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D-D BREAUX
LSU HEAD COACH

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Career Records

Overall - 495-302-7 (.620)
Regular Season - 347-187-5 (.648)
Postseason - 148-115-2 (.562)

30th Season • LSU, '76



As the "Dean of Coaches" at LSU, head gymnastics coach D-D Breaux has represented the University at the highest level both in the gym and, most importantly, in the classroom for 29 years. Her dedication to the student-athlete on an individual basis has transcended into academic success, community involvement, Coach of the Year honors, SEC Championships, NCAA Regional Championships and top-10 national rankings throughout her tenure.

Now entering her 30th season as the mastermind of the LSU gymnastics program, the fire in Breaux's eyes burns as bright today as it did on her first day on the job.

During her tenure Breaux has established and maintained LSU's reputation as one of the premier collegiate gymnastics programs in the country. Under her tutelage, Tigers have placed among the nation's top-12 teams 21 times in her 29 seasons, finishing a program-best fourth in 1988 and sixth on three separate occasions.

LSU has also placed among the top three in regional competition on 21 separate occasions, winning regional titles in 1978, 1979, 1980, 1986, 2002, 2004 and 2005. Her teams have included three national champions, 73 All-America honorees and 36 All-SEC selections.

In addition, Breaux's Tigers won the inaugural SEC Championship title in 1981 and have gone on to finish second four times and third five other times.

For her dedication to the sport and her teams numerous accomplishments, Breaux has been recognized by her peers time and time again. She has been named the SEC Coach of the Year on five occasions (1993, 1994, 1995, 2000 and 2005) and NCAA Central Regional Coach of the Year three times (1999, 2002 and 2005) and was named a finalist for National Coach of the Year honors in 1988 when she guided the Tigers to a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Championships.

The accolades continued to roll in for the Tigers in 2006 as a

school record-tying five athletes earned All-America honors and April Burkholder won the NCAA beam title under Breaux's guidance. Just as successful as a team, Breaux helped LSU to an eighth-place showing at the NCAA Championships, the 19th top-10 national finish during her tenure.

In 2005, the LSU program reached new heights under Breaux's direction as the Tigers made their 17th appearance at the NCAA Championships, won their third regional title in four years and achieved the program's first ever No. 1 national ranking. Named both the SEC and NCAA Central Coach of the Year for her team's efforts, Breaux also coached All-American April Burkholder to SEC and NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year honors for the second straight season and helped Annie Gagnon, Lisa Rennie and Terin Martinjak to All-America honors and Nicki Butler and Burkholder to All-SEC accolades.

2004 was a banner year for the LSU program as it won the NCAA Central Regional title for the second time in the three years, before finishing seventh at the NCAA Championships, the Tigers' best finish at the national meet since the 1993 season. Individually, Breaux guided the efforts of SEC and NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year April Burkholder and All-American Annie Gagnon. Burkholder became LSU's all-time top performer at the NCAA Championships, finishing second in the all-around to better Jennifer Wood's third-place effort at the 1996 championships.

2003 saw Breaux mold a young and inexperienced Tiger squad into one of the finest teams in the nation, as LSU recorded a second-place finish at the NCAA West Regionals and a top-10 showing at the NCAA Championships.

In 2002, Breaux led her team to the NCAA Central Regional title. The Tigers continued their success at the NCAA Championships where they finished eighth overall, LSU's best finish at the national championships in over five years. In addition, Breaux guided Nicki Arnstad to LSU's first individual NCAA Championship in modern history, as Arnstad won the floor exercise with a stunning 9.950 performance.

But aside from athletic honors, Breaux excels in recruiting quality student-athletes from Louisiana as well as across the continent, having recruited some of the top Canadian athletes of all time. A Louisianan through and through, Breaux concentrates her recruiting efforts right here in her native state, as well as at the national and international levels.

Outside of the gym, Breaux has taken an active role in the academic success her program has achieved in her 29 seasons at LSU. By making academic success her team's No. 1 priority, Breaux's teams have reached the highest scholastic goals she has established over the years. Throughout the country, she is acknowledged as having one of the finest academic teams year in and year out. LSU gymnasts have been named Academic All-Americans 82 times and members of the SEC Academic Honor Roll on 106 occasions since 1991. During the 2003 season, a school-record 13 of Breaux's student-athletes were named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll, an honor reserved for sophomores, juniors and seniors. In 1999, the Tigers posted the third-highest GPA in the nation and the highest of any team in the NCAA Championship field.

Also active members of the local community, Breaux and her team continually participate in volunteer activities throughout the Baton Rouge area. In back-to-back years (2005 and 2006) Breaux's team has been awarded LSU's CHAMPS Community Service Award



BREAUX'S YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORDS

YEAR	REGULAR SEASON	POSTSEASON	NATIONAL FINISH	REGIONAL FINISH	SEC FINISH
1978	9-1	-	9th*	1st*	-
1979	6-1	-	11th*	1st*	-
1980	10-3	-	6th*	1st*	-
1981	18-5	-	11th*	2nd*	1st
1982	12-5	1-2	-	3rd	3rd
1983	11-6	6-7-1	6th	3rd	3rd
1984	8-10	-	-	-	4th
1985	12-13	4-1	-	2nd	4th
1986	7-9	6-8	9th	1st	4th
1987	13-4	10-7	7th	2nd	4th
1988	15-5-1	13-4	4th	2nd	4th
1989	17-6	5-1	-	2nd	4th
1990	16-3	11-6	6th	2nd	2nd
1991	9-8	9-8	7th	3rd	3rd
1992	8-14	0-6	-	7th	5th
1993	8-9	9-7-1	7th(t)	2nd	4th
1994	13-4-1	6-5	8th	2nd	3rd
1995	14-4	6-5	9th	3rd	2nd
1996	9-11	5-2	-	3rd	5th
1997	12-6-1	4-7	12th	3rd	3rd
1998	15-7	5-6	9th	3rd	3rd
1999	11-6	6-4	9th	2nd	4th
2000	15-4-1	6-4	9th	2nd	2nd
2001	11-5	3-2	18th	3rd	4th
2002	10-10	6-4	8th	1st	4th
2003	10-7	8-8	10th	2nd	4th
2004	15-6	7-3	7th	1st	3rd
2005	19-4	7-3	9th	1st	2nd
2006	14-11	5-5	8th	2nd	4th
29 Yrs.	347-187-5 (.648)	148-115-2 (.562)			

* AIAW finish

• Regular season records include SEC Championships.

after logging hundreds of hours of community service work. Breaux, who has served as the Chairman of the YWCA's Pink Ribbon Campaign for Breast Cancer for the last two years, and her team have also volunteered their time to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association, St. Jude's Hospital and the Alzheimer's Association among others.

It is this delicate balance between exceptional academics, athletic excellence and exemplary community service efforts, that has allowed Breaux to keep her team at the top of the national scene year in and year out.

An excellent athlete in her own right Breaux's affiliation with gymnastics began long before her coaching career. As a club gymnast she was ranked nationally by both the A.A.U. and the U.S.G.F. She was also a Junior Olympic National Champion that earned the S.A.A.U.'s Outstanding Gymnast award. By virtue of her accomplishments Breaux qualified as one of the top-15 athletes in the country to compete at the World Games Trials and was set to compete at the 1972 Olympic Trials before career-ending knee injury forced her to retire.

Breaux, a native of Donaldsonville, La., then attended Southeastern Louisiana University where competed for the Lady Lions gymnastics team for two seasons (1972-73) and helped SLU to a second-place finish at the 1972 AIAW Championships.

Breaux then served as an assistant coach for the Lady Lions for three seasons, where she also became a national level judge and served as the first state director for the Louisiana USA gymnastics program.

In 1976, Breaux then transferred to LSU where she earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees.

She now has two daughters, Jewel (24) and Sara (20), a member of the LSU soccer team, and a grandson, Porter.

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30 YEARS
HEAD COACH

As head coach D-D Breaux begins her 30th season at the helm of the Tigers gymnastics program she took some time to sit down and discuss how the sport has evolved since she began coaching, what keeps her motivated to continue coaching and she shares some of the moments that have meant the most to her during her time at LSU.

What motivates you to continue coaching into your 30th season?

"I still really like what I do. I even enjoy the recruiting process. A lot of college coaches will talk about how much they don't like it, but I enjoy it. I really like my staff and I really enjoy the people within the department. I just love coming to work."

How has the sport changed since you first started coaching?

"I think that the natural evolution of the difficulty level of the sport is one of the biggest changes. It has been an ever-changing process since the beginning of the ancient Olympics until now. I think women's collegiate gymnastics as much as any one sport has enjoyed a tremendous amount of positive change largely because of the respect that has come to women's athletics through Title IX. The positive changes that have been made because of all the Title IX demands that were put in place have directly impacted women's gymnastics across the country."

You mentioned the increased difficulty level of the sport over time, how do you keep up with the skill development?

"You keep up with it by going to clinics, studying film and you work with your staff. You get one recruit that does a new skill and it is just a natural evolution of the learning process."

How has recruiting changed since you first started out?

"When I first started we couldn't pay for kids to come visit the campus because we were under AIAW rules. So we got a lot of local kids and a lot of kids from Texas because it was close for them to come here. At the time Texas, Texas A&M and Southwest Texas State all had gymnastics programs and ours was a good program so if they wanted to compete at a high level they came here. When we became affiliated with the NCAA the complexion of that completely changed because we could then fly kids in and the recruiting game became totally different. Now, the recruiting that we do is the most important thing that we do. Our mission is education, first and foremost, because that has to be our first priority, but then after that it's recruiting. (Assistant coach) Philip (Olgretree) does it (recruiting) everyday, all day. It's constantly recruiting, recruiting, recruiting."



You were extremely young when you took over as LSU's head coach, were there ever any moments you felt overwhelmed or like you were in over your head?

"No. I look back at it a lot of times and I think, 'I wish I would have done this different, I wish I would have been different, I wish I would have done this or that,' but I think I was what I was and what I had to be at the time. When I started I was in grad school so I had to split my attention between my team and graduate school. Then when I finished graduate school I got married and started having babies. The first couple of years I was a coach we had success but it was because we had good athletes and I thought we did a pretty good job coaching, but I didn't make the demands early that I could have or possibly should have. I just kind of accepted that this is what I am going to get, so I got what I got. Eventually, I caught on and realized that the "squeaky wheel gets the grease." The first couple of years we didn't have a facility and we didn't have a locker room. It was because of the efforts of Pat Newman, our women's administrator, Ernie Hill at the Field House and Bill Bankhead, who ran the PMAC, that we had anything at all. These three people took care of gymnastics and took care of me. They did a great job of supporting us and providing for us, not because they had to but because they wanted love gymnastics."

What is the best coaching advice you have ever received?

"When I first started working here Gene Wettstone, the longtime gymnastics coach at Penn State, told me, 'You can know everything in the world about gymnastics and you can know everything you need to know, but the most important thing to know about your team is when to rest them.'"

If you had to pick one single moment that meant the most to you in the last 29 years what would it be?

"Nicki Arnstad's NCAA floor title was very special, but the most recent moment that comes to mind was the energy that I felt in Corvallis (Oregon at the 2006 NCAA Championships). April (Burkholder) had the opportunity to compete in the finals in four events and on her last event up she wins a national title. I thought, 'Yep. It was worth it.' Here was this athlete that at first could not get into LSU and people wouldn't even look at her, but she was a great gymnast and academically she worked harder than anybody I have ever seen work. She had to be tutored at 2 p.m. because that was the most optimal learning time for her, when her mind was the freshest and her body was the most rested. So that's when she studied. I think realizing that after four years she was going to graduate and that she had just won a national championship right there, the emotion was like, 'Okay, that is why we do it.' Also, having all three seniors earn All-America honors in their last competition."

Is there one certain team you have coached that stands out as being particularly special in your mind?

"I think the team that won the regional championship in New Hampshire (in 2005). They (the NCAA) sent us all the way up there and they went and won the regional championship. They were ranked No. 1 during the regular season. I don't know why we didn't make the Super Six that year. It (the NCAA Championship) was in Auburn and we should have been there. Maybe it didn't end right, but that whole process was right. I think that team was the most fun to be around and the most fun to be with because honestly, when you are winning and doing well, it's fun."

What is your favorite LSU moment related to gymnastics?

"I think being with Mary Lou Retton when we were on the football field (LSU vs. Florida, 2005) and gave her an honorary letter jacket. I think a lot of it was her, she just radiates this energy and you can't help but feel it. At that moment when I was standing with her in the football stadium and you could hear her name going up the stands, 'That's Mary Lou, that's Mary Lou,' and then she gets this giant ovation in Tiger Stadium when she puts that letter jacket on. I knew that was what it felt like to be with her in that Coliseum when she won that (Olympic) gold medal. It wasn't just about her athletic ability it was about that amazing 'people thing' that she has that makes people gravitate to her."

"Then I would have to say being with Nicki (Arnstad) when she won a national title and then to be with April at that press conference after she won her national title. The coach from Alabama, the coach from Georgia, the coach from UCLA and the coach from Utah were also on the podium with us. You had the five coaches that have been there the longest, have weathered the storm, fought all the battles, and here we were together. I think that was a really neat moment."

What is your favorite LSU moment not related to gymnastics?

"We had a party at my house when we won the national football championship. I think that the phone ringing, the people calling from all over the country and the excitement of the day and the whole energy was amazing. I live in a community with lots of LSU people and from my backyard you could hear the screams, hollers, fireworks, and cheering all over the neighborhood for LSU."

As a coach what are you the most proud of?

"Persistence. Just being able to hang in and win, when it was hard and when it was real hard. And to be willing to get out on a limb, do it and survive. I think I am proud of the consistency too, because consistency wins. This program has been consistent, it has been there every year and I think we'll continue to work to be there every year."



GETTING TO KNOW ... D-D BREAUX

Full name: Sara Porter Breaux

Favorite color: Purple

Favorite movie: Hildago, Ben-Hur

Favorite food: I don't know of just one, I eat everything in site

Favorite restaurant: Juban's

Favorite place on the LSU campus: I love walking through the Quad, but that does not diminish how much value I put on the oak tree behind the Field House.

Favorite sports besides gymnastics: Volleyball and football

Favorite quote: "Nothing great has ever been achieved without enthusiasm."

Role model: Helen Thomas

Favorite singer/group: Jimmy Buffett and The Temptations

Hobbies: Fishing and gardening

Favorite fishing spot: Fourchon and Timbalier Island

Favorite place to vacation: Mexico, Isla Mujeres

If you could invite any three people, dead or alive, to dinner who would they be?

Bette Midler and Ollie Pearson, and my dad

Before a home meet I have to ... eat at Zeeland St. Market.

My biggest pet peeve is ... self doubt.

Nobody knows how much I like to ... dig and move dirt around in my backyard. Plant things!

The most interesting fact about my family is ... that our children hate for us to talk about politics.

I can't imagine life without ... my family.

Something I have always wanted to do but haven't is ... fish for salmon in Alaska.

What three things you would take with you if you were trapped on a deserted island? My two nephews, Jason and Eric, a shovel and fish hook.

What persons in history would you most like to meet? U.S. Army General George Patton and Saint Monica

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Eighth Season • Samford, '76

2005 NCAA Central Region Co-Assistant Coach of the Year

College Coaching Experience

2000-Present - Assistant Coach, LSU

1994-99 - Assistant Coach, Florida

1989-93 - Assistant Coach, Auburn

Long-time Southeastern Conference assistant Bob Moore begins his eighth season with the LSU gymnastics program. Moore's presence has been undeniable in the past seven years as he has helped the Tigers maintain their status as one of the nation's premier programs.

The Tigers' vaulting team has flourished under Moore's watch, recording 11 of the top 12 event scores in school history. Individually, Moore has also tutored his Tiger athletes to six All-America honors on the event, including most recently April Burkholder's first-team accolades in 2006.

Recognized for his exceptional work, Moore was named the NCAA Central Region Co-Assistant Coach of the Year by his peers in 2005.

Moore joined the LSU coaching staff in 2000 after a six-year stint at the University of Florida where he served as the program's top assistant. To his credit, Moore coached two national champions on the vault while at Florida, in addition to numerous All-Americans and SEC champions.

"Bob provides us with experience at the highest level, not only within the SEC, but the NCAA," said Breaux. "He knows exactly how tough this conference is and what it takes to take a program like ours that is an established top-10 team and bring it to the next level."

LSU is Moore's third stop within the SEC, as the 2007 season will be his 19th within the league. Prior to his tenure at Florida, Moore spent five seasons as an assistant at Auburn.

In addition to strengthening the Tigers on the vault and with their uneven bars routines, Moore plays a significant role with LSU's Bengal Gymnastics program, a highly successful youth age group program that practices in the Lady Tigers' gymnastics training facility.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Moore graduated from Samford University in 1976 with a degree in general studies with an emphasis in music. He is married to the former Sandra Ballard.



PHILIP

OGLETREE

Seventh Season • Georgia State, '92



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College Coaching Experience

2001 - Present - Assistant Coach, LSU

Philip Ogletree begins his seventh season as an assistant coach with the LSU gymnastics program. In six years, Ogletree has proved to be a tremendous asset to the Tigers' program, working primarily with the athletes on the uneven bars.

Ogletree has guided LSU to nine of the top 11 bar scores in school history, including a school-record 49.650 in 2002. Individually, Ogletree's athletes have flourished under his watch, earning eight All-America honors on the bars, including a school record three athletes - April Burkholder, Annie Gagnon and Lisa Rennie - that earned the distinction in 2005.

In addition, Ogletree helped Sharene Mamby to a rare 10.00 on the bars during the 2001 season as it marked just the second perfect score on the event in school history.

For his efforts, Ogletree has been recognized by his peers on several occasions, as he was named the NCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2004 and then shared that same honor a year later with fellow assistant Bob Moore.

"Philip has done a tremendous job for us," said Breau. "He has been a great addition to our staff, both as a coach and as an administrator. Our team and staff blend well with Philip in the mix."

Ogletree came to LSU after spending the previous season at the Georgia Gymnastics Academy.

Ogletree arrived at LSU with 18 years of coaching experience, including 11 with Level 10 gymnasts in Georgia. While his stop at LSU was his first collegiate stop, he was no stranger to LSU athletics. During his time, he tutored future LSU greats Abbey Burns and Kim and Kerry Descalopoulos, all natives of Georgia, during a stint with the Atlanta School of Gymnastics.

During his time in the state of Georgia, he coached six Level 10 national champions on the floor exercise and helped place five athletes on the Junior Olympic Level 10 national team. Ogletree has also coached at the American Classic and U.S. Classic national meets.

From 1980-82, Ogletree was a gymnast at the University of Georgia. He later graduated from Georgia State with a bachelor of science degree in education in 1992.

Ogletree is married to the former Jill Hickok. The couple has two children, Bridget, 13, and Jake, 11.



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SENIOR

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Burkholder Wins NCAA Beam Title

Senior April Burkholder capped an exceptional LSU career by earning a share of the national beam title at the 2006 NCAA Championships in Corvallis, Ore. The Houston native turned in a near flawless effort as she tallied a 9.9125 to tie Georgia's Courtney Kupets for the title in the Individual Event Finals. The national title was just the third by a LSU athlete in program history and the first since the 2002 season when Nicki Arnstad won the NCAA floor crown. Jeanie Beadle won LSU's first national beam title, claiming top honors at the AIAW National Championships in 1977.

Tigers Finish Eighth at the NCAA Championships

LSU's presence among the nation's elite could not be denied as the Tiger squad recorded a top-10 national finish for the 18th time in program history, and the eighth time in the last nine years, after placing eighth at the NCAA Championships. LSU posted four event scores of 48.650 or better en route to a 195.650 team score.

Five Tigers Earn All-America Honors

A school record-tying five Tiger athletes earned All-America honors at the 2006 NCAA Championships. LSU's senior class led the way as each of its three members -- April Burkholder, Terin Martinjak and Kelly Lea -- were recognized. Juniors Lisa Rennie and Kelly Phelan also earned All-America distinction. Burkholder led all Tigers, earning first-team recognition on each of the four events and in the all-around. Martinjak was a second-team selection on both the beam and floor and Lea earned second-team honors for her efforts on the uneven bars. Rennie and Phelan also picked up second-team honors as Rennie earned the accolade on the beam and Phelan was recognized on the floor.

LSU Has Five Earn Academic All-America Honors

Just as impressive in the classroom as they were on the floor of competition, the Tigers had five of their student-athletes earn Academic All-America honors during the 2006 season, in Kristi Esposito, Lauren Klein, Kelly Lea, Amanda Morales and Kelly Phelan. The honor was the fourth straight for Lea, the third for Esposito, the second for Phelan and the first for both Klein and Morales.

Burkholder Finishes Career as the Most Decorated Gymnast in LSU History

At the conclusion of her career, April Burkholder will go down in the LSU gymnastics annals as the most decorated athlete in the program's history. The Houston native earned a school-record 14 All-America honors, was a four-time All-SEC selection and capped her career by winning the 2006 NCAA beam title. Recognized for her numerous accomplishments throughout her career, she was twice named both the SEC and NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the Year (2004 and 2005) and was honored as the conference's Freshman of the Year in 2003.

Burkholder Shatters All-America Titles Record

After earning five additional All-America accolades at the 2006 NCAA Championships, April Burkholder shot to the top of the LSU record books for All-America honors earned in a career, finishing out her four-year stint with 14 awards to her credit. Burkholder finished her career as a three-time All-American on the vault, beam, floor and in the all-around and a two-time honoree on the uneven bars.

All-Around Honors for Everyone

LSU shared the all-around wealth in 2006 as three different Tigers won individual all-around titles during the course of the season. April Burkholder led the squad with seven all-around victories, while Kelly Phelan turned in three and Nicki Butler had one.

Tigers Finish Second at the NCAA Central Regional Championships

The Tigers posted a 195.825 to finish second to Oklahoma (196.375) at the NCAA Central Regional Championships in Baton Rouge. By virtue of their top-two finish LSU advanced to the national championships for the fifth straight year and the 22nd time in program history.

Phelan Wins NCAA Central Regional All-Around Title

Junior Kelly Phelan turned in one the finest performances of her career at the NCAA Central Regional Championships, winning a share of the all-around title with an impressive 39.400 effort. The Orlando, Fla., native also won the regional floor title outright (9.925) and finished second on the vault (9.875).

LSU Finishes Among Top-12 in Individual Event Rankings

LSU finished the regular season ranked among the nation's top 12 on each of the four individual events. The Tigers came in at No. 4 on the floor (49.285), No. 9 on both the bars (49.050) and beam (49.005) and No. 11 on the vault (49.095).

Phelan Earns Nation's No. 1 Floor Ranking

Kelly Phelan was the nation's top-ranked floor worker for two weeks during the 2006 regular season. The Orlando, Fla., native held down the country's No. 1 spot during the weeks of Feb. 27 and March 6 with a regional qualifying score of 9.910. Phelan finished the regular season ranked third nationally on the event. On the year, she posted 13 scores of 9.800 or better, including seven scores of 9.900 or higher.

Tigers Finish Fourth at the SEC Championships

Behind four event scores of 48.875 or better, the Tigers tallied a 195.900 in finishing fourth at the SEC Championships in Birmingham, Ala. Georgia successfully defended their conference title, scoring a 197.275 to secure the team victory. Alabama (196.975) and Florida (196.275) picked up second and third-place finishes, while Auburn (194.975), Arkansas (194.650) and Kentucky (191.150) finished behind the Tigers.

Burkholder Earns First-Team All-SEC Accolades

By virtue of a first-place finish on the beam at the SEC Championships senior April Burkholder became just the second athlete in LSU gymnastics history to earn all-conference honors in each of her four seasons, joining former LSU great Jennifer Wood, who did so from 1993-96. Burkholder earned second team honors in 2003 and first-team accolades in 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Burkholder Claims SEC Beam Title

All-American April Burkholder turned in one the best beam performances of her career at the SEC Championships, winning the conference title with a season-high 9.925 effort. The SEC title, the first of Burkholder's career, marked the first for a LSU athlete since 1998 when Amy McClosky also won a conference championship on the beam.

LSU Lands Eight on the SEC Academic Honor Roll

The Tigers had eight student-athletes honored by the SEC for their academic achievements over the course of the 2005-06 school year. Upperclassmen Kelly Lea, Lisa Rennie, Terin Martinjak and Kelly Phelan were named to the SEC's Winter Academic Honor Roll. Lea and Rennie were each recognized for the third straight season, while Martinjak and Phelan made the list for the second straight year. Freshmen Lauren Klein, Amanda Morales, Vanessa Rodriguez and Christina Suhr were all named to the conference's Freshman Academic Honor Roll.

Burkholder Adds to Title Count

Entering the 2006 season, April Burkholder listed a team-best 59 individual event titles and 18 all-around crowns on her resume. The two-time SEC Gymnast of the Year only added to her title count in 2006, claiming seven all-around crowns and 24 individual event titles -- nine on the beam, six on the floor, five on the vault and four on the bars. She finished her career with a total of 82 individual event titles and 25 all-around crowns to her credit.

Rennie Swings to Success

Junior Lisa Rennie was nothing short of exceptional for the Tigers on the bars in 2006. A two-time All-American in the event, Rennie finished the year with a team-best 9.825 season average on the event. She posted a season-high 9.925 in the Tigers' win over UCLA and notched a 9.875 on two separate occasions. In addition, Rennie won a team-best five bars titles in 2006, claiming victories against Iowa, Kentucky, Auburn, Centenary and UCLA.

Ellis Vaults to a Pair of Event Titles

Sophomore Emily Ellis established herself as a force to be reckoned with in the Tigers' vault lineup. The Fayette, Ala., native averaged an impressive 9.822 and posted scores of 9.775 or higher on 13 of her 14 vaults, including a career-high 9.950 against Alabama. Ellis also won two meet titles on the event, picking up back-to-back victories against Centenary (9.825) and Alabama (9.950).

Butler Wins Three Vault Titles

Junior Nicki Butler was known for her stellar contributions on the vault in each of her first two seasons as she earned top 25 national rankings and



April Burkholder after capturing the 2006 NCAA beam title.

won seven individual titles. Butler continued that pace in 2006, picking up more three vault titles - at TWU (9.850); vs. Kentucky (9.900); and vs. Oklahoma (9.950). She finished the year with Tigers' second-best season average on the event (9.835) and did not score below a 9.775 all year.

Martinjak Perfects the Balancing Act

Senior Terin Martinjak was a rock in the Tigers' beam lineup in 2006. A two-time All-American on the event, she finished the season with a team-best 9.802 average and scored a LSU season-best 9.925 in winning the individual event title against Georgia. Martinjak won a total of three beam titles over the course of the season, bringing her career total on the event to six.

Burkholder Earns SEC Gymnast of the Week Honors

Twice during the 2006 season senior April Burkholder was honored by the conference office as the SEC's Gymnast of the Week. She was first recognized during the week of Jan. 10 after she won the beam, floor and all-around titles at the season-opening Super Six Challenge. She was later honored during the week of March 21 after claiming the vault, bars, floor and all-around titles in the Tigers' win over UCLA on Senior Night. Burkholder was recognized as the SEC Gymnast of the Week a total of eight times during her career.

Butler Wins First Career All-Around Title

Junior Nicki Butler captured the first all-around title of her career in the Tigers' win over Iowa. The Virginia Beach, Va., native posted four scores of 9.550 or better to finish with a 38.875.

Gymnasts Post Best GPA Among Women's Sports at LSU

The Tigers hard work during the fall semester not only benefited them on the floor of competition, but it also paid dividends in the classroom as the Tigers recorded the highest grade point average among all women's sports at LSU during the fall semester. The 14-member Tiger squad averaged a 3.21 GPA with 11 student-athletes earning 3.0s or better. Junior Kelly Phelan and freshman Lauren Klein led all Tigers with perfect 4.0 GPAs, while four others notched GPAs of 3.5 or higher.

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2006 Team Meet-by-Meet Results

Overall Record: 19-16, Postseason Record: 5-5, SEC Record: 2-4, Home: 9-7, Away: 5-2, Neutral: 5-7

DATE	MEET	TEAM	TEAM SCORE	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	ATTEND.	NR
1/6	Super Six Challenge	ALA	194.250	49.050	48.600	48.300	48.300	3,646	4
		NEB	194.100	49.000	49.150	47.675	48.275		8
		ISU	194.050	48.925	48.950	47.825	48.350		11
		LSU	193.900	48.850	49.075	48.125	47.850		7
		AUB	193.675	48.675	49.025	48.000	47.975		15
		MIS	192.700	48.425	48.675	47.875		16	
1/15	at Texas Woman's/ Utah State/Centenary	LSU	194.050	48.825	48.300	47.900	49.025	694	8
		USU	192.875	48.400	48.625	47.250	48.600		--
		TWU	190.475	47.900	48.225	47.400	46.950		--
		CC	188.125	47.825	46.275	46.725	47.300		--
1/20	Iowa	LSU	195.025	49.000	48.550	48.450	49.025	2,653	11
		UI	191.100	48.475	46.875	47.825	47.925		--
1/27	at Arkansas	LSU	194.725	49.175	48.775	48.100	48.675	2,703	11
		ARK	193.100	48.700	48.075	47.950	48.375		22
2/4	at Georgia	UGA	197.150	49.475	49.125	49.225	49.325	9,951	1
		LSU	196.100	48.900	49.100	49.050	49.050		
2/10	Kentucky	LSU	195.875	49.050	48.975	48.475	49.375	2,115	18
		UK	194.675	48.975	48.625	48.225	48.850		13
2/17	Auburn	AUB	196.700	49.375	49.050	49.075	49.200	2,523	17
		LSU	196.550	49.325	48.975	49.100	49.150		13
2/24	Oklahoma	OU	196.950	49.375	49.050	49.350	49.175	1,437	5
		LSU	196.575	49.425*	48.650	49.000	49.500*		11
2/26	at Centenary	LSU	196.525	49.000	48.975	49.125*	49.425	706	11
		CC	190.425	47.775	47.125	47.925	47.600		--
3/3	Alabama	UA	196.425	49.050	49.025	49.050	49.300	2,489	4
		LSU	195.850	49.075	49.075	48.475	49.225		7
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	UF	196.150	49.175	48.950	49.125	48.900	2,606	2
		LSU	195.275	48.850	48.525	48.875	49.025		7
		PSU	193.200	48.675	47.925	48.050	48.550		16
3/17	UCLA	LSU	196.825*	49.075	49.275*	49.000	49.475	2,377	8
		UCLA	195.975	49.075	49.125	48.650	49.125		11
3/25	SEC Championships (Birmingham, Ala.)	UGA	197.275	49.150	49.325	49.200	49.600	7,607	1
		ALA	196.975	48.975	49.325	49.175	49.500		5
		UF	196.275	48.725	49.250	49.025	49.275		3
		LSU	195.900	48.900	49.025	48.875	49.100		8
		AUB	194.975	48.600	48.600	48.725	49.050		14
		ARK	194.650	48.750	47.925	48.900	49.075		19
UK	191.150	47.650	47.525	48.000	47.975	18			
4/7	NCAA Central Regional Championships (Baton Rouge, La.)	OU	196.375	49.050	49.100	49.025	49.200	2,855	6
		LSU	195.825	49.100	49.025	49.050	48.650		7
		PSU	194.900	48.750	48.550	48.650	48.950		16
		UK	194.075	48.700	48.450	47.725	49.200		20
		MSU	193.575	48.850	48.250	47.500	48.975		--
OSU	193.000	48.250	48.100	47.650	49.000	--			
4/20-22	NCAA Championships (Corvallis, Ore.)	NEB	196.325	49.100	49.075	48.825	49.325	7,064	12
		ALA	196.250	49.000	48.900	49.075	49.275		5
		UTAH	196.175	49.300	49.125	48.800	48.950		2
		MICH	196.000	48.950	49.100	48.750	49.200		9
		LSU	195.650	48.900	48.650	48.900	49.200		7
		OU	195.525	48.750	48.925	48.875	48.975		6

KEY

* - Denotes season high

APRIL BURKHOLDER

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.850	9.850	9.850	9.825	39.375
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.		9.775			
1/20	Iowa	9.900	9.750	9.300	9.900	38.850
1/27	at Arkansas	9.900	9.775	9.825	9.850	39.350
2/4	at Georgia	9.825	9.825	9.800	9.925	39.375
2/10	Kentucky	9.875	9.775	9.900	9.875	39.425
2/17	Auburn	9.950	9.850	9.900	9.900	39.600
2/24	Oklahoma	9.900	9.900	9.900	9.950	39.650
2/26	at Centenary	9.825	9.800	9.450	9.900	38.975
3/3	Alabama	9.825	9.775	9.875	9.925	39.400
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.775	9.700	9.900	9.850	39.225
3/17	UCLA	9.925	9.925	9.750	9.950	39.550
3/25	SEC Championships	9.700	9.775	9.925	9.800	39.200
4/7	NCAA Regionals	9.850	9.850	9.850	9.300	38.850
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.875	9.850	9.875	9.900	39.500
4/22	NCAA Champ. (Event Finals)	9.8188	9.750	9.9125	9.8375	
Season Average		9.853	9.808	9.801	9.846	39.309

NICKI BUTLER

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.800		9.550		
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.850		9.775		
1/20	Iowa	9.825	9.550	9.700	9.800	38.875
1/27	at Arkansas	9.825	9.700	9.000	9.650	38.175
2/4	at Georgia	Did Not Compete				
2/10	Kentucky		9.900			
2/17	Auburn	9.825	9.200	9.375	9.675	37.975
2/24	Oklahoma	9.950				
2/26	at Centenary	9.825				
3/3	Alabama	9.825	9.850	9.725		
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.775	9.675	9.750	9.650	38.850
3/17	UCLA		9.075	9.775		
3/25	SEC Championships	9.800		9.800	9.650	
4/7	NCAA Regionals	9.850	9.800	9.750	9.325	38.725
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.800	9.775	9.725	9.775	39.075
Season Average		9.835	9.603	9.616	9.646	38.613

ASHLEIGH CLARE-KEARNEY

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge				9.025	
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	Did Not Compete				
1/20	Iowa	Did Not Compete				
1/27	at Arkansas	Did Not Compete				
2/4	at Georgia	Did Not Compete				
2/10	Kentucky	Did Not Compete				
2/17	Auburn	Did Not Compete				
2/24	Oklahoma	Did Not Compete				
2/26	at Centenary	Did Not Compete				
3/3	Alabama	Did Not Compete				
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	Did Not Compete				
3/17	UCLA	Did Not Compete				
3/25	SEC Championships	Did Not Compete				
4/7	NCAA Regionals	Did Not Compete				
4/20	NCAA Championships	Did Not Compete				
Season Average					9.025	

EMILY ELLIS

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.825	9.600			
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.825	9.750		9.600	
1/20	Iowa	9.850	9.650			
1/27	at Arkansas	9.800	9.625			
2/4	at Georgia	9.825	9.800		9.800	
2/10	Kentucky	9.775	9.750		9.875	
2/17	Auburn	9.850	9.750		9.825	
2/24	Oklahoma	9.925	8.925		9.850	
2/26	at Centenary	9.825	9.775		9.875	
3/3	Alabama	9.950	9.825		9.825	
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.850	9.650		9.750	
3/17	UCLA	9.750	9.800		9.825	
3/25	SEC Championships	9.775	9.800		9.825	
4/7	NCAA Regionals	9.775	9.775		9.875	
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.725	9.375		9.800	
Season Average		9.822	9.657		9.810	

TERI GIBSON

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	Did Not Compete				
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	Did Not Compete				
1/20	Iowa	Did Not Compete				
1/27	at Arkansas	Did Not Compete				
2/4	at Georgia	Did Not Compete				
2/10	Kentucky	Did Not Compete				
2/17	Auburn	Did Not Compete				
2/24	Oklahoma	9.700				
2/26	at Centenary	9.650				
3/3	Alabama	9.675				
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.650				
3/17	UCLA	8.800				
3/25	SEC Championships	9.675				
4/7	NCAA Regionals	8.900				
4/20	NCAA Championships	Did Not Compete				
Season Average		9.436				



Emily Ellis

LAUREN KLEIN

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge				9.125	
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.025		9.125	9.725	
1/20	Iowa				9.800	
1/27	at Arkansas			9.675	8.950	
2/4	at Georgia	9.675	9.750	9.775	9.725	38.925
2/10	Kentucky		8.950	8.550	9.825	
2/17	Auburn	Did Not Compete				
2/24	Oklahoma			9.675	9.825	
2/26	at Centenary			9.775	9.825	
3/3	Alabama				9.850	
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	Did Not Compete				
3/17	UCLA	9.775			8.350	
3/25	SEC Championships				9.175	
4/7	NCAA Regionals			9.725		
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.575		9.675		
Season Average		9.513	9.350	9.497	9.470	38.925

KELLY LEA

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge		9.775		9.700	
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.		9.775		9.800	
1/20	Iowa	9.250	9.725		9.700	
1/27	at Arkansas	9.825	9.800		9.725	
2/4	at Georgia	9.225	9.800		9.025	
2/10	Kentucky	9.675	9.750		9.825	
2/17	Auburn	9.800	9.775		9.300	
2/24	Oklahoma		9.800		9.850	
2/26	at Centenary		9.800			
3/3	Alabama		9.775			
3/10	at Florida/Penn State		9.100		9.750	
3/17	UCLA		9.800		9.850	
3/25	SEC Championships		9.725		9.775	
4/7	NCAA Regionals		9.775		9.775	
4/20	NCAA Championships		9.825		9.775	
Season Average		9.570	9.733		9.681	

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TERIN MARTINJAK

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.700		9.450	9.550	
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.675		9.850	9.850	
1/20	Iowa	9.650		9.725	9.825	
1/27	at Arkansas	9.750		9.750	9.650	
2/4	at Georgia	9.800		9.925	9.725	
2/10	Kentucky	9.225		9.825	9.900	
2/17	Auburn	9.700		9.725	9.925	
2/24	Oklahoma	9.775		9.875	9.900	
2/26	at Centenary	9.750		9.875	9.900	
3/3	Alabama	9.600		9.825	9.800	
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.275		9.875	9.800	
3/17	UCLA	9.800		9.875	9.925	
3/25	SEC Championships	9.775		9.775	9.825	
4/7	NCAA Regionals	9.750		9.850	9.750	
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.725		9.825	9.850	
Season Average		9.663		9.802	9.812	

AMANDA MORALES

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.550	9.750			
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.725				
1/20	Iowa	Did Not Compete				
1/27	at Arkansas	Did Not Compete				
2/4	at Georgia	Did Not Compete				
2/10	Kentucky	Did Not Compete				
2/17	Auburn	Did Not Compete				
2/24	Oklahoma	Did Not Compete				
2/26	at Centenary	Did Not Compete				
3/3	Alabama	Did Not Compete				
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	Did Not Compete				
3/17	UCLA	Did Not Compete				
3/25	SEC Championships	Did Not Compete				
4/7	NCAA Regionals	Did Not Compete				
4/20	NCAA Championships	Did Not Compete				
Season Average		9.638	9.750			



Kelly Phelan

KELLY PHELAN

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.675	9.875	9.625	9.650	38.825
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.750	9.300	8.950	9.925	37.925
1/20	Iowa	9.775	9.725	9.575	9.250	38.325
1/27	at Arkansas	9.825	9.650	9.150	9.800	38.425
2/4	at Georgia	9.775	9.800	9.700	9.875	39.150
2/10	Kentucky	9.825	9.850	9.850	9.900	39.425
2/17	Auburn	9.900	9.750	9.875	9.925	39.450
2/24	Oklahoma	9.875	9.775	9.825	9.950	39.425
2/26	at Centenary	9.775	9.775	9.775	9.925	39.250
3/3	Alabama	9.800	9.300	9.275	9.825	38.200
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.800	9.725	9.575	9.875	38.975
3/17	UCLA	9.825	9.825	9.800	9.925	39.375
3/25	SEC Championships	9.850	9.800	9.750	9.875	39.275
4/7	NCAA Regionals	9.875	9.800	9.800	9.925	39.400
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.775	9.150	9.675	9.875	38.475
Season Average		9.807	9.673	9.613	9.833	38.927

LISA RENNIE

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	9.825	9.825	9.650		
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	9.700	9.800	9.725		
1/20	Iowa	9.700	9.825			
1/27	at Arkansas	9.850	9.700			
2/4	at Georgia	9.875	9.750			
2/10	Kentucky	9.850	9.125			
2/17	Auburn	9.850	9.875			
2/24	Oklahoma	9.875	9.650			
2/26	at Centenary	9.825	9.900	9.825		
3/3	Alabama	9.850	9.775	9.775		
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	9.775	9.775			
3/17	UCLA	9.925	9.800			
3/25	SEC Championships	9.850	9.725			
4/7	NCAA Regionals	9.800	9.800			
4/20	NCAA Championships	9.825	9.800			
Season Average		9.825	9.730	9.775		



Lisa Rennie

VANESSA RODRIGUEZ

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge	Did Not Compete				
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.	Did Not Compete				
1/20	Iowa	Did Not Compete				
1/27	at Arkansas	Did Not Compete				
2/4	at Georgia	Did Not Compete				
2/10	Kentucky	Did Not Compete				
2/17	Auburn	Did Not Compete				
2/24	Oklahoma	9.300				
2/26	at Centenary	Did Not Compete				
3/3	Alabama	Did Not Compete				
3/10	at Florida/Penn State	Did Not Compete				
3/17	UCLA	Did Not Compete				
3/25	SEC Championships	Did Not Compete				
4/7	NCAA Regionals	Did Not Compete				
4/20	NCAA Championships	Did Not Compete				
Season Average		9.300				

CHRISTINA SUHR

		VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	A-A
1/6	Super Six Challenge			9.150		
1/15	at TWU/USU/Cent.		9.300	9.350		
1/20	Iowa			9.625		
1/27	at Arkansas	Did Not Compete				
2/4	at Georgia			9.800		
2/10	Kentucky			9.775		
2/17	Auburn			9.725		
2/24	Oklahoma			9.725		
2/26	at Centenary			9.800		
3/3	Alabama			9.225		
3/10	at Florida/Penn State			9.200		
3/17	UCLA			9.725		
3/25	SEC Championships			9.700		
4/7	NCAA Regionals	Did Not Compete				
4/20	NCAA Championships	Did Not Compete				
Season Average			9.300	9.567		