistant Equipment Manager

Garland "Chico" Rodriguez is in his third year as a full-time member of the LSU equipment staff. He serves as the head manager for men's and women's basketball, men's and women's tennis, volleyball, track and field, swimming and diving, and assists with football.

Prior to coming to LSU, Rodriguez worked as a full-time assistant at Tulane for one year, where he was named the 2005-06 Conference USA Equipment Manager of the Year for his efforts following Hurricane Katrina.

From 2000-04, Rodriguez served as a student manager at Louisiana-Lafayette, where he worked with the football and softball teams and graduated with a degree in general studies.

A native of Ventress, La., Rodriguez prepped at Livonia High School where he lettered three years in football and two seasons in baseball.

He is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association as well as the SEC Equipment Managers Association.



Doug Aucoin
Videography Director

Doug Aucoin enters his 12th season as LSU's video coordinator. During that time he has developed LSU's football video department into the one of the finest in the nation.

Aucoin, who has twice been named the SEC Video Coordinator of the Year (2000 and 2007) by his peers, oversees LSU's multi-million dollar video department that rivals that of most NFL teams. Following the 2007 season, Aucoin was named a finalist for National Video Coordinator of the Year.

Aucoin, who joined the Tigers in 1997 after a stint with Tulane, is responsible for analytical support of computer and video technologies including the taping of games and practices, opponent video exchange, self-scout and opponent breakdowns, and tape cut-ups used as a teaching tool.

Aucoin also manages the computer network that the football coaches use for statistical analysis as well as self-scouting and the scouting of opponents. Another of Aucoin's responsibilities is the production of a weekly highlight and motivational video for the football team.

Aucoin oversees a staff of eight people, which includes one full-time assistant, one graduate assistant and six student assistants.

Prior to working for Tulane, Aucoin was employed by the New Orleans Saints as an assistant to his brother, Albert, who was video director for the Saints. Their father, Erby, is a member of the Saints Hall of Fame for his pioneering analytical film work in the early years of the National Football League.

A native of New Orleans, Aucoin graduated from Riverdale High School and the University of New Orleans, earning his degree in business administration in 1995. In the summer of 1998, Aucoin married the former Angela Bordelon and the couple has three children, Ryan (19), Shane (7) and Chanler (5).



Brad Mendow
Assistant Video Coordinator

Brad Mendow enters his fourth year as LSU's assistant video coordinator. Prior to his appointment as a full-time employee, the Covington, La., native spent five years as a student worker with the LSU video staff.

Mendow assists videographer director Doug Aucoin with the day-to-day video operations and the maintenance of the coaching staff's computer network for the LSU's football program. He also serves as the SEC's Instant Replay Technician for all of LSU's home football games.

A 2004 LSU graduate with a degree in business administration, Mendow has three older brothers who worked as equipment managers or videographers for the LSU football team, and has a younger brother that currently works for him in the video department.



Tamara Davis
Coordinator of Offensive Operations



Darren Drago
Strength Coach Intern



John Dunn
Administrative Intern



Brendan Farrell
Administrative Intern



Ya'el Lofton
Coordinator of Football Operations



Melissa Moore
Assistant Strength Coach



Sherman Morris
Director of Player Personnel



Shawn Quinn
Graduate Assistant Defense



Corey Raymond
Assistant Strength Coach



Lois Stuckey
Administrative Assistant



Johanna Trees
Coordinator of Defensive Operations



John Wozniak
Graduate Assistant Offense

