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## SPRING BREAK

**There will be NO  
classes on the ATU  
campus due to  
Spring Break (March  
22nd thru March  
26th)**

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## March 2010

### ACADEMIC CONGRATULATIONS

#### *Good Job!*

The preliminary results are in, and a greater percentage of freshmen students came back this semester than in the last seventeen years! Due to the hard work of parents, students, and university faculty and staff, almost eighty-six and a half percent (86.48%) of last fall's freshmen students returned this spring! That is an increase of approximately one and a half percentage points over last year, and it is the highest return rate since 1993.

Although we wish that number was 100%, we understand that due to circumstances beyond the university's control, not all students return. Financial reasons, family commitments, academics, or other reasons prevent some students from coming back.

Let's keep up the good work and make sure your student does come back this fall. If needed, financial aid forms are already available for the 2010-2011 year. To expedite the process, it is recommended that you go to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) website at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### CAMPUS LIVING: RESIDENCE UPDATE

**Single students under 21 and with under 60 hours of college work completed are required, as space permits, to live on campus in University-owned housing.**

If your student is living on campus this semester, by now they should have returned their Fall 2010 Housing Intent form to their residence hall staff. If they have not, they should contact their Resident Director (RD) immediately. This form is very important for both students returning to Tech (to assist them in getting a room assignment for the fall) and to those students not returning to Tech (to ease their Hall Check-Out procedure and avoid any charges).

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**Keeping your family connected!**



# CAMPUS LIVING: CONTINUED

Students who indicate they will be returning to housing in the fall will receive their contract on Sunday, March 28th. This contract must be returned to the Office of Residential Life no later than noon on **April 2nd**. If they are living in a University apartment, the student should submit the ***Deposit Slip Receipt*** directly to the Office of Residential Life no later than 5:00 pm on **March 31st**. Provided the contract is received by that time, the exact date and time will not affect when they are allowed to sign up for rooms. The exact time that they are allowed to begin room sign-up is based on the number of credit hours they will have earned by the end of this semester as well as their cumulative G.P.A.

Students will receive a letter notifying them of the sign-up date and time when they may begin reporting to the Office of Residential Life to choose their hall and room. This year students will be assigned to groups to choose their room, so there will be no reason for your student to “camp-out” for room selection. Should they not be able to report to the office during that time, they can report any time afterward.

## ACADEMIC CHECK-IN

With Spring Break right around the corner, some students are realizing that they are halfway through their spring semester. Is your student doing well thus far?

There is an easy way for you to find out if your student is performing in the classroom — ask them. Don't be afraid to talk with your student about their mid-term grades. While these are simply a brief glimpse of the student's performance thus far, mid-terms can be a great way to have some important conversations about your student's classes and what they are learning.

***Grades are already posted on the student's OneTech website.***

# CONGRATULATIONS

## Gulf South Conference Champions!

The Arkansas Tech Men's *AND* Women's basketball team won the Gulf South Conference championship and are hosting the NCAA D-II national basketball tournament!

(From [Arkansastechnews.com](http://Arkansastechnews.com) abbreviated )

**The GOLDEN SUNS** In one of the greatest championship games in Gulf South Conference Women's Basketball Tournament history, Arkansas Tech outlasted Delta State to defeat the Lady Statesmen 75-73 in double overtime and win its first women's GSC Tournament title in seven years. The title is Tech's third in the GSC Women's Basketball Tournament. The Golden Suns also wore the crown in 1998 and 2003. Delta State's loss snapped a string of four consecutive GSC Tournament titles for the Lady Statesmen.

**The WONDERBOYS** On Sunday at the DeSoto Civic Center in Southaven, Miss., Marcus Pillow connected on a 3-pointer with 11.8 seconds remaining to give the Arkansas Tech Wonder Boys a 64-63 win over Alabama-Huntsville and their second consecutive Gulf South Conference Tournament championship. The Wonder Boys join Delta State, Henderson State and former GSC member Montevallo as the only programs to successfully defend a GSC Tournament title in men's basketball.



# TECH BASKETBALL INFORMATION

(From [www.athletics.atu.edu](http://www.athletics.atu.edu)) The Arkansas Tech Athletics Department has announced game times for the NCAA Division II Tournament South Regionals in men's and women's basketball.

All seven women's games and all seven men's games will be played at Tucker Coliseum in Russellville. All tickets will be general admission. Adult tickets will be \$8 per day, while students and senior citizens (age 60 and over) will be admitted for \$5 per day.

Tickets will go on sale at 12:30 p.m. Friday. The ticket office will also be open one hour before tip-off of the first game on Saturday and Sunday.

Per NCAA regulations, Arkansas Tech cannot accept any passes to the NCAA South Regionals. All fans must purchase a ticket.

The game times, as listed in a news release from the Tech Athletics Department, are (regional seeds in parentheses):

### **NCAA Division II Women's South Regional**

Friday, March 12 (First Round)

Game 1: (2) Delta State vs. (7) Lynn, 1:30 p.m.

Game 2: (3) Fort Valley St. vs. (6) Valdosta State, 4 p.m.

Game 3: (1) Arkansas Tech vs. (8) Benedict, 6:30 p.m.

Game 4: (4) Tampa vs. (5) Barry, 9 p.m.

Sunday, March 14 (Regional Semifinals)

Game 5: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2, 1 p.m.

Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16 (Regional Championship)

Game 7: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6, 6 p.m.

### **NCAA Division II Men's South Regional**

Saturday, March 13 (First Round)

Game 1: (2) Rollins vs. (7) Alabama-Huntsville, 1 p.m.

Game 2: (3) Florida Southern vs. (6) Barry, 3:30 p.m.

Game 3: (1) Arkansas Tech vs. (8) Tuskegee, 6 p.m.

Game 4: (4) Valdosta State vs. (5) Clark Atlanta, 8:30 p.m.

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The women's South Region champion will advance to the NCAA Division II Women's Elite Eight in St. Joseph, Mo., March 23-26.

The men's South Region champion will earn a berth in the NCAA Division II Men's Elite Eight in Springfield, Mass., March 24-27.



# SPRING FEVER

## Common Spring Term Stressors

*Here are a few things that your student might be experiencing:*

- Hidden conflicts between roommates and friends starting to arise.
- Mid-term anxiety.
- Making plans for next year regarding housing, classes, and financial aid.
- Cliques become stronger within residence hall communities.
- Managing time commitments.
- Mid-semester slump and sickness.
- Declaring a major if they haven't already done so.
- Concern over summer employment.

Remember to let your student know about the services the University provides — tutoring, counseling center, career services, health, etc...

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## TUNE IN...

Russellville radio station KWKK 100.9 FM will have live play-by-play coverage of every Arkansas Tech game from the NCAA South



Regionals. The broadcasts will be streamed over the Internet at [www.athletics.atu.edu](http://www.athletics.atu.edu).

## ON CAMPUS COUNSELING SERVICES

*Did you know that the University has counseling services that are FREE to the students? Located in Doc Bryan Building, room 233, counselor Valerie Breashears or Dr. Larry Root would be glad to speak to your student about academic situations, behaviors, relationships, and feelings that students might be having. Office hours are Monday—Friday, 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.*

479-968-0276.

## UNDECIDED? NO PROBLEM!

Is your student unsure about his/her major and career? Consider suggesting career development. The Career Development office will provide a series of personality assessment tools that will be used to help your student find his/her ideal major or career based upon interests, motivational traits, personality, values, abilities, aptitudes, personal work style, and work environment preferences. Have your student contact our Career Development office at (479) 968-0278 for more information.

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