

A Message from Mike

Welcome to the first issue of the Double T Gazette, the Double T Association's quarterly newsletter. I will be producing this newsletter and posting it on the DTA Web site at www.doubletassociation.org. I was hired part time in March as Director of Special Events with many charges. In no particular order, I produce this newsletter, gather and update letterwinner data for our database, organize reunions and other "special" events and maintain the DTA Web site and e-mail, all the while reporting to the board of directors. We have some exciting things planned for the coming year. I am currently working with both golf coaches to provide fall activities in addition to our annual Homecoming golf tourney and a special evening for former coach and administrator John Conley. Other future events are listed on the Web site. This spring we had more than 130 football letterwinners back for the spring game. In addition, baseball held a reunion in conjunction with the 50th season of Red Raider baseball. I look forward to working with every sport we represent. Don't hesitate to contact me.

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Numerous Letterwinner Activities Planned

The 2004-2005 school year will be a busy one for the Double T Association. The DTA has several events in the works throughout the year.

On September 17 and 18 in conjunction with the home opener football game with TCU, the DTA will be hosting a dinner in honor of long-time coach and administrator John Conley. On Saturday, the '64 and '74 bowl teams will be recognized during pre-game ceremonies.

The following weekend, September 24 to 26, the Lady Raider golf team is hosting the Jeannine McHaney Golf Tournament, the first-ever collegiate tournament to be held on campus at the Rawls Course. The DTA and Lady Raiders

Golf team has invited all women's golfers to enjoy this landmark tournament.



Matt Wingo '91, Scott Fitzgerald '94, Leric Eaton '90, and Kirby Adams '92 enjoy the 2004 Spring Football Game golf tourney.

The annual Homecoming golf tournament and breakfast are set for October 8 and 9, in conjunction with the Nebraska football game.

The men's golf program is

hosting a reunion for all letterwinners November 4 and 5 in conjunction with the Baylor game. The alumni will compete in a tournament with the varsity, followed by dinner and more festivities throughout the weekend.

Spring 2005 will be busy as well. Plans are underway to assist with a Celebration of Women's Athletics at Texas Tech, a 20-year reunion of the 1984-85 men's basketball team, a 10-year reunion of the 1995 baseball team, and events surrounding the softball and baseball alumni games.

Stay tuned for more information on these and other future events. As always, this information will be on the DTA Web site.

Annual Homecoming Golf and Breakfast Set for October 8

Homecoming golf tournament plans are finalized. Men's and women's letterwinners from all sports are welcome. The four-person scramble will tee off in a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m., Friday, October 8, at the Rawls Course on campus. The cost is \$100 (\$80 for current DTA members), which includes

lunch on the course, green fee, cart and range balls. We have room for 36 foursomes. You can check the DTA Web site for an entry form.

The annual Homecoming breakfast will be held at 8 a.m., Saturday, October 9, in the Jones SBC Stadium Club. Park-

ing will be available in the lot north of the stadium across 4th Street. Coaches and athletic department personnel will be in attendance, and the Double T Association Board will meet immediately following breakfast.

Raiders Uncovered - Erica Ruegg '93



Erica, Morgan (center) and Erik at their home in Michi-

“Playing volleyball was a fabulous way to pay for college. I had a great time, met some amazing women I remain friends with, and I got a first-rate education.”

Hometown – Aurora, CO

Year(s)/sport(s) in which you played/lettered: 1990-1993, volleyball

Family: Married (Erik Shaltis), one daughter - 4mos. old (Morgan)

Degree(s) – B.S. (speech pathology), M.Ed. (special ed.), Ed.D. (special ed.)

Current Job, Location: Assistant professor in special ed. at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, teaching students to be special ed. teachers.

Favorite place on campus at Tech: Student Rec center

What was your greatest accomplishment as a student and/or athlete? As a student- getting my doctorate...as an athlete - beating UT!

Your thoughts on your teammates: Playing volleyball was a fabulous way to pay for

college. I had a great time, met some amazing women I remain friends with, and I got a first-rate education.

Thoughts on how TTU has changed since you left: The last time I visited I couldn't believe all the cool new stuff. We used to play in the rec center when I was there, so the arena and the big marquee blew my mind.

Life after TTU: I stayed at Tech for six years after volleyball getting my degrees. I moved to Michigan right after my doctorate and starting teaching at Oakland University. I've been a professor for four years now and it's awesome. A year after I moved here I met my husband. We got married last summer and now we have a beautiful new baby girl! I still play volleyball as much as I can. I play in a few leagues around town.

Favorite place to eat around Tech campus: Spanky's ... I loved their burgers. One Guy From Italy was good, too!

What does it mean to be a Red Raider? It means a lot to me, especially now that Bobby Knight has sort of put Lubbock on the map. When I wear my TTU stuff around campus, people stop and ask me if I know him and want to know more about Tech. I'm proud to tell them about the school and my experiences there. It's fun to be a Red Raider alum.

Best memory of athletic career at Tech: Beating UT for the first time ever, or at least in a long time for volleyball. That was pretty sweet!

Other than volleyball, what Tech sports do you follow? Baseball, Football, Basketball

Thoughts on Double T Association: I am definitely more interested in the Double T Association than the alumni Association. I feel more of a connection with athletics, than Tech as a whole. It is great that the DTA exists.



Ruegg celebrates a point in a 1991 match.

Need a hotel room in Lubbock on a football weekend? Room blocks are set up for the five home games. Check the DTA Web for more information!

Four Elected to Athletic Hall of Honor

Induction to be held Friday, October 22, 2004, at the Lubbock Country Club - 7 p.m.



T. Jones

Director of Athletics from '85 to '93... Oversaw facility upgrades, including Dan Law Field and Athletic Training Center... Hired Spike Dykes and Larry Hays... Oversaw merging of women's athletics into one athletic department... Created Double T Shoppe... Initiated option-seating program ... Retired in '93... Lives in Runaway Bay, Texas



Amanda Banks '90

Women's track athlete from '86 to '90... Competed in triple jump... Won the '88 and '89 SWC championship in triple jump... Still holds school record for longest indoor and outdoor jumps in school history... Finished second in the NCAA in '89 in the outdoor triple jump... Resides in Lubbock



Ecomet Burley '76

Played defensive tackle and nose guard... Four-year starter... 1972 Sun Bowl Most Valuable Lineman... 1973 SWC Sophomore of the Year... First-team All-SWC three times... Played professionally in Canada for six years, twice being named to Eastern All-Star team... Resides in Champaign, Illinois



Charles Odiorne '89

Offensive tackle from 1986 to 1989... Three-year starter... Two-time First team All-SWC... 1989 Sporting News All-American... Blocked for James Gray's record-setting '89 campaign... Played two years professionally in the World League... Resides in Wichita, Kansas

Stacey Kolb Totman (women's golf '96) is the Head Women's Golf Coach at Texas Tech. Stacey was twice All SWC and she is married to former All-American 2nd baseman **Jason Totman**.

Dwight Phillips (men's basketball '85) is Boys JV basketball coach at St. Mark's School in Dallas.

Charlie Biggurs (football '93) is the pastor at Abundant Grace Christian Center in Irving, TX. A two-time All-SWC tackle, Charlie is also the Dallas Cowboys team chaplain.

Jennifer Buck (women's basketball '91) owns and runs a speech pathology practice in Charlotte, NC.

Larry Anderson (baseball '70) is a CPA in Lubbock at his accounting firm, JW Anderson & Associates. Larry is currently the treasurer of the Double T Association.



Let us know where you are and what you're doing! Drop us an e-mail at dta@ttu.edu and tell us what's going on. We'll include you in this section in a future newsletter.

Mike Humphreys (baseball '88) lives in Desoto, Texas, and is employed by Jostens. Mike was Freshman All-America in '86 and he played with the New York Yankees in '91, '92 and '93.

Erick Willcoxon (men's golf '89) is an agent for Farmers Insurance in Lubbock.

Anne Goodman James (women's swimming '75) is currently the head swimming coach at the University of Arkansas. Anne swam at Texas Tech and later coached Lady Raider swimming from '82 to '85.

Josh Bard ('99) of the Cleveland Indians, **Steve Watkins** ('98) of the San Diego Padres, **Keith Ginter** ('98) of the Milwaukee Brewers and **Travis Smith** ('95) of the Atlanta Braves are Red Raiders currently on Major League Baseball rosters. Red Raider baseball is hosting an alumni game February 5, 2005.



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By Red Raiders, for Red Raiders

The Double T Association is an organization committed to the encouragement of lifelong participation with Texas Tech Athletics for all varsity letterwinners. We strive to promote the proud tradition of being a Red Raider letterwinner and to provide a vibrant, united organization with which to associate.

Please contact Mike Gustafson, Director of Special Events for the DTA, if you have questions or to discuss how you can get involved.

Red Raider Letterwinners ... We want you!

Letterwinners, we want your participation! Over the next two years we hope to have a reunion, alumni game, golf tournament or other such activity for every varsity sport at Texas Tech. Please join us for these events. Several new facilities have been constructed or upgraded on campus, and we want to show them off to you. After all, it was you who helped us build our programs and our traditions. Check our Web site, check your e-mail and stay in touch, so we can get you the information when we have activities you might be interested in.



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