

## UT-Dallas Softball Coach Tricia Hoffmann Named ASC East Coach of the Year

Lawrence, Six Other Comets Named To All-Conference Teams

**RICHARDSON, TX (May 6, 2004)** - University of Texas at Dallas softball coach **Tricia Hoffmann** has been selected as the American Southwest Conference East Division Coach of the Year after leading her team to a 23-15 record and a trip to the championship game of the ASC Championship Tournament.

Hoffmann, who started the UTD intercollegiate softball program from scratch in 2002, took the Comets to the Championship Tournament for the second straight year, where they eventually lost to the top-ranked team in the nation, East Texas Baptist. During the season, UTD recorded wins against both ETBU and Louisiana College, two teams that were in the national Top 20 at the time of the defeats.

Hoffmann is UT-Dallas' third ASC East Division Coach of the Year. Earlier this week, Comets' baseball coach Shane Shewmake was selected for the same award in his sport; and UTD men's basketball coach Terry Butterfield won the same honor in February. The coaching awards and All-Conference team selections are made in a poll of the ASC's head coaches.

In addition to Hoffmann, UTD centerfielder **Shaunna Lawrence** (Sr.; Groesbeck, TX) led a group of seven players selected to the all-conference teams. Lawrence, who hit .363 and scored a team-high 32 runs during the regular season, was selected for the prestigious ASC All-Conference team, which included players from both the East and West Divisions.

Lawrence was also an All-East Division First Team selection along with first baseman **Candace Felts** (Sr.; Lewisville), an original member of the UTD softball program who led the team in hitting her first two seasons and batted .325 this season.

A pair of freshmen - third baseman **Amanda Craig** (Fr.; Carrollton, TX) and pitcher **Daci DeLeon** (Fr.; Kyle, TX) - were ASC East Division second team selections along with second baseman **Sarah Arldt** (So.; Katy, TX). Craig was the team's top hitter in 2004 with a .378 average, 13 doubles and 21 RBI. DeLeon became a dominating pitcher late in the season and finished with a 1.97 earned run average, striking out 78 hitters in 68.0 innings of work. Arldt finished the regular season hitting .366 and 15 stolen bases.

Shortstop **Laura Hatfield** (Sr., Sachse, TX) and newcomer **Jenelle Morrison** (Jr., Texas City, TX) were honorable mention All-East Division winners. Hatfield hit .364 with 10 extra-base hits. Morrison, a pitcher, finished with a team-best 1.62 ERA and 7-3 record.