



Alex Box Stadium

“It’s the best college atmosphere I’ve ever seen. They’ve got an Omaha crowd, except all of the fans are behind LSU.”

-TENNESSEE HEAD COACH ROD DELMONICO

Alex Box Stadium, the home of the LSU Fighting Tigers, has a storied history which spans several decades. Always known as an excellent facility, recent efforts to upgrade the stadium have made it comparable to that of most professional minor-league clubs.

Last season, the Tigers drew 276,622 fans to Alex Box Stadium as LSU finished first in the nation in overall attendance for the sixth straight year. The 2001 total attendance mark was the second-highest in NCAA history, surpassed only by LSU’s 2000 total of 286,874. The Tigers in 2001 averaged an NCAA-record 7,476 fans per home playing date (37 dates).

LSU has been among the nation’s attendance leaders for the past 11 seasons, finishing No. 5 in 1991, No. 6 in 1992, No. 4 in 1993, No. 3 in 1994 and 1995, and No. 1 in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

During Skip Bertman’s tenure as head coach (1984-2001), the Tigers attracted over 2.5 million fans to Alex Box Stadium. A total of 2,587,469 patrons have watched the Tigers play at “The Box” over the past 18 seasons.

The stadium is recognized both for its old-fashioned charm and for its modern renovations. Since 1985, it has been the site of four Southeastern Conference tournaments, 13 NCAA regional tournaments, one NCAA super regional series and one ABCA Hall of Fame tournament. Each year, “The Box” undergoes facility-improvement projects designed to enhance the comfort and enjoyment of LSU baseball fans.

Prior to the 1999 season, the stadium scoreboard was moved from left-center field to right-center field. Bleachers were then installed in left-center field, increasing seating capacity by approximately 800.

Visitors to Alex Box Stadium in 1998 had for the first time the opportunity to enjoy a concessions/picnic area behind the right-field bleachers, complementing a similar facility behind the left-field bleachers.

A major renovation project was completed at Alex Box Stadium in 1997, as two of the facility’s light towers were moved behind the seating areas in order to give all fans an unobstructed view of the playing field. The project began in April, 1996, when two of the four light towers were moved. The remaining two towers were moved in February, 1997.

Some of the other recent additions to the stadium include a players’ meeting room which can also be utilized as a facility for receptions and press conferences, and a “Home Run Village” parking area behind the outfield fence which allows fans to tailgate before and during games. A new outfield fence was installed in 1995 with a 15-foot hitters’ backdrop in center field.

In 1994, “The Box” featured a freshly renovated and expanded players’ locker room and lounge, along with a refurbished press box and additional chair-back seats in the grandstand. In 1993, an

advanced outfield drainage system was installed along with additional bleacher seating behind first base.

In 1992, the stadium featured the installation of expanded chair-back gold seats, an umpires’ dressing room, terrace-level seating above the third-base dugout and bleachers behind the left-field wall. Renovations for the 1991 season included the installation of a new grandstand roof and the construction of a playground/picnic area behind the left-field bleachers.

The stadium began to resemble its present form with the



The squad room in Alex Box Stadium houses LSU’s five NCAA Championship trophies.

arrival in 1983 of Skip Bertman. In 1985, the Tigers' locker room was given a facelift, and a fully-equipped training room, a coaches' dressing room and a players' lounge were installed.

Larger dugouts were constructed in 1986 along with a new outfield fence. The press box was expanded, and the stadium's right field fence was moved to make room for additional bleachers. In 1987, the stadium's restroom facilities were enlarged, and a new concessions stand was built beneath the grandstand.

"The Box" also features a modern scoreboard and message center, a state-of-the-art sound system, luminous field lighting, an underground field sprinkler system, a beautifully landscaped entranceway and spacious restroom facilities.

Originally a 2,500-seat facility, the concrete and steel grandstand of Alex Box Stadium was completed in 1938. Funding came from the Works Progress Administration, a federally sponsored agency which constructed public athletic facilities, among other such projects.

In its first two years, Alex Box Stadium was the site of spring training for the New York Giants. Such legendary baseball figures as Mel Ott, Carl Hubbell, Bill Terry and Dick Bartell were on hand with the Giants.

Stadium Information

Seating Capacity	7,760
Playing Field Distances	
Foul Lines	.330 ft.
Power Alleys	.365 ft.
Center	.405 ft.
Height of Fence	.10 ft.
In center field	.15 ft.
Playing Surface	natural grass

Tournaments Hosted

NCAA Regional Tournaments: 1986,1990,1991, 1992,1993,1994,1995,1996,1997,1998,1999, 2000,2001
 NCAA Super Regional Series: 2000
 SEC Tournaments: 1985,1986,1991,1993
 ABCA Hall of Fame Tournament: 1991

LSU Record in

Alex Box Stadium (1984-2001)

YEAR	GAMES	W-L-T	PCT.
1984	31	23-8	.742
1985	34	31-3	.912
1986	43	38-5	.884
1987	35	30-5	.857
1988	33	27-6	.818
1989	36	31-5	.861
1990	37	32-5	.865
1991	43	33-10	.767
1992	38	30-8	.789
1993	43	34-8-1	.802
1994	35	28-7	.800
1995	36	28-8	.777
1996	39	32-7	.821
1997	40	36-4	.900
1998	35	32-3	.914
1999	38	27-11	.711
2000	39	28-11	.718
2001	37	27-10	.730
Totals	672	547-124-1	.815

Total Attendance in

Alex Box Stadium (1984-2001)

YEAR	DATES	ATT.	AVG.
1984	24	22,021	.918
1985	25	40,746	1,630
1986	34	81,075	2,385
1987	27	46,084	1,707
1988	27	46,831	1,734
1989	33	65,781	1,993
1990	30	78,616	2,621
1991	37	113,832	3,077
1992	34	114,937	3,381
1993	39	137,306	3,521
1994	33	143,595	4,351
1995	36	148,995	4,139
1996	39	226,805	5,816
1997	39	252,864	6,484
1998	35	232,597	6,645
1999	38	271,888	7,154
2000	39	286,874	7,355
2001	37	276,622	7,476
Totals	606	2,587,469	4,270

2001 National Attendance Leaders

1. LSU	276,622
2. Alabama	180,310
3. Texas	150,901
4. Texas A&M	147,400
5. South Carolina	145,616
6. Tulane	127,670
7. Miami (Fla.)	123,680
8. Fresno State	105,162
9. Rice	99,574
10. Wichita State	96,158

(From survey by Collegiate Baseball magazine)

Top 10 Alex Box Stadium Attendance Figures

	ATTENDANCE	OPPONENT	DATE	SCORE
1.	8622	Louisiana-Lafayette	4/11/00	LSU, 8-2
2.	8413	Ole Miss	4/13/01	LSU, 15-2
3.	8180	Mississippi State	4/22/00	LSU, 18-15
4.	8129	Mississippi State	4/21/00	MSU, 15-13
5.	8080	Florida	3/16/01	LSU, 18-10
6.	8029	Ole Miss	4/14/01	UM, 23-10
	8029	Tulane	3/7/01	TU, 13-3
8.	7994	Northwestern State	4/17/01	LSU, 9-7
9.	7975	Vanderbilt	4/20/01	VU, 7-5
10.	7926	Auburn	5/12/01	AU, 7-5

Alex Box (1920-1943)

LSU's baseball stadium was named in 1943 for Alex Box, a letterman on the 1942 team. Box was killed while fighting in North Africa during World War II.

Simeon Alex Box was born August 5, 1920, in Quitman, Miss., and attended George S. Gardiner High School in Laurel, Miss. Box came to LSU in 1938 and majored in petroleum engineering. He also played football and baseball, served as vice president of the junior class in engineering and was a member of several professional societies.



Box pursued his advanced ROTC studies in the engineering regiment. A handsome, popular figure on campus, he met and developed a close relationship with Earle Hubert, an attractive member of Delta Zeta sorority from Plaquemine, La. They had an understanding that she would complete her elementary education degree while he was serving in the military; then, they would later marry. Tragically, the terrors of warfare changed those plans.

After being commissioned in the U.S. Army, Box made short stops at camps in Florida and Pennsylvania and went on to England in August, 1942. He was posted to the First Infantry Division, called the "Big Red One" in North Africa. Lieutenant Box, a tank commander, displayed his heroism on November 9, 1942, when he risked his life in helping destroy six enemy machine gun nests and an artillery emplacement near Arcole, Algeria. His brave acts earned him the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second-highest decoration.

Only two months later, there was a fierce battle in Tunisia, and Box's tank was shredded by a German mine. He was killed instantly on February 19, 1943, at the age of 22. Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt, wrote a letter of condolence to Box's mother, Mattie, saying "the deeds and death of your son have gone to make up the spiritual background that is this country."

Laurel, Miss., superintendent of schools R.H. Watkins eulogized Box as a "perfect example of an athlete, a Christian gentleman, a scholar and a soldier . . . His beautiful life may be compared to a great piece of music which ends on a high note."

On the LSU campus, there was a spontaneous movement that spring to commemorate his sacrifice in some tangible way. At its May meeting, the LSU Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to name the baseball stadium for Box. That was considered such an unusual decision that the student newspaper, *The Reveille*, observed, "For the first time in the school's history, the service and memory of the military hero came to be esteemed so highly that a structure on the campus was named in his honor."

The Box family made a special presentation of Alex's personal memorabilia to LSU during the 1991 baseball season (see picture below). The memorabilia, enclosed in a specially-constructed glass case, is permanently housed in the LSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Museum.





Campus Life

Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has, throughout its 141-year history, served the people of Louisiana, the region, the nation, and the world through extensive multipurpose programs encompassing instruction, research, and public service. The University continuously develops programs of quality that make it one of the nation's outstanding educational institutions.

The University influences the educational, economic, social, and cultural lives of citizens throughout the state - in some way, it touches the life of every person in Louisiana.

Because of its designation as a Research University I - the top category of the Carnegie Foundation's ranking of research institutions - LSU ranks in the top two percent of the nation's colleges and universities. The Research I designation is shared by only 59 public and 29 private universities in the country. One of

only 25 universities nationwide designated as both a land-grant and sea-grant college, LSU is also actively pursuing space-grant status.

History and tradition began with LSU's founding in 1853 by the General Assembly of Louisiana as the Louisiana State Seminary



of Learning and Military Academy near Pineville, Louisiana. The institution opened Jan. 2, 1860. When the Civil War began, the first superintendent, William Tecumseh Sherman, resigned to assume a command in the Union Army. Fire demolished the Seminary in 1869, and the school moved to Baton Rouge.

In 1870, the Seminary was renamed Louisiana State University. In 1874, under the United States Morrill Act, the Louisiana State Agricultural & Mechanical College was established in New Orleans. The two institutions were merged by the Legislature in 1877 to become Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College.

Construction of the present campus began in 1922, and the first classes were held in 1926. LSU experienced major growth in the 1930s and 1940s, expanding its student body, curricula, and services. During the 1960s, the University began to place increasing



CAMPUS FACTS

- LOCATION: Baton Rouge, La.
- FOUNDED: January 2, 1860
- ENROLLMENT: 29,022
- PRESIDENT: Dr. William Jenkins
- CHANCELLOR: Dr. Mark Emmert
- FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE:
Dr. William Culbertson
- MAJOR FIELDS OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES: 73
- MAJOR FIELDS OF MASTER'S DEGREES: 75
- MAJOR FIELDS OF DOCTORAL DEGREES: 55



LIVING ON CAMPUS

LSU has 18 residence halls with architectural styles ranging from a Renaissance style typical of the older core of the campus to modern high-rise buildings. Above is the newest addition, the highly popular East Campus Apartments, a co-ed dormitory that includes furnished rooms with connecting suites and e-mail workstations in the lobby, all within a short walk from the dining hall.

- Dining Halls
- Cable Television
- High-Speed Internet
- Mail Service
- Card Access
- Facility Repairs
- Security
- Telephone Services
- Furnished
- Washer/Dryer
- Microwave

emphasis on research.

Recognizing the importance and extent of statewide agricultural activities of units in the LSU System, the LSU Board of Supervisors in 1972 established the Center for Agricultural Sciences & Rural Development. This unit was renamed the LSU Agricultural Center in 1982. Components of the LSU Agricultural Center include the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station, the Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, International Programs, and Administrative Services.

In 1977, the Paul M. Hebert Law Center, established as the LSU Law School in 1906, was made an autonomous division of the LSU System. It provides a legal education characterized by an unyielding demand for academic excellence. Its unique curriculum, based on civil law and substantial elements of common law, provides law graduates with qualifications and training for not one, but two legal systems.

LSU, located on more than 2,000 acres in the southern part of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is bordered on the west by the Mississippi River. The University's more than 250 principal buildings are grouped on a 650-acre plateau that constitutes the main part of the campus.

LSU is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Hebert Law Center is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and is on the approved list of the American Bar Association.



Auditorium

Academic Center Expansion

Paramount to the success of the “student” half of the term student-athlete is providing LSU athletes with the best possible resources to excel in the classroom. For more than 20 years, the LSU Academic Center for Athletes has helped to build well-rounded student-athletes. But as times change and technology advances, the need for further improvements still exists. As a result, the Academic Center for Athletes will undergo a \$10 million



“Our academic support program should be the standard by which all academic support programs are measured. A first-class academic support center plays a major role in developing a quality academic support program for all student-athletes.” – LSU baseball coach Smoke Laval



Computer Lab

ACA RENOVATIONS

- expand the facility from 10,000 square feet to 54,000 square feet
- raise the total number of computers to 75
- include 14 private computer rooms in a state-of-the-art computer lab
- add additional study rooms and classrooms for private or group study
- provide additional study areas for specialized learning
- add a 1,000-seat auditorium

Planned improvements to the Gym Armory will not only benefit the Academic Center for Athletes, but the entire University as well. The old gymnasium will be transformed into a 1,000-seat auditorium the University will use for daily classes, presentations, lectures by distinguished University guests and other special academic events.

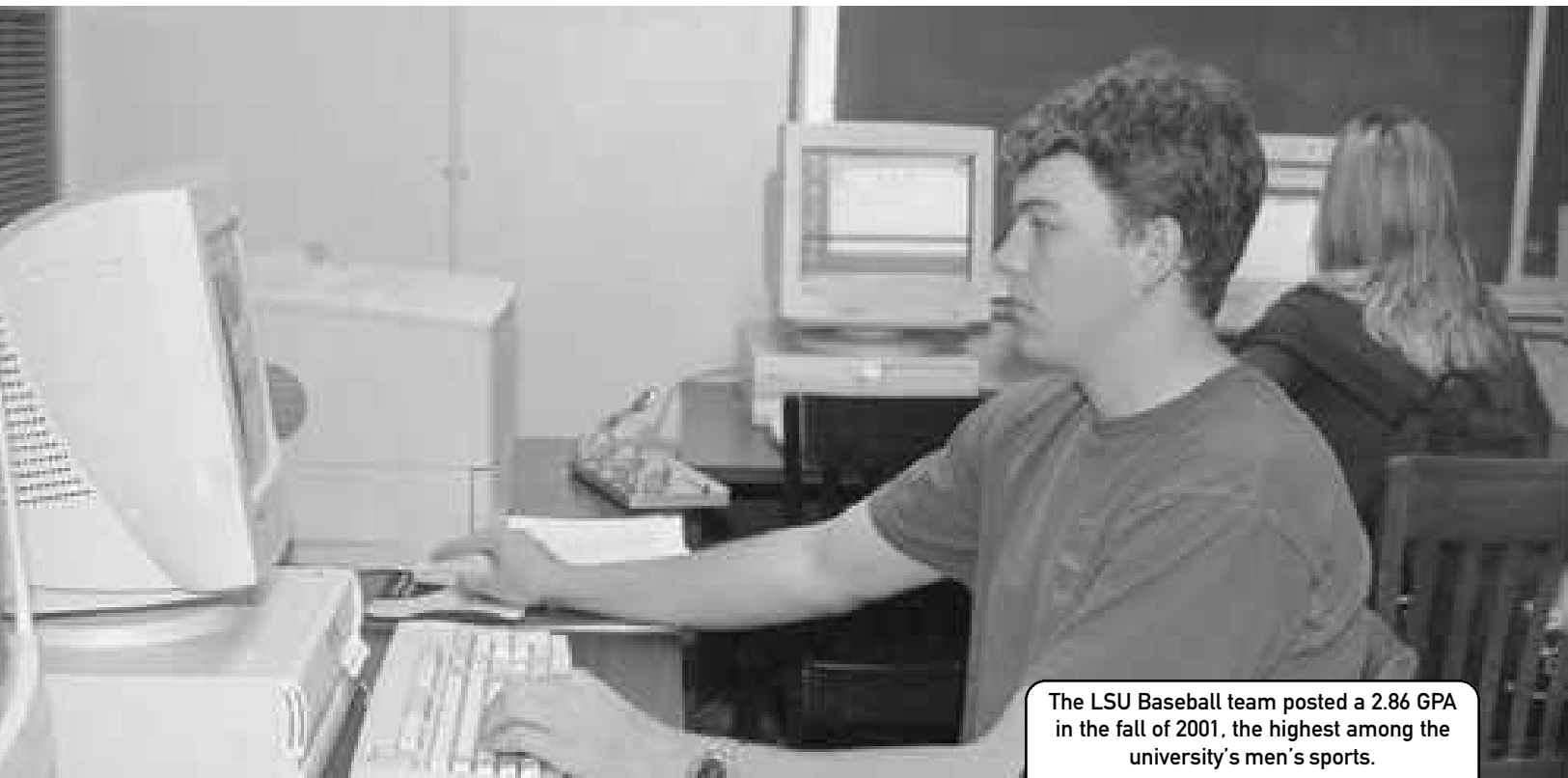


Reading Room

renovation that will not only keep it among the nation's premier centers – but put it at the forefront. Improvements to the existing center will give LSU student-athletes the best opportunity for success by providing access to the latest technology, as well as an array of expanded services. Renovations are expected to be completed for the fall of 2002.

“The project to renovate the Gym Armory illustrates how vision and careful planning can produce a product that benefits the entire University community. The project will improve the academic support program for our student-athletes, provide a critically needed auditorium for academic lectures, classes and special events, as well as renovate and preserve a historic and much-loved building.”

-- Chancellor Mark Emmert



The LSU Baseball team posted a 2.86 GPA in the fall of 2001, the highest among the university's men's sports.

Academic Success

ACADEMIC STAFF



Dr. Roger Grooters
Executive Director



Mary Boudreaux
Academic Advisor

Karla Lemoine
Director

Dr. Tommy Karam
Director, Eric Hill Athletic
Communications Studio

Dr. Jane Medver
Learning Specialist

Critical to the development of an athlete as a student is an adequate academic facility and capable staff to further the athlete's progress. The Academic Center for Athletes is responsible for overseeing the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes. The staff acts as a liaison between the athlete and the academic communities and insures that student-athletes comply with academic rules established by the University, NCAA and SEC. The staff also coordinates academic programs designed to assist student-athletes in acquiring a quality education.



SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE ACADEMIC CENTER FOR ATHLETES

- A showpiece of the Academic Center is the Deumite Memorial Library, a 2,400-square foot resource and study facility offering reading materials and a relaxing quiet area conducive to learning.
- The Center has private study rooms, made possible by generous donations from alumni, and the Tammany Tigers Computer Room, which has the latest in technology to meet all of the student-athletes' needs. The Bengal Belle Room is an additional study area.



Eddy Furniss, the 1998 National Player of the Year, received his LSU degree in December, 2000.

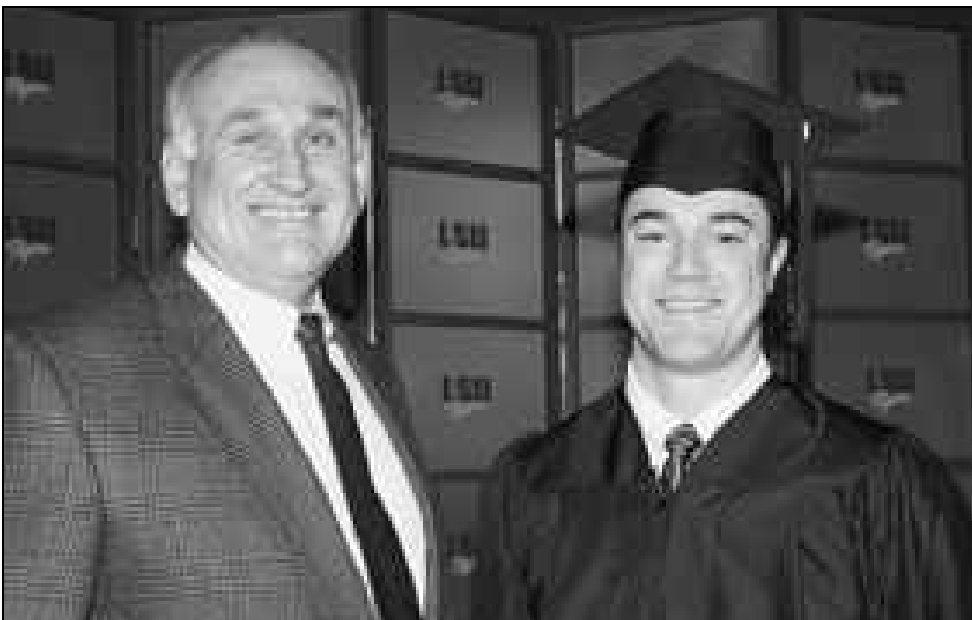
“The Academic Center for Athletes is a tremendous asset to all athletes. It provides those tangibles that are necessary to achieve success in a collegiate environment. The Center provides tutors to help you understand your course material, academic coaches who teach you organizational skills, and time management seminars to enhance the skills needed in this society.

“In one word, the Center is GREAT!”

-- Shaquille O’Neal, LSU basketball player, 1989-92; the 2000 NBA MVP for the Los Angeles Lakers and a 2000 graduate of LSU

- The Eric Hill Athletic Communications Studio is a state-of-the-art facility that allows student-athletes to polish their public speaking ability and improve their communication skills with the media. Dr. Tommy Karam has expertise in assisting athletes in working with the news media.

- The support services offered include tutoring, career counseling and development, time management, study skills, and other programs that help each student-athlete reach and receive their highest-quality education and degree.



Academic All-American Warren Morris (right), pictured with LSU President Dr. William Jenkins, received a zoology degree in December, 1997.

2001 SEC Academic Honor Roll

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| Billy Brian | Tim Nugent |
| Brad David | Wally Pontiff |
| David Miller | Chad Vaught |



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Giving Back

What is CHAMPS?

The CHAMPS/Life Skills program was developed by the NCAA to help **prepare student-athletes** for the challenges of life **beyond the playing field**. Through workshops, service projects, and social events, CHAMPS, an acronym for Challenging Athletes Minds for Personal Success, brings LSU student-athletes information that will prepare them for the biggest game of all - the game of life!



development, the CHAMPS Program not only assists the student-athletes with meeting daily challenges, but also enhances student-athlete's growth in their college years and beyond.

CHAMPS at LSU

The CHAMPS/Life Skills program at LSU is operated out of the Academic Center for Athletes, and the focus of the program is on five commitments viewed as critical to personal growth:

How can CHAMPS help?

By focusing on "real life" skills and personal



LSU baseball players and other athletes frequently visit hospitals as part of their commitment to community outreach.

- I. Academic Excellence
- II. Athletic Excellence
- III. Career Development
- IV. Personal Development
- V. Community Service

Student-Athlete Advisory Board

The Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) is made up on athletes that have been chosen by the coaches and/or athletes to represent that particular team.

The student-athletes attend regular meetings on their team's behalf and put forward the opinions and ideas for discussion that are brought to them from coaches and student-athletes. If there is an issue that is important, coaches and student-athletes are urged not to hesitate to inform their representative.

This year's President is men's basketball player Collis Temple, III with Vice-President Claston Bernard from Track and Field.

LSU CHAMPS Program Gets National Honor

The LSU CHAMPS life skills program, under the direction of Miriam Segar, was recently announced as one of five schools receiving the Program of Excellence award from the National Association of Athletic Directors.



A "Program of Excellence" award is designed to recognize Division IA athletics programs that have established student-athlete welfare as the cornerstone of their operating principles. In identifying LSU's CHAMPS program as a "Program of



LSU pitcher David Miller and his teammates make frequent appearances at philanthropic events.



LSU baseball players conduct regular autograph sessions with their young fans.

Excellence", the school had to show:

- all five commitments of the CHAMPS program be in place and demonstrate both substance and longevity, i.e. the program exists as a total departmental commitment and is a part of the operating principles of the athletics program.
- goals and objectives are stated for all components which are designed to address the needs of the student-athletes and an evaluation process is defined.
- staff and budgets are available to support all five commitments of the CHAMPS program.
- the program shows evidence of marketing the CHAMPS program to the student-athletes, staff, university and community.
- comprehensive programming is available to all student-athletes in all five areas of the CHAMPS program.



Baseball trainer Shawn Eddy (left) measures LSU players' arm strength with a state-of-the-art Cybex machine.

Athletic Training

DR. MARTIN J. BROUSSARD CENTER FOR ATHLETIC TRAINING

LSU boasts the largest and most complete athletic training facility in all of collegiate athletics. Focused on aggressive rehabilitation, the Broussard Center for Athletic Training is furnished with the latest in technology and equipment.

Some of the features of the 23,000-square foot facility include an on-site x-ray room, an in-house pharmacy, as well as state of the art hydrotherapy pools. The Broussard Center for Athletic Training is equipped with the largest hydrotherapy pools in both collegiate and professional sports and is one of the few collegiate training centers with a full-service pharmacy, as well as on-site x-ray room. LSU is also the only school in college athletics with a training room equipped with a full-service vision center. The facility is named in honor of legendary trainer Dr. Martin J. Broussard, who served as LSU's athletic trainer for more than four decades.



More Info:
www.lsusports.net/fb/ipix/fbtraining.htm

Want to see the Hydrotherapy Pools? See the IPIX 360° virtual tour of the Training Room on the LSU Athletic Department web site.

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Strength and Conditioning

The LSU strength and conditioning facility was built in 1997 and features the latest in both strength training and cardiovascular training equipment. Measuring 10,000-square feet, LSU has one of the finest strength and conditioning facilities in the nation.

The LSU strength and conditioning team took a new direction in 2000 under head strength coach Tommy Moffitt. Moffitt, who was named the 1999 Collegiate Football Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year by the Professional Football Strength and Conditioning Coaches Society, is in charge of the LSU strength and conditioning facility, located in Tiger Stadium.

Strength and conditioning can be the heart and soul of an athletic program's success, and LSU has taken great strides to improve its strength program and facilities.

More Info:

www.lsusports.net/fb/ipix/fbweight.htm

Want to see more of the Tiger's Weight Room? Take an IPIX 360° virtual tour on the LSU Athletic Department web site.

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Baseball strength and conditioning coordinator Jim Nowell (left) implements the Tigers' strength training program.



The City of Baton Rouge

The state capitol building of Louisiana, located in Baton Rouge, is the tallest capitol building in the nation at 34 stories.



Hospitality and comfort are a Southern tradition practiced to perfection around Baton Rouge. Minutes from the city, ancient moss-draped oaks, fragrant honeysuckle, formal gardens and the finest examples of Southern architecture await.

Combine this with the excitement of the mighty Mississippi River, Cajun music and a gourmet meal that is topped with freshly brewed cafe-au-lait at one of Baton Rouge's fine restaurants. Mix in a weekend of baseball at

Alex Box Stadium, and Baton Rouge

becomes one of the most attractive cities for living, entertainment and education in the South.



Southern Travel	
DISTANCE CHART FROM BATON ROUGE	
Atlanta, Ga.	8 hours
Biloxi, Miss.	2 hours
Birmingham, Ala.	6 hours
Dallas, Texas	6 hours
Houston, Texas	4 ^{1/2} hours
Jackson, Miss.	2 ^{1/2} hours
Mobile, Ala.	2 ^{1/2} hours
New Orleans, La.	1 hour
Pensacola, Fla.	4 hours
Shreveport, La.	3 ^{1/2} hours



The Mississippi River with all of its might rolls through downtown Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge Facts	
Population	
BATON ROUGE	242,547
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH	461,304
Time Zone	
Central	
Average Temperatures	
HIGH	81.3
LOW	52.5
AVERAGE	67.5

- The State Capitol building, located in downtown Baton Rouge, is the tallest state capitol in the nation at 34 stories tall.

- Baton Rouge, the capital city of Louisiana, sits on the banks of the Mississippi River.
- The average annual temperature in Baton Rouge is 68 degrees and the city features a semi-tropical climate highlighted by mild winter months.

- Baton Rouge is just an hour away from the French Quarter in New Orleans and even closer to the million-acre Atchafalaya Swamp, which is called one of the biggest fishing ponds in the country.

Garth Brooks donned an LSU football jersey when he played before a sell-out crowd at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.





The State of Louisiana

Louisiana, one of America's most culturally and geographically diverse states, is located in the heart of the Deep South. Adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and dotted with hundreds of lakes and bayous, Louisiana is home to all types of terrain from swamps and marshes



Millions of visitors from around the world come to New Orleans each year to participate in Mardi Gras, a two-week party that includes more than 60 parades.



The French Quarter of New Orleans joins progressive technology with traditional Southern charm. Take a carriage ride through the heart of New Orleans and discover that even today it still maintains many of its traditional European roots.

to lush forests and gentle hills.

The state is known for its charm and friendly people, and still maintains the stately antebellum plantations and majestic oaks of its early days. The atmosphere is elegant, yet relaxed and casual. Dubbed the "Sportsman's Paradise," Louisiana offers some of the finest hunting, fishing and boating opportunities in the country.



Louisiana Lagniappe

ATCHAFALAYA: \a-chaff-a-LIE-a\
n. Louisiana's famed undeveloped wetland.

BEIGNET: \ben-YAY\
n.A tasty French donut without the hole.

BOUDIN: \BOO-dan\
n.Hot, spicy pork mixed with onions, cooked rice and herbs and stuffed in sausage casing.

ETOUFFEE: \ay-too-FAY\
n. Crawfish or shrimp in a delightfully spicy red sauce.

GUMBO: \GUM-boe\
n.A delicacy of South Louisiana.A thick, robust soup with thousands of variations,only a few of which are Shrimp Gumbo, Chicken Gumbo, and File' Gumbo.

KREWE: \crew\
n.An organization that puts on Mardi Gras balls and parades.

LAGNIAPPE: \LAHN-yap\
n. A little something extra.

PO-BOY: - n.A sandwich extravaganza of either shrimp, oyster, roast beef, etc.,that's served on a crispy-cruste loaf bread called French Bread.

VIEUX CARRE: \vyuh-kah-RAY\
n.The French name for the French Quarter meaning "Old Square."

• Oak Alley Plantation, built in 1839, is situated between New Orleans and Baton Rouge.The site of many movies, the quarter-mile canopy of giant

live oak trees, believed to be 300 years old, is a spectacular site.

Louisiana Facts

NICKNAME:The Pelican State
ADMITTED TO UNION: . . . April 30,1812
STATE COLORS: . . .Gold,white and blue
STATE BIRD:Brown Pelican
STATE DOG: . . .Catahoula Leopard Dog
STATE TREE:Bald Cyprus
STATE FLOWER:Magnolia
CLIMATE:Subtropical

• Foods like boiled crawfish, jambalaya, shrimp etouffee, and gumbo make the Cajun and Creole cuisine of Louisiana the envy of the nation.

• Last year, an estimated 23.7 million U.S. resident visitors came to Louisiana.

• Louisiana is home to Mardi Gras, New Orleans jazz, Creole culture, stately riverboats and some of the finest cuisine in the world.



Situated on the banks of the mighty Mississippi River, the New Orleans skyline is one of the most recognizable in America. The city is a thriving metropolitan area that still maintains the traditional charm of a time long gone.



Two-time NBA champion and 2000 league MVP Shaquille O'Neal joined the long list of prominent LSU alumni when he earned his degree in General Studies in December 2000.

Prominent LSU Alumni

While LSU continues to make its mark on the playing field, winning 36 national titles, the state's flagship University continues to be a breeding ground for some of the greatest minds in the world, past and present.



Reinosuke Hara, who did research at LSU in the 1950s and then later received the honorary Doctorate of Science degree from LSU in 1992, is Vice-Chairman of Seiko Instruments.



Jim Flores graduated from LSU and currently is the Vice Chairman of Ocean Energy, the world's leader in oil exploration, based in Houston, Texas.



Lod Cook graduated from LSU with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1955 and then earned his Master's degree in Petroleum Engineering in 1955. Cook served as CEO of ARCO for nine years and he currently serves as co-Chairman of Global Crossing, a company that boasts 12,000 employees and revenues of \$12 billion.



Lod Cook was the lead donor for the Lod Cook Alumni Center on the LSU campus and in 1994 three of his friends, former Presidents of the United States Jimmy Carter, George Bush and Gerald Ford came to LSU for the dedication of the Alumni Center.



Mary L. Landrieu on Jan. 7, 1997, became the first woman from Louisiana elected to a full term in the United States Senate.



Dr. James Andrews is a world-renowned orthopedic surgeon. Andrews is a 1963 graduate of LSU and a 1967 graduate of LSU Medical School. While at LSU, Andrews won the SEC indoor and outdoor titles in the pole vault.



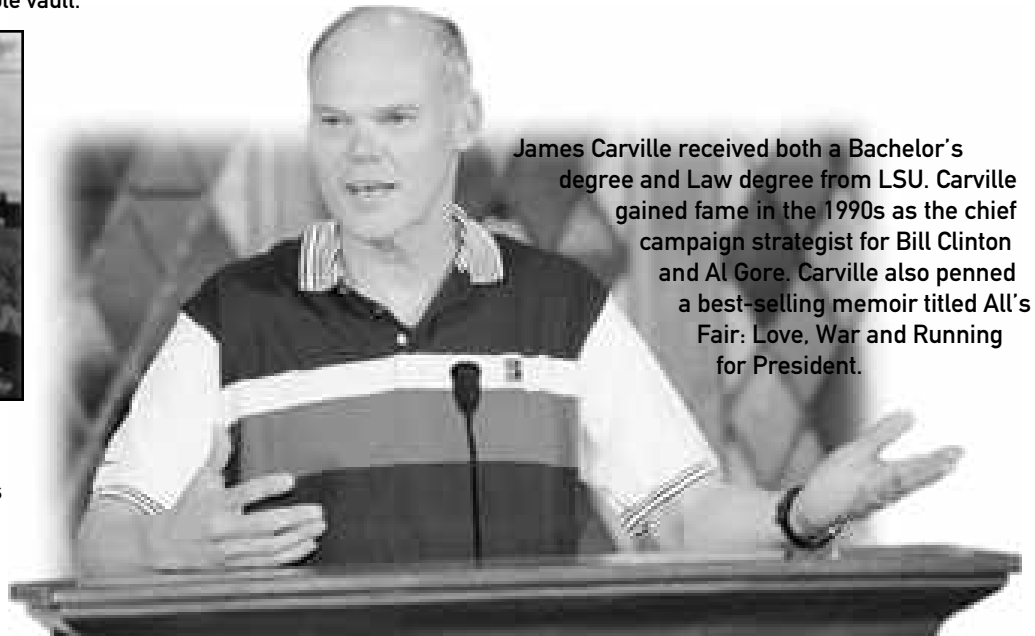
Harry Longwell graduated from LSU in 1963 with a Bachelor's degree in Petroleum Engineering and currently is Executive Vice President of ExxonMobil.



Kevin Faulk excelled in both the classroom and on the playing field as he graduated in just three years. Faulk is currently a member of the 2002 NFL Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.



Carlos Roberto Flores is currently president of Honduras, a position to which he was elected in 1997. Flores is married to the former Mary Carol Flake, also an alumnus of LSU.



James Carville received both a Bachelor's degree and Law degree from LSU. Carville gained fame in the 1990s as the chief campaign strategist for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Carville also penned a best-selling memoir titled *All's Fair: Love, War and Running for President*.

OTHER NOTABLE ALUMNI

- Elizabeth Ashley, actress
- John Ed Bradley, novelist and *Sports Illustrated* writer
- U.S. Senator John Breaux
- Bill Conti, Academy Award-winning Hollywood composer
- Max Faget, a graduate of LSU in the 1940s, has often been called the "Father of Manned Spacecraft." Faget, LSU's Alumnus of the Year, designed the Gemini and Mercury spacecraft, both of which served a significant

- role in America's quest to put a man on the moon.
- Current Louisiana Governor Mike Foster graduated from LSU with a Bachelor's degree in 1952.
- Julie Giroux, Emmy Award-winning composer
- Anthony McFarland received his degree from LSU in the spring of 1999, a month after being selected in the first round of the NFL draft by Tampa Bay.

- A journalism graduate from LSU in 1966, Thomas O. Ryder is Chairman of the Board of the American Express Publishing Corporation.
- Dolores Spikes, president of the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
- Joanne Woodward, Academy Award-winning actress
- Seven LSU petroleum engineering alumni are heads of major oil companies.

BASKETBALL



Maravich still holds the NCAA record for career points with 3,667 and for career scoring average with 44.2 points a game. Maravich was selected the National Player of the Year in 1970 after leading the Tigers to the NIT Final Four. He scored 50+ points an amazing 28 times. After LSU he went on to a 10-year professional career and was selected as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players in 1997.

FOOTBALL



Billy Cannon

One of the true legends of college football in the South, Cannon was the 1959 Heisman Trophy winner that helped the Tigers to the 1958 national title. Cannon's most memorable performance came in 1959 against Ole Miss. The top-ranked Tigers trailed No.3 Ole Miss 3-0 in the fourth quarter when Cannon fielded a punt, broke seven tackles and returned it 89 yards as the Tigers went on to win 7-3. He went on to a successful 11-year professional career.

BASKETBALL



Shaquille O'Neal

Was the first pick in the 1992 NBA draft. He was named MVP of the league in 2000 and the Finals MVP in 2000 and 2001 after leading the Los Angeles Lakers to two World Championships. At LSU, O'Neal averaged 21.6 points and 13.6 rebounds for his career, and in 1991, he was named the World's Amateur Athlete of the Year as well as SEC Athlete of the Year and National Player of the Year. In 1997, he was named as one of the top 50 players in NBA history.

LSU Greats

Retired Numbers

The five athletes on this page are the only athletes to have their jerseys retired by LSU. Basketball has retired the No.23 for Pete Maravich, No. 50 for Bob Pettit, Jr., and No. 33 for Shaquille O'Neal. Football's only retired jersey is the No. 20 worn by Billy Cannon, while baseball retired the No.15 last spring in honor of longtime coach and current athletics director Skip Bertman.

BASKETBALL



Bob Pettit, Jr.

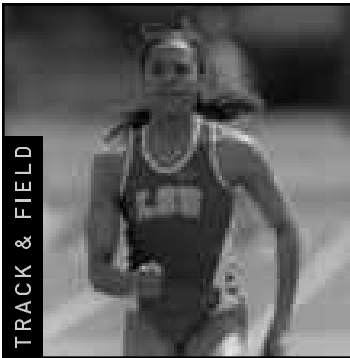
Led LSU to its first NCAA Final Four in 1953 and he later became the first player in NBA history to exceed the 20,000-plus point barrier. Pettit is a member of the NBA Hall of Fame and in 1997 he was named as one of the top 50 players in NBA history.

BASEBALL



Skip Bertman

A legend in the college baseball ranks, Bertman created a dynasty at LSU, guiding the Tigers to five national titles in a 10-year stretch from 1991-2000. He also skippered the United States to a bronze medal at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and was an assistant on the gold medal-winning U.S. squad in Seoul, Korea in 1988. Bertman retired from coaching following the 2001 season and is currently the LSU athletics director.



TRACK & FIELD

Peta-Gaye Dowdie

A 19-time All-American. Dowdie was a member of three NCAA Championship teams during her time at LSU and went on to compete for her native Jamaica at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.



BASKETBALL

Marie Ferdinand

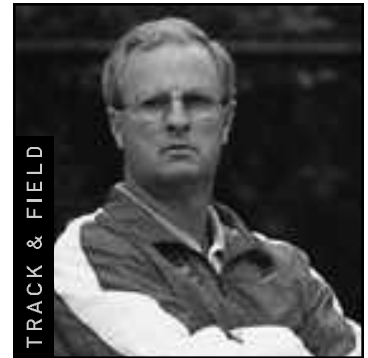
The eighth pick overall in the 2001 WNBA draft by the Utah Starzz. A First-Team All-American in 2000-01 and helped the Lady Tigers to the Elite Eight in 2000 and to the NCAA Tournament four times.



BASEBALL

Eddy Furniss

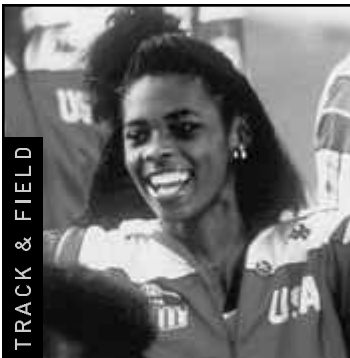
Member of two National Champion LSU baseball teams, he owns the LSU and SEC records for career hits, doubles, home runs and RBI. Won the 1998 Dick Howser Award as the nation's top player.



TRACK & FIELD

Pat Henry

Has led the LSU track and field program to 21 national championships and 19 SEC titles.



TRACK & FIELD

Esther Jones

A 21-time All-American while at LSU. Won a gold medal in the 4x100 meter relay team in Barcelona in 1992.



BASEBALL

Ben McDonald

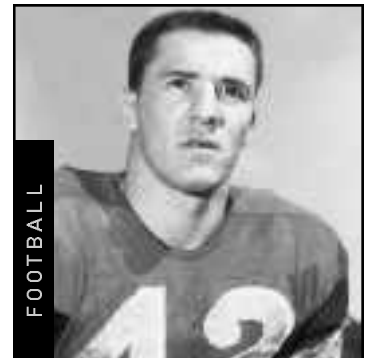
Named National Player of the Year in 1989 and he was later the first player chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.



BASEBALL

Warren Morris

Ninth inning game-winning home run lifted LSU to the national title in 1996. Morris is currently a second baseman for the Pittsburgh Pirates.



FOOTBALL

Jimmy Taylor

Tiger All-American fullback in 1957. Taylor became a Hall of Famer with the Green Bay Packers and was on both Super Bowl winners under Vince Lombardi.



FOOTBALL

Y.A. Tittle

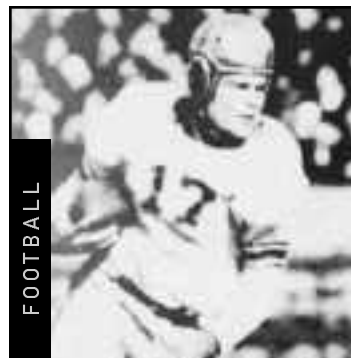
A standout quarterback for the Tigers from 1944-47. Tittle went on to a Hall of Fame NFL career spanning 15 seasons where he was selected NFL MVP on two occasions ('57 and '62).



GOLF

David Toms

The two-time SEC Player of the Year, Toms has gone on to a successful career on the PGA Tour. Among his tour victories was a thrilling win at the PGA Championship in August.



FOOTBALL

Steve Van Buren

A halfback for the Tigers from 1941-43, Van Buren was an All-SEC selection in 1943, helping LSU to an Orange Bowl victory. An NFL Hall of Famer who enjoyed an eight-year career with the Eagles.



BASEBALL

Todd Walker

Capped his LSU career as the SEC's all-time leader in hits, runs, RBIs, and total bases. Walker, who is a member of the All-Time College World Series Team, led LSU to the national title in 1993.



LSU Athletics Hall of Fame

The LSU Hall of Fame Exhibit is housed on the first floor of the LSU Athletic Administration Building and features a complete history of the accomplishments of LSU teams, athletes and coaches in all varsity sports.

On display are trophies and memorabilia from all sports, listings of Southeastern Conference champion teams and national champion teams and photos of All-Americans in all sports.

Beginning this fall the expanded LSU Hall of Fame will be housed in the Jack and Priscilla Andonie wing of the Lod Cook Conference Center on Lakeshore Drive.



Hall of Fame Highlights

- LSU's only Heisman Trophy, from Billy Cannon's 1959 season
 - Pete Maravich's 1970 Naismith Trophy
 - LSU's 1958 football national championship
- The bat Warren Morris used to hit his ninth inning home run in the 1996 College World Series
 - The baseball hit by Danny Higgins to break the NCAA team single season home run record
- An autographed Shaquille O'Neal size 22 shoe
- Trophies from LSU's national track championships
- Trophies from LSU's basketball Final Four appearances

The LSU Hall of Fame is open daily from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., on football game days and other special occasions.



The LSU Baseball offices are located on the third floor of the athletic administration building (left).