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# **Assistant Coaches**



Kirk Doll
Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers

Kirk Doll, who spent the last eight years as the assistant head coach at Notre Dame, enters his first season with the Tigers this year. Doll will serve as assistant head coach and linebackers coach at LSU. While at Notre Dame, Doll helped lead the Irish to five bowl games, including an appearance in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl in 2000.

Among Doll's coaching responsibilities at Notre Dame were the line-backers, special teams and the kickers. In 2000, Notre Dame punter Joey Hildbold was a finalist for the Ray Guy Award, which is given to the nation's top punter.

In 1995, Doll helped Notre Dame reach the Orange Bowl as the Fighting Irish defense allowed just 270 yards per contest, the lowest figure at the school since the 1980 season.

Prior to his stint at Notre Dame, Doll coached at Texas A&M for six years, helping the Aggies to five bowl games, including three appearances in the Cotton Bowl. Doll helped Texas A&M lead the nation in total defense in 1991 (222.4 yards per game) and rank third nationally in 1993 (247.6) . The Aggies ranked third nationally in scoring defense in 1993 by allowing only 10.8 points per contest. In his final three years at Texas A&M, the Aggies posted a 32-5 overall mark, including a 12-1 record in 1992.

Doll has also coached at the collegiate level at Arizona State (1985-87), Tulsa (1980-84) ,Iowa State (1979) and Wichita State (1975-76). Doll coached outside linebackers at Arizona State, helping the Sun Devils to a 10-1-1 mark and an appearance in the Rose Bowl in 1986. Doll served as the offensive line coach at Tulsa for five years and he coached the tight ends for one spring as a part-time coach at Iowa State.

Doll's coaching career has featured 13 bowl games, including appearances in the Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl and Fiesta Bowl. Doll, a native of Wichita, Kan.,earned Bachelor's degrees from both East Carolina and Wichita State. He played as both a defensive end and tackle at East Carolina for two years.

### THE DOLL FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** . . . . First (appointed March 4,2002) **BIRTHDATE:** . . . . . Sept.24, 1951 at Wichita, Kan.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** ...Wichita West

**COLLEGE:** ........ East Carolina, '74 and Wichita State,'76

**1975-76** .......Wichita State (graduate assistant) **1977-78** .......Texas City High School (asst.coach)

**1985-87** ........Arizona State (outside linebackers)

**1988-93** . . . . . . Texas A&M (linebackers) **1994-2001** . . . . . Notre Dame (asst.head coach,

linebackers, special teams)

2002 . . . . . . LSU (asst.head coach/linebackers)



Kirk and Kathy Doll with children Kate, Kelsey and Kyle.

Doll is married to the former Kathy Reding and the couple has three children – Kate, Kelsey and Kyle.



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**Derek Dooley** *Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator* 

Derek Dooley is no stranger to successful Southeastern Conference football programs. The son of legendary Georgia football coach Vince Dooley, Derek enters his third season as LSU's tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator. In his first two years with the Tigers, Dooley played a key role in the development of LSU's tight end corps, a group considered to be among the finest in the nation each of the last two seasons.

Dooley also organized LSU's recruiting efforts the past two years, both of which were considered among the finest signing classes in the nation.LSU's 2001 recruiting class was rated No.1 in the nation by some publications and included three Parade All-Americans and six USA Today All-Americans.

As LSU's tight ends coach for the past two seasons, Dooley helped develop Robert Royal into one of the nation's premier tight ends. Last year, Royal caught 18 passes for 224 yards and one touchdown. As a group, LSU's tight ends combined to catch 24 passes for 286 yards and three touchdowns.

Royal capped his career ranked third in LSU history among tight ends for receptions (59) and yards (707), and ranked second in receiving touchdowns (7). Royal also set the LSU record for tight ends for touchdowns in a season with five in 2000. Following his senior season, Royal was drafted in the fifth round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Washington Redskins.

Royal earned First Team All-SEC honors in both 2000 and 2001.Last year, freshman Marcus Spears earned a spot on the Freshman All-SEC squad.

Prior to his arrival at LSU, Dooley spent three seasons at SMU. While at SMU, he helped develop a young group of receivers, including Albert Johnson, who became the first player in SMU history to have three straight multiple touchdown games. In 1999, Dooley helped develop two true freshmen, Chris Cunningham and Cody Cardwell, who caught 70 passes for 1,039 yards and eight touchdowns.

A native of Athens, Ga., Dooley attended the University of Virginia, where he walked on the football team and earned a scholar-ship following his second season. While at Virginia, Dooley participated in three bowl games (Sugar, Citrus, All-American) and helped the Cavaliers win the 1989 ACC Championship. In 1990, Dooley was

### THE DOOLEY FILE

YEAR AT LSU: ... Third (appointed Dec. 13,1999)

**BIRTHDATE:** ..... June 10, 1968, at Athens, Ga.

WIFE: .....Allison

CHILDREN: ......John Taylor, Peyton HIGH SCHOOL: ....Clarke Central COLLEGE: ......Virginia '91 POSTGRADUATE: ...Georgia '94

**1996** . . . . . . . . . . Georgia (graduate assistant/defensive ends)

**1997-99** ........SMU (wide receivers, 1997-99;

assistant recruiting coordinator 1998-99)

**2000-** ......LSU (recruiting coordinator/tight ends)



Derek and Allison Dooley with sons John Taylor and Peyton.

named First Team Academic All-ACC and was invited to participate in the Senior Bowl.

He graduated from Virginia in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in government and foreign affairs, then went on to earn his law degree from Georgia in 1994. Dooley served as a graduate assistant coach at Georgia in 1996 before going to SMU in 1997.

Derek and his wife, Allison, have two sons, John Taylor (3) and Peyton (1).



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# **Assistant Coaches**



Jimbo Fisher
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Jimbo Fisher continued to put his name alongside some of the nation's top offensive coordinators in 2001 as he directed an LSU offense that set numerous school records in the Tigers'championship season.

In his second-year with the Tigers, Fisher developed quarterback Rohan Davey into one of the nation's premier players. Davey set a total of six school-records during the regular-season and then broke another seven Sugar Bowl or LSU bowl records in the Tigers'47-34 win over Illinois. For the year, Davey completed 217 of 367 passes for 3,347 yards and 18 touchdowns. He connected on 31 of 53 passes for 444 yards and three scores in the Sugar Bowl. Throw in Josh Reed's 94 receptions for an SEC record 1,740 yards and LSU's offense had two of the nation's most potent players. Reed was named the winner of the Biletnikoff Award, the honor that goes to the nation's top wide receiver, while Davey was a Second Team All-SEC selection.

In 2001,LSU's offense ranked second in the SEC and 11th in the nation in total offense (451.5 yards per game) and passing offense (298.2). LSU set seven school-records during the regular-season in 2001, including single-season yards of total offense (5,418),single-season passing completed (238), passing yards per game (298.5), total offense per game (451.5) and single-season passing yards (3,578).

Perhaps Fisher's finest moments came in a 35-21 win over Alabama and a 31-20 victory over second-ranked Tennessee in the

SEC Championship game. Against Alabama, LSU set a school-record with 528 passing yards, the most-ever recorded against the Crimson Tide. Davey tied an SEC record with 540 yards of total offense in the game, while Reed set SEC records for receptions (19) and receiving yards (293).

Against Tennessee and with starting quarterback Davey out of the game with an injury, Fisher altered the Tiger game plan to better suit second team quarterback Matt Mauck.Mauck took advantage of his rushing skills to leads the Tigers to a 31-20 win and the SEC title.

In the Sugar Bowl, the Tigers racked up a Sugar Bowl record 595 yards

# THE FISHER FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** .....Third (appointed Dec. 6,1999) **BIRTHDATE:** .....Oct.9, 1965, at Clarksburg, W.V.

**1993-98** . . . . . . . . Auburn (quarterbacks)



Jimbo and Candace Fisher with son Trey.

of total offense,including 444 through the air, in their 47-34 win over seventh-ranked Illinois. LSU also set a Sugar Bowl record with 34 first half points, including 27 in the second quarter.

For his efforts in 2001, Fisher was named a finalist for the Broyles Assistant Coach of the Year Award.

In two seasons with the Tigers, Fisher has coached three quarter-backs to NFL draft pick status. Josh Booty was selected in the sixth round of the 2001 NFL Draft by the Seattle Seahawks, while Davey was taken in the third round of the 2002 draft by the New England Patriots and Craig Nall (a member of the 2000 LSU team) was selected in the fifth round of the 2002 draft by the Green Bay Packers.

In his first year with the Tigers, Fisher's influence on quarterbacks Booty and Davey was nothing short of remarkable as Booty was named First Team All-SEC, while Davey earned Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors at the Peach Bowl. The First Team All-SEC honor for Booty marked the first time since 1989 that an LSU player earned all-league honors at quarterback.

Prior to joining the Tigers, Fisher engineered one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks at Cincinnati in 1999. Cincinnati finished the 1999 season ranked No.16 in the nation in total offense with an average of 424.4 yards a contest (172.2 rushing, 252.2 passing).

Before joining the Cincinnati staff in 1999, Fisher served as the quarterbacks coach at Auburn under Terry Bowden from 1993-98 where he tutored record-setting quarterbacks Stan White, Patrick Nix and Dameyune Craig, who is the only 3,000-yard passer in Auburn history. He helped lead Auburn to appearances in the 1996 Outback, 1996 Independence and 1998 Peach Bowls.

Fisher, a native of Clarksburg, W.Va., also served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Samford for two years (1991-92) before joining the Auburn staff. He started his coaching career as a graduate assistant tutoring quarterbacks at Samford from 1988-90.

In college, Fisher played quarterback for Terry Bowden for three seasons, two at Salem College (1985-86) and one at Samford (1987). While at Samford he set the national record for touchdowns in a season with 34 and was named the Division III National Player of the Year that season. He also set 13 school passing and total offense records. Following college, Fisher played for one season with the Chicago Bruisers of the Arena Football League in 1988.

Fisher, who graduated from Salem College in 1989, is married to the former Candace Coogler. The couple has one child, Trey, who is a year old. TIGERS COACHES PREVIEW REVIEW RECORDS HONORS HISTORY LSU MEDI

# **Assistant Coaches**



Charlie Harbison

Defensive Backs

Charlie Harbison, who has been a part of two of the last three Southeastern Conference Championship teams, enters his second season as LSU's defensive backs coach.

In his first year with the Tigers, LSU's defensive backs combined to intercept 18 passes, including an SEC-leading five by Damien James. Harbison also held together an LSU defensive backfield that was devastated by injuries last year. Returning starter at left cornerback Robert Davis was lost for the year with a knee injury during the second week of the season, while strong safeties Norman LeJeune and Lionel Thomas combined to miss five games with injuries.

LSU was so depleted at the cornerback season late in the year that true freshman cornerback Travis Daniels, who hadn't played a down all season, had to be inserted into the game during the fourth quarter of the Tigers'31-20 victory over Tennessee in the SEC Championship game. Daniels responded by breaking up a pair of passes,including one in the endzone that prevented a Vol touchdown.

Harbison joined the Tigers for the 2001 season after spending the 1998-2000 seasons as the defensive backs coach at Alabama. Harbison helped the Crimson Tide to the 1999 Southeastern Conference title and a berth in the Orange Bowl.

Prior to his stint with the Crimson Tide, Harbison spent three years coaching defensive backs at Clemson, where he helped guide the Tigers to a pair of bowl appearances. Under Harbison's watch, Clemson led the ACC in pass defense in 1995. Harbison served as defensive backs coach at Texas-El Paso in 1994. Harbison has also coached at the collegiate level at his alma mater, Gardner-Webb.

In addition to his collegiate experience, Harbison has also coached in the Arena Football League as well as the World League of American Football.

A native of Shelby, N.C., Harbison is a business administration graduate from Gardner-Webb College, where he was a two-sport star in football and track. He was a free

### THE HARBISON FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** .... Second (appointed on Feb. 16,2001)

**BIRTHDATE:** . . . . . Oct. 27,1959

CHILDREN: . . . . . . . Charlie, Stedman, Masai, and Msiba

**HIGH SCHOOL:** .... Crest Senior High **COLLEGE:** .... ... Gardner Webb

1982-83 . . . . . . . . . . East Lincoln (N.C.) High School (Linebackers)

Defensive Backs)

 1994
 ... Texas-El Paso (Defensive Backs)

 1995-97
 ... Clemson (Defensive Backs)

 1998-2000
 ... Alabama (Defensive Backs)

 2001
 ... LSU (Defensive Backs)



Charlie and Gloria Harbison with daughter Msiba(right).

agent pick by the Buffalo Bills in 1982 and he also played with the Boston Breakers and the New Orleans





# Michael Haywood

Running Backs/Special Teams Coordinator

The veteran on the LSU coaching staff, Michael Haywood enters his eighth season with the Tigers this year. Haywood has served as LSU's running backs coach for all eight years. Last season, he added the title of Special Teams Coordinator to his list of responsibilities.

During his seven prior seasons with the Tigers, Haywood has helped produce some of the finest running backs in school history.

In 2001, Haywood continued to develop sophomore running back LaBrandon Toefield as one of the nation's top backs. Toefield tied an SEC record with 19 rushing touchdowns last year. Had he not gone down with a season-ending knee injury in the first half against Tennessee in the SEC Championship game, Toefield would have topped the 1,000-yard mark. Toefield finished with 992 yards rushing and 230 carries on his way to earning First-Team All-SEC honors.

Domanick Davis proved to be the perfect complement to Toefield as he rushed for 406 yards and five touchdowns during the regular-season and then added 122 yards and a Sugar Bowl record four rushing touchdowns in Toefield's absence in the 47-34 win over Illinois.

As Special Teams Coordinator, Haywood had the Tigers among the best in the SEC in nearly every category. LSU ranked third in the SEC and eighth nationally in net punting (39.6 yards per punt) and the Tigers were tops in the league in kickoff coverage, allowing just 15.2 yards per return.

Individually, LSU's Davis earned Second-Team All-SEC honors after leading the league in punt return yards (13.8). Punter Don fourth in the SEC and 19th nationally with 43.7 yards per

In 2000, Toefield, who was named first team Freshma the Sporting News, rushed for 682 yards and five touchdo ing two games with an injury. Toefield's top two rushing ga two of the nation's best run defenses as he had 120 yards TD against Tennessee and 119 yards and a pair of scores,ii game-winner in overtime, against Mississippi State. Davis yards and five touchdowns for the Tigers

Haywood was instrumental in developing Kevin Faul Rondell Mealey into two of the most productive running b in school history. Faulk left LSU with virtually every rushing record, while Mealey capped his career ranked in the top 10 in both rushing yards and rushing touchdowns. Both were chosen in the NFL draft after their respective senior seasons, Faulk going to New England in the second round and Mealey in the seventh round to Green Bay.



Michael Haywood

While at Ball State, Haywood was the position coach for three All-Mid-American Conference players.

Brian Oliver was selected All-MAC in 1993, then Tony Nibbs and Michael Blair earned all-league honors in 1994. In addition, Blair was the MAC's Freshman of the Year in 1993 and went on to play for the Green Bay Packers of the NFL.

Haywood started his coaching career at Minnesota as a graduate assistant in 1988, then went to Army as an assistant coach in 1989 and 1990. In 1989 he coached the defensive secondary before taking on the outside linebackers in 1990.

## THE HAYWOOD FILE

YEAR AT LSU: .... Eighth (appointed Jan. 14,1995) **BIRTHDATE:** . . . . . . Feb. 26,1964, at Houston, Texas

**HIGH SCHOOL:** . . . . St. Thomas High School, Houston, Texas

**COLLEGE:** . . . . . . . Notre Dame '86

1989-90 . . . . . . . . Army (secondary 1989; outside linebackers/

special teams 1990)

**1991-92** . . . . . . Ohio (outside linebackers/special teams) **1993-94** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Ball State (receivers/special teams 1993;

running backs/special teams 1994)

...........LSU (running backs 1995-;

special teams coord. 1997-98, 2001-)



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# **Assistant Coaches**



Stan Hixon
Associate Head Coach/Wide Receivers

Stan Hixon's impact on the wide receivers position at LSU can best be seen in the Southeastern Conference Record Book. Last season,LSU wideout Josh Reed virtually re-wrote both the LSU and SEC record books as he caught a school-record 94 passes for an SEC record 1,740 yards and seven touchdowns during the regular season.Reed capped his three-year LSU career with an SEC record 3,001 receiving yards on 167 receptions. Reed was a consensus All-America in 2001, and he won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's top rated wide receiver. In all,Reed, who originally signed with LSU as a running back, set or tied 14 school, SEC or Sugar Bowl records last season.

In just their second-year under Hixon's tutelage, LSU's wide receivers were arguably one of the best units in the nation.Led by Reed, LSU rewrote the school record for passing as the Tiger wide receivers combined for 191 receptions for 3,072 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Joining Reed as key components of LSU's receiving corps were true freshman Michael Clayton and junior Jerel Myers. Clayton, who earned Freshman All-America honors, caught 47 passes for 754 yards and six touchdowns, while Myers had 39 receptions for 461 yards and one TD. LSU's receivers did all of this despite losing returning starter Reggie Robinson to an injury before fall camp started.

In his first season with the Tigers, Hixon helped develop Reed into a star in the SEC. Reed ranked first in the Southeastern Conference and sixth nationally with 102.5 yards receiving a contest. For the year, Reed caught 65 passes for 1,127 yards and 10 touchdowns, the second highest total in school history. Reed did all of this despite playing his first full season at wide receiver after shifting from his original position of tailback during the 1999 season. For his efforts, Reed was a consensus First Team All-SEC selection.

Reed wasn't the only receiver to shine in 2000 for the Tigers as Robinson caught 31 passes for 391 yards and two TDs, while Myers hauled in 29 passes for 347 yards and three scores.In all,LSU receivers combined for eight 100-yard games last season and Robinson and Reed each caught 10 passes in a game one time.

Hixon's success coaching wide receivers should not come as a surprise as he developed some of the most prolific receivers in Georgia Tech history from 1995-1999.

### THE HIXON FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** ..... Third (appointed Dec. 28, 1999) **BIRTHDATE:** ..... June 24, 1957 at Lakeland, Florida

WIFE: ......Rebecca

CHILDREN: ..... Drew, Adele, Avis HIGH SCHOOL: .... Lakeland Senior COLLEGE: ..... Iowa State '79 POSTGRADUATE: ..Morehead State '84

1980 ......Richmond (tight ends) (January to June 1980)

**1993-94** . . . . . . . . Wake Forest (running backs/assistant head coach)

**1995-99** . . . . . . . . Georgia Tech (wide receivers)

**2000-** . . . . . . . . LSU (associate head coach/wide receivers)



Stan and Rebecca Hixon with son Drew and daugters Adele(I) and Avis.

Hixon, who joined LSU in December of 1999,coached All-Atlantic Coast Conference receivers Kelly Campbell and Dez White at Georgia Tech in 1999.Campbell in 1999 was No.2 in the ACC and 12th nationally in receiving yards per game (100.5) and he set school records for receptions (69), receiving yards (1,105) and touchdowns (10).

Campbell earned First-Team All-ACC honors and White was named Second-Team All-ACC as they formed the most prolific receiving tandem in Georgia Tech history.

Prior to the emergence of Campbell and White, Hixon tutored the receiving duo of Harvey Middleton, who rewrote Tech's receiving records at the time, and Derrick Steagall, who ranks as one of the Yellow Jackets' career leaders.

Hixon went to Georgia Tech in 1995 after serving as running back coach and assistant head coach at Wake Forest for two seasons. While at Wake Forest, Hixon tutored the leading rusher in the Atlantic Coast

Conference, Jon Leach, who became the first 1,000-yard rusher for the Deamon Deacons in almost two decades.

He also served as receivers coach at South Carolina from 1989-92, producing All-American wideouts Robert Brooks and Eddie Miller, both of whom later played in the NFL.He coached at Appalachian State from 1983-88, helping the Mountaineers capture consecutive Southern Conference titles in 1986 and 1987, after he served as running backs coach at Morehead State from 1980-82 and tight ends coach at Richmond in 1980.

Hixon, a native of Lakeland, Fla.,played at Iowa State. He led the Cyclones in receiv-

ing his junior and senior seasons and played in the 1977 Peach Bowl and the 1978 Hall of Fame Bowl.Hixon earned his bachelor's

degree in physical education in 1979.He earned a master's degree at Morehead State in 1984.

Hixon and his wife Rebecca have one son, Drew, and two daughters, Adele and Avis. Drew is a member of the football team at Tennessee Tech.



Will Muschamp

Defensive Coordinator

Will Muschamp, who served as LSU's linebackers coach in 2001, enters his first season as the Tigers' defensive coordinator after being promoted to the position prior to spring practice. Muschamp, who will be 31 years of age when the season starts, is one of the youngest coordinators at the Division I level.

Last season,in his first year with the Tigers, Mushcamp coached one of the nation's best linebacking corps in Trev Faulk, Bradie James and Jeremy Lawrence. Faulk was a semfinalist for the Butkus Award, while James was on the Butkus Award watch list. Both Faulk and James were named First Team All-SEC as the duo combined for 232 tackles and five sacks. Lawrence finished the year with 39 tackles and one pass interception.

Muschamp's promotion to defensive coordinator for the Tigers will mark the second time he has held such a position at the collegiate level. Prior to joining the Tigers, Muschamp served as the defensive coordinator at Valdosta State for one year in 2000. Muschamp helped lead the Blazers to a 10-2 overall mark, a share of the Gulf South Conference title and an appearance in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

Prior to his year at Valdosta State, Muschamp spent the 1999 season coaching the secondary at Eastern Kentucky. Muschamp served as the secondary coach for West Georgia in 1998. From 1995-1997, Muschamp was a graduate assistant coach at Auburn.

Muschamp was a four-year letterwinner at Georgia from 1991-1994 and he served as co-captain of the defense as a senior. In four years with the Bulldogs, Muschamp played in two bowl games, helping Georgia to a 24-15 win over Arkansas in the 1991 Independence Bowl and a 21-14 victory over Ohio State in the 1993 Citrus Bowl. Muschamp earned a spot on the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 1993.

Following his graduation from Georgia in 1994, Muschamp moved to Auburn where he spent the next two seasons as a graduate assistant coach. Muschamp earned his master's degree from Auburn in 1997. While at Auburn, Muschamp coached with current LSU offensive coordinator Jimbo Fisher and former Tiger defensive line coach Pete Jenkins.

Muschamp is a native of Rome, Ga., and he is married to the former Carol Davis of Thomaston, and the couple has one child, Jackson.



**YEAR AT LSU:** . . . . . Second (appointed on Feb. 22,2001)

**BIRTHDATE:** . . . . . . Aug. 3, 1971

CHILDREN: ...... Jackson

HIGH SCHOOL: .... Darlington (Ga.) High School

**ALMA MATER:** . . . . Georgia, '94 **POST-GRADUATE:** . . Auburn, '97

**1995-97** ..........Auburn (Graduate Assistant)

**1997** . . . . . . . . . Jacksonville State (Outside Linebackers)

**2001** . . . . . . LSU (Linebackers 2001;

Defensive Coordinator 2002-)



Will and Carol Muschamp with son Jackson.



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Lance Thompson

Defensive Line

Lance Thompson, a member of the Georgia Tech coaching staff in 2001, enters his first season as LSU's defensive line coach.

Last season at Georgia Tech, Thompson coached a defensive line that recorded 21 sacks for the Yellow Jackets, including 10 by All-America defensive end Greg Gathers. Georgia Tech completed last season with an 8-5 overall record, which included a 24-14 victory over 11th-ranked Stanford in the Seattle Bowl.

Thompson spent the 1999 and 2000 seasons coaching the defensive line at Alabama, where he helped the Crimson Tide to the Southeastern Conference title in 1999. Alabama capped the 1999 season ranked No. 2 in the nation in rushing defense (75.3 yards per game) and ranked No.9 nationally in total defense (297.3 ypg).

Prior to his two-year stint at Alabama, Thompson was a part of the Georgia Tech staff for 11 years. During his 11-year stay with Georgia Tech, Thompson was defensive line coach in 1998, defensive ends coach in 1996 and 1997 and tight ends coach in 1995. Thompson served as the Georgia Tech's recruiting coordinator from 1995-98 and then again in 2001.

Prior to serving as an on-field coach for the Yellow Jackets, Thompson held the position of Director of Football Operations at Georgia Tech from 1992-94.

Thompson got his start in coaching in 1989, serving as a graduate assistant for two years at Georgia Tech followed by two more years as a volunteer assistant in 1990 and 1991. Georgia Tech won the national championship in 1990. Thompson coached Marco Coleman to First-Team All-America honors and he eventually became and first round draft pick of the Miami Dolphins in 1992.

As a player, Thompson was a four-year letterwinner at The Citadel. He graduated with from The Citadel in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in education/math.

A native of Riverdale, Ga., Thompson is married to the former

### THE THOMPSON FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** . . . . . First (appointed Feb. 18, 2002)

**BIRTHDATE:** . . . . . June 4, 1964 **WIFE:** . . . . . Stacy

CHILDREN: . . . . . . . Alexandra, Christina, Lane

**HIGH SCHOOL:** ....Riverdale (Calif.) **ALMA MATER:** ....The Citadel, '87

**1988-91** ............Georgia Tech (1988-89, graduate assistant;

**1992-94** ......Georgia Tech Director of Football Operations **1995-98** .....Georgia Tech (1995, tight ends/recruiting

coordinator; 1996-97, defensive ends/ recruiting coordinator; 1998 defensive line/

recruiting coordinator)

**1999-00** . . . . . . . . . Alabama (defensive line)

**2001** . . . . . . . . . Georgia Tech (defensive line/recruiting

coordinator)

2002 ......LSU (defensive line)



Lance and Stacey Thompson with daughters Alexandra, Christina and Lane.

Stacy Cambron of Henderson, Ky., and the couple has three daughters – Alexandra, Christina and Lane.





George Yarno
Offensive Line

George Yarno put the experience he gained as a 13-year pro football player to good use last season as he established the LSU offensive line as one of the best units around. It took a while, but by the end of the 2001 season, the Tiger offensive line was considered to be one of the most consistent in the Southeastern Conference.

As a group, the LSU offensive allowed 19 sacks for the season,but only four over the final five weeks of the regular season.LSU also held three teams – Tulane,Arkansas and Auburn - without a sack.

Yarno did all of the despite having two first-time starters and one seldom starter as mainstays on the offensive line. True freshman center Ben Wilkerson earned Freshman All-America and Freshman All-SEC honors after starting the final nine games of the year for the Tigers. LSU posted an 8-1 mark with Wilkerson in the starting lineup.

Jason Baggett, who had six career starts prior to the 2001 season, started every game at right tackle and earned Second Team All-SEC honors for his efforts. Stephen Peterman, who spent the 2000 season as a defensive end, started 12 of LSU's 13 games at left guard for the Tigers.

Rodney Reed, a Second Team Academic All-American and Dwayne Pierce held down the left tackle and right guard positions for the Tigers, while Rob Sale jockeyed between the guard and center positions for LSU.

Yarno came to LŚU from Arizona State where he served as the Sun Devils'offensive line coach during the 2000 season.

Yarno started his collegiate coaching career at his alma mater, Washington State, in 1991 where he served as the offensive line coach and the special teams coach thru the 1995 season. From there he moved to Idaho, serving as offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for three years.

In 1998, Yarno moved to the University of Houston where handled the offensive line as well as serving as the assistant head coach for the Cougars for two years.

As a player, Yarno spent 11 seasons in the NFL, which included eight years with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1979-83, 85-87). Yarno also played one each year with the Atlanta Falcons (1988), the Houston Oilers (1989) and the Green Bay Packers (1990). He also spent two years with the Denver Gold (1984-85) of the USFL.

At Washington State, Yarno was a four-year letterwinner on the defensive line for the Cougars from 1975 to 1978. He graduated with a criminal justice degree from Washington State in 1978. Yarno and his wife Cindy have three children, Josh (21), Adrianne (20) and George (17).

### **THE YARNO FILE**

YEAR AT LSU: ....Second (appointed on Jan. 16,2001)

**BIRTHDATE:** . . . . . . Aug. 12,1957

**CHILDREN:** . . . . . Josh (20), Adrianne (19), and George (16) **HIGH SCHOOL:** . . . . Ferris High School (Spokane, Wash.)

**1991-95** . . . . . . . . Washington State (offensive line/special teams)

**1995-98** . . . . . . . . . . . . . Idaho (offensive coordinator)

**2000** . . . . . . . . . . Arizona State (offensive line)

**2001** . . . . . . . . . LSU (offensive line)



George and Cindy Yarno (right),son George Jr. and daughter Adrianne (middle), son Josh with wife Dana (left).



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# Support Staff



Dr. Sam Nader
Assistant Athletic Director/Football Operations

A long-time member of the LSU football staff,Sam Nader begins his second season as Assistant Athletic Director for Football Operations after being promoted to the position during the summer of 2000. Nader is in his 28th season overall with the LSU football program.

Nader joined LSU 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 is a former 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 athletic 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 granddaughters, Brooks Claire, Mary Holland and Grace Ann, who are the daughters of Breaux and his wife Holland.



Mary Holland, Breaux, Grace Ann, Holland, Brooks Claire, Ann, John Ryan, Lauren, and Dr. Sam Nader.

#### THENADERFILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** .....28th (appointed 1975) **BIRTHDATE:** ......July 28,1945 at Many, La.

**CHILDREN:** . . . . . . . Breaux, Lauren, John Ryan

**HIGH SCHOOL:** ....Byrd High School **COLLEGE:** ......Auburn '67

POSTGRADUATE: .. Auburn '69 (Master's), LSU '82 (Ph.D.)

1968-69 . . . . . . . . Jordan High School (Columbus, Ga.), asst.coach

**1970-74** . . . . . . . Jordan High School (Columbus, Ga.),

head coach/AD

1975-76 . . . . . . . LSU, graduate asst.coach

**1977-79** . . . . . . . LSU, asst.coach

**1980-93** . . . . . . . LSU, recruiting coordinator

**1994-99** . . . . . LSU, administrative asst. for football operations **2000-** . . . . . LSU, Assistant Athletic Director/Football

#### SECRETARIAL STAFF



Ya'el Lofton Head Coach



Faye Spradley Offense



CC Thompson

Defense



Sharon Lewis Recruiting



Lois Stuckey
Receptionist



Doug Aucoin
Videography Director

Doug Aucoin enters his sixth 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 was named the 2000 SEC Video Coordinator of the Year by his peers, oversees LSU's multi-million dollar video department which rivals that of most NFL teams.

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, selfscout 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.

Aucoin oversees a staff of six students and one graduate assistant in the video department.

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 graduated from the University of New Orleans in 1995 with a degree in business administration. In the summer of 1998, Aucoin married



Aucoin and his staff are responsible for taping of games and practices, opponent breakdowns and tape cut-ups used as teaching tools.

the former Angela Bordelon and the couple has two children Ryan (13) and Shane (2).

### THE AUCOIN FILE

YEAR AT LSU: Sixth (appointed March

7,1997)

BIRTHDATE: Dec.5, 1969 WIFE: Angela

CHILDREN: Ryan (13), Shane (2)
HOMETOWN: New Orleans, La.
COLLEGE: New Orleans '95



Jay Rodgers

Graduate Assistant - Offense

Jay Rodgers enters his second season as a graduate assistant coach for the LSU football team after joining the staff in the spring of 2001. As a graduate assistant, Rodgers works with the LSU offense and among his responsibilities include the breaking down of game film as well as on-field preparation.

Rodgers came to LSU with a great deal of playing experience on the collegiate level.Rodgers played quarterback at Indiana from 1995-98 becoming the Hoosiers starter in the seventh game of his freshman season against Michigan.

Rodgers started all 11 games as a sophomore in 1997 and he completed 192 of 330 passes for 2,156 yards. Rodgers set an Indiana single-game record for passing yards (408) and passing touchdowns (5) against Ball State in 1997.

Rodgers transferred to Southwest Missouri State following the 1998 season and in one year with the Bears,he set school records for touchdown passes (24),passing yards (2,741),total offense (2,768) an completion percentage (63.2).

#### THE RODGERS FILE

YEAR AT LSU: Second
BIRTHDATE: Aug. 29, 1976
HOMETOWN: Austin, Texas
COLLEGE: Indiana, '00

Rodgers returned to Indiana following the 1999 season to finish his undergraduate degree requirements.

Rodgers is a native of Austin, Texas.



THE GRANTHAM FILE

YEAR AT LSU:

**BIRTHDATE:** 

**HOMETOWN:** 

**COLLEGE:** 

# **Tony Grantham**

Graduate Assistant - Defense

Tony Grantham enters his second season as a graduate assistant with the Tigers. Grantham will work with the Tiger defense this season after spending last year with the LSU offense.

Grantham came to LSU after spending the 2000 season as a part time coach at Eastern Illinois, where he was part of a staff that led the

Panthers to an 8-4 overall mark and an appearance in the I-AA play-offs. Grantham coached outside linebackers and assisted with the spe-

cial teams at Eastern Illinois.

Grantham has also coached on the prep level, serving as an assistant coach at Christianburg High School in 1995-96 and 1998-99.

Grantham is a 2000 graduate of Radford University.



Adam Gase

Second

Nov. 16, 1974

Pulaski, Va.

Radford, '00

Recruiting Intern



Manuel Llaneza

Videography Intern TIGERS COACHES PREVIEW REVIEW RECORDS HONDRS HISTORY LSU MEDI

# **Strength & Conditioning Staff**



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 third season at LSU after coming to the Tiger staff from the University of Miami

Moffitt was appointed as LSU's Strength and Conditioning Coordinator on Jan.10, 2000. In February of 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 two 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 karate routine in the Tigers' off-season program. The karate program 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,

### THE MOFFITT FILE

YEAR AT LSU: Third (appointed Jan. 10,

2000)

**BIRTHDATE:** Jan. 10, 1963 at

Summerville, Tenn.

**WIFE:** former Jill Beron of New

Orleans

CHILDREN: Clay, Aaron

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Springfield High **COLLEGE:** Tennessee Tech '86

**1987-94** John Curtis High School

(assistant coach)

**1994-97** Tennessee (assoc. head

strength & conditioning

coach)

**1998-99** Miami (strength &

conditioning coordinator)

**2000-** LSU (strength &

conditioning coordinator)



Moffitt was named the 1999 Collegiate Football Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society.

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 from 1987-94, earning the 1992 award as the National High School Strength Coach of the Year, given by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society.

Born in Summerville, Tenn., Moffitt is married to the former Jill Beron and they have two children, Clay and Aaron.



Bo
Davis
Assistant
Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator

Bo Davis enters his first season as a member of the LSU strength and conditioning staff after being named assistant coordinator in June of 2002.

Davis comes to LSU from Northshore High School in Houston, where he served as an assistant football coach from 1997 to 2002. Davis played football at LSU from 1990 to 1992, earning Second-Team All-SEC honors as a noseguard in 1992. Davis capped his LSU career with 90 tackles, one sack and one fumble recovery. As a senior in 1992, Davis started all 11 games at noseguard, recording 66 tackles, including four for losses.

Davis graduated from LSU in 1993 and he then served as a graduate assistant with the LSU strength and conditioning program from 1995 to 1997.

Davis and his wife, Omeika, have one son, James W. Davis III.

### THE DAVIS FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** First (Appointed, June 2002)

BIRTHDATE: May 17, 1970 WIFE: Omeika CHILDREN: James

**HOMETOWN:** Magee, Miss. **COLLEGE:** LSU, '93



Scott Gadeken

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coordinator

Scott Gadeken is in his third year as an assistant strength coach at LSU, coming to Baton Rouge from Kansas State where he was an assistant strength coach for three sea-

Gadeken earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Midland College (Neb.) in 1995 and his master's of science degree in kinesiology from Kansas State in 1997. A four-year letterwinner at Midland, Gadeken earned Academic All-America, honorable mention All-America, first team All-Conference and NAIA All-Nebraska accolades as an offensive lineman.

Gadeken, 29, holds certifications as a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) with the National Strength and Conditioning Association,a certified Olympic lifts coach with the USA Weightlifting and a Specialist in Sports Conditioning (SSC) through the International Sports Sciences Association.

A native of Julian, Neb., Gadeken is married to the former Stacey Weir, and they have one child, Brandon.

### THE GADEKEN FILE

YEAR AT LSU: Third

WIFE: former Stacey Weir
CHILDREN Brandon (1)
COLLEGE: Midland College '95
POSTGRADUATE: Kansas State '97



LSU players use Tiger Stadium for running exercises.



Will Jones
Assistant
Strength & Conditioning
Coordinator

Will Jones enters his first year as fulltime member of the LSU strength and conditioning staff after being promoted to assistant coordinator during the summer.

Jones, who graduated with a Master's of Science degree within the department of Kinesiology in May of 2002, served as a graduate assistant in the LSU weight room over the last two years.

As a graduate assistant at LSU for the last two years, Jones worked with the LSU football program and was also responsible for developing and implementing strength and conditioning programs for the volleyball and women's soccer teams.

Prior to joining LSU, Jones worked in the private sector as a fitness consultant and trainer as well as an exercise specialist.

Jones graduated from Louisiana-Lafayette in May of 1999 with a degree in Exercise Science. He was a defensive back on the Ragin'Cajun football team for four years.

### THEJONES FILE

**COLLEGE:** 

YEAR AT LSU: Third (First as full-time)
BIRTHDATE: Jan. 28,1976
HOMETOWN: Kenner, La.
HIGH SCHOOL: Ecole Classique

Louisiana-Lafayette '98, LSU '02



Measuring 10,000 feet the LSU weight room is one of the finest strength and conditioning facilities in the nation.

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# **Athletic Training Staff**



Jack
Marucci
Director of
Athletic Training

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

As director of athletic training at LSU, Marucci oversees the athletic training operation for all 20 varsity sports at LSU, supervising a staff of five full-time trainers.

An experienced trainer with a strong background in collegiate athletics, Marucci helped design the new athletic training facility at Tiger Stadium.

Marucci served as assistant athletic trainer at Florida State from 1988-96, a stint that included seven bowl trips with the Seminoles. While in Tallahassee, he 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, 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 stints in 1987 in athletic training with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Philadelphia 76ers, and in 1985 he worked in athletic training with the Cleveland Browns.

Marucci is married to the former Leah Gaines and they have one son, Gino Christopher, 8, and one daughter, Sarah Carly, 5.



**YEAR AT LSU:** Seventh (appointed July

1996)

**BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 27,1963

WIFE: Leah

CHILDREN: Gino Christopher, Sarah

HIGH SCHOOL: Laurel Highlands
HOMETOWN: Uniontown, Pa.
COLLEGE: West Virginia '86
POSTGRADUATE: Alabama '88



Trainers Jack Marucci and Andy Barker oversee the taping of football players on gameday.



Andy Barker Senior Associate

Athletic Trainer

Andy Barker enters his seventh season as senior associate athletic trainer at LSU as he came to Baton Rouge from Florida State where he was an assistant athletic trainer for six years.

Since joining LSU, Barker has been integral in the 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 purchasing and inventory as well as tracking insurance and medical bill payments. Most recently the system was upgraded to provide reports to the NCAA to help track injuries involved in the Injury Surveillance System.

In April of 2000, Barker received the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association "Backbone" Award, an award that 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 then went on to become a graduate assistant trainer at Florida State in 1988. After two years as a graduate assistant in the Seminole athletic program, Barker was named an assistant athletic trainer there in 1990 and served in that position until joining LSU in August of 1996.

While at Florida State, Barker worked seven postseason bowl games with the Seminole football team, served as host trainer for a 1995 NCAA regional basketball tournament, the host trainer for seven NCAA regional baseball tournaments and the host trainer for the Junior Pan-Am Games in 1990.

Barker was born in New Orleans, La.

# THEBARKER FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** Seventh (appointed

Aug. 1996)

BIRTHDATE: Nov. 5, 1964
HIGH SCHOOL: D.W. Daniel
HOMETOWN: Clemson, S.C.
COLLEGE: Clemson '88
POSTGRADUATE: Florida State, '90



Focused on aggressive rehabilitation, the Broussard Center for Athletic Training is furnished with the latest in technology and equipment.



Shelly
Mullenix
Senior Associate
Athletic Trainer

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

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 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 to LSU and the development of the athletic training curriculum.

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

### THE MULLENIX FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** Sixth (appointed

Jan. 13,1997)

**BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 14, 1969, at

North Miami Beach, Fla.

**HUSBAND:** Matthew

**CHILDREN:** Maggie and Brianna **HIGH SCHOOL:** North Miami Beach

Senior High

**COLLEGE:** Florida State '91

**POSTGRADUATE:** Florida State (Master's)

'93



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# **Equipment Staff**



Jeff Boss Equipment Manager

One of the most recognizable faces on the LSU campus, Jeff Boss enters his 23rd year with the LSU football staff.Boss, who serves as LSU's Equipment Manager, is responsible issuing and maintaining all football equipment, in addition to supervising LSU's new locker room facilities as well as LSU's practice facilities, both indoors and outdoors.

In his 23rd year with the LSU program, Boss is an active member in the Athletic Equipment Managers Association. He was selected the winner of the Glenn Sharp Award in 1990, given annually to the Equipment Manager of the Year as chosen by that organization. His years of expertise in the field have also aided him in the design and development of a football shoe, the "Boss Shark," which was nationally marketed for intercollegiate play by the Nike Shoe Company.

Before coming to LSU in 1980, he served five years as a teacher and football coach at Morgan City High School. He previously held similar positions at Kaplan High School in 1974-75.

He began his athletic administration career at Franklin Junior High in 1972 before serving as athletic director and head football coach there in 1973-74. While at Franklin,he coached former LSU and Atlanta Falcon great Lyman White.

Boss earned a master's degree of Education in Administration and Supervision. He is married to the former Karen Ibert of Franklin, La,and the couple has a daughter, B.J.

### THE BOSS FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** 23rd (appointed

Feb. 1,1980)

**BIRTHDATE:** May 1, 1949

WIFE: Karen

CHILDREN: B.J.

**HIGH SCHOOL:** LaGrange

**HOMETOWN:** Lake Charles, La.

**COLLEGE:** McNeese State '71

(Physical Education)

**POSTGRADUATE:** McNeese State '72

(Master's in Education)



One of LSU twelve student managers sizes a player for his helmet.



Ferrell Shillings Assistant Equipment Manager

Ferrell Shillings enters his 11th season with the LSU equipment staff after joining the Tigers in 1991.

A native of St.Amant, La., Shillings lettered four years in football, four years in basketball and once in baseball for St.Amant High. He worked for 33 years as a supervisor at South Central Bell Telephone in Baton Rouge then 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.

#### THE SHILLINGS FILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** 11th (appointed July,

1991)

**BIRTHDATE:** March 16, 1933

**WIFE:** Patricia

**CHILDREN:** Kevin (43), Deirdre (39)

**HIGH SCHOOL:** St.Amant **HOMETOWN:** St.Amant,La.



Greg Stringfellow

Assistant Equipment Manager

Greg Stringfellow begins his fifth year as a fulltime member of the LSU equipment staff after serving as a student equipment manager for five years.

As a member of the LSU Equipment Staff, Stringfellow assists Jeff Boss in the ordering and maintaining of equipment and facilities for the LSU football team. 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.

Stringfellow is a member of the Athletic Equipment Managers Association.

#### THESTRINGFELLOWFILE

**YEAR AT LSU:** Fifth (fulltime,appointed

Jan. 4, 1998)

BIRTHDATE: May 17, 1973 HIGH SCHOOL: McGill-Toolen HOMETOWN: Mobile,Ala. COLLEGE: LSU '97