



Alex Box Stadium

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 271,179 fans to Alex Box Stadium as LSU finished first in the nation in overall attendance for the seventh straight year.

LSU has been among the nation's attendance leaders for the past 12 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, 2001 and 2002.

Over the past 19 seasons, the Tigers attracted nearly three million fans to Alex Box Stadium. A total of 2,858,648 patrons have watched the Tigers play at "The Box" since 1984.

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, 14 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.

The "Intimidator" billboard depicting LSU's NCAA titles was unveiled in Alex Box Stadium prior to the '97 season. It stands above the right field wall as a testament to LSU's baseball excellence. 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 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 mes-

"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



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

sage 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 (14): 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

NCAA Super Regional Series (1): 2000

SEC Tournaments (4): 1985, 1986, 1991, 1993

ABCA Hall of Fame Tournament (1): 1991

LSU Record in

Alex Box Stadium (1984-2002)

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
2002	36	28-8	.778
Totals	708	575-132-1	.813

Total Attendance in Alex Box Stadium (1984-2002)

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
2002	36	271,179	7,532
Totals	642	2,858,648	4,453

2002 National Attendance Leaders

(regular-season games only)

1. LSU	233,923
2. Mississippi State	201,523
3. Alabama	183,178
4. Texas A&M	169,619
5. Texas	172,483
6. Nebraska	139,740
7. Wichita State	116,911
8. Clemson	161,640
9. South Carolina	111,765
10. Tulane	97,663

TOP 10 ALEX BOX STADIUM ATTENDANCE FIGURES

	ATTENDANCE	OPPONENT	DATE	SCORE
1.	8622	Louisiana-Lafayette	4/11/00	LSU, 8-2
2.	8510	Arkansas	4/27/02	LSU, 8-0
3.	8440	Alabama	5/19/02	LSU, 5-1
4.	8413	Ole Miss	4/13/01	LSU, 15-2
5.	8210	Alabama	5/18/02	LSU, 3-0
6.	8180	Mississippi State	4/22/00	LSU, 18-15
7.	8129	Mississippi State	4/21/00	MSU, 15-13
8.	8080	Florida	3/16/01	LSU, 18-10
9.	8029	Ole Miss	4/14/01	UM, 23-10
	8029	Tulane	3/7/01	TU, 13-3
10.	7994	Northwestern State	4/17/01	LSU, 9-7

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.

Siméon 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 Reville*, 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. The memorabilia, enclosed in a specially-constructed glass case, is permanently housed in the LSU Athletic Hall of Fame and Museum.



Campus Life

CAMPUS FACTS

LOCATION: Baton Rouge, La.

FOUNDED: January 2, 1860

ENROLLMENT: 31,582

PRESIDENT: Dr. William Jenkins

CHANCELLOR: Dr. Mark Emmert

MAJOR FIELDS OF BACHELOR'S DEGREES: 73

MAJOR FIELDS OF MASTER'S DEGREES: 75

MAJOR FIELDS OF DOCTORAL DEGREES: 55



Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has, throughout its 142-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 breadth and quality that make it one of the nation's outstanding educational institutions.

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

Because of its designation as a Research I University – the top category of the Carnegie Foundation's ranking of research institutions – LSU ranks in the top 2 percent of the nation's colleges and universities. The Research I designation is shared by only 59 public and 29 private universities across the nation. 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 January 2, 1860. When the Civil War began, the school's 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 on 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 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.

The primary mission of the LSU Agricultural Center is to conduct research in agricultural and natural resource development and to provide off-campus extension education that disseminates



FALL FEST is the university's official "Welcome" for new students, staff, and faculty. More than 25,000 students, faculty, and staff come together in the LSU Quadrangle, making it one of the newest and most anticipated traditions.

technological, economic, and management information to Louisiana residents.

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. The Law Center provides legal education characterized by an unyielding demand for academic excellence. Its unique curriculum, based on civil law as well as 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 and A&M College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The Hebert Law Center holds membership in the Association of Law Schools and is on the approved list of the American Bar Association.

Student Recreational Sports Complex

The Student Recreational Sports Complex houses the administrative offices of the Division of Recreational Sports. This 112,000 square-foot, \$8.4 million facility, which was completed in August 1992, provides students and the University community with a comprehensive and innovative sports facility that includes:

- 25-YARD EIGHT-LANE INDOOR SWIMMING POOL WITH SUN DECK
- FIVE BASKETBALL COURTS
- FIVE VOLLEYBALL COURTS
- NINE BADMINTON COURTS
- TWELVE HANDBALL/RACQUETBALL COURTS
- TWO SQUASH RACQUET COURTS
- THREE WEIGHT ROOMS
- ONE COMBINATION EXERCISE/WEIGHT ROOM WITH AEROBIC EQUIPMENT
- 1/8 MILE INDOOR THREE-LANE JOGGING TRACK
- ONE REHABILITATION ROOM WITH TWO WHIRLPOOLS
- LOCKER ROOMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN
- SAUNAS FOR MEN AND WOMEN
- AEROBIC EXERCISE AREA WITH TREADMILLS, BICYCLES ERGOMETERS, ROWING MACHINES, STAIRSTEEPERS, ETC.
- EMERGENCY CARE/FIRST AID ROOM
- THREE MEETING/CLASSROOMS



“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

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 Cox Communications Academic Center for Student 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 Student Athletes has undergone a \$15 million renovation that will not only keep it among the nation’s premier centers – but put it at the forefront. Improvements to the existing center 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 were completed in November of 2002.



Auditorium



Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes



Library



The renovated Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes was dedicated in November of 2002.

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ACSA 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



Computer Lab

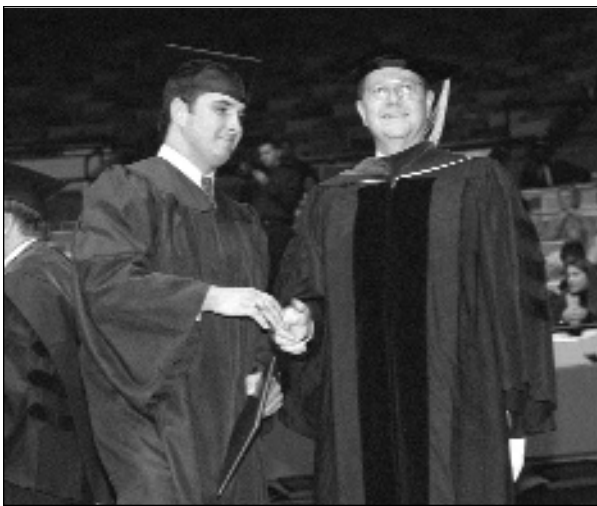
The improvements to the Gym Armory will not only benefit the Academic Center for Student Athletes, but the entire University as well. The old gymnasium has been transformed into a 1,000-seat auditorium the University will use for daily classes, presentations, lectures by distinguished University guests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

*“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 improves the academic support program for our **student-athletes**, provides a critically needed auditorium for academic lectures, classes and special events, as well as renovates and preserves a historic and much-loved building.”*

– Chancellor Mark Emmert



Academic Success



Blair Barbier, captain of LSU's 2000 NCAA Championship team, received his bachelors degree in December of 2002.

2002 SEC ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Brad David
Justin Hill
David Miller
Tim Nugent
Wally Pontiff
Chad Vaught



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 Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-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.

ACADEMIC STAFF

Staff



Dr. Roger Grooters
Executive Director



Ted White
Senior Associate Director



Mary Boudreaux
*Associate Director
Baseball Counselor*



“The **Academic Center for Student-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 and 2002 NBA MVP for the Los Angeles Lakers and a 2000 graduate of LSU*

Academic Success

THE SERVICES

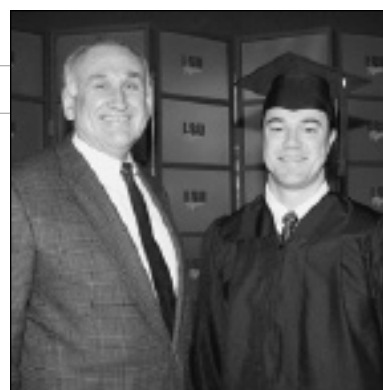
- TUTORING
- CAREER COUNSELING AND DEVELOPMENT
- TIME MANAGEMENT
- STUDY SKILLS
- INSURE THAT STUDENT-ATHLETES COMPLY WITH ACADEMIC RULES ESTABLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY, NCAA AND SEC

The Goal

For each student-athlete to reach and receive the highest-quality education and degree.

The Responsibility

To oversee the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes.



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

2002 LSU BASEBALL GRADUATES

Blair Barbier	Weylin Guidry	Tommy Morel
Bryon Bennett	Courtney Hernandez	Tim Nugent
Christian Bourgeois (Master's)	Justin Hill	David Raymer
Billy Brian	Jeff Leaumont	Chucky Son
Patrick Coogan	Barry Manuel	Johnnie Thibodeaux
Chris Demouy (Master's)	Bhrett McCabe (Ph.D)	Kevin Ward (Master's)
Jamin Garidel	David Miller	



Giving Back



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

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!



How can CHAMPS help?

By focusing on "real life" skills and personal 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:

- 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.

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 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.



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 over four decades.



Trainer Shawn Eddy (right) monitors the health of LSU baseball players.

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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The City of Baton Rouge



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 an evening at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, and Baton Rouge becomes one of the most attractive cities for living, entertainment and education in the South.

BATON ROUGE FACTS

Population:
BATON ROUGE242,547
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH461,304

Time Zone:
 Central

Average Temperatures:
HIGH81.3
LOW52.5
AVERAGE67.5

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





- 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.



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

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 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 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 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 Cypress
STATE FLOWER:Magnolia
CLIMATE:Subtropical



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.



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.

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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.

- 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.
- 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.

Louisiana Lagniappe

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

BEIGNET: \ben-YAY\
n. A tasty French doughnut 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-crust loaf bread called French Bread.

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

While LSU continues to make its mark on the playing field, winning **38 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.

Prominent LSU Alumni



Mary L. Landrieu

Became the first woman from Louisiana elected to a full term in the United States Senate in 1997.



Dr. James Andrews

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.



Reinosuke Hara

Researched at LSU in the 1950s and then later received the honorary Doctorate of Science degree from LSU in 1992. Currently is Vice-Chairman of Seiko Instruments.



Harry Longwell

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



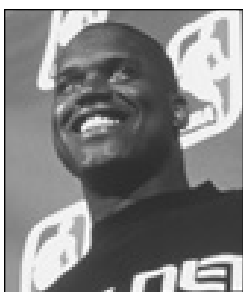
Carlos Roberto Flores

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.



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.



Shaquille O'Neal

Three-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.



Kevin Faulk

Excelled in both the classroom and on the playing field as he graduated in just 3 years. Faulk is currently a member of the 2002 Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.

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 1940's, 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
- **Eddie Jones**, a 1963 graduate of LSU in accounting, Jones is currently the **President/Chief Operating Officer of the Miami Dolphins**. In 2001 he was selected to the LSU Alumni Hall of Distinction.
- 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**.



Lod Cook

Graduated from LSU with a bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1955 and then earned his Master's degree in Petro Engineering in 1955. Cook served as **CEO of ARCO** for nine years.



James Carville

Received both a Bachelor's degree and Law degree from LSU. Carville gained fame in the 1990's 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**.

Retired Numbers

The five men on this page are the only athletes/coaches 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** in honor of longtime coach and current athletics director **Skip Bertman**.

LSU Greats



Bob Pettit, Jr. • #50

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.



Billy Cannon • #20

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.



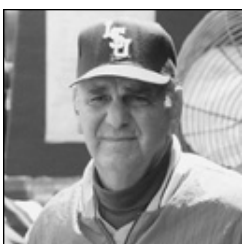
Pete Maravich • #23

Nicknamed "Pistol Pete," 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.



Shaquille O'Neal • #33

Was the first pick in the 1992 NBA Draft. He was named MVP of the league in 2000 and the Finals MVP in 2000, 2001 and 2002 after leading the Los Angeles Lakers to three 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.



Skip Bertman • #15

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.



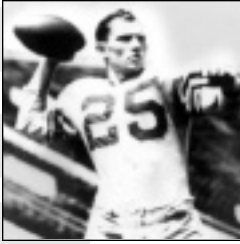
Steve Van Buren

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.



Marie Ferdinand

The eighth pick overall in the 2001 WNBA draft by the Utah Starzz and a 2002 WNBA all-star. A First-Team All-American in 2000-01 and helped the Lady Tigers to the Elite Eight in 2000 and to the NCAA Tournament three times.



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).



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.



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.



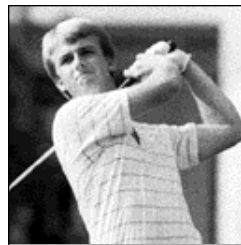
Todd Walker

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.



Josh Reed

An All-American, Reed re-wrote both the LSU and SEC record books. The winner of the Biletnikoff Award in 2001, Reed finished his career with an SEC record 3,001 yards receiving.



David Toms

The two-time SEC Player of the Year, Toms has gone on to a successful career on the PGA Tour. Among his PGA Tour victories was a thrilling win at the PGA Championship in August of 2001.



Esther Jones

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



Walter Davis

A track Olympian in 2000, Davis helped LSU to national titles in 2001 and 2002. The SEC Male Athlete of the Year in 2002, he won six NCAA titles and earned a school-record nine All-America honors.



Peta-Gaye Dowdie

A 19-time track 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.



Pat Henry

Has led the LSU track and field program to 23 national championships and 19 SEC titles. The only coach to win both men's and women's titles in the same year.

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Wall of Honor

Pontiff, McDonald, Smith Receive Permanent Recognition of Their Achievements

Three of the finest men to wear an LSU baseball uniform - third baseman Wally Pontiff, pitcher Robbie Smith and pitcher Ben McDonald - are recognized on LSU's Wall of Honor, the center field wall of Alex Box Stadium. Their jersey numbers have been painted on the wall as permanent tributes to LSU student-athletes who brought esteem to the university through their exploits on the field, and through their accomplishments as vital citizens. Pontiff and Smith have been honored posthumously.

Pontiff died on July 24, 2002, in his parents' Metairie, La., home due to heart abnormalities.

A three-year letterman, the 21-year-old star was the designated hitter on LSU's 2000 NCAA championship team, and he was the Tigers' starting third baseman in 2001 and 2002. A biological sciences major with a 3.25 gpa, Pontiff was named to the 2002 District VI Academic all-America team, and he was a two-time member of the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll.

Pontiff was selected by the Oakland Athletics in the 21st round of the 2002 major league baseball draft. Prior to



Wally Pontiff earned 2002 Academic all-America honors with a 3.25 gpa in biological sciences.

his death, he was considering a decision to either sign with the Athletics or return to LSU for his senior season.

As a freshman, Pontiff helped lead the Tigers to the 2000 national title, batting .347 with 20 doubles, seven homers and 45 RBI. He was voted the Most Outstanding Player of the 2000 SEC Tournament, and he was named an honorable mention Freshman all-American by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine.

Pontiff also hit .347 in 2001 with nine doubles, seven homers and 58 RBI. He earned first-team all-SEC recognition, and he was voted to the NCAA Baton Rouge Regional all-tournament team. The Tigers reached the NCAA Super Regional round and completed the season ranked No. 9 in the country.

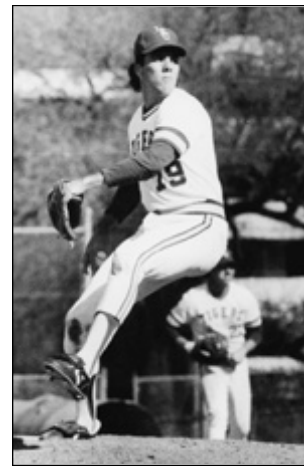
He batted .339 in 2002 with 20 doubles, six homers and 46 RBI, earning second-team all-SEC honors as the Tigers advanced to an NCAA Super Regional and finished No. 11 in the nation.

Pontiff completed the 2002 season on the LSU career Top 10 lists in three offensive categories -- hits (9th, 254), doubles (tied for 7th, 49) and batting average (10th, .344).

Prior to beginning his collegiate career, he was an honor roll student and all-state baseball player at Jesuit High School in New Orleans.

Pontiff is survived by his father Wally, Sr.; his mother, Terry; a younger sister, Haley; and a younger brother, Nicholas.

Pontiff's jersey number 31 will formally be unveiled on the Wall of Honor prior to LSU's 2003 season opener.



Robbie Smith served as team captain of the 1985 LSU squad that won the SEC Western Division title.