

COACHES & STAFF



Head coach John Cohen and the baseball coaching staff



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John Cohen

Head coach (Mississippi State University, 1990)



John Cohen, regarded by many as one of the top offensive tacticians on the collegiate baseball scene, is in his first year as head baseball coach at Mississippi State University. He was introduced as MSU's 16th head baseball June 7, 2008, exactly 18 years to the day after leaving Omaha, Neb., and the 1990 NCAA College World Series following his final game as a Mississippi State player.

Cohen's return to Starkville, Miss., and Dudy Noble Field completes a success-filled and fast-paced circle that began when the Tuscaloosa, Ala., native first joined the Baseball Bulldog family as a player in 1987.

He came back to Mississippi State seasoned with 17 years of collegiate coaching experience, nine years as a collegiate head coach, the last five as head coach at Southeastern Conference Eastern Division rival Kentucky.

The Bulldog skipper, an All-Southeastern Conference outfielder during his playing career at Mississippi State, sports a 321-197-1 coaching mark (.619) as he enters his 10th season as a collegiate head coach in 2009.

In his previous coaching assignments at Missouri (1992-97), Northwestern (La.) State (1998-2001), Florida (2002-03) and Kentucky (2004-08), Cohen has been associated with teams that piled up 555 wins and

earned five NCAA postseason advancements.

His prowess as one of the nation's top young hitting instructors has mounted with each step along the way in his coaching career. But It took on national proportions in 2006 when, in his third season at Kentucky, he guided the Wildcats to a remarkable worst-to-first finish in the rugged Southeastern Conference.

Under Cohen's direction, Kentucky posted a school-best 44-win season, the school's first Southeastern Conference baseball championship and brought the first NCAA regional baseball tournament to the Lexington campus noted more for its hoops prominence. That team, featuring the likes of All-American standout and SEC Player of the year Ryan Strieby and All-SEC performers John Shelby and Sean Coughlin, virtually rewrote the Kentucky record book.

Cohen's coaching efforts did not go unnoticed. He was accorded **national coach of the year** honors by both the College Baseball Foundation and CollegeBaseballInsider.com and, for the third time in his career, was tabbed by his peers for conference coach of the year accolades.

The new Bulldog coach has maintained a torrid pace in the months since his arrival at Mississippi State.

He quickly assembled a well-respected and highly-skilled staff, featuring coaches well-versed in Mississippi State's colorful baseball history, the Magnolia State's high school and junior college programs, and the highly-competitive Southeastern Conference.

All the while Cohen has continued to move the MSU baseball program forward. On the facilities front, Mississippi State's impressive baseball campus added an auxiliary outdoor practice infield adjacent to the spacious Palmeiro Center.

His commitment to excellence in the classroom resulted in a 3.31 team grade point average during the fall (2008) semester, MSU Baseball's best semester GPA in school history and the second-highest of the semester among men's sports team at State.

Continuing a trademark that has grown during his coaching career, Cohen has rapidly become a highly sought-after featured speaker and clinician. He has criss-crossed the nation sharing his baseball expertise at baseball clinics in 30 states. And since arriving at Mississippi State last summer, Cohen has maintained a full



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The JOHN COHEN file

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Birth date: September 21, 1966
Birth place: Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Wife: Nelle (Bashinsky) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Daughters: Jordan Baker (14) and Avery Lawson (12)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School: Tuscaloosa (Ala) Academy (1985)
Undergraduate: Mississippi State University, 1990 (English)
Graduate: Missouri, 1994 (sports management)

PLAYING CAREER

1982-85: Tuscaloosa (Ala) Academy
1986: Birmingham-Southern
1987-90: Mississippi State University
1990-91: Minnesota Twins farm system

PLAYING HONORS

1990: First-team All-Southeastern Conference
1990: MILB draft - 22nd round (Minnesota Twins)

COACHING BACKGROUND

1992-94: University of Missouri (graduate assistant coach)
1995-97: University of Missouri (assistant coach)
1998-2001: Northwestern State (head coach)
2002-03: University of Florida (assistant coach)
2004-08: University of Kentucky (head coach)
2009 —: Mississippi State University (head coach)

COACHING HONORS

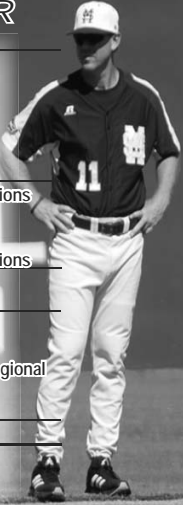
1998: Southland Conference Coach of the Year
2001: Southland Conference Coach of the Year
2005: USA Baseball National Team
2006: SEC/ABCA South Region Coach of the Year
2006: National Coach of the Year



**The Cohens ---
 Nelle, Avery, John and Jordan**

COHEN COACHING YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	School	Position	Record	Team honors
1992	Missouri	grad. asst.	34-22	
1993	Missouri	grad. asst.	30-19	
1994	Missouri	grad. asst.	32-26	
1995	Missouri	asst. coach	19-34	
1996	Missouri	asst. coach	39-19	NCAA Regional
1997	Missouri	asst. coach	31-27	
1998	Northwestern State	head coach	40-20	Southland Conf. champions
1999	Northwestern State	head coach	38-21	
2000	Northwestern State	head coach	30-26	
2001	Northwestern State	head coach	38-17	Southland Conf. champions
2002	Florida	asst. coach	37-21-1	NCAA Regional
2003	Florida	asst. coach	46-19	NCAA Regional
2004	Kentucky	head coach	24-30	
2005	Kentucky	head coach	29-27	
2006	Kentucky	head coach	44-17	SEC champions/NCAA Regional
2007	Kentucky	head coach	34-19-1	
2008	Kentucky	head coach	44-19	NCAA Regional
2009	Mississippi State	head coach		
Overall coaching record (18 seasons)			555-383-2	
Head coaching record (nine seasons)			321-196-1	



schedule of speaking engagements at alumni gatherings, civic organization meetings and at baseball banquets on a variety of levels in the Magnolia State.

He rates as one of 22 active college head coaches to have played in the NCAA College World Series. Cohen is also one of three SEC head baseball coaches coaching at his alma mater and the fifth Mississippi State grad to serve in that capacity at MSU.

Cohen, 42, is married to the former **Nelle Bashinsky**, also from Tuscaloosa, Ala., and they have two daughters - **Jordan Baker** and **Avery Lawson**.

COHEN THE DIAMOND DOG

Mississippi State skipper John Cohen wears a No. 11 baseball jersey.

It's the same number he wore during his collegiate career at State.

Cohen was an accomplished two-sport prep athlete at **Tuscaloosa Academy**, earning all-state honors in both baseball and basketball. His TA hoops teams won three straight state titles and a school-record 100 consecutive games. But it was on the baseball diamond as a four-year regular playing for coach **Don McNabb** that Cohen excelled.

He capped his prep career with a stellar senior season in 1985, the same year that, 90 miles away, the likes of **Jeff Brantley**, **Will Clark**, **Rafael Palmeiro** and **Bobby Thigpen** were leading MSU's Baseball Bulldogs to a school-best third-place finish in the NCAA College World Series.

After graduation, he inked with **Birmingham-Southern**. As a rookie he was the Panthers' starting center fielder, hitting at a crisp .333 clip and earning team defensive MVP honors. On April 24 that season Cohen made his Dudy Noble Field debut in a Birmingham-South-

ern uniform, delivering a double, a triple and driving three runs in the split of a Mississippi State-Birmingham-Southern doubleheader in Starkville.

Cohen transferred to State that fall, sitting out the 1987 campaign before beginning his Diamond Dog career playing under legendary MSU head coach **Ron Polk**. He was a key contributor during the most successful three-year span in MSU's storied baseball history. The Bulldogs advanced to an NCAA regional tournament berth in each of Cohen's three seasons as a player, capped by a run to Omaha and the 1990 NCAA College World Series. In 1989, he helped lead the Bulldogs to the SEC championship and a school-record 54 wins. During that span the Bulldogs compiled a 148-46 record (.763) that included two of the program's three 50-win campaigns.

Along the way Cohen finished his career ranked in the top 10 in several statistical categories at Mississippi State and earned first-team All-Southeastern Conference distinction as a senior. He was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the 22nd round of the 1990 Major League Baseball Draft and played two years in the Twins' minor league system prior to beginning his coaching career at Missouri.

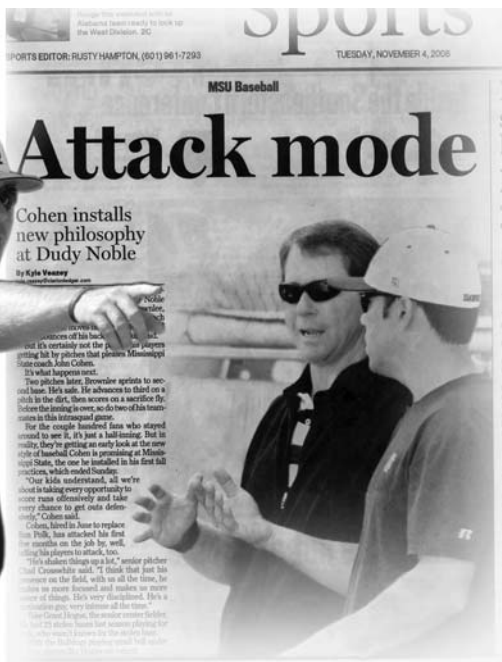
COHEN THE COACH

Cohen traveled to Columbia, Mo., in the fall of 1991 to begin his coaching career, initially serving as a graduate assistant on coach **Gene McArtor's** baseball staff at the **University of Missouri**. **Tim Jamieson** followed McArtor as the Tigers' head coach following the '95 campaign, and Jamieson tabbed Cohen as his chief assistant, hitting coach and recruiting coordinator.

That season, Missouri won the Big Eight championship and advanced to an NCAA regional berth



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for the first time in 16 years. The Tigers broke nine offensive school records that season, part of 17 total records set by Cohen's offenses over his six years in Columbia.

Following the 1997 season, Cohen headed to Natchitoches, La., for his first head coaching assignment, a four-year term at Northwestern State. his two predecessors at Northwestern State now also serve as head coaches in the Southeastern Conference --- Arkansas' **Dave Van Horn** and Alabama's **Jim Wells**.

Under Cohen, the Demons compiled a 146-84 (.635) mark and claimed a pair of Southland Conference titles (1998 and 2001). He was named the

Southland Coach of the Year during both championship seasons.

His well-rounded club set 18 individual and team offensive records during his tenure, while his pitching staff set 10 school marks. The 1998 team posted the nation's fifth-best team earned run average (3.82) while the 1999 edition fashioned the college baseball's seventh-best fielding percentage (.967).

NSU's baseball team also excelled in the classroom, averaging 18 players with grade-point averages of 3.0 or better each semester while notching 3.0 team GPAs in both 1998 and 1999.

Cohen also spearheaded a highly-successful fund-raising campaign for Northwestern State's baseball facility, Brown-Stroud Field. The ball park's grandstand seating increased from 298 to 1,000. All of those seats and then some were needed on April 18, 2001 when a school-record 4,214 fans watched Cohen's Demons knock off defending-national champion LSU.

Cohen established himself as one of the nation's best hitting coaches during a successful two-year stint at the University of Florida as an assistant coach on the staff of **Pat McMahon**. In Gainesville, his Gator offenses pulverized opposing pitching and led the SEC in nearly every statistical category.

In 2002, Cohen's Gator offense led the nation in hits while ranking second in batting average, runs scored and home runs. That year, Florida led the Southeastern Conference in nine team categories and set or tied a total of 41 offensive school records (20 team, 21 individual) en route to its most successful season since 1998 (46-19) and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

At Florida Cohen coached a pair of consensus All-Americans, **Mark Kiger** and SEC batting champ **Pat Osborn**, each of whom batted over .400 and scored more than 100 runs. Cohen's balanced UF offense also included five players hitting 10 or more home runs.

In the 2003 season, Florida's high-octane offense paced the SEC in five offensive categories. For the second straight year two Gators finished in the top five in the league in batting average and **Brian Rose** became the third Gator to earn All-America honors under Cohen's tutelage. Bolstered by its tremendous offense, Florida earned its second consecutive NCAA regional tournament berth.

ON TO LEXINGTON

Cohen's time away from the head coaching circle was brief. After two record-setting seasons at Florida and following the 2003 campaign, Cohen was hired as head coach at the **University of Kentucky**.

In five seasons as the Wildcats' taskmaster, Cohen guided Kentucky to unprecedented success on the diamond, elevating UK to national prominence.

His teams posted a 175-113-1 (.607) mark over the span, claiming much attention as Cohen developed Kentucky into a major player on the national scene.

After a 24-30 finish in his first season at UK



John Cohen played on three MSU teams that advanced to NCAA postseason play, including the 1990 edition that topped Florida State to advance to the NCAA College World Series.

(W-48, L-19) AT- STARKVILLE, MS

MISSISSIPPI STATE 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 R H E vs. FLORIDA

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	H	E
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	9	2

DATE- 5/28/90

No	PLAYERS	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	H	E
42	DAVID MITCHELL	CF															
23	BURKE MASTERS	3B															
11	JOHN COHEN	LF															
72	TOMMY RAFFO	1B															
3	JON SHAVE	SS															
21	TRACY ECHOLS	RF															
15	JIM ROBINSON	C															
27	REX BUCKNER	DH															
2	SCOTT MITCHELL	P															
14	JIMMY CARROLL	P															
	CHARLIE ANDERSON	P															
TOTALS:			R	H	E	LOB											
			0	1	1	0											

DOUBLE PLAYS:

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NO PITCHER W-L BF IP

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(2004), Cohen directed the '05 Wildcats to a 29-27 finish, the second winning campaign in nine seasons for Kentucky. But that paled in comparison to what followed the next three seasons.

Cohen's 2006 Wildcat edition, sparked by SEC Player of the Year Ryan Strieby, turned many heads when it rolled to a 44-17 mark, the school's first Southeastern Conference baseball championship, and registered the initial worst-to-first one-season turnaround in SEC baseball history. That season and the two that followed saw Cohen's 'Cats virually rewrite the school record book. He earned **national coach of the year** plaudits (College Baseball Foundation and CollegeBaseballinsider.com) in 2006, a season which also saw Kentucky host its initial NCAA regional tournament.

Honored as the **2006 SEC Coach of the Year**, Cohen directed the Southeastern Conference's best offensive club that season, piling up a school-record 500 runs. His 2007 club hit for a stellar .320 average, just one point shy of the UK school record. That team led the SEC in eight offensive categories and ranked third nationally in home runs, slugging percentage.

The record-breaking parade continued in 2008. UK raced to a 19-0 start, a top five national ranking, and matched its school-best win total with a 44-19 finish. UK advanced to an NCAA regional tournament berth, the second under Cohen and the school's fourth overall. Along the way in 2008 UK racked up school records for highest fielding percentage, putouts, at bats, runs scored,



John Cohen played in the Minnesota Twins organization (1990-91) and later served as an assistant coach on the 2005 USA National baseball team.

doubles, RBI, sacrifice bunts, sacrifice flies and innings pitched.

While his team's have been noted for their offensive prowess, Cohen-coached clubs also excel in the other facets of the sport. Last year's Kentucky team led the SEC and ranked seventh nationally with a 3.71 earned run average. And UK's school-record .974 fielding percentage was the second-best in the SEC, ranking 14th nationally.

Increased attendance, enhanced facilities and additional national recognition were by-products of the Cohen era at Kentucky.

A school-record six UK players selected in the Major League Baseball's 2006 draft, five were selected in 2007 and four more, all in the top 10 rounds, were chosen in 2008.

At UK Cohen also firmly established himself as one of the best recruiters in the game. His initial UK recruiting class was rated as one of the top 25 by Collegiate Baseball in 2004, and his final Wildcats recruiting class was ranked fourth-best nationally by Baseball America.

The Cohen impact on the Kentucky baseball program was also felt in the classroom, where in five years 56 Wildcat baseball players earned academic all-conference honors. In his first year, a then-school record nine Wildcats were named to the 2004 SEC Academic Honor Roll. That number climbed yearly to a school-best 17 in 2008, second-most in the Southeastern Conference behind Mississippi State.

JOHN COHEN VS. ALL OPPONENTS (1998-2001, 2004-08)

Opponent	at NSU	at UK	at MSU	Career	Opponent	at NSU	at UK	at MSU	Career	Opponent	at NSU	at UK	at MSU	Career
Air Force	---	1-0	---	1-0	Iowa State	0-1	---	---	0-1	Oral Roberts	0-2	---	---	0-2
Alabama	0-2	5-6	---	5-8	Illinois State	---	1-0	---	1-0	Prairie View	1-0	---	---	1-0
Appalachian State	---	1-0	---	1-0	Indiana	---	1-0	---	1-0	Purdue	---	3-0	---	3-0
Arizona	---	0-1	---	0-1	Jackson State	1-0	---	---	1-0	Rhode Island	---	1-1	---	1-1
Arkansas	1-0	4-8	---	5-8	Kent State	---	1-0	---	1-0	Rice	1-2	---	---	1-2
Arkansas State	1-0	0-1	---	1-1	Lamar	10-4	1-0	---	11-4	Saint Louis	2-0	---	---	2-0
Arkansas-Little Rock	4-4	---	---	4-4	Louisiana College	5-1	---	---	5-1	Sam Houston State	13-2	---	---	13-2
Army	---	2-0	---	2-0	Louisiana State	2-3	6-8-1	---	6-8-1	Samford	0-1	---	---	0-1
Auburn	---	5-7	---	5-7	Louisiana Tech	6-5	---	---	6-5	South Alabama	---	1-0	---	1-0
Ball State	---	1-1	---	1-1	Louisiana-Lafayette	1-3	1-3	---	1-3	South Carolina	---	7-9	---	7-9
Baylor	0-2	---	---	0-2	Louisiana-Monroe	8-7	8-7	---	8-7	Southeastern Louisiana	8-5	---	---	8-5
Belmont	---	1-0	---	1-0	Louisville	---	7-3	---	7-3	Southern Illinois	1-0	---	---	1-0
Buffalo	---	3-0	---	3-0	LSU-Shreveport	6-0	---	---	6-0	Southern Mississippi	0-2	---	---	0-2
Butler	---	4-0	---	4-0	Marshall	---	3-1	---	3-1	Southern University	0-1	---	---	0-1
Canisius	---	2-0	---	2-0	McNeese State	12-6	---	---	12-6	Southwest Missouri St.	1-1	---	---	1-1
Centenary	10-2	---	---	10-2	Memphis	---	1-0	---	1-0	Southwest Texas State	8-8	---	---	8-8
Charleston-Southern	0-0	0-1	---	0-1	Miami (OH)	---	0-1	---	0-1	Tennessee	---	7-8	---	7-8
Cincinnati	---	3-2	---	3-2	Michigan	---	2-1	---	2-1	Tennessee Tech	---	4-0	---	4-0
Cleveland State	---	3-0	---	3-0	Michigan State	---	1-0	---	1-0	Tennessee-Martin	---	3-0	---	3-0
College of Charleston	---	0-1	---	0-1	Middle Tennessee St.	1-0	---	---	1-0	Texas Southern	9-0	---	---	9-0
Cumberland (Ky.)	---	1-0	---	1-0	Mississippi State	---	8-7	---	8-7	Texas-Arlington	8-5	---	---	8-5
Dayton	---	0-1	---	0-1	Mississippi Valley St.	1-0	---	---	1-0	Texas-San Antonio	7-5	1-0	---	8-5
East Tennessee State	---	0-1	---	0-1	Missouri	0-1	---	---	0-1	Texas A&M-CC	2-0	---	---	2-0
East Texas Baptist	1-0	---	---	1-0	Morehead State	---	3-2	---	3-2	Toledo	---	3-0	---	3-0
Eastern Kentucky	---	3-3	---	3-2	Murray State	---	6-0	---	6-0	Tusculum	---	1-0	---	1-0
Eastern Michigan	---	3-0	---	3-0	Nebraska	1-1	---	---	1-1	UAB	---	---	1st meeting	0-0
Evansville	---	3-1	---	3-1	New Orleans	1-0	---	---	1-0	UCLA	1-0	---	---	1-0
Fairfield	---	1-0	---	1-0	Nicholls University	8-7	---	---	8-7	Valparaiso University	---	---	1st meeting	0-0
Florida	---	5-10	---	5-10	North Dakota State	---	3-0	---	3-0	Vanderbilt	---	6-9	---	6-9
Furman	---	3-0	---	3-0	North Florida	---	---	1st meeting	0-0	Wake Forest	0-1	---	---	0-1
George Mason	---	1-0	---	1-0	Northern Illinois	---	1-0	---	1-0	Western Kentucky	---	5-1	---	5-1
Georgetown College	---	2-0	---	2-0	Northern Kentucky	---	1-0	---	1-0	Wisconsin-Milwaukee	---	3-0	---	3-0
Georgia	---	3-12	---	3-12	Northwestern	---	3-0	---	3-0	Wright State	---	3-1	---	3-1
Grambling State	2-0	---	---	2-0	Notre Dame	---	1-0	---	1-0	Xavier	---	4-0	---	4-0
Hawaii	---	---	1st meeting	0-0	Oakland	---	3-0	---	3-0	Youngstown State	---	1-0	---	1-0
Henderson State	2-0	---	---	2-0	Ole Miss	---	7-3	---	7-3	Totals	146-84	175-113-1	321-197-1	



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Lane Burroughs

• Assistant coach (Mississippi College, 1995)

Native Mississippian Lane Burroughs is in his first season on John Cohen's Mississippi State University baseball staff.

Burroughs joined the MSU staff in June 2008 after having served as an assistant coach for the Kansas State Wildcats in 2008.

The Meridian, Miss., native is in his 14th season as a baseball coach and is well-schooled in Magnolia State baseball. He played the sport on the high school, junior college and senior college level in Mississippi, and all but three of his first 13 years in the coaching profession have come in the state of Mississippi, including a highly-successful nine-year stint as an assistant coach at Southern Miss.

This is Burroughs's second coaching assignment under John Cohen. He was a member of Cohen's coaching team at Northwestern (La.) State in 1997 and 1998.

At USM Burroughs served as recruiting coordinator, infield coach, and handled in-game duties as USM's coach in the third base coaching box. He excelled in each, but gained much acclaim in his role as hitting coach and in the development of Southern Miss' hitters. He coached seven all-Americans, nine freshman all-Americans, 10 position players that went on to sign professional baseball contracts, five of those as top 10 round selections in the Major League baseball draft.

During his nine-year coaching term in Hattiesburg, Southern Miss made its first six NCAA postseason regional tournament appearances. Among the Burroughs-coached Golden Eagles that earned all-American status was Jarrett Hoffpauir, who reigned as the toughest player to strike out in 2004. That record-setting season saw USM establish school marks for hits, runs scored and RBI.



Burroughs launched his coaching career as a graduate assistant coach at his alma mater, Mississippi College, serving there one season before assuming a post as an assistant coach under Bill Baldner at East Mississippi Community College in Scooba, Miss., in 1997.

He began his coaching association with John Cohen a year later as an assistant coach at Northwestern (La.) State, helping direct the Demons to a 40-20 mark and the 1998 Southland Conference Championship.

Following the 2007 campaign, Burroughs moved from Conference USA to the Big 12 Conference, accepting an assistant coaching position on the staff of Brad Hill at Kansas State University. That season the Wildcats advanced to the finals of the Big 12 Conference tournament championship game.

Burroughs played high school baseball at West Lauderdale High School in Collinsville, Miss., where he was coached by Jerry Boatner, one of the all-time winningest coaches in Mississippi high school history, and was a teammate of Mississippi State All-American and Major League pitching standout Jay Powell.

He continued his baseball career at Meridian Community College playing for coach Corky Palmer, where MCC claimed MJCAA state titles in both 1992 and 1993. Burroughs continued his baseball career playing for coach Tom Gladney at Mississippi College the next two seasons and was honored as an All-Gulf South Conference outfielder and the team MVP in 1995, his final campaign with the Choctaws.

Burroughs is married to the former Susan Parker of Meridian, Miss., and they are the parents of three children, daughters Parker Grace, 7, and Camryn Lane, 5, and son Thomas Jackson, 1.



The BURROUGHS file

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Birth date: December 23, 1972
Birth place: Meridian, Miss.
Wife: Susan (Parker) of Meridian, Miss.
Daughters: Parker Grace (7) and Camryn Lane (5)
Son: Thomas Jackson (1)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School: West Lauderdale (Miss.) High School, 1991
Junior College: Meridian (Miss.) Community College, 1993
Undergraduate: Mississippi College, 1995 (history)
Graduate: Mississippi College, 1996 (social science)

PLAYING CAREER

1988-91: West Lauderdale (Miss.) High School
1992-93: Meridian (Miss.) Community College
1994-95: Mississippi College

PLAYING HONORS

1993: Larry Scott Memorial Award (Meridian CC)
1993: Played in NJCAA World Series (Meridian CC)
1995: All-Gulf South Conference (Mississippi College)
1995: Team Most Valuable Player (Mississippi College)

COACHING BACKGROUND

1996: Mississippi College (graduate assistant coach)
1997: East Mississippi CC (assistant coach)
1997-98: Northwestern State (assistant coach)
1999-2007: Southern Miss (assistant coach)
2008: Kansas State University (assistant coach)
2009 — : Mississippi State University (assistant coach)



The Burroughs ---
Camryn, Lane, Susan, Jackson and Parker Grace



Butch Thompson

• Assistant coach (Birmingham-Sou., 1992)

Butch Thompson, a native of Amory, Miss., is in his first season on coach John Cohen's Mississippi State baseball coaching staff.

Thompson, in his eighth season of coaching in the Southeastern Conference, coaches Mississippi State pitchers and works closely with recruiting. He joined the MSU coaching staff last June after having coached the previous three seasons at Auburn.

The 16-year coaching veteran, regarded as one of the nation's top pitching instructors, has a strong familiarity with baseball in the state of Mississippi.

Thompson prepped at **Amory (Miss.) High School**, where he was a two-sport standout as a defensive end playing for football coach **Bobby Hall** and as a pitching playing for baseball coach **Bill Miley**. He signed a football scholarship with **Itawamba Community College** in Fulton, Miss., but ended up walking on in baseball and starring as a pitcher at ICC for coach **Roy Cresap** in 1989 and 1990. He continued his baseball career the next two seasons at NAIA power **Birmingham-Southern**, where he helped lead the Panthers, coached by former Mississippi State assistant **Brian Shoop**, to back-to-back Southern States Conference championships. **Daron Schoenrock**, who would later serve as an assistant coach at State, coached the pitchers on Shoop's BSC staff.

It would be the first of Thompson's three career affiliations with Shoop and the Panthers baseball program in Birmingham. After launching his coaching career as pitching coach and top assistant to **Scot Patterson** at **Huntingdon College** in Montgomery, Ala., Thompson returned to his alma mater in Birmingham, where he as an assistant coach he was reunited with Shoop and Schoenrock from 1994 to 1996. During that span BSC won a pair of conference crowns and in 1995 advanced to its first NAIA World Series berth.

Thompson left BSC briefly to serve as head baseball coach at **Jefferson State Community College** in Birmingham in 1997.

While at JSCC he was honored as the Regional Tournament Coach of the Year, the ABCA Alabama Junior College Coach of the Year and the Southeast Region Coach of the Year after guiding JSCC to a 39-21 mark, the AJCAA Region 22 State Championship and a third-place finish in the NJCAA Division II World Series.

He returned to Birmingham-Southern as Shoop's top assistant the following season, beginning a four-year run during the most successful span in BSC baseball history. The Panthers won 196 games and four TranSouth Conference championships and

made three consecutive appearances in the NAIA World Series. BSC's 2001 team posted a school-best 55-11 mark and captured the NAIA National Championship.

In 2002 Thompson joined the Southeastern Conference baseball coaching family, beginning a four-year term as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at the **University of Georgia** under head coach **David Perno**. Georgia's 2003 recruiting class was ranked 10th nationally and UGA's 2004 edition captured the SEC baseball Championship, advancing to the NCAA College World Series.

He continued his SEC affiliation at Auburn following the 2005 season, serving as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator on the staff of **Tom Slater**. Each of his three recruiting classes at Auburn was ranked among the nation's top 18, including a No. 5 national ranking in 2007.

In seven years as an SEC pitching coach since 2001, Thompson has coached 20 pitchers that have been selected in the Major League Baseball draft, five of them in the 2008 June draft.

Thompson, honored as the **2006 Fellowship of Christian Athletes SEC Coach of the Year**, earned a bachelor's degree in history at BSC in 1992 and completed a master's degree in sports administration at UAB in 1996. He is married to the former **Robin Ashe** of Birmingham, Ala., and they are the parents of three daughters --- **Anna**, 10, **Olivia**, 8, and **Madelyn Gail**, 4.



The THOMPSON file

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Birth date: December 15, 1970

Birth place: Aberdeen, Miss.

Wife: Susan (Ashe) of Birmingham, Ala.

Daughters: Anna (10), Olivia (8) and Madelyn Gail (4)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School: Amory (Miss.) High School, 1988

Junior College: Itawamba (Miss.) Community College, 1990

Undergraduate: Birmingham-Southern, 1992 (history)

Graduate: UAB, 1996 (sports administration)

PLAYING CAREER

1985-87: Amory (Miss.) High School

1989-90: Itawamba (Miss.) Community College

1991-92: Birmingham-Southern College

COACHING BACKGROUND

1993: Huntingdon (Ala.) College (assistant coach)

1994-96: Birmingham-Southern (assistant coach)

1997: Jefferson (Ala.) State (head coach)

1998-2001: Birmingham-Southern (assistant coach)

2002-05: Georgia (assistant coach)

2006-08: Auburn (assistant coach)

2009 — : Mississippi State University (assistant coach)

COACHING HONORS

1997: ABCA Alabama JC Coach of the Year

1997: Southeast Regional JC Coach of the Year

2006: Fellowship of Christian Athletes SEC Coach of the Year



The Thompsons ---
Susan, Anna, Madelyn Gail, Butch and Olivia



THE COACHING STAFF

Nick Mingione

• Coordinator of Camps (Embry-Riddle, 1996)

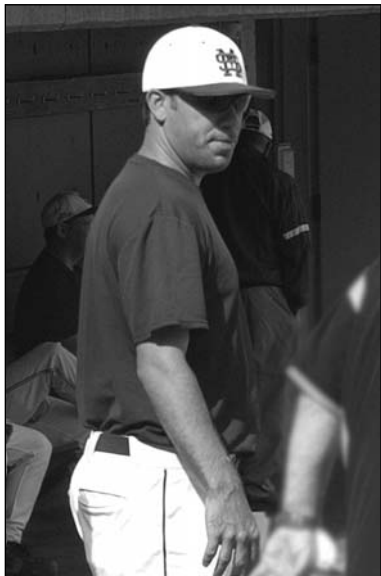
Nick Mingione, who joined the Mississippi State baseball family in June 2008, is in his first year as the coordinator of baseball camps. In addition to his duties directing Mississippi State's popular summer and winter baseball camps, Mingione serves as a volunteer assistant coach.

Mingione, who served as an assistant coach in 2008 at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., renews a coaching affiliation with State skipper John Cohen.

He served for two seasons on Cohen's 2006 and 2007 baseball staffs at the University of Kentucky, where he worked extensively with the UK outfielding corps and with the Wildcat hitters. During that span, Kentucky won 78 games, set or reestablished 12 team marks, and posted a school-best 44 wins en route to winning the school's first SEC championship in 2006.

On coach Bobby Moranda's staff at Western Carolina, Mingione was recruiting coordinator and hitting coach, helping direct a Catamount team that in 2008 earned top 40 national ranking among 286 NCAA Division I programs in 11 different offensive categories.

Mingione, a native of Tarrytown, N.Y., grew up in Florida and played high school



baseball for coach Scott Jones at Mariner High School in Cape Coral, Fla. He continued his baseball career and was a standout outfielder for four years at Embry-Riddle University in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he played for coaches Greg and Todd Guilliams. He earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace studies with a triple minor in

business, psychology and humanities in 2000. Upon graduation, Mingione served two years as Assistant Dean of Students and as an assistant coach on Steve Larsen's staff at Mariner High School.

Mingione then moved on to coach on the collegiate level, first as a volunteer assistant baseball coach under Dave Tollet at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla., in 2002, and later at his alma mater, Embry-Riddle. The Eagles captured Florida Sun Conference crowns and advanced to the NAIA World Series in Lewiston, Idaho, all three seasons, earning national runnerup honors in 2005.

During six seasons as an assistant coach, Mingione has helped direct teams to four conference titles, three advancements to the NAIA World Series and one NCAA regional tournament berth.

Mingione, 29, is single.



The MINGIONE file

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Birth date: September 10, 1978

Birth place: Tarrytown, New York

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School: Cape Coral (Fla.) Mariner High School, 1996

Undergraduate: Embry-Riddle, 2000 (aerospace studies)

PLAYING CAREER

1993-96: Cape Coral (Fla.) Mariner High School

1997-2000: Embry-Riddle University

PLAYING HONORS

1997: First Kenneth J. Sliwa Memorial Scholarship recipient

COACHING BACKGROUND

2001: Mariner High School (assistant coach)

2002: Fla. Gulf Coast University (volunteer assistant coach)

2003-05: Embry-Riddle University (assistant coach)

2006-07: University of Kentucky (volunteer assistant coach)

2008: Western Carolina University (assistant coach)

2009 — : Mississippi State University (coordinator of camps)



Tyler Bratton

- *Baseball operations director (Mississippi State, 2007)*

In his first season on the Mississippi State University coaching staff and serving as the director of baseball operations is West Point, Miss., native Tyler Bratton.

Bratton, 25, is a 2007 graduate of Mississippi State University. He coordinates team travel arrangements, directs the team's video operations and oversees a wide range of tasks associated with the day-to-day operation of the Mississippi State baseball program.

"Tyler is a great catch for Mississippi State because of his love for Bulldog Baseball," said Cohen. "He has a passion and an energy level that make him a perfect match for our program."

Bratton was a three-year, two-sport standout and played outfield for coach **Bill Miley** at **West Point's Oak Hill Academy**. He continued his baseball career in 2003 and 2004 at **East Mississippi Community College**, where he was coached by **Bill Baldner**.

He then matriculated to **Mississippi State University**, earning a berth on the Mississippi State baseball team in 2006 as an outfielder. That MSU squad ascended to a No. 1 inseason national ranking and advanced to the finals of the 2006 NCAA Clemson Regional.

Bratton earned an undergraduate de-

gree in secondary education at Mississippi State in 2007 and is completing graduate studies in sports administration at Mississippi State University.

He served as an assistant baseball coach at **Heritage Academy** in Columbus, Miss., in 2005 and at **Oak Hill Academy** in 2007 before returning to MSU as a student assistant coach for the **Baseball Bulldogs** in 2008.

Bratton is married to the former **Bree Munger** of Hartselle, Ala.



Tyler and Bree Bratton

The **BRATTON** file

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Birth date: August 3, 1983

Birth place: Columbus, Miss.

Wife: Bree (Munger) of Hartselle, Ala.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School: West Point (Miss.) Oak Hill Academy, 2002

Junior College: East Mississippi Community College

Undergraduate: Mississippi State, 2007 (secondary education)

PLAYING CAREER

1999-2002: West Point (Miss.) Oak Hill Academy

2003-04: East Mississippi Community College

2006: Mississippi State University

COACHING BACKGROUND

2008 — : Mississippi State University (student assistant coach)

2009 — : Mississippi State University (baseball operations director)

Behind the scenes



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Will Coggin

Undergraduate asst.

- Senior from Booneville, Miss.
- Born Nov. 28, 1985 in Booneville, Miss.
- Son of Betty Ann and Rick Coggin
- Graduate of Booneville HS and Northeast Mississippi CC
- Majoring in physical education



Will Frazier

Student Trainer

- Sophomore from Meridian, Miss.
- Born Nov. 29, 1988 in Meridian, Miss.
- Son of Susan and Tom Frazier
- Graduate of Meridian High School
- Majoring in clinical exercise physiology
- Second year as student trainer



Jonathan Boyd

Student Manager

- Freshman from Pearl, Miss.
- Born May 7, 1990 in Indianola, Miss.
- Son of Debra and Bruce Moore
- Graduate of Pearl High School
- Majoring in sports management
- First year as student manager



Russ Carter

Student Manager

- Junior from Pearl, Miss.
- Born March 23, 1988 in Pearl, Miss.
- Son of Sheila and Stan Carter
- Graduate of Richland High School and Copiah Lincoln C.C.
- Majoring in physical education
- First year as student manager



Baron Jones

Student Manager

- Junior from Meadville, Miss.
- Born March 28, 1987 in McComb, Miss.
- Son of Bobette and Bart Jones
- Graduate of Franklin High School and Copiah Lincoln C.C.
- Majoring in physical education
- Second year as student manager



2009 BASEBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Ray Berryhill

Assistant AD/Academic Advising
(Mississippi State, 1980)

Administering the day-to-day academic needs of the Baseball Bulldogs is **Ray Berryhill**, in his 20th year overall with the Mississippi State University Athletic Department.

A native of Gloster, Miss., Berryhill is in his second tour of duty in the department. A 1980 graduate of **Mississippi State University**, he served first as a graduate assistant coach with the MSU track program. In 1984 he was named supervisor of athletic academics at the University of Alabama, overseeing the academic progress of all Crimson Tide student-athletes.

He returned to State in a similar position as director of athletic academics in January 1989, and in August 2000 was promoted to assistant athletic director for academic advising.

Under his supervision, MSU's student-athletes have enjoyed unprecedented success in the classroom, frequently establishing school records for combined grade point average. Berryhill also serves State's student-athletes as M-Club advisor and through MSU's student housing office supervises on-campus housing for all student-athletes.

An avid turkey hunter, Berryhill, 50, is a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. He and his wife, the former **Amy Huff** of Ferriday, La., are the parents of a son, **Cody**, and a daughter, **Caroline**.

Joe Dier

Asst. Media Relations Director
(Mississippi State, 1975)

Overseeing the publicity needs of the Baseball Bulldogs is **Joe Dier**, in his 23rd year on the Mississippi State staff and his 11th as the primary media relations contact for MSU baseball and volleyball.

Dier, 55, has been affiliated with Mississippi State athletics and MSU baseball since 1978 — eight years as editor of *Dawgs' Bite* and since 1986 as a member of the MSU Athletics Department staff. He also previously served as the sports editor at the *Yazoo City (Miss.) Daily Herald* and the *Starkville (Miss.) Daily News*.

A 1975 graduate of **Mississippi State University**, Dier followed the late **Bob Hartley** and **Bo Carter** as MSU's third full-time sports information director in November 1986, initially serving as the primary media contact for all 15 Mississippi State sports. He served as media coordinator for MSU-hosted NCAA regional baseball tournaments in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1992 and for MSU's 1991 Liberty Bowl football team. He was named to the board of directors of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) in 2005 and in 2008-09 serves as the organization's president. He is also charter member of the MSU Chapter of the National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame.

In 1992 he began a four-year term as editor of the weekly athletic department publication *Dawgs' Bite*, returning to sports information work in July 1996.

A native of Baton Rouge, La., and the son of a career Air Force chaplain, Dier traveled extensively as a youth, following military moves to Washington, British Columbia, Oregon, Alabama, Florida, Okinawa, Mississippi and Alaska. He is married to the former **Kim Monroe** of Starkville, a teacher in the Starkville public



Ray Berryhill



Joe Dier



Greg Drye



John McCallister



Allen Thompson

schools, and they are the parents of a son, **Reed Burton**, 18.

Greg Drye

Assistant Strength Coach
(Southern Miss, 1998)

Greg Drye is in his fifth season with the Bulldog Baseball program, assisting with the implementation of State's comprehensive in-season and offseason strength and conditioning program.

Prior to his arrival at MSU, Drye served as a graduate assistant at **Delta State University** on the baseball staff of coach **Mike Kinnison**. Drye coached the outfielders on the DSU teams that captured the Gulf South Conference titles and advanced to the NCAA Division II South Regional in both 1999 and 2000. He then returned to his roots, serving for three years as an assistant baseball coach at **Long Beach High School**.

The Gulfport, Miss., native is an instructor in the physical education department at **Mississippi State**. He has also served as an administrative assistant on the MSU baseball staff over the past four seasons, handling a wide array of duties and assisting with the team's advancement to the championship of the 2005 SEC Tournament and to the 2007 NCAA College World Series.

A graduate of Long Beach (Miss.) High School, Drye continued his baseball career at **Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College**, where he earned MJCAA all-state honors as an infielder playing for coach **Cooper Farris**. He later played baseball at Baylor University, coached by **Steve Smith**.

Drye, 34, earned his undergraduate degree in coaching and sports administration from Southern Miss in 1998 and a graduate degree in physical education, health and recreation at Delta State in 2000. He has a daughter, **Dylan**, 4.

John McCallister

Assistant Strength Coach
(West Virginia University, 2000)

Overseeing the strength and conditioning program for Mississippi State's Baseball Bulldogs is **John McCallister**, in his fifth year as assistant strength coach at MSU. In addition to baseball, McCallister also assists in the strength program for Mississippi State's football Bulldogs.

He worked closely with MSU teams that advanced to the 2007 NCAA College World Series and the 2007 Liberty Bowl.

McCallister, 32, hails from Ona, West Virginia. He joined the MSU strength staff in January 2004 after serving for more than five years in the strength department at **West Virginia University**. A 2000 graduate of

WVU, McCallister first served as an undergraduate assistant strength coach at the Morgantown, W.V., school in 1999 and 2000. He then continued his affiliation with West Virginia's strength program as a graduate assistant until 2002 before joining the Mountaineer's athletic staff full-time in July 2002.

During his term at WVU he worked with a variety of sports teams and assisted in the strength training of 28 football athletes and seven baseball athletes who continued their athletic careers on the professional level. He also served on the staff of for West Virginia teams that advanced to the 2000 Music City Bowl, the 2002 Continental Tire Bowl and the 2004 Toyota Gator Bowl.

He served as an instructor in the physical education department at West Virginia in 2000-2001 and staffed the Mountain State Speed/Strength Camp from 1999 to 2003.

McCallister, certified by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCA), earned both a bachelor's degree (2000) and masters degree in physical education (2004) at West Virginia University.

He is married to the former **Jennifer Yon** of Beckley, W.V., and they are the parents of two daughters, **Emma Lynn**, 2, and **Ava Grace** (four months)

Allen Thompson

Assistant Athletic Trainer
(West Alabama, 2000)

Allen Thompson is in his second year as the athletic trainer for the Baseball Bulldogs. Thompson joined the Mississippi State University Athletic Department in October 2007.

A native of Butler, Ala., Thompson served five seasons as an athletic trainer in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, his last three as the head trainer for the Palm Beach (Fla.) Cardinals in the Florida State League, where he also served as the club's supervisor of strength and conditioning. He was honored as the Florida State League Athletic Trainer of the Year and selected to serve as the athletic trainer for the FSL's 2006 All-Star Game.

He also served as trainer with the Johnson City (Tenn.) Cardinals and in the New York Mets organization with the Capital City Bombers in Columbia, S.C., and the Kingsport Mets in Kingsport, Tenn.

Thompson began his career in athletic training as a student assistant trainer from 1995 to 2000 at the **University of West Alabama** and later was a graduate assistant trainer at **Troy University**, where he earned a graduate degree in sports fitness management.

He is married to the former **Mandy Kjeldahl** of Troy, Ala., and they are the parents of two children, **Ally**, 6 and **McKenzie**, 2.

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2009 DIAMOND GIRLS



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Brandon, Miss.



Susannah Barkley
1st year • Freshman
Jackson, Miss.



Lindsey Brown
2nd year • Junior
McComb, Miss.



Lauren Cobb
3rd year • Senior
Starkville, Miss.



Anna Crain
3rd year • Senior
Byram, Miss.



Haley Haynes
Co-captain
3rd year • Junior
Starkville, Miss.



Kelsie Fennell
2nd year • Junior
Phillipp, Miss.



Lindsay Goodson
3rd year • Senior
Tupelo, Miss.



Meagan Holaday
2nd year • Junior
Madison, Miss.



Carmen McCool
1st year • Sophomore
Brandon, Miss.



Bailey McCreary
1st year • Freshman
Kosciusko, Miss.



Mary Jo Williams
Co-captain
3rd year • Junior
Pontotoc, Miss.



Lillie McDow
2nd year • Junior
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Stevie McKinnis
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Watertown, Tenn.



Blakeney McRaney
2nd year • Sophomore
Winter Garden, Fla.



Hannah Moore
1st year • Sophomore
Millbrook, Miss.



Anne Elise Parks
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2nd year • Sophomore
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2nd year • Junior
Starkville, Miss.



Holly Thurmond
3rd year • Senior
Ripley, Miss.



The Mississippi State University Diamond Girls

This year the Diamond Girls celebrate their 35th season as one of the primary support organizations for Mississippi State Baseball. First organized in 1976, the Diamond Girls handle a wide array of tasks in support of the Mississippi State baseball operation throughout the school year. They are most visible on game days at Dudy Noble Field, serving as hosts and distributing programs to fans as they enter the stadium, operating the stadium's souvenir and gift stand, and serving on the field during games as bat handlers. There are six newcomers among this year's 22-member squad.