

## Search for Next Athletic Director Will Have to Wait

**L**OOMING BUDGET CUTS HAVE prompted a committee to suspend its nationwide search for the Ragin' Cajuns' next athletic director.

Hunter Trahan, chairman of the 12-person group, said it probably won't convene again before January. By that time, state leaders are expected to have a better projection for the state's finances.

Nelson Schexnayder, who holds a law degree, resigned as athletic director in July to accept a position in the university's Research Division.

UL Lafayette President Dr. Ray Authe ment named David Walker, the university's director of auxiliary services, as interim athletic director.

"Both Nelson and I have a high regard for David's ability and knowledge of the university and the community. He will

operate the Athletic Department in a very aggressive and effective manner," Authe ment said.

As director of auxiliary services, Walker has been involved in athletics-related budget, legal and personnel mat ters, as well as facilities development. He will continue to serve as director of auxil iary services.

Schexnayder had been UL Lafayette's athletic director since 1994. During his tenure:

- Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns baseball team competed in the College World Series for the first time in the school's history, tying for third place;
- the Lady Cajuns softball team reached the College World Series four times;
- the Cajun's women's basketball team

won its first conference title in the univer sity's history;

- the men's basketball team went to the NCAA Tournament in 2004 and 2005, the first back-to-back appearances since 1983;
- the Ragin' Cajuns football team defeated nationally ranked Texas A&M 29-22; and
- men's and women's track teams swept indoor and outdoor conference titles, a first in Sun Belt history.

Schexnayder played football for the Ragin' Cajuns from 1968-71. After gradu ating from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans in 1976, he entered private practice.

A former president of the USL Alumni Association, he became associate athletic director in 1993.

### SEASON STARTS WITH NEW COACH



**Scot Wieland**

Head soccer coach Scot Wieland began his new job this summer with a team complemented with a talent ed recruiting class.

He inherited a team that posted a school-record seven victories in 2004 and had a 2005 recruiting class ranked No. 21 in the Central Region and No. 78 in the nation among Division I schools by *Soccer Buzz Magazine*.

"The program has made great strides in its short history and I am eager to continue its progress toward the goal of a conference

championship and NCAA bid," Wieland said.

He is the second head coach in the history of the soccer pro gram, which began in 2000. He replaces Dave Poggi.

Wieland guided the Division II Belmont Abbey College women's soccer team to three undefeated regular season confer ence championships over the past six years. His overall record for that stretch: 86-38-3.

He was named Carolinas Virginia Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 1999 and in 2003. His Crusaders won CVAC regular season and tournament titles both times.

Wieland coached two CVAC Freshman of the Year recipients, four CVAC Player of the Year honorees and had three players named All-Americans.

### RAGIN' CAJUN TO LEAD TEAM



**Amy Kraljev**

UL Lafayette's volleyball program is in the hands of a former player.

Amy Kraljev was pro moted from assistant coach to head coach in May, following the resigna tion of Becky Madden.

Kraljev joins Ursula Quoyeser as the only letter winners in Ragin' Cajuns program history to serve as head volleyball coach at UL Lafayette.

Kraljev lettered in 1999 and 2000 after transferring from Clackamas Community College in Oregon City, Ore. As a senior, she led the squad with 378 digs.

In 2001, she was a student coach. She was named an assistant coach the following year.

As an assistant coach, Kraljev was the program's head recruiting coordinator and handled the team's defensive instruction and serving techniques. She was responsible for the Cajuns' marketing and promotion efforts, along with supervising the team's community service projects.

"I'm grateful to be a part of this team's past, pres ent and, most importantly, its future," Kraljev said.