

A Message from Mike

My first calendar year is just about in the books and much has been done. The letterwinner database is up to 2500 names and addresses, which has been priority number one for me. When I started we had slightly more than 1000. I have many more to find, though. Last fall we had the first-ever reunion of the men's golf program. The reunion was a great success with attendees spanning the years from the early 1940s to 2004. A joint reunion of men's and women's golf programs is slated for this fall.

Spring DTA events are detailed in this newsletter, but I can give you a preview of the tentative fall schedule of events. Reunions will be held for a couple of our past bowl football teams, the baseball program, the men's and women's tennis program, the men's and women's golf programs, and the 1984-85 men's SWC champion basketball team.

I thought I could host an event for every sport in my first two years. I won't quite make that goal, but I'll only lack a couple sports after 2005.

As always, stay in touch!

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An Eventful Spring

The spring will be eventful for the Double T Association. The DTA assisted with the alumni baseball game in early February by hosting the alumni team for dinner at the County Line Restaurant. Oakland A's 2nd baseman Keith Ginter and Florida Marlins 2004 Minor League Hitter of the Year Joe Dillon highlighted the list of current professional baseball players on hand for the weekend. The varsity won the game 6-0.

A Sunday brunch was held for the women's soccer alumni team on February 27 at the Market Center. Several soccer letterwinners attended the brunch, during which an award was established in the name of the late Allison Horn, a member of the soccer team who died in a car crash. The ladies were also recognized during the Lady Raiders basketball game against OSU.



An award has been created in the name of Allison Horn, a Red Raider soccer letterwinner who died in 2003.

On April 15, the DTA will host the annual spring golf tournament. Last year's event had over 130 participants and another large turnout is expected this year. A dinner that night at the Jones SBC Stadium Club will

culminate the big day. Saturday, the annual football alumni game and spring football game will highlight the day. For more information on that weekend, see the article below.

The following weekend the 1995 SWC champion baseball team will reunite in conjunction with the baseball series against Kansas. A Friday golf event, Saturday pre-game tailgate, and Saturday post-game dinner will highlight the festivities.

Finally, while it's not a spring event, in June Red Raider Athletic Trainer letterwinners will be welcomed back to campus for a reunion weekend. Details on this weekend are still being finalized but athletic trainers should mark their calendars for June 24 and 25, 2005.

Annual DTA Spring Golf Weekend Set for April 15-16

Men's and women's letterwinners from all sports are welcome to participate in the annual DTA spring golf tournament and spring football game weekend.

Friday, April 15, a four-person scramble will tee off in a shotgun start at 1:30 P.M. at the Rawls Course. Registration starts at 11 A.M. The cost is \$100, which includes lunch, green fees, cart,

range balls and dinner. Dinner will be held at 7 P.M. in the Jones SBC Stadium Club. Cost for dinner is free for those who golf, and \$25 for non-golfers.

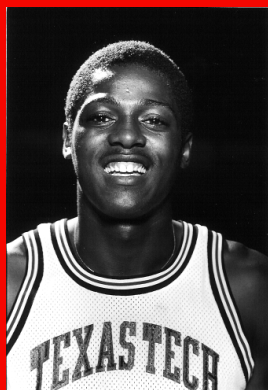
Check the DTA Web site for a golf entry form, or e-mail us at dta@ttu.edu and we will get you a copy.

Saturday, DTA members as well

as football letterwinners, can enjoy the 12:30 P.M. alumni game and 1 P.M. spring football game from the comfort of the Jones SBC Stadium Club. Family members are welcomed, if accompanied by a letterwinner.

For more information about the weekend, e-mail dta@ttu.edu or visit the DTA Web site at www.doubletassociation.org.

Raiders Uncovered - Vince Taylor '87



Vince Taylor was one of the many fine Red Raider basketball players to come out of Hobbs, NM.

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Hometown: Hobbs, NM

Year(s)/sport(s) at Tech: '81-85 men's basketball

Family: Father of two daughters who live in Lubbock

Degree(s): B.S. '87 Texas Tech; 2 Masters Degrees – College of the Southwest

Current Job, Location: Physical Education teacher/ Assistant basketball coach – Hobbs (NM) HS. Also, Adjunct Professor – College of the Southwest

Favorite place on campus when you were here: The Rec Center - We played pickup basketball over there all the time. It was fun playing with the football guys and everyone else. We all hung out there.

Greatest accomplishment as a student and/or athlete: Going back to school and getting two masters degrees. As a coach and teacher it gives me the chance to be an example for our kids in getting their education.

Your thoughts on your Tech teammates: My senior year was great, playing with Tony Benford, Bubba Jennings and all my teammates. I still keep in touch with many of those guys, we were good friends, and we all really enjoyed each other like family.

How has TTU changed since you left? It is phenomenal. With Bobby Knight here and the way Coach Sharp

has taken her program to the level at which they are, it's a great time for Texas Tech basketball. When I see campus now it's all changed with new buildings everywhere.

Life after TTU: When I first left Tech I worked for the federal government in the Air Force recreation programs. When they started closing Air Force bases I started looking for something else. Tony Benford ('86) had been offered the assistant job at Hobbs High School but wasn't going to take it. He convinced me to try it for one year and I've never left. Thirteen years later and I still love teaching P.E. and coaching basketball!

When you come back to town, where's the first place you visit? The first place I go is to see my daughters. Then I go to the Rec Center and see what's going on over there, and maybe even the Spirit Arena. If I can catch Coach Myers I go by and see him, too.

Favorite campus "joint": We used to hang out at the Copper Caboose across from the stadium. We always ate the nachos over there. If we weren't there we were at Spanky's eating a "He-man Woman Hater."

What does it mean to be a Red Raider? It means the world to me. I got the chance to come here and play with my brother and some other guys

from Hobbs, plus Bubba Jennings who was an arch rival in high school over at Artesia. The chance to contribute to this program at a great school was a dream come true. I shouldn't say this, but I'm always pushing our kids in Hobbs to Tech.

Best memory of athletic career at Tech: The '84-85 season. We accomplished so many of our goals in winning the SWC regular season and post-season championships. I still wear the ring today and nobody else can ever get one of these. Those memories can't be replaced.

Other than basketball, what Tech sports do you follow? I am a Red Raider football fan. I use every excuse I can to get here for home football games. With this offense anything can happen. We can score 70 points on somebody in a flash. It's unbelievable what this school has turned in to. The Holiday Bowl was awesome!

What are your thoughts on the upcoming 20-year reunion of the 1984-85 basketball team? I can't wait! But the one thing that we'll be missing is Ray Irvin. Ray was a great guy. At his funeral, I saw so many of those guys and I can't wait to see them again at the reunion. I hope that Quentin Anderson and Tobin Doda and some of the other guys I haven't seen in a long time will be there.

Eric Shirley (baseball '82-83) is the President of The Aviation Company in Plano, TX. His company specializes in leasing large aircraft to collegiate football and basketball teams, as well as corporate groups. Eric and his wife Cheri, who also attended Tech, have three kids including a son, Wes, who attends Tech and plays on the Texas Tech Club Hockey team.

John Carter '92 (football) teaches World History and is head baseball coach and assistant football coach at Round Rock High School. John also played baseball briefly at Tech.

Jimmy Webster '91 (baseball) is the head baseball coach at Lubbock Coronado High School. He was named 2004 Co-Coach of the Year in District 2-5A after leading the Mustangs to the district championship.

Ryan Strong '89 (football) teaches social studies and coaches soccer at Randall High School in Amarillo, TX. Ryan was a football graduate assistant at Rice after graduation from Tech. It was there he met his wife Lorna who is now Director of Athletic Training at West Texas A&M. Ryan coached linebackers for the NAIA national champion Central Arkansas Bears before returning to his native Amarillo, where he and Lorna are raising two sons.

Richard Sybesma '75 (swimming) is the Men's and Women's Swimming coach at TCU. He has served in that capacity since 1979 and has been named conference coach of the year four times, most recently in 2004 when he was given the award by Conference USA. He has coached 18 Horned Frog All-Americans, seven national champions, 15 Olympic trial qualifiers and one Olympian. He is married with four daughters.

Noel Johnson '95 (basketball) is in her 8th season as assistant basketball coach at Texas State University.

Craig Noonan '80 (baseball) lives in Grapevine, TX, and is President of Noonan Communications Group, a company specializing in developing internal marketing, media and management programs to assist businesses.

Linda Dietz, CPA (golf '80-81) is the interim business manager at St. Mary's Hall, a private school in San Antonio. She has two teenage children and is looking forward to the women's golf reunion in fall '05.

Trudy A. Davis '74 (volleyball, track, basketball and badminton) has retired from teaching after 29 years and is now living in Colorado and enjoying the Rocky Mountains.

Grant Lindsay '92 (baseball) lives in Cypress, TX, and is employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

Bryant Moore '93 (basketball) is assistant basketball coach at University of California-Riverside.

Mac Percival '63 (basketball) runs Roberts Advertising Company in Stafford, TX. He and wife Jane, also a Tech grad, have three daughters and six grandchildren.



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.

James Ware '00 (basketball) is assistant mens basketball coach at the University of Minnesota.

Shelly (Bishop) Macias '93 (athletic trainer) is the head athletic trainer at Lubbock Coronado High School. She is the happy mother of a daughter, Audree.

Former volleyball coach and Hall of Honor inductee **Janice Hudson** is a counselor at Deer Park High School in Deer Park, TX.

Crit Caton '85 (basketball) is the principal at Hermosa Elementary School in Artesia, NM.

Brian Hall '76 (football) has lived in Dallas since 1978. He is in the insurance business specializing in long term care planning. His three children include one in TTU Law School, a December Tech graduate, and a high school junior who plans to attend Tech. Aside from his "real job" he works with Red Raider **Donny Anderson** (football '63,'64,'65) in promoting the "Winners for Life Foundation", a foundation created by Anderson to help kids. Anderson co-authored a book directed at teens on goal-setting.

Robin Harriss '95 (baseball) was recently hired as assistant baseball coach at Oklahoma State. He works with former Red Raider assistants **Greg Evans** and **Frank Anderson**.

Jessica Karenke '99 (softball) is the head softball coach at Navarro College in Corsicana, TX.

John Lemmons '65 (basketball) lives in Houston. Two months before his 65th birthday he opened Prosperity Mortgage and on the week of his 65th birthday he opened Texan Real Estate. The plaque he received for playing on the 1960-61 SWC championship team still hangs in his office.

Mark Hull '03 (golf) works for Henry S. Miller Commercial in the industrial/office division, doing tenant representation. He plans to marry his fiancée Blake, a recent Tech grad, in September.

Alex Aldaco '99 (cross country) coaches cross country at Concordia Lutheran University in Austin, where he works with former Red Raider basketball player **Stan Bonowitz '00**, who is in his first season as head basketball coach.

Bill Sharpley '52 (football) reports that he was glad to receive his first issue of the Double T Gazette. He recently had hip replacement surgery and is recovering at his home in Lubbock.

In 2000, Hall of Honor inductee **Sharon (Moultrie) Bruner '83** (track and field) received a donated kidney from the wife of a fellow coach at South Grand Prairie High School. She is doing fine now and her SGPHS track teams remain very successful.

Cheryl (Gerlich) Barron '93 (athletic trainer) is the vice principal in her hometown of La Vernia, TX, at La Vernia Junior High School.



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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! From 2004 to 2006 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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