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## FACTS ABOUT THE MARAVICH CENTER

# MARAVICH CENTER

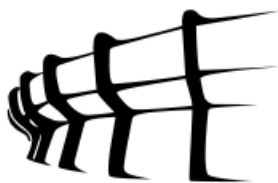
- Seats 13,472 spectators after \$5 million renovation to concourse and seating areas.
- Original cost of building -- \$11.5 million; one of the most visible structures on campus
- Site of two NCAA Regional basketball tournaments: 1976, 1986
- Site of five NIT events: 1982, 1983, 1987, 1989, 2002
- East-to-West, you can put a football field and still have almost 33 yards of space left.
- North-to-South, you can put another gridiron and have about 13 yards extra.
- There are over one-fifth of a million square feet enclosed and over one-quarter of a million square feet through out for a total of 3,113,380 cubic feet.
- A total of 1,750 tons of air conditioning keeps the interior at year-round comfort.



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## The Maravich Center: Renovated and Rejuvenated



### MARAVICH CENTER

**O**n July 1, 2004, the management of the Pete Maravich Center came under the direction of the LSU Athletics Department. The building has since undergone a multi-million dollar renovation, keeping “Pete’s Palace,” in its 35th season of hosting men’s basketball, as one of the great basketball venues in the South.

#### WHAT’S NEW

- ▶ It’s a renovation that began three years ago with new television lighting that can be turned on and off to allow for more freedom with player introductions and special ceremonies.
- ▶ It continued in 2004 with a brand new roof surface that will serve for many years in the future, continuing the bright look the building had in the 1970s and 1980s. Also the outside windows of the building now feature the Tiger mascot running around the building which can be seen for miles as people enter the city on the Mississippi River Bridge.
- ▶ In 2005, basketball fans experienced a completely redesigned concourse with video and graphic displays, renovated concession stands and video kiosks showcasing the best of the sports that play in the building - men’s and women’s basketball, volleyball and gymnastics.
- ▶ This season, fans will enjoy new seating, more restrooms and easier access to all areas of the building.

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**THE CONCOURSE HAD BEEN DIVIDED INTO FOUR QUADRANTS:**

- Pete Maravich Pass**
- The Walk of Champions**
- Heroes Hall**
- Midway of Memories**

# MARAVICH CENTER ARENA EXCITEMENT

- ▶ **Pete Maravich Pass** - Skip Bertman said this about this particular quadrant: *"This building has been named after Maravich for over 16 years, but there has been little else done in recognition of his many accomplishments. In the Pete Maravich Pass you will see photographs - some of which have never before been seen by the public - you will read about him and you will see video of him in action."*
- ▶ The other three quadrants feature the All-Americans, the championships and the great memories that have occurred in the sports that occupy the building. There is a special kiosk where every "L" Club member is recognized at the touch of a button. There's a new Fan Zone from where the promotions department will initiate more fan friendly events to make a night at the Maravich Center a fast-paced family experience.
- ▶ During the off-season, the seats in the arena were all replaced, the acoustical paneling around the top of the arena was replaced and handicap accessible seating added at new locations. Also there are upgraded restroom facilities, updates to the heating and air conditioning system and a new elevator to take fans to the upper concourse.

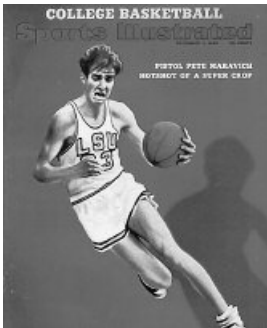


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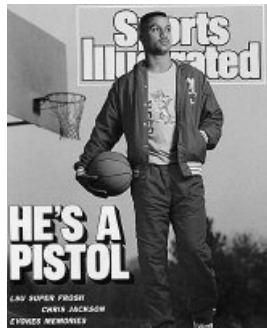


ON THE COVER

MAGAZINE COVERS



LSU's Pistol Pete Maravich graced the cover of Sports Illustrated in the college basketball preview issue prior to the 1968-69 season (Dec. 1, 1969).



Freshman Chris Jackson was making national headlines for his scoring prowess when he graced the cover (Feb. 20, 1989).



He was a sophomore at the time SI came to Baton Rouge to profile Shaquille O'Neal, calling him the Real Deal (Jan. 21, 1991).



LSU is prominently featured on the cover of many of the preseason magazines for 2005-06.

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LSU is one of the most widely recognized programs on the national forefront. It is among the most frequently-covered programs in the nation, while also being the largest media draw in the state of Louisiana. With its constant national visibility, millions of college basketball fans throughout the country see, read and hear about LSU basketball on a daily basis.



Dick Vitale enjoying a pre-game workout.



Joe Dean Jr. and Tim Brando call the action on Jefferson Pilot.

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LSU's dressing room area ranks among some of the finest in college basketball. The project started prior to the 1997-98 season and was completed in time for the 1998-99 basketball season. The spacious

locker room features wide dressing areas with mirrors for each player, including a locker and storage bin. Fully carpeted and well-lit, the locker room is immediately adjacent to the shower room, training facility and the squad room.



The locker room, located downstairs in the Maravich Center, includes a big screen television to review video tapes of practice and upcoming opponents as well as a wall-mounted marking board for messages and strategy sessions.



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The Norman Deumite-Matt McKay Squad Room gives the LSU basketball program one of the finest basketball meeting rooms in the country. Located adjacent to the team dressing room in the Maravich Center, the Deumite-McKay Squad Room has seating for 20 student-athletes. The room features plush individual seating in a comfortable theater-like atmosphere. In addition, the room has all of the audio and visual accompaniments necessary for meetings, reviewing of game tapes and lectures. The addition to the Maravich Center and the LSU athletic physical plant was made possible in large part by Norman Deumite and Matt McKay, who made a sizeable financial contribution for the purpose of building the facility.



**DEUMITE-MCKAY SQUAD ROOM**

DEUMITE-MCKAY



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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. LSU strength and conditioning team has taken a new direction under strength coach Tommy Moffitt. Moffitt, who was named the 1999 and 2003 Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year, is in charge of the LSU strength and conditioning facilities, located in Tiger Stadium and the new football operations building at the McClendon practice facility.

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.

## AMENITIES

- ▶ 28 multi-purpose power stations
- ▶ 36 assorted selectorized machines
- ▶ 10 dumbbell stations with 2 sets of 5-180 pound free weights
- ▶ Custom made equipment by Body Masters and Eleiko



FACILITY BUILT BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION







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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 40 years.

## Amenities

- ▶ 23,000 square foot athletic training facility
- ▶ On-site x-ray room
- ▶ In-house full-service pharmacy
- ▶ In-house dental and vision centers
- ▶ A Hydrotherapy pool



FACILITY BUILT BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION



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**HYDROTHERAPY POOL**

The training center has several pool areas for use in athletic rehabilitation.

**VISION CENTER**

Dr. Don Peavy conducts eye exams for LSU's student-athletes in a convenient location in the Broussard Center for Athletic Training.



**PHARMACY**

The LSU Athletic Training Pharmacy is the only one of its kind in college athletics. Staffed by pharmacist Kevin Denoux, the LSU Athletic Training Pharmacy provides the Tigers with first-class service in a convenient location.



**DENTAL CENTER**

A fully functional dental center is located inside the Broussard Center for Athletic Training



Dr. Martin J. Broussard with running back Billy Cannon in 1959

**DR. MARTIN BROUSSARD**

LSU's multi-million dollar athletic training facility is named in honor of Dr. Martin J. Broussard, the legendary trainer whose career spanned over 40 years at LSU, having been appointed to the position of head athletic trainer in 1948. Following his semi-retirement from the day-to-day work as trainer in 1993, he continued to serve the LSU as an Assistant to the Athletic Director through 2001 giving him well over 50 years of service to the Athletic Department.

Among his many accomplishments was the formulation of "Quick Kick", an isotonic drink used to replace liquids, vitamins and the electrolytes lost through sweating. He was a trainer for the Pan American Games in 1955 and the U.S. Olympic team in 1960. In 1963, the Rockne Foundation named him Trainer of the Year. In 1978, Broussard was named to the NATA Hall of Fame followed by the Louisiana Athletic Trainer's Hall of Fame in 1982.



**REHABILITATION**

LSU's Broussard Center for Athletic Training boasts some of the most technologically advanced equipment to aid the recuperation and rehabilitation of LSU's student-athletes.

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Ronald Dupree (above) as a member of the Detroit Pistons. Stromile Swift (right), a member of the Houston Rockets, was the second pick in the 2000 NBA Draft.



The LSU basketball program has a lasting legacy in the history of the National Basketball Association and that fact has been well documented by two separate occurrences in the last 10 years.

First in 1992, Shaquille O'Neal was taken as the first overall pick in the draft by the Orlando Magic. He was the first Southeastern Conference player taken as the top overall pick in the NBA draft.

Then in June 2000, Stromile Swift was taken as the second overall pick in the draft by the Vancouver (now Memphis) Grizzlies. It marked the fifth time a Tiger player had been chosen in the top three picks in the draft, joining Bob Pettit (2nd pick, Milwaukee - 1954), Pete Maravich (3rd pick, Atlanta - 1970), Chris Jackson (3rd pick, Denver -

**FIRST ROUND DRAFT CHOICES SINCE 1990**

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| <p><b>1990</b><br/> <b>Chris Jackson</b><br/>                     Denver Nuggets (3rd pick)</p>       |
| <p><b>1991</b><br/> <b>Stanley Roberts</b><br/>                     Orlando Magic</p>                 |
| <p><b>1992</b><br/> <b>Shaquille O'Neal</b><br/>                     Orlando Magic (1st pick)</p>     |
| <p><b>1993</b><br/> <b>Geert Hammink</b><br/>                     Orlando Magic</p>                   |
| <p><b>2000</b><br/> <b>Stromile Swift</b><br/>                     Vancouver Grizzlies (2nd pick)</p> |

1990), and Shaquille O' Neal (1st pick, Orlando-1992).

In all, LSU has had 11 first round NBA draft picks. Others besides O'Neal, Swift, Pettit, Maravich and Jackson include: 1952 -- Joe Dean, Indianapolis; 1983 -- Howard Carter, Denver; 1985 -- Jerry Reynolds, Milwaukee; 1986 -- John Williams, Washington; 1991 -- Stanley Roberts, Orlando; 1993 -- Geert Hammink, Orlando.

Since 1952, 44 LSU players have been chosen by teams in the NBA draft. Plus there are countless others who have and are presently playing for teams

abroad. In all, a total of 28 players have logged regular season minutes in either the NBA or the ABA.

## ANNIVERSARY TEAM

## NBA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY TEAM



Pete Maravich



Bob Pettit



Shaquille O'Neal

**Present LSU Players in the NBA**

The following LSU players are presently on NBA rosters as teams go to training camp for the 2005-06 season:

**Brandon Bass -- New Orleans/Oklahoma City**

Bass, the 2005 SEC Player of the Year, is in training camp in Oklahoma City with hurricane displaced New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets ... Bass was the 33rd player selected in the 2005 draft, early in the second round, by the Hornets after working out for coach Byron Scott on the morning of the draft in New Orleans.

**Ronald Dupree -- Detroit**

Dupree is in his second season with the Detroit Pistons, signing with the Pistons prior to the 2004-05 season ... After his playing days at LSU, Dupree was selected as the first pick of the second round by Huntsville in the 2003 NBDL draft ... Was signed by Chicago on a 10-day contract during the 2003-04 season and scored 18 points with nine rebounds in his debut ... Was signed for the remainder of the season ... In 94 career games, averaged 14.5 minutes and 4.7 ppg.

**Shaquille O'Neal -- Miami**

Olympic medalist, one of the game's 50 greatest players, three-time MVP of the NBA Finals, 2000 MVP, nine-time all-star selection are just several of the items on O'Neal's resume throughout his distinguished career ... O'Neal was drafted as the No. 1 pick of the draft by the Orlando Magic following the 1992 LSU season ... He played four years in Orlando, leading them to the NBA Finals once, before moving to the Los Angeles Lakers ... In eight years in LA, O'Neal led the Lakers to back-to-back-to-back titles in 2000, 2001, 2002 ... Moved to the Miami Heat prior to the 2004-05 season ... Entering his 14th season in the league, O'Neal has played 882 games, averaging 26.7 points and 12.0 rebounds.

**Stromile Swift -- Houston**

Swift is moving his talents to the Houston Rockets this season after five seasons with the Vancouver/Memphis Grizzlies ... Swift, the 2000 SEC Player of the Year, was the second overall pick in the 2000 draft by Vancouver ... Seen several times on ESPN's top plays for his dunks ... Has played 352 games in the NBA, averaging 9.0 points per game and 5.0 rebounds per game.

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The five individuals on this page are the only men 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.

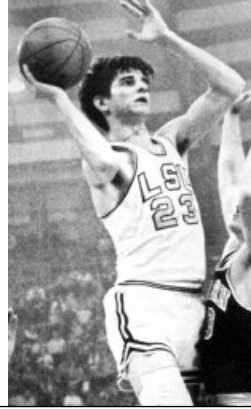
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# 50

### **Bob Pettit**

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.



# 23

### **Pete Maravich**

"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. He 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. He went on to a 10-year professional career and was selected as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players in 1997.



# 33

### **Shaquille O'Neal**

Was the first pick in the 1992 NBA Draft. He was named MVP of the league in 2000 and was a three-time NBA Finals MVP 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.



# 20

### **Billy Cannon**

One of the true legends of college football in the South, Cannon was the 1959 Heisman Trophy winner and helped the Tigers to the 1958 national title. Cannon's most memorable performance came in 1959 against Ole Miss when No. 1 LSU trailed No. 3 Ole Miss 3-0 in the fourth quarter. He fielded a punt, broke seven tackles and returned it 89 yards for the 7-3 victory. He went on to a successful 11-year professional career.



# 15

### **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 athletic director.

LSU's Success in each of its 20 sports is evident with this outstanding list of former Tigers.

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**Temeka Johnson**

The 2004-05 Lieberman Award winner as the nation's top point guard, Johnson led the Lady Tigers to back-to-back NCAA Final Fours, the 2004-05 SEC regular season title and the 2003 tournament title, and was the SEC's all-time assist leader, finishing her career fifth in NCAA history with 945.



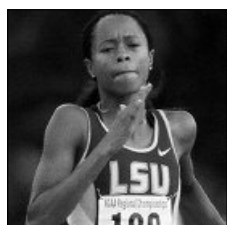
**Esther Jones**

A 21-time All-American while a LSU, Jones won a gold medal as a member of the United States' 4x100-meter relay team at the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.



**Nicki Arnstad**

The 2002 NCAA Floor Exercise Co-Champion, Arnstad became the first LSU gymnast to win a national title. She was a two-time All-American and won the NCAA Central Regional Floor and All-Around Championships.



**Muna Lee**

The most decorated track and field athlete in school history, Lee won 20 All-America awards and a school record seven national titles while helping the Lady Tigers to five NCAA team championships during her time at LSU. A 2004 Olympian, she finished seventh in the 200 meters at the Summer Games in Athens, Greece.



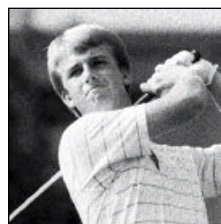
**Britni Sneed**

One of three four-time first-team All-SEC selections in conference history, Sneed was a two-time SEC Player of the Year and a three-time NFCA All-American, leading the Tigers to their first Women's College World Series appearance in 2001.



**Walter Davis**

An Olympian in 2000 and 2004, 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.



**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.



**Marie Ferdinand**

The eighth pick overall in the 2001 WNBA draft by the Utah Starzz. A Kodak All-American in 2000-01 who helped the Lady Tigers to the Elite Eight in 2000 and to the NCAA Tournament three times. She is a two-time WNBA all-star selection.



**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.



**Meredith Duncan**

The nation's top collegiate golfer in 2002, Duncan left LSU as the school's best female golfer. She earned first-team All-America honors as a senior in 2002 and won the United States Women's Amateur Championship in 2001.



**Ben McDonald**

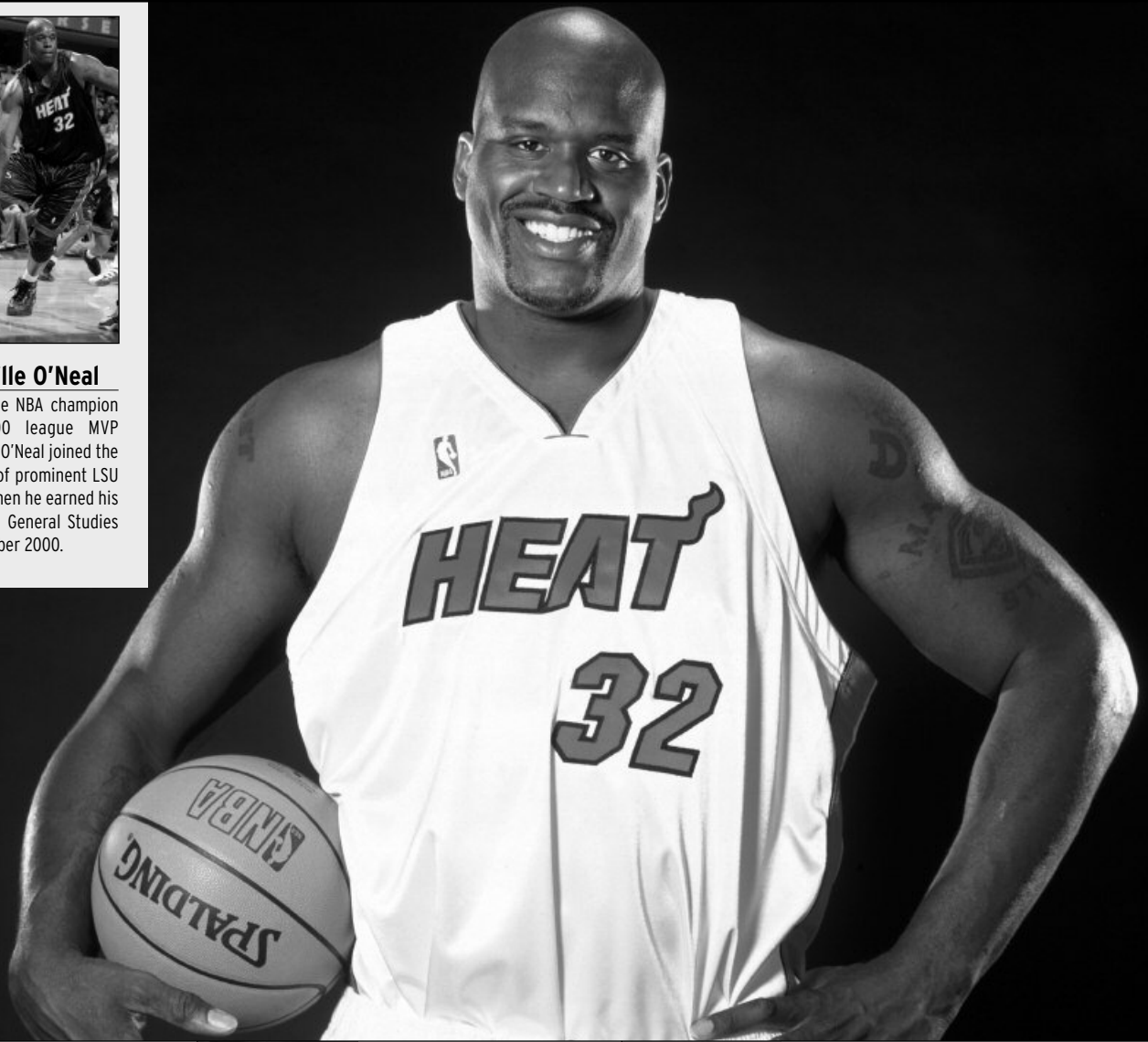
Named National Player of the Year in 1989 and he was later the first player chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft by the Baltimore Orioles.

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**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.



**W**hile LSU continues to make its mark on the playing field, winning 43 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.



**Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.**

Named the first Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), a department under the Department of Homeland Security. President George W. Bush appointed him to this position, in February 2003.



**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 three-time Super Bowl Champion New England Patriots.



**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.



**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.



**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.



**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.



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**Donald R. Anderson** - Diplomat.

**Larry Arthur** - AIDS researcher.

**Elizabeth Ashley** - Actress.

**John Ed Bradley** - Sports Illustrated writer and novelist.

**John Breaux** - U.S. Senator (1987-present) and U.S. Congressman (1972-86) from Louisiana.

**Don Clayton** - President and CEO, Meridian Oil Co.

**"Lightning Joe" Lawton Collins** - Chief of Staff for President Truman.

**Eric Arture Delvalle** - Former president of Panama.

**A. Wright Elliott** - Executive vice president, Chase Manhattan Bank.

**Graves Erskine** - U.S. Marine Corps General in WWII.

**Maxime A. Faget** - Designed Mercury and Gemini spacecrafts.

**Mary Carol Flake Flores** - First Lady of Honduras.

**Julie Giroux** - Emmy Award-winning composer.

**Rufus William (Bill) Harp** - Television Set decorator.

**Walter Hitesman** - Former president, Reader's Digest.

**Hubert Humphrey** - U.S. vice president (1965-69).

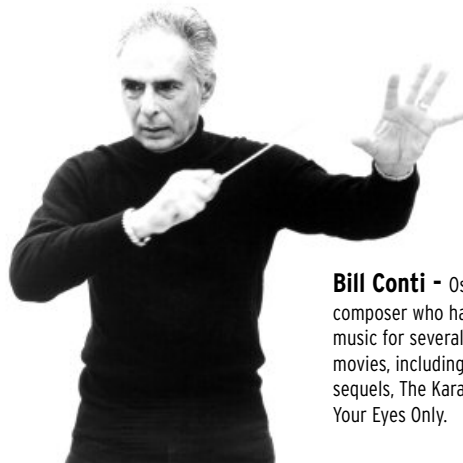
**W. Vernon Jones** - Branch Division Chief, NASA headquarters

**Russell Long** - U.S. Senator from Louisiana, 1948-87.

**James Malmberg** - President, CEO, Piccadilly.

**Ray Marshall** - Secretary of Labor under President Carter.

**Grover Murray** - President emeritus of Texas Tech University.



**Bill Conti** - Oscar-winning composer who has written theme music for several well-known movies, including Rocky and its sequels, The Karate Kid and For Your Eyes Only.

**Edwin Newman** - TV journalist and commentator.

**Carolyn Bennett Patterson** - Former senior editor, National Geographic.

**J. Howard Rambin** - CEO, Texaco.

**Rex Reed** - Drama critic, syndicated columnist.

**Maj. Gen. Thomas Rhame** - Led 1st Infantry Division against Iraq during Persian Gulf War.

**Thomas O. Ryder** - President, American Express Publication Corp. and magazine publisher.

**Dolores Spikes** - President of the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

**Ray Strother** - Author, political consultant.

**Billy Tauzin** - U.S. House of Representatives from 1980-2005

**Joanne Woodward** - Academy Award-winning actress.



**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.



**Eddie J. Jones**  
President of the NFL's Miami Dolphins franchise. The 36-year veteran of the NFL currently serves on the NFL's Employee Benefits Committee.



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

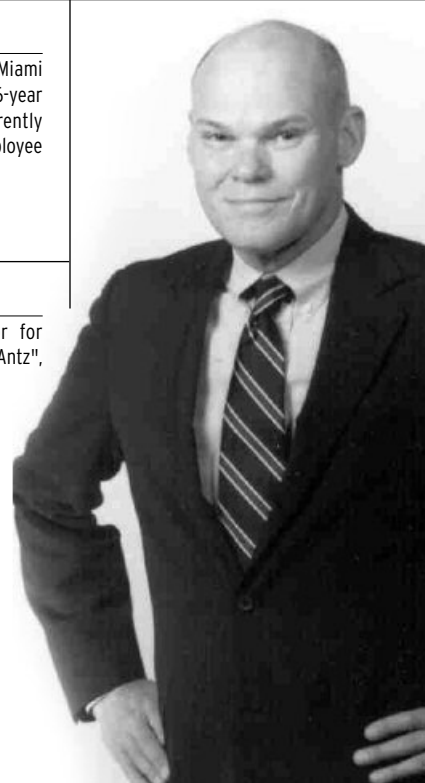


**Marty Sixkiller**  
Senior Technical Director for PDI/DreamWorks' movies "Antz", "Shrek", and "Shrek 2."



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

**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.



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The Jack and Priscilla Andonie Museum is home to LSU's athletics history. The museum, located at the Lod Cook Alumni Center on LSU's campus, is full of artifacts and memorabilia from the Andonie's personal collection gathered by the couple over the past three decades that total about 13,000 pieces. The museum features 51 separate displays that include at least one area in the room for each of LSU's sports. There are also displays featuring LSU's five retired jerseys, the "Early Years" of LSU athletics, the Tiger Band and Golden Girls, cheerleaders and Mike the Tiger. The center piece of the museum "The Road to the National Championship" is a game-by-game recap of the 2003 LSU football team's national championship season. Included in the display is a replica of the ADT National Championship trophy, coach Nick Saban's sideline headset, and an official game ball signed by the team.

**Amenities**

- ▶ 51 separate displays
- ▶ 12 large wall-mounted television screens
- ▶ 13,000 LSU artifacts and memorabilia
- ▶ Numerous kiosk displays



**Museum Hours:**

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Monday - Friday  
 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. • Saturday's \*  
 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. • Sunday's \*  
 \* Only the weekend of home football games

\$3 - Adults  
 \$2 - Seniors  
 \$1 - LSU employees and high school or college students

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### Tiger Stadium

Football  
 Built - 1924 • Capacity - 91,600  
 Largest Crowd - 92,251 vs. Georgia on September 20, 2003



### Pete Maravich Assembly Center

Men's and Women's Basketball, Volleyball and Gymnastics  
 Built - 1971 • Capacity - 13,472. Largest Crowd - 15,694 (MBKB vs. Ole Miss on Feb. 25, 1981)



### Alex Box Stadium

Baseball  
 Built - 1938 • Capacity - 7,760  
 Largest Crowd - 8,683 vs. Houston on March 6, 2004



### Bernie Moore Track Stadium

Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field  
 Built - 1969 • Capacity - 5,680  
 Largest Crowd - 3,947 on June 1, 2001 (NCAA Championships)



### Tiger Park

Softball  
 Built - 1996 • Capacity - 1,000  
 Largest Crowd - 1,506 vs. Southern Miss on May 22, 1999 (NCAA Regional)



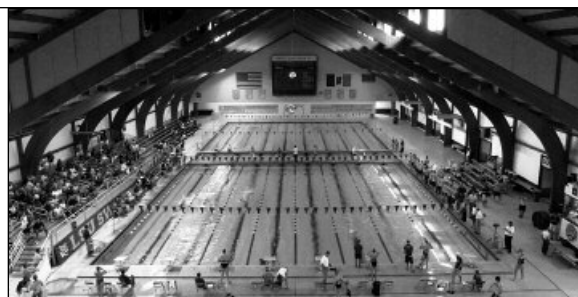
### Soccer Complex

Women's Soccer  
 Built - 1996 • Capacity - 1,500  
 Largest Crowd - 911 vs. Tennessee on Sept. 13, 1996



### W.T. "Dub" Robinson Stadium

Men's and Women's Tennis  
 Built - 1970 • Capacity - 550



### Natatorium

Men's and Women's Swimming & Diving  
 Built - 1985 • Capacity - 2,200

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WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO  
JUDGE WHICH CONFERENCE IS THE

# BEST in the NATION?



Throughout the history of men's college basketball, the Southeastern Conference has captured eight NCAA Championships and four NIT titles putting the SEC as one of the nation's top basketball conferences.

The SEC had another solid season in 2004-05, advancing at least half of the SEC's member institutions to the postseason for the 28th consecutive year.

### Five Teams Dancing

The SEC tied with the ACC and Big Ten for third in number of bids for the 2005 NCAA Tournament. The league received five bids after getting six bids in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. SEC Tournament Champion Florida made its seventh straight NCAA Tournament appearance last year. SEC Champion Kentucky made its 14th straight NCAA tourney. Alabama and Mississippi State made their fourth straight appearance. LSU rejoined the field after missing in 2004.

2005 also marked the 16th straight year the SEC had at least one team advance to the Sweet 16 and the 11th time in 13 years that the conference had a team advance to the Elite Eight.

### SEC Second in Postseason Bids

With 16 postseason bids for men and women's basketball, the SEC once again was among the best leagues in the nation in postseason appearances in the NCAA and NIT tournaments. The SEC set the record with 19 bids in 1999 and again in 2001. The Big East tied it in 2003 and 2004. The SEC has led the nation seven times in the last 11 years. SEC men and women's teams garnered seven and nine bids respectively.

### Big 2-0!

Seven SEC teams reached 20 or more wins on the season. Kentucky led the way with 28 wins, followed by Alabama and Florida with 24 victories. Mississippi State had 23 victories. LSU, South Carolina and Vanderbilt were next in line with 20 wins each.

### How Sweet It Is

The SEC record for most Sweet 16 appearances in an NCAA Tournament is four set in 1986 when Alabama, Auburn, Kentucky and LSU advanced past the first two rounds.

That year, Alabama made its second of three straight Sweet 16s while Auburn and Kentucky advanced to the Elite Eight and LSU lost to eventual champion Louisville in the national semifinals.

In 2005, Kentucky advanced to the Elite Eight.

In 2004, Alabama and Vanderbilt became the 10th and 11th SEC teams since 1996 to advance to the Sweet 16. The SEC leads the nation with 11 of its 12 members reaching the Sweet 16 since 1996. Next in line behind the SEC are the Big East (10), Big Ten (9), ACC (8), Big 12 (7) and Pac 10 (7).

### SEC In Strength of Schedules

The SEC has eight of the 50 toughest schedules in the country, according to CollegerPI.com. Tennessee's schedule was ranked 20th, Florida 21st, LSU 27th, Kentucky 30th, Alabama 31st, Vanderbilt 38th, South Carolina 39th and Georgia 44th.

### Home Sweet Home

Southeastern Conference teams had a 145-44 record at home last season (.767). Here's a breakdown of SEC home records: Alabama 14-1; Arkansas 13-3; Auburn 8-7; Florida 13-3; Georgia 7-9; Kentucky 14-1; LSU 14-1; Ole Miss 8-6; Mississippi State 11-2; South Carolina 15-3; Tennessee 10-6; and, Vanderbilt 17-2.

### Poll Worthy

The SEC is only conference in the nation to have all of its teams ranked at least one week in the Associated Press top 25 (excluding pre-season polls) since 1999-00. Simply stated, every SEC team has been a top-25 team nationally at one point in the last five-plus seasons.

### SEC Second in Non-Conference Wins

The SEC tied for second in the nation with 107 non-conference regular season wins versus NCAA Division I opponents. Conference USA teams won 108 games, while the SEC and Big East teams each won 107 games. The ACC won 106 non-conference games, while the Big 12 was the other major conference over 100 wins with 103.

### Close Calls

Winning conference games is not easy as evidenced by some tight games decided by the slimmest of margins.

Of the 96 conference games played last season, 29 were decided by six points or less with three going to overtime. That means, 30.2 percent of league games were won in the final minutes.



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**Front Row (L to R):** Christina Caporella, Denise Dicharry, Natalie Viator  
**Second Row (L to R):** Aimee Pitre, Kristin Loup, LeAnne Riccardii  
**Third Row (L to R):** Megan Bordelon, Alisha Captain, Rachal Delouche, Ashley Geig, Heather Williams, Megan Sutton  
**Back Row (L to R):** Angele Louviere, Tallie Adra, Lacy Goree, Kristen Hebert

2005-06 Tiger Girls - The popular men's basketball dance group is in its ninth year of performing at the Assembly Center. The Tiger Girls won the 2000 National Dance Team Championship and finished second in 2004.



**Front Row (L to R):** Kaley Tresnan, Brandon Sullivan, Liza Boyer, Tommy Griffin, Brooke Ladner, Bradley Caire, Jenny Richardson, Rusty Secrist, Mike the Tiger, Daniel Anderson, Jamie Mascari, Lance Laurent, Kimberle Nuccio, Ryan Krenek, Amy Kirby, Braley Raborn, Lizzie Montero

**Second Row (L to R):** Pauline Zernott (Spirit Coordinator), Tommy Trahan (Coach), Jason Galjour (Asst. Coach), Mike Melito, Kenny Daenen, Jason Amadeo, Toby Garcia, Hunter Louviere, Justin Brice, Jamie Pylant, James Gravois, Chris Meeks, Chico Garcia, Todd Adams, Alex Anderson, Andrew Dillahunty

**Back Row (L to R):** Codi Trahan, Erin Hains, Katie Prechtor, Jordan Arce, Stephanie Hickman, Kate Stone, Kelley Walker, Landon McCoy, Natalie Cohn (Not Pictured: Ray Griffin)

2005-06 Tiger Cheerleaders - The Tiger Cheerleaders are routinely among the tops in the country in annual competitions, having placed in the top five several times.

