GIVING BACK
The heart of Tech’s mission
A Word from the ALUMNI DIRECTOR

As July begins, I hope you’ve already enjoyed a great vacation or have plans for one soon because it’s time to begin focusing on plans for Louisiana Tech’s football season! The Alumni Association’s Argent Pavilion has become the gathering place for football tailgates prior to home games, and we’ll also be hosting events prior to our games at Southern Mississippi, Mississippi State and Ole Miss. We hope to see you in Ruston – and on the road, too! You can bring that tailgate cuisine into your home with recipes from Bill Cox, Tech’s 1959 alumnaux and expert tailgate chef – see page 17.

Homecoming Weekend is October 28-30, and many events are being planned. The Bulldogs will take on the San Jose State Spartans on Saturday at 3 p.m. See a preliminary schedule of events on page 16, be sure to book your hotel accommodations early. Even with many new hotels in Ruston, early reservations are a must.

On campus this summer, things are buzzing with freshman orientation and a huge amount of building. By fall, the entire landscape of the entry to the campus on Tech Drive will be transformed by the new Lambright Center buildings and pools. It’s an exciting time at Tech; come see and be proud all over again that you’re a BULLDOG!

See you in the fall!

Ryan W. Richard (’98/’02)

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All in This Together
A trio of energy, unity and talent

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Volunteerism, civic engagement at the heart of Tech’s mission

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Four Tech ‘Elite’ grads have hooked into B.A.S.S.
FROM THE 16TH FLOOR

Glad You Asked …

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We are being careful to ensure that these capital investments benefit the University and build on the future of our state and region. I truly believe that these investments in higher education are necessary to help us build out of the “economic crisis” into a stronger society and economy.

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DEGREE: B.A., liberal arts, ’38
FAMILY: Married since 1948 to the former Minnie Ratliff; children Sallie Delle McKann and James Alexander “Alec” Mize.
RESIDES IN: Ruston
FROM TECH VICE PRESIDENT FOR UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT
CORRE STEGALL: “Not only has Coach Mize been a consistent thread of excellence in the tapestry of Louisiana Tech, but his wife Morrie, herself a former Tech professor, is always by his side cheering on everything Tech does. They are amazing people, and Tech and the community continue to benefit greatly from their loyalty, influence and unflailing positive support.”

The 2011 inductee into Louisiana Tech’s Hall of Distinguished Alumni came to Louisiana Tech as a student-athlete in 1934. His name brings smiles to the faces of his former athletes, and each can tell how he was made a better man by his coach.

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“Most great universities can point to a few iconic figures who are beloved and highly respected by generations of students and alumni; Coach Mize is just such a man,” said Tech vice president for university advancement Corre Stegall. “The very mention of his name brings smiles to the faces of his former athletes, and each can tell how he was made a better man by his coach.”

“Coach Mize is a quiet patriot who leads through character,” said Pat Garrett, a tri-captain with Bob Hayes and Bob Goree on the 1961 team, Tech’s first Gulf States Conference champ. “Coach saw to it that I competed against Olympic sprinters…In the 1960 Olympic year, segregation laws in the South ruled out some matches, but Coach Mize found a way for us to run until we were eliminated by competition, not the laws.”

That team will reunite the weekend of Tech’s football game against the University of Houston in Aillet Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 17.

“They were good competitors, exceptional competitors,” Mize said. “I can say they enjoyed every meet. Great chaps. Great club.”

Mize coached football until 1970, then track through ’77. Nearly 30 years later, updated to state-of-the-art specifications, the Jim Mize Track and Field Complex was completed in 2008 and dedicated in November of that year.

“It’s a funny feeling, to walk into a place that has your name on it. It’s a funny feeling,” Mize said. “And a very pleasant one. I enjoy attending as many Tech events and activities as I can.”

With him almost always is Minnie, his wife of 60-plus years and a professional dancer in New York City for a bit before she came to teach at Tech.

“Oh, those two can still cut a rug,” Allen said. “Not long ago at a Peach Festival dance, it was midnight and they were still on the floor. You should have seen them jitterbug when they were in their 60s.”

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A culture of CARING

There is a side of Louisiana Tech’s student body the masses seldom see, but it’s a side that makes a big difference for north Louisiana and for the students themselves.

Tech students study and sleep and eat and play, but they also read to school children, bake cakes for raffles, rake leaves for community renewals, deliver food and toys to the needy. They paint and run and collect and cook. They do it to extend the influence of a caring campus to places that might not be seen but are nonetheless served. As evidence, Tech is on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for involvement in volunteerism, service-learning and community service and engagement is matched only by their passion for helping create a better world for the people around them.

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All 33 members of Kappa Alpha participated in the Tech fraternity’s Seesaw-a-Thon one stormy April weekend — and raised $2,500 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The old reclining jeep seats on the end of the extra-long seesaw helped, but fundraising still has its ups and downs. A hail storm in the middle of the night sent the guys running for their cars. “Once the weather cleared,” said former chapter president Patrick Coudrain, “we started right back up.”

“We like to show that community service and volunteer work can be fun,” Coudrain said. “It’s a testament to our brotherhood that we can make events like this enjoyable for us, for those we help, and for those who support what we do.”

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Some students even care enough to seesaw. For 72 hours.

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Although volunteerism continues year-round, Tech’s most visible community effort is The Big Event, designed specifically to give back to the community through student volunteer services. At 9 a.m. on April 9, a Saturday morning, more than 1,200 Tech students - and some faculty and staff - gathered in Joe Aillet Stadium for their marching orders for the 18th annual Student Government Association-sponsored Event. The SGA handed out assignments and students covered the area, working in more than 80 different locations, helping organizations or individuals that had signed up for assistance.

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• The School of Architecture partnered with the community to improve the impoverished neighborhood south of California Avenue (SOCA) by hosting the third annual SOCA Spring 5K;
• The National Society of Black Engineers hosted A Walk For Education, giving door-to-door in minority neighborhoods and distributing information about college admission, vocational schools and other educational options;
• SGA hosted ECO Week – which included a cleanup of Hideaway Park and a “One Day Without Shoes TOMS Event in the Plaza” – to promote healthier living, environmental actions and community service.

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"We benefit from Louisiana Tech student volunteers in lifestyle-changing ways," said Eldonta' Osborne, chief professional officer of the local Boys & Girls Clubs. "Students and student-athletes serve as volunteers to help with service projects, special programs and hosting events to benefit our youth. Probably one of the most influential roles these students play is that of mentors, role models and sources of encouragement to our youth, showing them that they should set goals and work hard to attain them.

The Student-athletes strengthen and nurture the connection between the community and the University on the field and off.

Student-athletes at Tech are part of the mission of nursing. "Part of nursing is caring for people," said nursing associate professor Beth Fife, "and in order for faculty to help students learn and establish this tenet of Tech, the curriculum includes community service. Showing care and concern for the community is part of the mission of nursing.

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Taylor Fritz, an engineering major from Spring, Texas. "A lot of us come from very privileged situations; we hadn't been exposed to other kids who were really struggling. To see the less fortunate, the other end of the spectrum, I feel it makes us as athletes realize how lucky we are to have been given these opportunities to play.

Lady Techster soccer has made an especially deep impact in the community. Since March of 2010, the team has offered free soccer coaching clinics three times a week to young players in the community. "The team stops in as soon as Techster practice is over. The team has supported DART and Habitat for Humanity locally. During and around a Dallas-area tournament, the Lady Techsters helped with separate events involving the homeless, Special Olympics and an amputee soccer team. During December, players bought toys for needy children and wrapped and delivered them. On Saturday, May 7, more than 250 fans partied in the inaugural, free event of games and instruction – even sumo wrestling – at the Lady Techster Soccer Complex.

"Giving of our time is part of the formula for success, especially in a sport as team-oriented as soccer," said Lady Techster coach Kevin Sherry. "Giving of yourself for the betterment of others is what we keep saying. That helps create the kind of player you need on the field to give your team its best chance of winning.

"But only half our goal is development as soccer players; the other half is development as people," said Sherry, whose '10 team won the most games in program history. "In 10 or 15 years when students look back on this, I hope they will remember the people we've helped produce. It's important for our players to understand that selfless playing and selfless giving is something you don't do for recognition, but something you do for the team, and that's important no matter what. It's part of our philosophy in the Tech soccer program, something we tell recruits, something that will continue to be a part of our program.

Tech's giving community expands far beyond its student body. Throughout May, to help with tornado relief in Tuscaloosa, but also in communities like Alabama, after the tragic tornadoes there in late April, the Bulldog Achievement Resource Center (BARC) collected clothing and other items, just one example of many self-started service-oriented projects that often pop up around campus. A more tangible example: the University faculty and staff donated nearly $19,000 to United Way this year, money that serves local individuals and families directly through the organization's partner agencies.

"Faculty and administrative staff, employees, deans and professors, coaches’ wives and more – many have and are still currently volunteering in leadership roles for our United Way and representing Tech in our community and local businesses," said Michelle Tolar, area development director for United Way of Northeast Louisiana. "As we continue to share our message and purpose of ‘Helping People and Improving Community,’ we highly value the continued partnership and friendship of Louisiana Tech in pursuing our work to ‘Live United.’"

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The Circle of TECH LIFE

An experience in achievement and tradition

Spring graduates completed the first circle of an original Louisiana Tech tradition that began in the quadrangle four years earlier.

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The theory, the hope and goal was this: While the student would eventually leave the University, the University should never leave the student. Because of the Medallion Project, that theory is today a tangible reality.

While services such as orientation, Residence Hall Rush and University Seminar were designed to assist with first-year student transition, Tech expanded these initiatives by establishing the First-Year Experience, housed in the Bulldog Achievement Resource Center (BARC).

The result is a more seamless transition for the student into both academic affairs inside the classroom and student affairs outside the classroom.

The Medallion Project, launched Sept. 5, 2007, as part of the Academic Convocation, has tied it all together in a way a student can literally touch and even carry.

A direct result of the University’s efforts to initiate freshmen not just as students but also as family, the Convocation is a more cohesive and permanently ingrained in their future.

The medallion ceremony reflects a call to persist, to honor The Tenets of Tech, to work toward a connection and an education that will last a lifetime.

The initial payoff came on Saturday, May 21, when the Class of 2011 became the first to receive with their diplomas those same medallions, inscribed with their graduation year.

“I hope it symbolizes for them the hard work they invested to become alumni,” said Stacy Gilbert, director of co-curricular programs and disability services. “By way of the medallion, a little piece of Louisiana Tech is always with them.”

“I feel humbled and honored to have participated in the conception of this traditional event,” said dean of student development Linda Griffin. “It has grown in significance and is much greater than a 1.65-inch disc. The medallion symbolizes the best that is Louisiana Tech, and the graduate will, for years to come, be a direct reminder of the University’s role in his or her development and life.

BARC director Norm Pumphrey, Gilbert and Griffin have for more than four years been the main overseers, problem solvers, jump starters and fine tuners of this collaborative effort. As it continues and as the medallion tradition grows, its purpose will stay the same:

• Promote unity and inclusivity
• Contribute to student persistence
• Instill student ownership in the Tenets of Tech
• Foster lifelong relationships with the University

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The medallion ceremony reflects a call to persist, to honor The Tenets of Tech, to work toward a connection and an education that will last a lifetime.

The initial payoff came on Saturday, May 21, when the Class of 2011 became the first to receive with their diplomas those same medallions, inscribed with their graduation year.

“I hope it symbolizes for them the hard work they invested to become alumni,” said Stacy Gilbert, director of co-curricular programs and disability services. “By way of the medallion, a little piece of Louisiana Tech is always with them.”

“I feel humbled and honored to have participated in the conception of this traditional event,” said dean of student development Linda Griffin. “It has grown in significance and is much greater than a 1.65-inch disc. The medallion symbolizes the best that is Louisiana Tech, and the graduate will, for years to come, be a direct reminder of the University’s role in his or her development and life.

BARC director Norm Pumphrey, Gilbert and Griffin have for more than four years been the main overseers, problem solvers, jump starters and fine tuners of this collaborative effort. As it continues and as the medallion tradition grows, its purpose will stay the same:

• Promote unity and inclusivity
• Contribute to student persistence
• Instill student ownership in the Tenets of Tech
• Foster lifelong relationships with the University

As we continue to share our message and purpose of ‘Helping People and Improving Community,’ we highly value the continued partnership and friendship of Louisiana Tech in pursuing our work to ‘Live United.’"

The Tenets of Tech

Integrity / Respect / Leadership / Loyalty / Enthusiasm / Caring / Hope / Pride / Confidence / Excellence / Community / Knowledge

HEAVY MEDAL: K’Lanie Rae Almond of Minden was one of more than 800 Class of ’11 graduates to receive the new Tenet medallions.
The Bassmaster Elite Series Professional Tour is to bass fishing what the NFL is to football. There is no higher level at which to compete. Of the 99 anglers on this year’s Tour, four are graduates of Louisiana Tech.

Tech’s pros include a 63-year-old rookie and a full-time engineer, a graphics design major, and a third generation rice, soybean and crawfish farmer.

So what brings them to the water? Why the risk of losing money, and how do those sponsorships work? Did they skip class at Tech to fish? Do people tell them to get a real job and work for a living?

We listened to them talk about that, and more. And we’ve listed their current home base and their career winnings and career events fished, which includes all B.A.S.S. events, all those “opens” and “shootouts” and qualifiers of fishing’s minor leagues.

But now, they’re in lunker league. Big-boy angling. The Elite Series. Just listen to them and you’ll see: something fishy’s going on.

DENNIS TIETJE ('87)
Ag Business
Roanoke
2nd year in Elite Series
23 entries, 1 Top 10, $38,405

“Four Tech grads on tour? That’s pretty awesome and strange. Maybe we played hooky from class too much!

“We always looked up to the sports greats of football, baseball, basketball and others. Now that fishing has taken a major spot in the sports industry, it’s neat to be a part of that group. I went to school with Karl Malone; it’s cool now that we as fishermen are bringing new attention to college athletics…

“I did very little bass fishing before I went to Louisiana Tech. I ended up with a few roommates, David Ogletree and Ben Bledsoe, who bought me my first casting rod and reel. They took me to Moose Lodge in Ruston and we bank fished with plastic worms. I was hooked…

“The major fish spawn and the best fishing time was during finals week. Not a real good combination. That’s when the problems started…

“Now that fishing has brought me national attention, it is amazing how many old college friends have stopped by the shows, tournaments, and have contacted me through Facebook. It is really an awesome deal, a dream that has come true…

“I was a rice and crawfish farmer for a long time. My schooling helped me greatly with management skills, accounting skills, and yes, fishing skills. Even though I am not a farmer any longer, I own a restaurant (a Mr. Gatti’s franchise) and still own a farm…

“After college I joined the local bass club. I really enjoyed the competition so I then joined a club that was affiliated with B.A.S.S. Federation, designed for the angler that did have a full-time job. I couldn’t fish much more than a few tournaments (continued)
away from home since I was a farmer and had crops to tend to.

For the next 11 years I qualified to represent Louisiana at the Federation Central Division. I advanced twice to the Federation Nationals. At that point I really began to realize that maybe I did have what it takes to take it to the next level. I then moved to fish the B.A.S.S. Central Open where I qualified to fish the Elite Series.

JEFF CONNELLA (’93)
Civil Engineering
Bentley
Elite Series since ’06

75 entries, 4 Top 10s, $273,551

“Me and Bo (Connella’s 4-year-old son) are watching River Monsters on TV right now. He likes to bass fish with me and duck hunt, deer hunt. He hasn’t started shooting yet, but he does. He did cast and reel in his first bass as a two-and-a-half-year-old. When you start that young, those memories are for dad. My dad was Bo too, and he took me fishing everywhere. I fished bass tournaments since I was 12, and my dad fished a lot of tournaments together, or I’d call him when I was at Tech and we’d be fishing a lot. Those memories are for my dad…”

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I share fishing information with Lee (Sisson), but that’s about it. These guys are so good, they don’t need much information. And some of the other guys are so hungry, they get a lot from you the wrong information. The info you get needs to be from a very, very reliable and trustworthy source…

“A guidance counselor at Yoja High tested us and said I looked like I should be OK in any field, as long as it was non-math-related. That actually drove me. I was going to be an engineer no matter what. And if you say anywhere in the country that you graduated in engineering from Louisiana Tech, they know you know what you’re talking about; it’s known as one of the best engineering schools in the country”

CLARK RHEEM (’01)
Graphic Design
Lufkin, Texas
Elite Series since ’08

63 entries, 7 Top 10s (1 second, 1 third), $252,160

“Old River Lure Company in Farmerville is one of my sponsors. I’ve got eight or 10 sponsors. The difference is a big guy on tour might have more than the same number of sponsors, but their deals are more lucrative. They might get $10,000 and I’d get $3,000. Or I get free rods and they get $10,000 and all the rods they can stick in a pickup truck. A big part of this level of fishing is the promo side of it. The other part of it is fishing. It’s harder to land a sponsor than it is to land a fish. I was probably the black sheep of the civil engineering school at Tech. I got brought into the dean’s office and talked to about how I had the potential to make straight As but seemed satisfied with Bs. I explained that Tech is a very tough engineering school I could study for six hours and make Bs or for 15 hours and make As. Well, the difference between a B and an A was six hours I could study more and get Bs or for six hours I could do something else with it. And averaged three to four days a week fishing during the spring, and deer hunting next to Driscoll Mountain in deer season…

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LEE SISSON (’72)
General Studies
Winter haven, Fla.
Elite Series rookie (Check out Sisson’s rookie diary on ESPN’s bassmaster.com) 18 entries, 3 Top 10s, $30,209

“There are 15 rookies on the Bassmaster Elite Series this year. The youngest is 22 and the oldest turned 63 in March; that’s me. How many guys at 63 get to start a professional career? I think it’s pretty cool.”

“I really learned to fish at Tech. I played football there (and lettered in ’69) with Terry Bradshaw. He took me out on D’Arbonne one day and we got into a school of bass. I knew I wanted to do more after that. We helped each other in our professional careers. He taught me how to fish, and I taught him how to scramble. I was an offensive tackle…”

“The project engineer at the USACE (US Army Corps of Engineers) and when I was at Tech I was a major in recreation and a minor in business. It was perfect, although I never thought I would be in the fishing business. I worked at Bagley Baits for 12 years after graduation and then had my own lure company, Lee Sisson Lures, for 23 years. I sold it in 2008 to compete full-time.”

ABOUT B.A.S.S.
For more than 40 years, B.A.S.S. has served as the authority on bass fishing. The Bassmaster Tournament Trail, covered on ESPN’s bassmaster.com and ESPN 2 television programming, includes the Bassmaster Elite Series, Bass Pro Shops Bassmaster Open Series, B.A.S.S. Federation Nation events and the Bassmaster Classic. B.A.S.S. has more than 500,000 members and is headquartered in Florida.

TECH BASS CLUB
Louisiana Tech’s Bass Club, five years old and now with 10 members, fishes in regional tournaments for the chance to compete in one of three non-NCAA-affiliated college club national championships. (Check out collegiatebasschampionship.com, collegebass.com or collegefishing.com for more information.) Tech’s placed fifth, eighth and 17th in three different national championships in the past two years.

“In my three years in the club, I met guys from Wisconsin, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida…” said Culon Carpenter (M.A., business administration, ’11), the club’s outgoing president. “Some of these tournaments pay really good money. “To have Tech grads on the tour, that gives us a greater sense of awareness that it could happen to us,” he said. “We take a lot of pride in what they’ve accomplished to reach that level because it isn’t easy. You have to make a lot of sacrifices and have a lot, lot, lot of support. For us to have four guys out there, that says a lot about their talent and their ability and toughness. I’m proud of them; you’ve got to love it.”

Know someone who wants to join? Tech’s Emily Essex in recreation activities (318-257-4634, emily@latech.edu) will have information about the club’s annual fall interest meeting.

of 10…

“I might be the only one on tour with another job. Some of these guys don’t have to work. I’m a project engineer for the state’s Department of Transportation and Development. I think I’d be a lot more competitive if I didn’t have to work. The Elite Series is eight events a year; that’s our regular season schedule…

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CLARK RHEEM
NOT THE SAME OLD THING

WHETHER IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS OR IN THE GREAT BIG CITY – EVEN IN OUTER SPACE – THESE YOUNG ALUMS ARE MAKING BIG IMPRESSIONS.

LOOKING GOOD IN THE GARMENT DISTRICT

“My best advice to current students is to have confidence in your abilities and don’t be afraid of opportunities. If I’d walked away every time I was scared or intimidated, I wouldn’t be where I am today. Never let anyone make you feel like you’re not good enough or capable of something more.”

Erin lives in Brooklyn with a cat named Dewey and vintage/ recycled materials she uses to make one-of-a-kind clothing. She’s sold pieces in a local market and in a handful of select boutiques throughout the country, as well as through her web shop at bondergirl.etsy.com.

“I’m still trying to work on my own clothes and web shop when I have time, I’d like to move forward with those opportunities,” she said. “We’ll see what’s next.”

PIROGUES FLOAT HIS BOAT

“The noise you hear coming from Stonewall just south of Shreveport-Bossier is the birth of something as Louisiana as crawfish and swamp cypress.

Cutting. Bending. Welding. Painting. Before you can have big fun on the bayou, you’ve got to have a pirogue. And somebody’s got to build it.

That’s where Brent Gibson comes in.

“We purchased this pirogue business in 2007 and are working hard at being small business owners,” said Gibson, whose Bandit Aluminum Pirogues (banditmarine.com) has been featured on KTBS TV-3 Shreveport’s “ArkLaTex MADE” series.

The sections of the boat are cut from large sheets of aluminum by a water jet, then bent to the proper angles, welded and painted the same flat green as Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier Parish paints its B-52s. The boats’ advantage over wood or fiberglass pirogues is their durability and light weight; each boat weighs just 52 pounds, making it an easy transport for the solo fisherman or duck hunter.

“I’ll be the last pirogue you’ll ever need to buy,” Gibson said. “These things are built like a tank.”

The old joke is that “pirogue” is a French word for “get wet quick.” But Gibson has found the boat’s “tunnel” construction gives it remarkable stability.

“Brent, our two boys and the dog get out in the pirogues – not all at the same time but a combination of them – and no one has fallen out or been tipped over yet!” said Brent’s wife Addie, also a Tech graduate in Ag Business (’98). Mom to the couple’s four children, Addie is currently working toward her teacher certification while helping manage the new business.

“Brent does all the grunt work,” she said, “and I answer the phone and manage the books. It can be a lot, but it’s the life we’ve chosen and we wouldn’t change a thing. Everyone’s healthy and happy!”

Brent’s time in Rease Hall as both a student worker and an Ag Business major was well spent: he continues his “real job” of selling cleaning chemicals to food processing plants in north and southwest Louisiana and northeast Mississippi.

“I got a great education from the best University in Louisiana,” he said.

Bandit Aluminum Pirogues sells about 50 boats a year now.

Most sales are in Texas, Arkansas, Missouri and Louisiana. But the Gibsons have shipped dozens of boats to northern states; they’ve sold pirogues to outdoorsmen in Washington, Wisconsin, and Illinois, whose pirogues have been used in ponds and streams in Canada.

But each voyage started in the Gibsons’ back yard.

THE SKY’S NOT THE LIMIT

“I come from a family of space fanatics,” said Ted Duchesne. “I love the space program.”

Easy to tell. Even before graduation, Duchesne was aiming high.

Today, his job entails budgeting, managing personnel, overseeing flight surgeons that support crew training in Russia, and preparing for and supporting any contingencies that might occur at Johnson Space Center and in orbit.

“Now that I’ve had the opportunity to move up within my company, I’m seeing a different side of things; moving from a more operational environment to a management one has been interesting,” he said.

An internship at Wyle in Houston while Duchesne was a student at Tech cemented his passion for space and its challenges; his first job after college was for the company as an International Space Station biomedical engineering flight controller. He scheduled the crew members’ exercise and medical activities. There is a bicycle and treadmill on board, as well as a weight system of vacuum canisters (imagine pushing a bicycle pump).

In 2007, Duchesne became the lead of the space station’s biomed group, overseeing 18 fellow engineers to ensure console and project coverage. He moved into his current position in 2010.

He’s done everything from write flight rules to update crew procedures to monitor the station’s multilevel hardware.

“Tech biomedical engineering program is unique in that it gives you the opportunity to ‘specialize’ in different aspects of BME,” he said. “Adding the mechanical engineering courses to my BME courses, as well as gaining experience through internships in the summer and research at the IIM, I was able to get a very well-rounded education. I think this wide range of information helped my ability to troubleshoot technical issues in Mission Control.”

“Tough to tell; I’ve had the opportunity to apply those lessons to the real world.”

Even if the real world is not actually on the planet.

“There’s such a small group of people in the world who do what we do, and every day something new and exciting is going on,” he said. “It may be small or large, but it keeps you on your toes.”

TODD DUCHESNE (’02)

BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Supports astronauts as manager of the Medical and Contingency Group Section in Houston at Wyle, which specializes in high tech services for aerospace, life sciences and information systems.
Road Trip!
Come early to a special weekend in late October.

Louisiana Tech vs. San Jose State. 3 p.m. Joe Aillet Stadium.
Homecoming 2011.
That’s the main event. A Western Athletic Conference battle on a mid-afternoon Saturday.
But there’s more.
Haven’t been to Ruston in a while? We’ve changed! Bigger and better. We’re the same!

Still friendly and fun.
The same can be said for the Louisiana Tech campus. Homecoming Weekend is a great time to reconnect, to show a high school student the University, to enjoy the new and the old, to bring up a conversation or two that begins with, “Remember that time…”

On campus this Homecoming’11 weekend, you’ll want to be a part of Friday’s Alumni Awards Luncheon and pep rally of Saturday’s reunions and tailgating.
• If you are a graduate of this year’s 50-year class, the Class of 1961, you don’t want to miss the special reunion planned for you for Friday evening at the Ropp Center (the former president’s home) on the Tech campus.
• If you graduated prior ’61, you’re invited to the Golden Society Brunch Saturday morning at the Student Center. All alumni of 50 years or more are members of the Golden Society, and the Class of 1961 will be inducted into the group this Homecoming.

The Marbury Alumni Center will be open to serve as an information center and rest stop. Stop by for a cup of coffee or bottle of water, and look through some old yearbooks. Or visit Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Louisiana Tech, sorority coffees and other on-campus happenings.

Then head over to tailgate alley for the annual Alumni and Friends Barbecue at Argent Pavilion (next to Joe Aillet Stadium) where hundreds of Tech alumni and friends will gather for food, reminiscing and pregame strategy! Make time to stroll through Tailgate Alley and sample the foods prepared by University colleges and organizations, local banks such as Community Trust and First National, and various businesses and spirit groups.

Bulldogs vs. Spartans at 3 p.m. Champ vs. Sammy Spartan. You’ll want to be inside Joe Aillet Stadium in time to enjoy plenty of pregame activity and the Jumbotron.

For tickets call (318) 257-3633. Off campus, well, let’s see…

• Eat at Dowling’s Smokehouse, Ponchatoula’s or Dawg House Sports Grill. If it’s a tailgate BBQ?
• Cruise out to the peach orchard, to Lincoln Parish Park, or to Ruston’s historic 18-block downtown district with more than two dozen retailers.
• Stay at Sleep Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Fairfield Inn & Suites or Hampton Inn, operated by Tech alums.
• Have a fish fry at the Cottage of Ruston (Google it!), owned and operated by Tech alums Harrel and Janie Lankin.
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FRYDADDY: A one-man show and a five-tool player, Cox can fry, broil, baste, grill – and bake cookies by the dozens.

Bill Cox: A Tale of Tailgating

A Tech coach once said that Bill Cox was the most effective recruiter the athletics program ever had.
He’s certainly one of the most effective and dependable chefs.

Bill Cox is a graduate of Smackover (Ark.) High, a member of Tech’s Class of ’59, husband of 54 years to Minette and a handy man to have around, which is right where he always seems to be.

After oilfield work and then decades in Ruston at service stations – Cox’s Shell on California Ave. was legendary – he wore many hats for the University from 1984-’96, including promotions, fundraising, athletics travel secretary and director of facilities. He was retired from Tech for five whole days before joining Cedar Creek and working 10 more years.

All that time, he cooked. Big cooking. For Tech ball teams, Tech service organizations, Tech alums. “I don’t do anything small,” he said.

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Cook a big pot of chili:
3 lbs. ground chuck
2 onions, 2 bell peppers
1 big onion, 2 bell peppers
2 cloves of garlic, “whatever’s handy”
2 cans Rotel with chilies
Cumin, oregano, chili powder
Salt, pepper and any other spices you want.
4 quarts water
2 cans kidney beans
At least 2 hours before the game, start browning meat in a big pot, add spices, then add all other ingredients except water, and let simmer, stirring occasionally.

The best time to show up? Right when it’s time to eat.
Tech is confident that fan support and young leaders can bring back the old magic – **winning championships.**

**ONE OF THE MOST FAMILIAR NAMES** in Louisiana Tech’s athletic history, Teresa Weatherspoon has been head coach of the Lady Techsters basketball team for slightly more than two seasons.

That college coaching resume makes the ever-youthful Weatherspoon the old pro of Tech’s Big Three athletic programs these days.

Sonny Dykes will coach his second season of Bulldog football beginning September 3 at Southern Miss.

Michael White, named head coach of Bulldog basketball March 30, spent the past seven seasons as an Ole Miss assistant. He’s a rookie.

“No one will mistake us for seniors, that’s for sure,” said Dykes, 42 in November.

Every successful head coach started with no head coaching experience. A fact of coaching life.

What these three bring to the party are energy, optimism, thick skins, highly regarded resumes and a healthy fear of failure.

Neither is afraid of work or a challenge.

“I wouldn’t be here,” Dykes said, “if I didn’t know we can win.”

Once cut from his high school team, White ended up starring for Jesuit High in New Orleans and starting for four years at point guard for Ole Miss, helping the Rebels to consecutive SEC West Division titles and three straight NCAA Tournament berths.

“We’re already hard at work,” said White, 34. “I’m anxious to see what we can do.”

By “we,” he’s not talking about his team alone. “We” could be the best thing the three have going for them: each other.

“No team is an island,” White said. “The better Teresa and Sonny do, the better we all look. I can promise you that we’ll do our part. We need support, but we’ll earn it. I’d like to think that football and women’s basketball will have no bigger fans than our team. I hope they’ll feel the same about us.”

Never discount a competitive zeal to both root for and outdo the guy next door. Weatherspoon, for instance, is “loving every minute of it,” both the pressure and the profile of being the veteran of the three. No one has ever questioned her loyalty to Tech or her passion to win. To players and coaches alike, her testimony is the same. “You’d better bleed red and blue,” said the two-time All-American, “from the day you step on campus to the day you die.”

She’s off to a good coaching start, having led the Lady Techsters to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances.

“But football, we’ve got to have football,” she said. “They’ve got to win. They win and it helps us all.”

And if Dykes asks her to deliver a pregame speech? Inspire the team before a practice?

“Tell ’em why you are there!” she said. “Just tell me when you need me.”

Quarterback, maybe? Colby Cameron emerged during the spring and will be pushed by Nick Isham, Taylor Burch and Zach Griffith to play the key position, though one of the most unsettled last year as Tech went 5-7 overall and 4-4 in the WAC. Dykes’ rookie record was a win better than Derek Dooley’s 4-8, 3-5 swan song in 2009.

“A big part of the first year was putting the pieces in the right place to make our offense as effective as it could be,” Dykes said. “We’ve been able to identify some key playmakers we can count on, but we still need to improve in the little things to be successful.”

White is looking for big things – like centers and forwards – to go with a trio of young guards. The program was 57-73 overall and 20-44 in the WAC during the past four seasons, and did not qualify for the conference postseason tournament in 2011. He’s got no control over the past, plenty of control over what happens now with a young staff that he says won’t be outworked.

“I feel overall we are going to get as many man hours in as anyone in the country,” White said. “On paper, our weakness would be experience and age, but again, that’s just on paper; I think we can turn that into a positive.”

White’s best job of coaching this season might well be off the
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that, and the support of more fans than ever before, is what Lady Techster soccer accomplished last season.
Rising in popularity because of its work ethic and its infusion of the “Tech spirit” into the area’s youth programs, the Lady Techsters hope for a breakthrough season this fall. The season starts Aug. 19 at 4 p.m. against Sun Belt Conference opponent South Alabama at the Lady Techster Soccer Field. “Putting this schedule together has been difficult but we are pleased with the end result,” head coach Kevin Sherry said.
“we are constantly trying to get new teams onto the schedule to provide our players with a different challenge. We hope to provide an opportunity for our incoming freshmen to play in games and also prepare the upclassmen for the challenges ahead.”
The biggest change in the 2011 schedule, which also poses the greatest challenge, is that there are only seven home games, down
down 11 in 2010. Tech was 7-2 on the road last year and will play 13 road games this fall.
Fresno State, the 2010 WAC Tournament Champion, will host the WAC Tournament Nov. 4-6 in Fresno, Calif.
“We hope this season can be as successful as the last, and we hope the large number of fans who came out to see us play last fall once again turn out and show their great support for the team,” Sherry said.

A school-best 15-6 record and a tie for the most wins by any college soccer program in the state.
That, and the support of more fans than ever before, is what Lady Techster soccer accomplished last season.
Soccer gets more wins, more fan support than ever

Sports Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations
Nominations are now being accepted for the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame. The deadline for submission of nominations is Aug. 1, 2011. Nomination forms are available from the Athletics Department by emailing mbutler@latech.edu, calling 318-257-3145 or logging onto latechsports.com and clicking on the Tech Hall of Fame Nominations graphic.
The purpose of the Louisiana Tech Athletics Hall of Fame is to honor those who have contributed to the athletic program of the University. Individuals may be recognized for their contributions on the playing fields or for other unique contributions made to the program.

It’s hard to track down Tech
Seven spring championships.
Nothing in the WAC has been as certain or steady the past few years as the Louisiana Tech women’s track and field team.
In Honolulu in May, the Lady Techsters rallied from fourth to overtake the lead in the second-to-last event of the meet and won their seventh straight title at the WAC outdoor track and field championships. The Tech men finished a solid third. The Lady Techsters scored 118 points on the day to post 152 points. Four seniors scored a combined 27 points in the triple jump to give Tech its first lead of the meet.
Chelea Hayes won three gold medals and was named the WAC Female Track Athlete of the Year and the WAC Female High Point scorer. Gary Stanley earned women’s Coach of the Year honors, making seven times Tech’s longtime coach has been outdoor track and field Coach of the Year since Tech joined the WAC a decade ago.
Ruston native and senior Larry Jones was Field Athlete of the Year, and Ruston native and freshman Trey Hadnot was WAC Men’s Track Athlete of the Year and WAC Men’s Freshman of the Year.

BASEBALL: Ewing engineers diamond of a career
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SOFTBALL: Lady Techsters make a late run
The Lady Techsters toyed with the miraculous during the final days of their softball season.
First, they didn’t qualify for the WAC postseason tournament until the final day of the regular season. Once in the tourney, the Techsters battled toe-to-toe with the WAC’s top teams. The sixth seed in the tournament, Tech defeated home-standing Fresno State 2-0 in the tournament opener, lost their next game, to second-seed Boise State, in 13 innings, and then split the next two to end their season.
Senior pitcher Meghan Krieg threw every pitch (525 in 33.2 innings) of the postseason, recording a 0.83 earned run average. She ended her Tech career ranked second in Tech history and third in WAC history with 859 strikeouts.
Tech’s young team won’t be so next year, Krieg was one of only three seniors.

TENNIS: Tech nets most wins since ‘96
The bad news: No. 7 seed Tech lost to No. 2 seed Fresno State, 4-0, in Boise, Idaho, and saw their season end in the quarterfinals of the WAC tennis tournament.
The good news: The Lady Techsters finished the season 11-9 overall, the program’s most wins in a season in 15 years.
Head coach Quintin Yray said the Techsters’ loss was “the best showing we’ve had against a team of this quality in a very long time.”
“Very happy with our season,” said Yray. “We have improved again this year. We were the seventh seed in the tournament and have moved up in our ITA rankings as well. The winning season has been a confidence booster for sure. Anyone could tell by the way the girls performed today, but having said that, we are still not content. We want to get to the top of the WAC standings and so we have a lot of work ahead of us to get there. At least we know by our performance today, we are moving in the right direction.”

SPRING SPORTS
Dean Jacobs translated into a huge plus for Tech’s liberal arts

Study as a stream and dependable as sun in August, Ed Jacobs, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, will retire in August. “After 39 years,” Jacobs said with his characteristic grin, “I figured that was enough.”

He was associate dean for eight years before being named dean in July 1997. Courses taught included Honors English, Shakespearean and British Lit. His special interest and research area is the 16th Century English translations of the Bible, especially the Bishops’ Bible and the King James translations.

His retirement plans include remaining "active in academics, I have some research in Milton and 16th Century English Biblical translation that I want to pursue," he said. “I also plan to teach the course, 404, once a year.” He’ll do that gratis, for Tech.

‘Ed’s devotion to the students and to English is shown in his plans to continue to teach his Milton course after he retires,” said Kerri Rich, chairwoman and vice president for academic affairs. “He has been equally devoted to supporting his faculty and could be found at most of his College’s faculty and student activities. Under his leadership, Liberal Arts added a number of academic programs and accreditations. Throughout his tenure, Dean Jacobs has been a strong leader for Liberal Arts, often reminding us that his College was the heart of the University.”

And Jacobs was at the heart of his College. Not only colleagues but also students speak of his easygoing nature. Even though he was a dean for 14 years, did he feel like one?

“I guess so, but I’m not sure how else to feel,” he said. “I enjoy the job, though I feel pressed from time to time. But Ed felt pressed doing any other job. I enjoy the faculty and students. The music, art, drama, architecture – it all provides some great leisure activities.”

One of his leisure activities is walking. He’s often seen on Ruston’s sidewalks alongside Karen, his wife since 1965 and a retired (’99) Tech professor, and their current dog, Percy, “a VHHS! very handsome street dog,” he said, “with plenty of border collie.”

He’ll pursue more heavily now his other hobby, cooking. And traveling. And enjoying their grandchildren, John, 12, and Abigail, 5. The couple’s children are Beth, Charles, Andrew and Meg, "three lawyers and a nurse," Jacobs said, "all grown and making a living and paying taxes.”

Jacobs served two years of active military duty with the U.S. Army in military intelligence, including a tour in Tay Ninh, South Vietnam, in 1968-69. Capt. Jacobs earned his Ph.D. from Auburn in English in 1972 and joined Tech that same year, as Dr. Jacobs.

Dean Jacobs

Tech senior designs a Peach

A poster designed by Allison Smith, a senior communication design major from Bossier City, was chosen as the Squire Creek 2011 Louisiana Peach Festival poster.

Smith’s creation features her acute Photoshop skills. She created the realistic image of a hand-painted, vintage advertisement on a weathered brick wall with photography by fellow art student Ashley Mathews.

“I immediately knew I wanted to use my grandpa's old fashioned bike, strap a basket on it and fill it with peaches,” Smith said. “But then I had to figure out how to incorporate the text. I did some research on old peach labels and crates. Then I thought about some old wall advertisements I'd seen in Arkansas when I visited a friend. I’ve always loved the way they look and how downtown Ruston was full of old brick walls. So, I drew up a design with that same old ad feel to it, found a wall and the rest is pretty much history.”

Smith competed in the annual Peach Festival poster competition in one of her communication design classes.

“Working in a building that has some of the old Peach Festival posters hanging in a few of the offices,” she said, “and I would walk past them all the time thinking, ‘Man, I wish my poster was the next one in line after all these designs,’ and now it is! I’m truly flattens and honored to be a part of this amazing tradition. Ruston has been a good home to me over the past six years, and it’s nice to be able to, in a way, give something back.”

Tech classes to the occasion as enrollment up in several areas

Enrollment increased this spring by 488 students, or 5.5 percent, from 2010. This marks the third consecutive year that Tech’s spring enrollment has risen; spring 2011 saw an increase in both undergraduate and graduate student classifications. The spring enrollment numbers follow a 4.6 percent increase in Tech’s fall quarter headcount, the largest percentage increase in the University of Louisiana System.

Tech’s Colleges of Applied and Natural Sciences, Business, and Engineering and Science all saw spring quarter increases, as did the University’s Basic and Career Studies programs.

Tech's Graduate School also experienced a rise in its spring student population, that follows a record fall enrollment. For the fourth consecutive year, both masters- and doctoral-level student counts increased. Graduate students now comprise more than 23 percent of Tech’s total student body.

In addition to the enrollment increases, Tech posted the U.S.” highest graduation rate at 53.2 percent and the state’s fastest time-to-completion for first-time baccalaureates at 4.6 years. Incoming freshmen for fall 2010 had an average ACT score of 23.63 - the highest in school history.

TOP DAWG dishes $14,500 to crafty student entrepreneurs

A total of $14,500 in cash and prizes was awarded during the spring’s TOP DAWG New Venture Championship on campus.

Bulldog Entrepreneurs, promoters on campus of innovation and entrepreneurship, hosted the annual event which encourages students to build innovative, creative products and services that create value in the marketplace. During the competition, each team is mentored by business experts from commercial and academic fields.

The “03 Solutions” (Alain Katzenmoyer, biology major, and Casey Roper, recent finance graduate) won first place and $3,000 in cash and prizes. This year’s Innovation Enterprise Fund awarded $1,000, which was added to the $3,000 first-place award.

The “03 Solutions” team also won the $2,000 Ruston-Lincoln Parish Business Awards Best Presentation Award. Proceeds generated by the Ruston-Lincoln Parish Business Awards Breakfast, a collaborative event of the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and the Louisiana Tech College of Business, fund the award.

One of the law firms involved in the Gulf South, Jones Walker, recognized the team with the most entrepreneurial spirit through sponsorship of the $2,000 Jones Walker Entrepreneurial Spirit Award. The award went to “PowerTetch” (Aaron Chenette, Brandon Lawrence and Jason Reich, mechanical engineering majors, and Brandon Cloud, biomedical engineering major), a venture that developed an automated ferry machine, a product that improves and extends a dog’s life through regular exercise.

Supporting sponsors for the TOP DAWG include the Louisiana Tech College of Business, Louisiana Tech College of Engineering and Science, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Information Technology (CeIT), the Louisiana Tech Enterprise Center, and the Technology Business Development Center (TBDC).
Celebrating 20 years of ‘duel’ enrollment

“Stage Combat Workshop at Louisiana Tech,” one of the most respected and attended workshops in theatre movement arts in the United States, celebrated its 20th anniversary in April at its birthplace: Louisiana Tech.

This year’s workshop featured 23 master teachers who shared their knowledge and stage combat expertise in single sword, broadsword, rapier and dagger, sword and shield, small sword, knife, quarterstaff, unarmed, buckhorns, and fulls and rolls. These, along with many other workshop sessions, are designed and available for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

Mark Guinn (picture), on the Tech faculty since 1991 and professor of lighting design, scene design and stage combat in the University’s School of Performing Arts, has been developing a stage combat program, along with his other production and design responsibilities. As a longtime member of the Society of American Fight Directors, he held a couple of executive positions within the organization including that of representative for the southern region.

“As a regional rep, it was my responsibility to generate interest and provide training opportunities for members, students and professionals,” Guinn said. “That’s how it all began. A small regional workshop held in Louisiana Tech’s Howard Auditorium over a weekend, 20 years ago. I had small but enthusiastic classes filled with students hungry to be swabbucketers.”

The workshop has trained more than 1,000 students from across the U.S., Canada, England, Germany and France, and has provided a venue for more than 250 teachers.

New partnerships enrich campus life

Partnerships expand campus options, help fund scholarships and student services.

Barnes & Noble College Bookellers, LLC and McAlister’s Select Deli held their grand opening celebrations on campus in March, providing new retail and food services for visitors and members of the campus community.

“We want everyone to know they are welcome to shop and eat on our campus,” said Dickie Crawford, dean of student life and president for student affairs. “It provides exciting opportunities for the people of Ruston and offers our students outstanding new services.”

King said it was important to find corporate partners, like Barnes & Noble and McAlister’s, which also share the same organizational philosophies and commitment to excellence as the University. The partnerships not only expand campus options, but also help fund scholarships and benefit the Ruston community.

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“More than Misogyny: Improper Perspectives and Affections in Swift’s ‘The Lady’s Dressing Room’”, senior Massie of Ruston presented his original paper, “The Pardoner’s Tale.” Lydia Andreu, a senior from Ruston, presented her original paper, “The Rectangle.” Rho Gamma received the Best Chapter Award in 2009.

English student scholars have their (impressive) say

Tech members of Sigma Tau Delta English honor society proved impressive in competition against more than 1,200 other young scholars from around the globe this spring at the 2011 Sigma Tau Delta International Convention held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tech graduate student Jonathan Richard, of Fort Worth, received third place for his original research in the category of British Literature.

“There were 130 presentations in the category of Critical British Literature at the convention, a third-place award, like Jonathan’s, in this category is exceptional,” said Dr. Dorothy Robbins, associate professor of English and adviser to Tech’s Rho Gamma chapter of Sigma Tau Delta.


Tech students have served as representatives for the region, others have received first place awards, and student work has been published in the honor society’s creative writing journal, “The Rectangle.” Rho Gamma received the Best Chapter Award in 2009.

2010-2011 Retirees

Mr. Larry Antley (19 years) Telephone Systems Equipment Technician, Telecom Services
Mr. Lenard Austin (36 years) Maintenance Repairer 2, Physical Plant
Mr. George Banks (30.5) Manager, Systems Programming, Computing Center
Ms. Mary May Brown (22.5 years) Product Analysis, Language
Dr. Jan Colvin (9 years) Associate Professor, Human Ecology
Mr. Ronald Edwards (33 years) Maintenance Repairer 2, Physical Plant
Ms. Barnett Foster (27 years) Custodian, Residential Life
Ms. Helen P. Gant (14 years) Administrative Assistant 4, Enrollment Management
Dr. Mary Ann Goodwyn (5 years) Associate Professor, Psychology & Behavioral Sciences
Ms. Josie Harris (34 years) Helper, Physical Plant
Dr. Janis Hill (6 years) Assistant Professor, Curriculum, Instruction & Leadership
Dr. Alice Elaine Hunt (21.5 years) Professor, Human Ecology
Dr. Howard E. Hunt (22 years) Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
Ms. Norlyn R. Hyde (27 years) Professor, Nursing
Dr. Edward C. Jacobs (39 years) Professor and Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Ms. Freddie James (32 years) Custodian, Residential Life
Mr. Peter J. Jones (31 years) Professor, School of Art
Dr. Robert E. Jungman (39 years) Professor, English
Dr. Connie C. Laurie (12 years) Associate Professor, Kinesiology
Mr. James P. Marion (29 years) Assistant Professor, Mathematics
Ms. Moneta Norman (13 years) Accounting Technician, Tech Express
Ms. Linda Faye Roue (27 years) Custodian 1, Physical Plant
Dr. Lloyd Dale Snow (32 years) Professor, Chemistry
Mr. Samuel L. Stringfellow (10 years) Carpenter, Physical Plant
Ms. Bonny Ruth Voss (23 years) Custodian 1, Residential Life
Dr. Harrell Lynn Walker (23 years) Professor, Biological Sciences
Ms. Dianne L. White (29 years) Helper, Physical Plant
Mr. Gary W. Willis (28 years) Operating Engineer Cogeneration, Power Plant
Ms. Rene L. Womack (31 years) Accounting Technician, Comptroller

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Quite a track record for one of Louisiana Tech’s strongest and most accomplished education programs.

“The programs reputation continues to grow through outstanding alumni teaching throughout the state, thus sustaining and increasing our elementary school partnerships,” said Dr. Amy Vessel, associate professor and chair of the Elementary 1-5 program. “We must recognize the clinical faculty beyond the walls of our University campus that supervise and mentor our teacher candidates throughout the school year.”

As many higher education programs around the state have been designated for consolidation or termination, the Elementary Grades 1-5 program in Tech’s College of Education continues to thrive, focusing on the future of elementary education and producing some of Louisiana’s most respected and influential educational leaders.

The College of Education recently received full continuing accreditation from NCATE; recognizing Tech’s stellar teacher preparation programs. Tech’s College of Education is among the nation’s longest continuously accredited teacher education programs.
Now More Than Ever

Why Private Giving Matters...
Now More Than Ever

Louisiana Tech remains a state-assisted institution, but the percentage of its annual budget provided by the taxes of Louisiana’s citizens decreases every year. Simply put, in order to carry out its chartered mission of teaching, research, creative activity, public service and economic development, Louisiana Tech must realize over half of its budget from tuition and other sources. We strive to keep that figure as low as possible in our commitment to keep tuition affordable and of tremendous value for the student’s investment. Private giving grows in importance as the most dependable source of the funding needed to keep Louisiana Tech among the best public universities in the country.

Louisiana Tech looks to its alumni and friends to provide critical support so its successes and positive influence can be shared with the citizens of Louisiana and beyond. Private gifts allow Louisiana Tech to provide a margin of excellence in faculty support, technology, library resources, research opportunities and infrastructure construction enhancements.

All who have tread upon the Louisiana Tech campus have been welcomed by the Lady of the Mist with her open arms and accepting gaze. The Lady symbolizes “alma mater,” which in Latin is translated as “nourishing mother.” Just like the Lady of the Mist, you, too, can be a nourisher. You can support Louisiana Tech in its growth as an institution of high-achieving and sustained excellence. But most importantly, you can help foster the dreams and aspirations of the nearly 12,000 Tech students, sending them into the world with the knowledge, ability and self-confidence to fulfill their ambitions and their highest callings.

How You Can Help
Consider making gifts to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation in the form of:

- Cash
- Securities
- Distributions from retirement plans
- Life insurance policies – either by naming Louisiana Tech University Foundation the owner of your policy or by designating Louisiana Tech University Foundation as the beneficiary of your policy
- Tangible gifts such as real estate, jewelry, artwork, antiques, automobiles or collectibles
- Intangible gifts such as mineral interests or intellectual property rights

Support Louisiana Tech Annually
Each year, alumni and friends have many opportunities to support Louisiana Tech. Among those are:

- The University Fund
- LTAC – Louisiana Tech Athletic Club
- College and departmental appeals
- Professorships and Chairs – A donation of $60,000 is matched with $40,000 of state funds to create a $100,000 professorship. A donation of $601,000 is matched with $401,000 of state funds to create a $1,000,000 chair.
- Special projects such as building campaigns, Quest for Quality, Quest for Excellence Campaign, Lagniappe Ladies, etc.

Gifts of Cash versus Gifts of Securities
If you have non-cash property, such as stocks and mutual funds, which is worth more than you paid for it, and it has been owned for more than a year, you can generally enjoy greater tax savings from giving such property than from giving an equivalent amount of cash. That’s because a gift of such property lets you bypass capital gains tax that could be due if you sold the asset. You are also entitled to a charitable deduction based on the property’s current value, including any “paper profit.”

Gifts from Retirement Plans: The Special Tax-Free Gift Option for 2011
Congress has renewed a special tax provision for those over the age of 70½. It is once again possible to make completely tax-free gifts from traditional IRA and Roth IRA accounts. You may direct that any amount up to a total of $100,000 from a traditional or Roth IRA be given directly to a charitable organization on a tax-free basis without worry about normal deduction limitations, additional taxes on Social Security benefits, state income taxes in most cases or other adverse tax consequences that might otherwise apply. To qualify for the benefits of making gifts in this manner, it is important that tax-free gifts from your IRA not be withdrawn by you, but instead be distributed directly to one or more qualified charities from your IRA. Check with your IRA administrator or other advisors for more information.

Make Louisiana Tech a Part of Your Estate Plans
There are a number of ways to combine charitable gifts to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation with your estate plans. Gifts can take the following forms:

- A specific amount: You designate that a particular dollar amount be transferred to one or more charities.
- Specific property: You designate that a particular asset, such as real estate, artwork or other valuables, be used to fund a charitable gift.
- A percentage: A percentage of your estate can be designated to the Louisiana Tech University Foundation, thus ensuring that your gifts remain in proportion to other bequests.
- All or a portion of the residue: You can provide that charitable gifts be made from what is left after all other gifts to loved ones have been fulfilled.

Additionally, you may include provisions for charities through beneficiary designations of life insurance proceeds or retirement plan assets that may remain at death.

There is no limit on amounts deductible from federal gift and estate taxes for charitable gifts made by will or trust, so no tax will be due on assets given in this way. To plan a charitable bequest, inform your attorney of your wishes and ask for advice regarding the best form for your gift.

Contact Us
The staff of the Louisiana Tech University Foundation takes great pride in being good stewards of your donations and your wishes. Your gifts are always used in accordance with your instructions, and those gifts, truly, are making a positive difference in the lives of our students.

Our staff is always available to assist you or your financial advisors with your charitable giving desires. We hope that you will give us the opportunity to help you.

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ELISE BAUGHMAN HIGH (’94)
THIS ENTERTAINER’S ‘ON A ROLE’
Pursuing her passion has turned this Tech graduate into a quadruple threat: actress, host, model and spokesperson.

HOMETOWN: Monroe
NOW RESIDES IN: Dallas
DEGREE: B.A. (’95), B.S. accounting
FAMILY: Husband, Christopher K. High
WEBSITE: www.elisebaughman.com
CAREER HIGHLIGHTS: Role on NBC series, “Chase,” Role on USA Network series, “Monk” Catalog cover model and corporate spokesperson for Perrier 1 Role on Lifetime network comedy, “RV Buddies”

Voice of Pan on “Dragon Ball GT” (Animé series on Cartoon Network) Voice of Mom Baxter on “Bear the Beat” (cartoon videos)

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO TECH?
I considered multiple schools but Tech was my top choice because my mom and aunt went to Tech, and my aunt taught at Tech. The minute I walked onto the Tech campus, I felt at home.

WHAT’S THE BEST WAY FOR READERS AND WRITERS TO REACH YOU?
Here’s my website and some sites that I currently blog on: www.litalleybooks.com www.rubyslipperdiesethouston.com www.everybodyneedsadilomarance.com www.superauthors.com

What was it about Tech that brought you here?
I knew Tech was well-respected and would give me the best of both worlds. I was close enough to home to have my mom in my laundry and far enough away to get in some trouble. Not really. I was a very good girl. Mostly.

Why did you choose this career? I didn’t choose it. It kinda chose me. I love to read all types of books, but romance is my mac and cheese. always makes me feel good. One day after reading a particularly good book, I thought, “Hm... maybe I could write a book.” The next day I was doing research on how to get an agent.

Your favorite writers: Susan Elizabeth Phillips, Kristin Higgins, Lee Child, Michael Connelly, Julia Quinn, Eloisa James, and I could go on and on. I also really enjoy reading my friends’ books.

What’s your best memory of Tech?: Loved my sorority — AOCR, Kappa Delta! Loved the Quad and the beautiful fountain. I worked in engineering and loved the ladies there who took such good care of me. I had wonderful professors who taught me so well. Notice I said “well” because it is an adv or modify “taught.” See Tech rocks.

Tell us about your family: I married my childhood sweetheart (I told you I was lucky in love) who also attended Louisiana Tech. He went on to LSU Dental School and the next day I may be doing a corporate training video for a bank, and the next day I may be doing voiceover work for a radio commercial. I’ve loved learning about a variety of industries and companies. It’s so much fun that I still can’t believe I get paid to do this work!

ADVISE TO TECH FRESHMEN TODAY: Pursue your passion! I highly recommend finding what you’re passionate about and do it — whether you do that on your job or through volunteer or extracurricular activities. Never think that you are “stuck.”

1951
Claude E. Cook, physics, has retired from energy law from Bullock, Cooke, LLP. From 1954 to 1996, except for one year of postdoctoral research at Columbia University, he worked as a scientist for Exxon Production Research, now ExxonMobil Upstream Research Company, where he held various positions in various research investments. From 1989 to present, he practiced intellectual property law.

In 2006, he was named a "Legend of Hydraulic Fracturing" by the Society of Petroleum Engineers.

1957
Ron Harrell, petroleum engineering, was presented the President’s Medallion by the University of Houston at its spring commencement. The medal is the highest honor bestowed on students who have enhanced the university community. Life Director of Texco Engineering and Science Foundation and its Board of Directors, he has been with Texaco Inc., LDCO (gas and oil), andSuccessListener (oil and gas) for 42 years. He is a Teaching/Research Professor at the University of Houston at the Department of Petroleum Engineering.

1960
Thomas Lydell Dubb, mechanical engineering, received a 1960 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering and Science. These awards recognize individuals from each program or discipline of the college for their professional accomplishments in engineering and science and for their service as outstanding ambassadors for Tech. He is a retired president of Mobil Exploration & Production, Dallas.

1962
John Donald Morgan, electrical engineering, received a 1962 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering and Science. These awards recognize individuals from each program or discipline of the college for their professional accomplishments in engineering and science and for their service as outstanding ambassadors for Tech. He is a retired vice president of Advance America at the University of Alabama, Huntsville.

1964
Richard I. Durrett, civil engineering, has received the Louisiana Engineering Society (LES) Award for Service to the Profession. He is currently employed by Waggoner Engineering of Ruston but has previously worked with the Lincoln Parish Police Jury and as Vice President and Manager of Mekor Steel in Shreveport, La. He has been a member of the LES since 1962.

1967
Tracey L. Taylor, forestry, has been accepted among the prestigious ranks of Sigma Xi. In her 40 years as a field supervisor of Log Pricing and Shipping and throughout his 40 years in the business, he has routinely exhibited the professional dedication necessary to be considered among the best.

1970
Benjamin L. Denny, business administration (master’s finance 1968), was the recipient of the Ruston-Lincoln Chamber of Commerce’s highest honor, the 1970 Robert E. Buzz Award. He is Bank of Ruston’s Chief Executive Officer.

1973
John L. Moore, general studies, has been named the national collegiate ministry leader at LifeWay at the Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville. In his new position, he will work with Baptist collegiate ministers throughout the U.S. to determine strategic priorities for ministering to college and university students.

1977
Stanley Nelson, journalism, received the 2011 Panama Pris in Local Reporting. He is a professor of journalism at Central Washington University.

1978
Paul Kanel, industrial engineering, received a 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering and Science. These awards recognize individuals from each program or discipline of the college for their professional accomplishments in engineering and science and for their service as outstanding ambassadors for Tech. He is a professor of industrial engineering at LSU Baton Rouge. Michael N. McGaugh, civil engineering, received a 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Engineering and Science. These awards recognize individuals from each program or discipline of the college for their professional accomplishments in engineering and science and for their service as outstanding ambassadors for Tech. He is a professor of industrial engineering and science for Louisiana Tech University. He will be responsible for all of Buckeye’s field operations in the lower 48 states. He is an officer of the Concordia Sentinel in Ferriday. The Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism acknowledges journalists “who demonstrate an uncompromising dedication to ethical conduct, even when faced with economic, personal or political pressure.” Nelson was also nominated as a finalist for the 2011 Panama Pris in Local Reporting.

1980
E. Andrew Ribe, petroleum engineering, has been promoted to Executive Vice President of Operations for Buccaneer Resources and Buccaneer Alaska. He will be responsible for all of Buccaneer’s field operations in the lower 48 states. He is an officer of the Concordia Sentinel in Ferriday. The Payne Award for
MICHAEL NEELY (’90)
THE SPECIAL EFFECTS OF DETERMINATION
The owner and creative director of Blind Squared Digital, Inc. makes a difference on screens large and small – and as much as he creates it.

HOMETOWN: Shreveport
NOW RESIDES: near Newton, N.C.


WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS? Five years is a lot of time in the digital media industry. It is my goal to have over 25 employees at Blind Squared Digital, Inc. producing interactive media and games for augmented reality, mobile applications, large multitouch surface installations and who knows what else.

CAN YOU RECALL YOUR FAVORITE SPECIAL EFFECTS MOVIE/PROGRAM AS A CHILD, AND HOW DO YOU COMPARE THOSE EFFECTS WITH WHAT YOU ARE ABLE TO DO NOW? My favorite effects films as a child were “Star Wars,” “Aliens,” and “Excalibur.” These films still hold up for the most part, and the story or concept is the main reason. If the story is good, the effects can help tell it. If the story is awful, the effects cannot save the film.

WHAT ADVICE CAN YOU GIVE A TECH FRESHMAN? Be determined, stay focused, set your goals, and plan how to get all of the parts in place to achieve them.

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Arthur D. Davidson IV (pictorial right), aviation management, received the Wing-Level Company Grade Officer of the Month Award for February 2011 during his tour of duty in the Middle East. He is a Captain in the United States Air Force, and his primary duty is running back-shop aircraft maintenance as the

2007

Russell Blake Ogilvie, Shreveport shop aircraft maintenance as the in the United States Air Force, and in the Middle East. He is a Captain Officer of the Month Award for right),

2008

Jeanne Marie Politz, 2003

2009

Luke Gilkison Lambard, 2011, New Orleans history, and Emily

2010


2011

Arthur D. Davidson IV, 2011, Monroe

2011

Robert Keith Harris, 2011, Ruston

2011

Jennifer Sykes Thomas, daughter, Betsy

2011

Jordan T. Benton

2011

Sara Bass Zenter, Riverview, Fla.

2011

Elizabeth Lenie Nathan Abram Hamaker, 2011, Ruston

2011

Richard G. Long, son, Jude Paul, Feb. 2011, Ruston

2011

James Dance Carothers, 2011, Shreveport

2011


2011

Anne Lanier, 11, New Orleans

2011

Edward Benoit Anders, 2011, Baton Rouge

2011

Katherine, Dec. 30, 2010, Ruston

2011

Sarah Robison Crozier, 2011, Minden

2011

Sarah Grigsby Kilpatrick, son, Reeves

2011

Sarah Wren Carrolls, 90, education, Feb. 5, 2011, Ruston

2011


2011

Jennifer Sykes Thomas, daughter, Betsy

2011

Dorothy Welsh, son, Casey William,

2011

Sarah Robison Crozier, 2011, Minden

2011

Jane Scroggin Bolton, 93, education, Jan. 21, 2011, Jenison

2011

Gerard D. Gregory, 92, education (master's health and physical education 1967), Apr. 28, 2011, Shreveport

2011

Doris Jean Worthington, 92, education, Jan. 4, 2011, Miramar Beach, Fla.

2011

Erin Akin Carroll, 80, health and physical education, March 3, 2011, Ruston

2011

McNamar, 80, education, Apr. 28, 2011, Shreveport

2011

Juanita Brown Harris, 89, music

2011

Sarah Marie Broussard, 84, education, Dec. 9, 2010, Monroe

2011

Todd L. Hocutt, 79, education, Apr. 16, 2011, Shreveport

2011

Karen Irvin Blanchard, graphic design, and Christopher Brian Blanchard, speech 2002, son, Owen Christopher, Dec. 15, 2010, Ruston

2011

Jennifer L. Smith, 90, education, Apr. 14, 2011, Minden

2011

Lois Smish Kitchens, 97, economics, March 5, 2011, Choshatta

2011

North Carolina State University, 2011, Millbrook, N.C.

2011

Toni Richardson, 87, education, Jan. 16, 2011, Baton Rouge

2011

Kathryn Bell, 89, arts and sciences, Apr. 28, 2011, Shreveport

2011

Nineteen Laudon, 2011, Shreveport

2011


2011

John Conlon, 90, health and physical education, Jan. 22, 2011, Cincinnati, Extension

2011

Edward N. Davis, 90, health and physical education, Nov. 15, 2010, Ventura, Calif

2011

John Johnlon Jr., 86, health and physical education, Jan. 22, 2011, Extension

2011


2011

Engrina Flesum Stack, 86, business administration, Apr. 3, 2011, Shreveport

2011

Beverly Miller, 84, education, March 15, 2011, Shreveport

2011

Jeanie J. Wallis, 80, business administration, Mar. 3, 2011, Ruston

2011

Karen Irvin Blanchard, graphic design, and Christopher Brian Blanchard, speech 2002, son, Owen Christopher, Dec. 15, 2010, Ruston

2011


2011

Raymond Smith, mechanical engineering, 2000, son, John David, Feb. 24, 2011, Baton Rouge

2011


2011

Robert T. Strong, landscape architecture, and Joseph Paul Black, nursing, Dec. 23, 2010, Bossier City

2011


2011

Ken Butts, photography, and Melissa Kyle Watt, studio arts, 2006, son, Kellan Malachi, Aug. 5, 2010, Bossier City

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Robert E. Crewe Jr., 95, education, Jan. 23, 2011, Ruston
Curtis Bad Long, 84, business administration, Feb. 11, 2011, Marshall, Texas
Harel J. Tippett, 84, business administration, Dec. 1, 2010, Richmond, Texas

1951
LaToya M. Byrd Jr., 87, education, April 4, 2011, Tuloso
Glynn Dwight Cory, 83, education, Dec. 8, 2010, Shreveport
Jeryon Garrett Edwards, 80, business administration, Feb. 12, 2011, Broken Arrow, Okla.
David Lawrence Stewart, 72, journalism, April 4, 2011, Houston

1952
Charles Woodruff Calvins, 85, business administration, Feb. 1, 2011, Ruston
Margaret McGee Duradoros, 79, elementary education (master’s: elementary education 1970), March 29, 2011, Monroe
Sara Langford Goodwin, 81, general studies, Feb. 16, 2011, Lafayette

1953
George Bennet Marshall Jr., 81, business administration, Jan. 13, 2011, Alexandria

1954
Lozenia Holder Clements, 79, elementary education, April 2, 2011, Eastland, Texas
Burt Brock Farrar, 80, mechanical engineering, March 13, 2011, Shreveport
Dorothy Jerry Kimmie, 75, business administration, Feb. 8, 2011, Bossier City
Howe McGee Miller, 79, agricultural engineering, Feb. 19, 2011, Kentwood
Edwin Alexander Watts, 84, civil engineering, Jan. 7, 2011, Arlington, Texas
Linda Miss Martin, 73, education, Jan. 23, 2011, Seaside, Texas
Richard Earl Crawford, 74, civil engineering, Jan. 29, 2011, Calhoun and physical education, Jan. 19, 2011, Montgomery
Shelley Braibiall Whites, 76, education, Jan. 11, 2011, Homer

1960
Aland J. Devillhous, 72, electrical engineering, April 16, 2011, Colorado Springs, Co.
Charles Larry Fend, 71, math education, April 5, 2011, Ponchatula
Rodney Scott Harbuck, 71, forestry, Dec. 10, 2010, Haughton
Samuel Jay Talley, 74, civil engineering, April 8, 2011, West Village, Texas

1961
Basil Neal Elgrad, 75, chemical engineering, Jan. 22, 2011, Vickburg, Miss.
Butty Hines Hensom, 71, education, Feb. 27, 2011, Sugar Grove, N.C.
Edward A. Ipser Jr., 76, electrical engineering, March 21, 2011, Forth Worth, Texas
Jerald Nicholas Lotopich, 74, business administration, Dec. 17, 2010, Shreveport
Sim McDonald Jr., 78, mathematics, Feb. 21, 2011, Shingleston
Elon Clark Pond, 72, geology, March 27, 2011, Alexandria

1962
Roy Adams Coleman, 70, home economics, Feb. 2, 2011, Shreveport
Kenneth Lee Gordon, 71, business administration, Dec. 15, 2010, Shreveport
Elizabeth Palmer Green, 69, business economics, April 1, 2011, Baton Rouge
Allane Smith Thompson, 92, education, Jan. 16, 2011, Junction City, Ark.

1963

1964
Alan George Kyle, 70, accounting, April 7, 2011, Baton Rouge

1966
Roger J. Mannos, 67, business administration, Feb. 22, 2011, Baton Rouge
Dorothea RoustonWelsh, 68, home economics, April 2, 2011, Gonzales
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1967
John T. Garrett, 64, wildlife conservation (master’s biology 1971), March 27, 2011, Clarksville
Vidal LaBarre Lee, 75, accounting, March 4, 2011, Fatwood
Michael Spohrer, 64, business administration (petroleum engineering 1978), Dec. 28, 2010, Baton Rouge

1968
James Campbell Stewart, 86, mechanical engineering, March 14, 2011, Bartsville, Okla.

1970
Roy Morgan Lagmagne, 64, business administration, Feb. 11, 2011, Calhoun, N.C.

1971
James Hudson Rainwater Jr., 78, education, March 6, 2011, Friona

1972
Vera Lee Jones, 70, education, Dec. 11, 2010, Springfield, Mo.
Frances Wood Kilpatrick, 81, home economics, Apr. 9, 2011, Shreveport
Robert H. Rawle, 63, business administration, April 27, 2011, Katy, Texas

1973
Steve R. Coleman, 61, health and physical education, Jan. 23, 2011, Monroe

1975
Opal Swenney Buckner, 62, education, March 1, 2011, Bossier City

1976
Joe Duncan Clark, 57, health information administration, Dec. 18, 2010, Byhalia, Miss.

1977

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Cora Robinson Lewis, 59, home economics, March 14, 2011, West Monroe

1980
Gwendolyn M Buckingham, 58, English education, Feb. 16, 2011, Shreveport
Nancy Haller Shank, 52, computer science, Dec. 8, 2010, Houston

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Burt Brock Farrar, 80, mechanical engineering, March 13, 2011, Shreveport
Dorothy Jerry Kimmie, 75, business administration, Feb. 8, 2011, Bossier City
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**Building Tradition**

A look back at Louisiana Tech’s history through its buildings and their namesakes.

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**In the Beginning**

The first portion of Main Hall, Tech’s first administration building, was completed on Sept. 23, 1895, a two-story structure of eight classrooms, a large auditorium, a chemical lab and two offices. “Old Main” was renovated in 1916; it burned in 1936. A marker made of brick from the original building stands on the original site today at the northeast corner of the Quad, approximately 50 yards west of Keeny Hall’s north wall.

November 30 will mark the 75th anniversary of an on-campus ceremony associated with laying the cornerstone for Tech’s “new administration building” in 1936. Completed in 1937, Keeny Hall was originally named Leche Hall after Louisiana governor Richard Leche. Leche resigned the governorship in 1939 and was in 1940 sentenced to federal prison after being indicted and convicted of mail fraud for taking kickbacks on purchases of state trucks. Fittingly, in 1946 the name of Leche Hall was changed to Keeny Hall after University president John E. Keeny (1907-1926, pictured). The building served as Tech’s new administration building and, until 1950, housed the post office and bookstore on its bottom floor. Today, Keeny Hall houses all offices (except admissions) needed by students to become students. All of the University’s financial business matters flow through Keeny Hall, which also houses journalism, the news bureau, The Tech Talk and Lagniappe.

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3 - 5 PM (KICKOFF 6 PM)

SATURDAY, OCT. 1
HAWAII
JAMBALAYA BY PONCHATOULAS
3 - 5 PM (KICKOFF 6 PM)

SATURDAY, OCT. 29
SAN JOSE STATE
BBQ SANDWICHES BY DANKEN TRAIL
12 - 2 PM (KICKOFF 3 PM)

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NEW MEXICO STATE
CHILI BY BILL COX
12 - 2 PM (KICKOFF 3 PM)

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