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## s m o k e Laval

#22 | Head Baseball Coach

#### 2003 SEC Coach of the Year

CAREER RECORD 376-222-I (.629, IO seasons)

**AT LSU** 

135-63-1 (.681, three seasons)

aymond "Smoke" Laval continues to enhance his reputation as one of the country's top college baseball coaches, as, in three seasons at the helm of the LSU program, he has guided the Tigers to two College World Series berths, two NCAA Super Regional titles, three NCAA Regional championships, one SEC title and Top 10 finishes in each of the past two seasons.

Laval, the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, was named in 2004 the Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year for the third straight season.

Laval has directed LSU to the best SEC regular-season record in the past three seasons, posting a 57-31-1 (.646) mark. South Carolina has the second-best SEC record (57-32, .640), and Florida is third (50-39-1, 561)

LSU earned its second consecutive final Top 10 ranking in 2004, as the Tigers finished No. 7 in the *Baseball America* poll and No. 8 in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll. The final rankings culminated a magnificent 2004 season that also featured record-breaking marks for academic achievements and attendance figures.

The 2004 Tigers advanced to the College World Series for the second straight season, recording a 46-19 overall record, LSU's best mark since the 2000 club finished 52-17.

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional for the 15th straight season, winning the

tournament with consecutive victories over Army, Southern Mississippi and College of Charleston. The Tigers then played host to an NCAA Super Regional for the third time in five years, defeating Texas A&M in a best two-of-three series to earn a berth in the CWS.

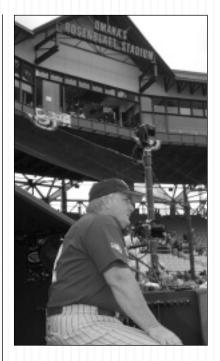
The 2004 Tigers had the best offensive club in the SEC, completing the year with a 333 team batting average, the second-highest in school history. The Tigers were led by two first-team all-SEC players - right fielder Jon Zeringue, the 2004 SEC Co-Player of the Year and a first-team all-America selection, and center fielder J.C. Holt, a third-team all-America choice.

Zeringue was selected in the second round of the 2004 draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks, and Holt was the thirdround pick of the Atlanta Braves.

LSU placed 12 players on the 2004 SEC Academic Honor Roll, the highest total in the program's history, and the Tigers' 2004 total home attendance with 36 playing dates was 284,328, the third-largest figure in school history. The average paid attendance in 2004 was 7,898, which is the highest average in LSU annals

Laval guided the 2003 Tigers to the Southeastern Conference title -- LSU's first since 1997 -- and a berth in the College World Series. He was voted the 2003 SEC Coach of the Year, directing LSU to a 45-22-1 overall record and a 20-9-1 conference mark, as the Tigers finished No. 5 in the final *Baseball America* rankings.

LSU played host to an NCAA Regional tournament for the 14th straight season and captured its eighth consecutive regional title.



The Tigers entertained Baylor in an NCAA Super Regional series, defeating the Bears in two of three games to earn LSU's first CWS berth since 2000.

LSU also set an NCAA total attendance record in 2003, drawing 291,676 patrons to Alex Box Stadium.

The Tigers' shortstop, Aaron Hill, was named 2003 SEC Player of the Year and a first-team all-American. Hill was the firstround draft selection (13th pick overall) by



"Smoke certainly deserves this opportunity. He has done everything necessary to earn the position of head coach at LSU. He was with me at the beginning, when nobody believed baseball could be successful at LSU, or in the SEC. The only thing on the locker room walls when we got here was food. That obviously has changed, and Smoke played a large role in making it happen."

-- Former LSU head coach and current athletics director Skip Bertman

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Smoke Laval has guided LSU to two CWS appearances in three years.

"I know as well as anyone the magnitude of the expectations to win at LSU. That's why I'm here, and that's why our players are here."

-- LSU head coach Smoke Laval



Smoke and Pam Laval with children Jamie and Brandon, and dogs Ribby and Shortstop

the Toronto Blue Jays.

The magnificent '03 campaign augmented the success Laval enjoyed in his inaugural season as LSU's coach, as he led the 2002 Tigers to a 44-22 overall mark, an appearance in the NCAA Super Regional and a No. 11 final national ranking. Laval, named the 2002 Louisiana Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association, continued the phenomenal tradition of excellence created by his predecessor, the legendary Skip Bertman.

Laval, who served seven seasons (1994-2000) as the head coach at the University of Louisiana-Monroe, assumed control of the LSU program from Bertman, who led the Tigers to five NCAA championships and 11 College World Series appearances during an 18-year (1984-2001) tenure. Laval worked as Bertman's top assistant coach for 10 seasons (1984-93), helping lead LSU to its first two NCAA titles in 1991 and 1993. During Laval's 10 years as assistant coach, LSU posted a 483-182-1 record, won five SEC titles, appeared in six College World Series and captured two national championships.

Laval helped Bertman create what has become the nation's No. 1 college baseball program. Accordingly, Bertman - now LSU's athletics director - rewarded Laval with the opportunity to perpetuate the Tigers' outstanding heritage.

Laval was known at LSU as one of the nation's best recruiters and brightest assistant coaches, as the Tigers reached the College World Series in only the third season (1986) of the Bertman-Laval regime. LSU followed the '86 CWS appearance with Omaha berths in 1987, 1989 and 1990 before the Tigers claimed the school's first baseball national title in 1991. After LSU captured its second NCAA crown in 1993, Laval departed Baton Rouge to become the head coach at Northeast Louisiana (now Louisiana-Monroe).

During his assistant coaching tenure at LSU, Laval -- who worked as the Tigers' primary recruiter - tutored 24 players who would eventually reach the major leagues. Some of the major leaguers with whom Laval worked include all-stars Albert Belle (Cleveland, Chicago White Sox, Baltimore) and Paul Byrd (New York Mets, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Atlanta), and first-round draft picks Ben McDonald (Baltimore, Milwaukee), Rick Greene (Cincinnati, Minnesota), Todd Walker (Minnesota, Colorado, Cincinnati, Boston) and Russ Johnson (Houston, Tampa Bay, New York Mets).

Laval has also worked as an evaluator for USA Baseball, as he helped select the members of the 2003 U.S. Pan American Games team.

Laval compiled a 241-159 (.603) mark as the head coach at ULM, guiding the Indians to NCAA Regional appearances in 1995, 1999 and 2000. The 2000 club posted a 41-22 mark en route to the Southland Conference title, tying the ULM record for wins. Laval, the 1999 SLC Coach of the Year, also led the Indians to the 1999 regular-season title and to the 1995 conference tournament crown. He was voted the 1995 Louisiana Coach of the Year by the Louisiana Sportswriters Association.

Laval helped make ULM baseball one of



Smoke Laval (second from left) served as Skip Bertman's (center) top assistant coach from I984-93.

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"Smoke did the best coaching job in the (LSU athletics) building last year, and we have 20 sports. In my best time, I couldn't have done the job he did. He held the team together after a slow start. He made all the right moves . . . the man knows baseball."

- LSU Athletics Director Skip Bertman after Smoke Laval led LSU to the 2003 SEC title

#### The Nickname "Smoke"

As a native of Western Pennsylvania, Raymond Peter Laval grew up as a Pittsburgh Pirates fan. Laval, who played catcher, received the name "Smoke" in the late 1970s from his Gulf Coast (Fla.) Community College teammates, who derived the moniker from Forrest "Smokey" Burgess, a catcher for the Pirates from 1959-64.

Burgess, who helped lead the Pirates to the 1960 World Series title, was known as one of the premier pinch hitters in baseball. He was also a very good defensive catcher -- he led National League catchers in fielding three times, and was selected to the All-Star team on four occasions.

Burgess enjoyed an 18-year major league career (1949-67), playing for the Cubs, Phillies, Reds, Pirates and White Sox. His best season came in 1962 with the Pirates, as he hit .328 with I3 homers and 6I RBI. Burgess led the American League in pinch hits in 1965 and 1966 with the White Sox.

the hottest attractions in the Northeast Louisiana region. The Coaches Committee, a baseball booster organization started by Laval, grew from 62 members in its first year to over 200 members by the end of his tenure.

Laval supervised major improvements to ULM's Indian Field, including the addition of an outdoor batting facility, a picnic area for Coaches Committee members, renovations to the locker room, a players' lounge, a new sound system and a new scoreboard.

Laval began his coaching career in 1977 as an assistant at Jacksonville University before moving to Wolfson High School in Jacksonville



Smoke Laval visits with Atlanta Braves pitcher Paul Byrd, who played at LSU from 1989-91.

as a baseball and football coach. He served as a graduate assistant at LSU in 1979 under former Tiger head coach Jack Lamabe before working two years as an assistant at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla.

Laval served as an assistant coach at Florida for two seasons (1982-83) before returning to LSU to work

Laval holds a bachelor's degree (1977) from Jacksonville in physical education and a master's degree (1979) from LSU in administration. The McDonald, Pa., native played two seasons at Gulf Coast Community College, where he lettered as a catcher. He completed his playing career at Jacksonville, where he led the ninth-ranked Dolphins in hitting at the 1976 NCAA South Regional.

Laval and his wife, Pam, are the parents of two children, Brandon and Jamie.

#### PERSONAL DATA

Full Name: .....Raymond Peter Laval

Birthdate: ..... December 20, 1955, in McDonald, Pa. Wife: . . . . . . Former Pam Lewis of Reserve, La.

Children: . . . . . . Jamie and Brandon

#### **EDUCATION**

1973		South Fayette HS (McDonald, Pa.)
1977	Bachelor's in Physical Education	Jacksonville University
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#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1970-73	
1974-75Catcher	Gulf Coast Community College
1976-77	Jacksonville University

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1977	.Assistant Coach	.Jacksonville University
1978	.Assistant Coach	.Wolfson High School (Jacksonville, Fla.)
1979	.Graduate Assistant Coach	.LSU
1980-81	.Assistant Coach	.Gulf Coast Community College
1982-83	.Assistant Coach	.University of Florida
1984-93	.Assistant Coach	.LSU
1994-2000	.Head Coach	.University of Louisiana-Monroe
2001	.Administrative Assistant	.LSU
2002-	Head Coach	LSU

#### **HEAD COACHING RECORD**

YEAR	W-L	SCHOOL	HIGHLIGHTS
1994	20-33	UL-Monroe	Defeated Three NCAA Tournament Teams
1995	37-20	UL-Monroe	SLC Tournament Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
1996	41-19	UL-Monroe	School-Record 41 Wins; SLC Louisiana Division Champions
1997	33-21	UL-Monroe	Became Fourth Coach in ULM History To Record 100 Wins
1998	33-22	UL-Monroe	Led SLC In Hitting For Third Straight Season
1999	36-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2000	41-22	UL-Monroe	SLC Champions; NCAA Regional Participants
2002	44-22	LSU	NCAA Regional Champions; NCAA Super Regional Participants
2003	45-22-1	LSU	SEC Champions; NCAA Regional & Super Regional Champions; CWS participants
2004	46-19	LSU	NCAA Regional & Super Regional Champions; CWS participants

#### **COACHING HONORS**

1995	Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year	
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2002 Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year SEC Coach of the Year; Louisiana Sportswriters Association Coach of the Year 2003

2004 Louisiana Sportwriters Association Coach of the Year



### TURTLE

## **Thomas**

#17 | Assistant Coach

enry "Turtle" Thomas joined the LSU staff on July 1, 1999, after serving 12 seasons as an assistant coach at Miami (Fla.). Thomas serves as the Tigers' recruiting coordinator and hitting instructor, and he supervises LSU's catchers.

Thomas is recognized as one of the nation's best college baseball recruiters, as *Collegiate Baseball* has ranked his Miami and LSU signing classes among the Top 10 for 16 straight years.

Thomas' LSU classes have appeared among the top six for five consecutive years, including 2004, when the Tigers signed the No. 1 class in the country.

Thomas' 2000 and 2001 classes at LSU were rated No. 2, his 2002 class earned the No. 3 ranking, and his 2003 class was rated No. 6.

Thomas' record as LSU's hitting instructor is also exemplary, as the Tigers have led the Southeastern Conference in hits, runs scored and RBI in four of the past five seasons.

The 2004 LSU squad led the SEC in seven offensive categories, including batting average (.333), runs (515), slugging percentage (.506), hits (791), onbase percentage (.400), RBI (473) and sacrifice flies (39).

Thomas' impact at LSU was immediate, as he helped direct the Tigers to the 2000 CWS title. Under his supervision, LSU's hitters established Southeastern Conference single-season

records for hits (864) and doubles (194), and the Tigers set a school mark for batting average (.340). Thomas' star pupil in 2000 was LSU catcher Brad Cresse, who led the nation in home runs (30) and RBI (106). Cresse also won the 2000 Johnny Bench Award as the nation's most outstanding collegiate catcher.

Thomas tutored LSU shortstop Aaron Hill, the 2003 SEC Player of the Year and a first-team all-America selection. Hill was the '03 first-round draft selection (13th pick overall) of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Thomas also supervised the development of first-team all-America out-fielder Jon Zeringue, the 2004 SEC Co-Player of the Year. Zeringue was selected in the second round of the '04 draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks.

As the recruiting coordinator and hitting coach at Miami, Thomas helped lead the Hurricanes to six consecutive College World Series appearances (1994-99), including the 1999 national championship.

Collegiate Baseball ranked each of his Miami recruiting classes from 1989-99 in the top 10. The 1989, '92 and '94 classes were ranked No. 1, and the 1991 and '99 classes were ranked No. 2.

In addition to his recruiting duties, Thomas served as Miami's hitting coach from 1996-99. In his first three seasons in that capacity, the Hurricanes posted a .334 team batting average and a .557



slugging percentage while averaging more than nine runs per game. Miami's 1999 NCAA championship team batted .333 and launched 104 home runs.

A multitude of Thomas' recruits have gone on to play professional baseball, including major leaguers like catcher Charles Johnson, pitcher Alex Fernandez, catcher Jorge Fabregas, infielder Pat Burrell, outfielder Todd Linden and pitcher Roy Corcoran.

Thomas is a 1975 graduate of High Point (N.C.) College, and he earned a master's degree from UNC-Greensboro in 1978. He was a four-year letterman at catcher, playing two seasons at Campbell University before completing his final two undergraduate years at High Point.

Thomas worked as an assistant coach at Clemson from 1979-85 before joining the Georgia Tech staff under current Miami head coach Jim Morris. Thomas worked two years at Georgia Tech, where he was elevated to assistant head coach. He was then hired by legendary Miami coach Ron Fraser on October 13, 1987.

Thomas is married to the former Maria Carmen Nateman, and they have three children, Kevin, Kristen and Keith.

Finally, why the name "Turtle?"

Thomas explains, "It wasn't because I was slow, some kid in junior high school thought I looked like a turtle."



Turtle and Maria Thomas with children Keith, Kevin, and Kristen, and granddaughter Katiana

#### THE THOMAS FILE

#### PERSONAL DATA

Year at LSU: . . . . . . Sixth

Birthdate: . . . . . . January 17, 1953 Hometown : . . . . High Point, N.C.

Children: ........Kevin, Kristen, Keith Bachelors: ......High Point College (1975)

Master's: . . . . . . . . . . UNC-Greensboro (1978)

#### **COACHING EXPERIENCE**

1979-85 . . . . . Clemson (asst. coach)

1986-87 . . . . . Georgia Tech (asst. head coach)

1988-99 . . . . . . Miami, Fla. (asst. coach/recruiting coordinator)

2000- . . . . . . LSU (asst. coach/recruiting coordinator)

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# Wiederhold

#26 | Assistant Coach

rady Wiederhold begins his third season in 2005 as LSU's pitching coach. He was promoted to pitching coach in the summer of 2002 after serving one season as the Tigers' administrative assistant.

Wiederhold in 2004 supervised the development of left-hander Clay Dirks, a first-team Freshman all-American. Wiederhold's staff also featured Nate Bumstead, a 10-game winner who was selected in the '04 draft by the Detroit Tigers.

Under Wiederhold's direction, LSU in 2004 fired three consecutive complete games for the first time in modern-day school history. Lane Mestepey (SEC Tournament), Justin Meier (NCAA Regional opener) and Bumstead (NCAA Regional semifinal) each went the distance in their respective starts.

In 2003, Wiederhold supervised an LSU pitching staff that led the SEC in strikeouts with 515. He tutored Bumstead -- who earned all-SEC honors -- and Freshman all-America selections Jason Determann and Justin Meier. Wiederhold also worked with four 2003 major-league draft selections: Billy Sadler, Brian Wilson, Jake Tompkins and Bo Pettit.

Prior to coming to LSU, Wiederhold worked two seasons as the pitching coach at Louisiana-Monroe. He was Smoke Laval's pitching coach in 2000, when the Indians advanced to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional, and he served in 2001 under current ULM head coach Brad Holland.

Prior to his tenure at ULM,

Wiederhold worked four seasons as the pitching coach at Kennesaw (Ga.) State

Wiederhold in 2000 directed the ULM pitching staff to a Top 15 national ranking in team ERA, and the Indians' top three pitchers -- Kevin Orga, Kenny Holubec and Mike Wombacher -combined to form the nation's fifth-best rotation. Under Wiederhold, ULM in 2000 set the school's single-season strikeout mark en route to a school-record 41 wins.

During Wiederhold's tenure at Kennesaw State, the Owls appeared in four Division II College World Series. KSU won the 1996 national title and were runners-up in

1998 and 1999. Wiederhold's KSU pitching staffs led the nation in ERA in 1997

Prior to his stint at KSU, Wiederhold spent two seasons as an assistant coach at Oglethorpe University in Atlanta. During his stay at Oglethorpe, the Stormy Petrels went 46-28 overall (.622 winning percentage) with a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Eastern Division title in 1994.

Wiederhold was a four-year letterman at Kennesaw State from 1990-93. The for-



mer catcher was named the squad's top defensive player as a senior and was selected to the 1990 Georgia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference all-Freshman team.

Wiederhold, 34, earned his bachelor's of science in sports management from Kennesaw State in 1994. A native of Columbus, Ga., he is married to the former Aimee Wooster, and they have a three-year-old son, Dalton, and a one-year-old daughter, Daira.

#### THE WIEDERHOLD FILE

#### PERSONAL DATA

Year at LSU: ...Fourth

Birthdate: . . . . . November 21, 1970 Hometown: . . . . Columbus, Ga. Wife: . . . . . . . Aimee

Children: . . . . . Dalton, Daira Bachelors: . . . . . Kennesaw (Ga.) State (1994)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1994-95 . . . . . Oglethorpe (asst. coach)

1996-99 ......Kennesaw State (asst. coach/pitching) 2000-01 .....Louisiana-Monroe (asst. coach/pitching)

2002 . . . . . . LSU (administrative asst.) 2003- . . . . . LSU (asst. coach/pitching)



Brady and Aimee Wiederhold with Dalton and Daira



JODY **Autery** #20 | Assistant Coach

ody Autery is in his fourth season as LSU's volunteer assistant coach after working two seasons as a student assistant for the

Autery, 30, coaches the LSU outfielders, and he serves as the Tigers' third-base coach. He also works as director of the Smoke

Autery has coached three all-SEC outfielders during his LSU tenure -- J.C. Holt, Jon Zeringue and Ryan Patterson. Zeringue, the 2004 SEC Co-Player of the Year, was the second-round draft choice of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Holt was chosen in the third round of the '04 draft by the Atlanta Braves. Patterson is projected as an early-round draft selection in 2005.

A native of Pine Hill, Ala., Autery was a pitcher at Cumberland University in Lebanon, Tenn., where he helped lead his team to a runners-up finish at the 1995 NAIA College World Series. Autery also played tight end for the Cumberland football team.

Autery played baseball, football and basketball as a prep athlete at Catherine (Ala.) Academy, which captured two Alabama state football titles during his career.

He won all-state football honors in 1992 and all-state baseball recognition in 1992 and '93.

A 2001 LSU graduate, he earned a master's degree in sports management in 2002.

Autery and his wife, the former Beth Collins, were married in 1996. They are the parents of triplets - Beau, Gracie and Faith -born October 1, 2002.

#### THE AUTERY FILE

#### PERSONAL DATA

Year at LSU: ......Sixth Birthdate: . . . . . . . . July 22, 1974 Hometown: . . . . . . . . Pine Hill, Ala. Wife: . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Beth

Children: . . . . . . . . Beau, Gracie, Faith Bachelors: ......LSU (2001) Master's: . . . . . . . LSU (2002)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2000-01 ......LSU (student asst. coach) 2002- . . . . . . . . . LSU (asst. coach)



Jody and Beth Autery with triplets Gracie, Beau and Faith.



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### JERAMIE Moore **Administrative Assistant**

eramie Moore, a former first baseman who helped lead LSU to two College World Series appearances and the 1996 NCAA championship, was named administrative assistant for the baseball program in August, 2004.

Moore, 31, replaces Ted White, who accepted a position as assistant coach at Gulf Coast College in Panama City, Fla.

Moore, a three-year letterman at LSU from 1994-96, most recently served as assistant coach at Samford University in Birmingham, Ala., where he worked as the recruiting coordinator and hitting and defensive coach. The 2004 Samford squad established the school record for hits in a season under Moore's tutelage.

Moore has also served as an assistant coach at McNeese State and as the head coach at Oneonta (Ala.) High School.

The Alexandria, Ala., native transferred to LSU prior to the 1994 season from Enterprise State (Ala.) Junior College, where he was an all-conference first baseman. He appeared in 48 games during the '94 campaign and was instrumental in the Tigers' College World Series drive, which included a thrilling 12-10 victory over Southern California in the NCAA South Regional final at Alex Box Stadium.

#### THE MOORE FILE

#### PERSONAL DATA

Year at LSU: .....First

Birthdate: ......January 6, 1974 Hometown: . . . . . Alexandria, Ala. Bachelors: ......LSU (1997)

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

1997-98 . . . . . . . . McNeese State (asst. coach)

1999-03 . . . . . Oneonta (Ala.) High School (head coach)

2003-04 . . . . . . . . Samford (asst. coach) 2004- . . . . . . LSU (administrative asst.) INTRO
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Eddy

Assistant Trainer

hawn Eddy is in his ninth season as an assistant trainer for the LSU athletic department. His primary responsibility is working with the baseball program, as he supervises the Tigers' needs in the areas of medicine and rehabilitation.

Eddy came to LSU in July of 1996 from Vanderbilt University, where he worked as a graduate assistant trainer for two years.

Eddy earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology in 1994 from the University of West Virginia. He also earned a master's degree from Vanderbilt in health promotion and education.

Eddy, 33, was married in July, 2002, to Ashlee Ducote, a former all-SEC softball player at LSU.



WILL

Jones

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coordinator

ill Jones is in his third year as a full-time member of the LSU strength and conditioning staff after being promoted to assistant coordinator in the summer of

Jones, who graduated with a Master of Science degree within the LSU kinesiology department in May of 2002, served as a graduate assistant in the LSU weight room for two seasons prior to his promotion.

As a graduate assistant, Jones worked with the LSU football program, and he was also responsible for developing and implementing strength and conditioning programs for the volleyball and soccer teams.

Prior to joining the LSU staff, 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 for the Ragin' Cajuns football team for four years.



**GEORGE BRANIGAN** 

#### **Equipment Manager**

eorge Branigan is in his fifth season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Kenner, La., Branigan prepped at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, where he earned letters in football as a linebacker and in baseball as a catcher.

Branigan is majoring in general studies at LSU. He was born on March 19, 1982.



#### **B.J. BRANIGAN**

#### **Equipment Manager**

J. Branigan is in his fourth season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Kenner, La., Branigan prepped at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans, where he participated in baseball (right fielder), cross country and swimming (team captain). He helped lead Brother Martin to state cross

country titles in 1998 and 1999.

Branigan, whose interests include swimming and running, is a business management major at LSU. He was born on August 13, 1983.



#### RYAN BABIN

#### **Equipment Manager**

yan Babin is in his fourth season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Gonzales, La., Babin prepped at East Ascension High School, where he participated in baseball and soccer.

Babin, a sports studies major at LSU, says "it is a life-long dream to attend school here and be a part of the baseball program." He was born on July 11, 1983.



#### **MATTHEW MONTGOMERY**

#### **Equipment Manager**

atthew Montgomery is in his first season as a student equipment manager for the LSU baseball program. A native of Springhill, La., Montgomery prepped at Springhill High School, where he earned four letters in baseball as a second baseman. He was a four-time all-district

selection and a member of the academic honor roll

Montgomery is majoring in kinesiology at LSU. He was born on June  $10,\,1986.$ 



Bill Franques
Publicist/Stadium Announcer



Virginia Robertson Secretary



Gage Trahan Student Trainer



Kellie O'Neal Student Secretary



Bridget Raymond Student Secretary