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SPRING BREAK

**There will be
NO classes on
the ATU cam-
pus during
Spring Break
(March 21st
thru March
25th)**

INSIDE TRACK

March 2011

ACADEMIC CONGRATULATIONS

Good Job!

The preliminary results are in, and the numbers look really good! Due to the hard work of parents, students, and university faculty and staff, the fall-to-spring retention rate for Fall 2010 freshmen is **85.37%**. This is the second highest fall-to-spring Tech retention rate since 1993, and the highest rate (86.48%) was just last year.

73.47% of our Fall 2009 freshman cohort returned for Fall 2010 – *giving Tech its best fall-to-fall retention rate yet.*

Although we wish that number was 100%, we understand that due to circumstances beyond the university's control, not all students return. Finances, 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 2011-2012 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.

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 2011 Housing contract (and/or intent form) to their residence hall staff. If they have not, they should contact the Office of Residential Life immediately. This is very important for both students returning to Tech (to assist them in getting a room assignment for the fall) and for those students not returning to Tech (to ease their Hall Check-Out procedures and avoid any charges).

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Keeping your family connected!



CAMPUS LIVING: CONTINUED

Provided the contract was received by the proper deadline, the specific date and time it arrived does 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 two things — the number of credit hours they will have earned by the end of this semester and their cumulative G.P.A (Grade Point Average).

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. Like last 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 their sign-up 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 – Again!

GOLDEN SUNS ranked #1 in the Nation!

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

(From Arkansas Tech Athletics Sports Information)

Arkansas Tech Women's Basketball enters the postseason as the No. 1 team in all of NCAA Division II Women's Basketball. The Golden Suns took over the top spot in this week's 14th regular season *USA Today*/ESPN WBCA Division II Coaches' Top 25 Poll.



Ranked No. 2 in last week's poll, Tech jumped to the No. 1 spot in this week's poll following its 73-62 win on Sunday over Delta State in the championship game of the season. This, in addition to Clayton State's overtime loss in the Peach Belt Tournament Championship game to USC-Aiken, earned Tech 15 first



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THE NCAA DIVISION II
WOMEN'S SOUTH REGIONAL
MARCH 11-14 • TUCKER COLISEUM

DAILY TICKETS
\$8 ADULTS
\$5 STUDENTS/SENIORS

DUE TO NCAA RULES,
NO PASSES ACCEPTED

**#1 GOLDEN SUNS
VS.
FORT VALLEY ST.
6 P.M. FRIDAY**

**REGIONAL SEMIS
6 P.M. SATURDAY**

**REGIONAL FINAL
7 P.M. MONDAY**

place votes and 684 points, allowing Tech to return to the top spot in the rankings for the second time this season. In the Preseason WBCA Coaches' Poll, the Golden Suns opened the season ranked No. 1 and were subsequently ranked No. 1 in this year's first regular season rankings. Tech has now been ranked for 28 consecutive weeks, including being ranked in the Top 5 for 11 straight weeks dating to this year's third regular season poll.

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 becoming 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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GO WONDERBOYS!

GSC Regular Season West Division Champions (again)! (From Arkansastechnews.com)

Arkansas Tech will enter the NCAA Division II Tournament ranked 14th in the National Association of Basketball Coaches NCAA Division II top 25 men's basketball poll.

The Wonder Boys (24-5) fell one spot after going 2-1 at the Gulf South Conference Tournament last weekend. Arkansas Tech defeated North Alabama and Valdosta State before dropping an 80-61 decision to Harding in the GSC Tournament championship game.

Regular season champions of the GSC West Division two years running, the Wonder Boys have been included in 25 of the 30 NABC NCAA Division II top 25 polls over the past two seasons.

Arkansas Tech will face Benedict College in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Regional at Spragins Hall in Huntsville, Ala., on Saturday, March 12. Tip-off is scheduled for 8:30 p.m.



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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