

## CAJUNS MAKE THE 'BEST DRESSED' LIST

LOUISIANA'S RAGIN' CAJUNS HAVE SOME of the sharpest football uniforms in collegiate athletics.

UL Lafayette ranked fifth among the Top 10 best-dressed university football teams in an article about gridiron garb written by Nancy Armour, an Associated Press national columnist.

"Simple in either red or white, with 'LOUISIANA' in plain block letters on the front, but they work. There's no need to be flashy when your helmet says 'Ragin' Cajuns,'" Armour wrote.

She offered opinions for three categories: good, bad and really ugly.

Her top four picks for fashion flair were Michigan, ("Maize and blue and winged helmets. Enough said."); Florida State; Harvard; and the University of Texas. Notre Dame came in sixth, followed by LSU in Baton Rouge. Rounding out the list were UCLA, Ohio State and Penn State.

Oregon State was No. 1 in the "bad" category for its Halloween hues of orange and black. No. 10 was a tie between Mississippi State and Nebraska. Five other schools made the "Really Ugly"

category. Oregon State ("Oh, where to begin.") topped the list. Notre Dame's special green jerseys, Tulsa, Mount Union and North Carolina were also cited.



Wide receiver Jason Chery

## New tennis coach strives to raise Cajuns' rankings

During her inaugural year at UL Lafayette in 2005, assistant coach Katalin Gyulai helped the women's tennis program earn its first national ranking.



Katalin Gyulai

She made school history again this year by becoming the first female head men's and women's tennis coach. She replaces Justin McGrath, who resigned to take a coaching position at Cal Poly.

"We finished last season ranked in both men's and women's and we look to improve on that this season," Gyulai said.

Interim Athletic Director David Walker said he's confident that Gyulai has the ability to direct the tennis program. "Her success in leading the women's tennis team has allowed the program to reach new heights and we know she will continue this success as a head coach."

Gyulai arrived in Lafayette in September 2005 and had a notable fall season. Some highlights:

- The women's team won the University of Houston Cougar Fall Classic.
- Cajun sophomore Kimmie Lyles won the Flight B of the Pepsi Challenge hosted by UL Lafayette.

• The Ragin' Cajun doubles team of sophomore Tammy Day and freshman Clemence Remy reached the quarterfinals of the ITA Regional Tournament. It also finished the fall season with a No. 8 regional doubles ranking.

Gyulai began her coaching career in the 2003-04 season as an assistant at the University of Texas-Pan American. Her duties there included recruiting for its women's tennis program.

Gyulai is a certified United States Tennis Association official.

## Nothing tops "Ragin' Cajuns"

"Ragin' Cajuns" is the best nickname for a college team in the nation.

Results of an informal, online ESPN poll taken this summer showed that 27.5 percent of respondents chose UL Lafayette's moniker as No. 1. A total 508,883 votes were cast in a survey entitled, "What are the best things in college sports?"

The "Banana Slugs," the name of the unofficial mascot for University of California Santa Cruz's coed teams, was the second place finisher, with 13.9 percent of the votes. Following close behind were:

- Tulane "Green Wave," 11.5 percent;
- Alabama "Crimson Tide," 8.8 percent;
- Marshall University "Thundering Herd," 8.5 percent; and
- University of Texas "Longhorns," 7.1 percent.

The remaining contenders each garnered less than 4 percent of the votes:

- Wake Forest "Demon Deacons," 3.9 percent;
- Arkansas "Razorbacks," 3.9 percent;
- Texas Christian University "Horned Frogs," 3.8 percent;
- North Carolina "Tar Heels," 3.5 percent;
- Southern Arkansas "Mule Riders," 3.3 percent;
- Purdue "Boilermakers," 2.2 percent; and
- Oklahoma "Sooners," 2.1 percent.

The nickname "Ragin' Cajuns" was first used – unofficially – in the early 1960s for the University of Southwestern Louisiana (now known as UL Lafayette) football team.

"Ragin' Cajuns" was listed as the team's official nickname in USL's 1974 Football Guide.