

# Championship tradition



..... **Three-Time Defending SEC Western Division Champions** .....



## LSU Alma Mater

Where stately oaks and broad magnolias  
shade inspiring halls,  
There stands our dear old Alma Mater  
who to us recalls  
Fond memories that waken in our hearts  
a tender glow,  
And make us happy for the love  
that we have learned to know.

All hail to thee our Alma Mater,  
molder of mankind,  
May greater glory, love unending  
be forever thine.  
Our worth in life will be thy worth  
we pray to keep it true,  
And may thy spirit live in us ...  
Forever L-S-U.

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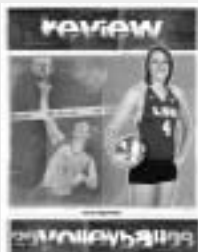
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## VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

HEAD COACH:	Fran Flory
ALMA MATER, YEAR:	Texas, 1984
CAREER RECORD:	290-236 (17 years)
RECORD AT LSU:	180-122 (10 years)
ASSISTANT COACHES:	Steve Loeswick (Southern Cal, 1996) Jill Lytle Wilson (LSU, 2001)

## TEAM INFORMATION

2007 RECORD:	25-8
2007 SEC RECORD:	15-5 (1st - West)
2007 POSTSEASON:	NCAA Tournament Second Round
STARTERS RETURNING/LOST:	6 + Libero/0
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:	9/3
NEWCOMERS:	3
ALL-TIME RECORD:	786-452 (.635, 34 years)
ALL-TIME SEC RECORD:	189-130 (.582, 25 years)
SEC TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES:	27
ALL-TIME SEC TOURNAMENT RECORD:	27-27 (.500)
SEC TOURNAMENT TITLES:	4 (1986, 1989, 1990, 1991)
NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES:	9
NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD:	11-9 (.550)
FINAL FOUR APPEARANCES:	2 (1990, 1991)

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

LOCATION:	Baton Rouge, La.
FOUNDED:	1860
ENROLLMENT:	28,019
NICKNAME:	Tigers or Fighting Tigers
COLORS:	Purple & Gold
MASCOT:	Mike VI (Bengal tiger)
HOME FACILITY (CAPACITY):	Maravich Center (13,373)
CONFERENCE:	Southeastern

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LSU's lone 2007 senior, Michelle Hensgens, became the first Tiger since the seniors of 1995 to win a match in every SEC road venue except the O'Connell Center.

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**When this year's seniors stepped on campus in the fall of 2005, high expectations followed them. The LSU volleyball program was counting on the highly touted recruits to get the Tigers over the hump and back into the NCAA Tournament after a 12-year absence following the abundant success of the early 1990s.**

# ready 4 more

When this year's seniors stepped on campus in the fall of 2005, high expectations followed them. The LSU volleyball program was counting on the highly touted recruits to get the Tigers over the hump and back into the NCAA Tournament after a 12-year absence following the abundant success of the early 1990s.

Three years, three Southeastern Conference Western Division titles and three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances later, it is obvious they delivered. Elena Martinez, Marina Skender and Kyna Washington have been an integral element in the rise of LSU volleyball, and their leadership will be instrumental in building on that success in the 2008 season.

"This group has elevated our program to new heights," head coach Fran Flory said, "and we expect another step forward heading into the season."

With the recent success, the coaches and players know their potential and will accept nothing but the same dedication toward their goals. But this will take a total team effort and additional leaders. Flory believes the acquisition of a transfer setter, junior Samantha Dabbs from Louisville, and two new freshmen faces should help round out the squad. She also thinks the additional leadership will come from two juniors – Brittnee Cooper and Lauren DeGirolamo. Both middle blockers are coming off impressive campaigns in which they each recorded nearly 200 blocks, an average of about 1.5 per game. In fact, Flory believes this tandem makes up the best middle-blocking duo in the SEC.

"With differing styles it is a challenge for teams to prepare for both of them," she explained. "Lauren has been a

stabilizing force for us and the most dependable and reliable player on our roster. Brittnee has developed into a dominant middle blocker. Her experiences with the USA Women's National A2 team this summer allowed her to understand how much potential she possesses, and she has worked exceptionally hard throughout the summer to prepare for this season."

Cooper was not the only member of the LSU volleyball team competing for the U.S. National team this summer. Martinez, the senior libero and reigning SEC Defensive Player of the Year, was also one of 22 collegiate volleyball players who participated in the summer. Martinez and fellow senior Washington, an imposing outside hitter, both made the All-SEC teams in 2007 and are expected to earn even more accolades to close out their impressive careers in 2008.

"When these girls agreed to come to LSU, this was the most significant class we had been able to sign," Flory said. "We expect them to leave here as some of the most decorated players in the history of the program, with all-conference and All-America honors. Just as importantly, they have succeeded in the classroom, and I am especially proud of both of them."

These juniors and seniors welcome Dabbs as an upperclassman to the program. Though she is a newcomer to LSU, her reputation as a top-notch collegiate setter is reflected in her statistics. As a sophomore, the San Antonio native guided the Cardinals to a 22-8 record last season while at Louisville. She led the team with 11.11 assists per game, while leading the Cardinals to a .282 team hitting percentage and 15.87 kills per game.

"The addition of Sam to our roster will



They've won three straight SEC West titles and made three straight NCAA Tournament appearances, and the eyes of the Tigers are set on a fourth of both. Losing just one senior from a team that finished 25-8, both goals are well within reach.

Returning two All-Americans and four All-SEC performers, they also are looking forward to some changes in the experience of home games this season. Instead of using seating on all levels of just one side of the Maravich Center as in the past, now fans will be placed in the lower bowl only all the way around the arena. After averaging more than 750 fans per match the last three years, Flory is excited about the change.

"We have such great support from our fans, so it only seems right for them to all be as close as



Elena Martinez

possible to the action," she said. "I really believe this will add to the intensity of our matches and make LSU volleyball an even better experience for our team and our fans."

Flory's Tigers experienced a very productive spring, including an impressive showing in the inaugural SEC Coaches Beach Volleyball Championships. Both Cooper and Martinez also competed with the U.S. National Team during the summer, while the others trained in the offseason as well to be fit and ready for 2008 season.

"With the veteran team we have returning, our expectations are very high going into the season," Flory said. "We had a very productive spring and summer, and we are very prepared to once again enjoy a record-setting year at LSU."

significantly impact our team and our offense," Flory said. "Sam is a proven setter who has succeeded at every stop in her career. She will fit right into our offensive system and allow us to be more creative with that system."

Dabbs joins Brittney Johnson, one of four talented sophomores, as the team's others setter. Johnson saw action in 77 games in 25 matches last year, her best performance coming against Tulane with 63 assists.

"Brittney is really developing into a tremendous setter," Flory commented. "She enjoyed a very successful end to our spring training and has worked diligently throughout the summer on her own to continue to improve. She has matured in our offense and now has a very solid grasp of our system. We look for her to have an outstanding year as well."

Johnson's classmate Angela Bensed also made large strides her freshman campaign, playing in all but one match en route to earning freshman All-SEC honors. Flory is excited about Bensed's progression and has moved her to the outside because of her ability to be a consistent presence on the court.

"After anchoring our right side through the fall and a portion of the spring, Angela will move to the outside for the season," Flory said. "She has worked hard to establish herself as a solid six-rotation player and someone who will provide a very consistent level of offense on the outside. Her maturity in that position will be a key for our season, and we feel she is more than prepared to meet the challenge."

Flory also praised sophomores Tania Schatow and Haley Reuther and the work they put in during the offseason. She said Schatow is becoming a dominant force on the right side and is an outstanding natural blocker who will provide significant offensive numbers from that position as well. The LSU coach also claims that Reuther's improved ball control has made her a vital part of the LSU program and said she is one of those players that every team needs to have in order to be successful.

The dynamic of the team will be enhanced with two new presences in freshmen Michele Williams and Lauren Waclawczyk. Williams was a standout outside

hitter for Magnolia High School in Magnolia, Texas, where she earned first-team all-state honors in 2006 and 2007. She graduated from high school early and joined the team in January, which Flory said helped her make significant gains both on the court and in the weight room.

"Michele will be a significant part of our offense, and we are excited about the versatility she brings," Flory said. "She is able to attack in all zones of the net and will provide an added dimension to the team." Waclawczyk, meanwhile, has impressed the coaching staff with her abilities in passing the volleyball.

"Lauren is one of the most solid passers we have recruited into our program," Flory said. "She is a natural passer who possesses great feet and body posture. She is a physical player, and that will allow her to contribute right from the beginning of her career."

Bringing in these freshmen and a proven collegiate setter makes Flory confident the team has filled in some key missing elements.

"All of the pieces seem to be falling into place, and I don't see why we can't replicate our recent success and continue to add to it even more," she said.

### Scheduling for Success

The Tigers have played a challenging schedule the past few years, and 2008 will be no different. Seven of their possible opponents were NCAA Tournament qualifiers a year ago, including three of the field's Sweet 16. They also will face the likes of national powerhouse Nebraska, winner of three NCAA titles, in an early season tournament in Lincoln, Neb. That's in addition to a tournament at Creighton and one the Tigers will play host to in early September.

"We have a very tough preseason schedule on the road and look forward to playing in two outstanding tournaments at Creighton and Nebraska," Flory said. "Both will provide an opportunity for us to match up against teams with the ability to win their respective conferences. Our home tournament will be a challenge as well with three very balanced teams attending."

The Bluejay Invitational at Creighton, which will open the Tigers' season Aug. 29-30, also features Texas A&M and Minnesota. LSU then welcomes non-conference foes Southeast Missouri State, Rice and Louisiana Tech for the Tiger Classic at the Maravich Center on Sept. 5 and 6. In their last pre-conference tournament, the Tigers will be the feature match against Nebraska on Sept. 12. They would then face either New Mexico or St. John's on the following the day.

From there, LSU jumps into its SEC slate with two contests on the road against South Carolina and Florida, the 17-time reigning conference champion, in late September. The Tigers return home for the next two weekends, first with a pair of matches against Tennessee and Kentucky and then against Ole Miss and Arkansas the first weekend in October. After going on the road for two straight weeks, Florida and South Carolina make return trips to Baton Rouge at the end of October.

Home matches against Alabama, Mississippi State and Auburn sandwich two more road trips to Kentucky and Tennessee and then Arkansas and Ole Miss before LSU concludes its regular season on Nov. 29 against Georgia.

"The SEC will be decidedly tougher this season," Flory said. "Each year our conference is making significant strides toward consistently being one of the truly elite conferences in the country. This year will be no exception. Winning conference matches on the road in the SEC is a true challenge each and every weekend."

The NCAA First and Second Rounds will take place Dec. 4-7 at selected campus sites, followed by the NCAA Regionals on Dec. 11-14 at campus sites as well. The NCAA Semifinals and Championship match are set to take place in Omaha, Neb., on Dec. 18-20.

"Given the experience and talent of the team, I like our chances to get back to the NCAA Tournament and to go even farther than we have in the past," Flory said. "And with the final rounds being in Nebraska, playing in two tournaments there early this season should have us ready to play in that environment come December."

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# Roster

## Numerical

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL./EXP.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
2	Brittney Johnson	S/RS	6-0	So./IL	Baton Rouge, La./University HS
4	Lauren DeGirolamo	MB	6-1	Jr./2L	Belleville, Ill./Belleville West HS
5	Angela Bensend	OH	6-1	So./IL	Plano, Texas/Frisco Centennial HS
8	Samantha Dabbs	S	6-0	Jr./TR	San Antonio, Texas/Louisville
7	Kyna Washington	OH	5-11	Sr./3L	Houston, Texas/Westfield HS
9	Haley Reuther	DS/L	5-8	So./IL	New Orleans, La./Dominican HS
10	Lauren Waclawczyk	DS	5-10	Fr./HS	Floresville, Texas/Poth HS
11	Elena Martinez	DS/L	5-8	Sr./3L	New Orleans, La./Newman School
12	Marina Skender	OH/RS	5-11	Sr./3L	Zagreb, Croatia/First Economic School
19	Tania Schatow	MB	6-4	So./IL	Fraser, Mich./Fraser HS
23	Michele Williams	OH	6-2	Fr./HS	Magnolia, Texas/Magnolia HS
25	Brittnee Cooper	MB	6-3	Jr./2L	Houston, Texas/Thurgood Marshall HS

## Alphabetical

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL./EXP.	HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS SCHOOL
5	Angela Bensend	OH	6-1	So./IL	Plano, Texas/Frisco Centennial HS
25	Brittnee Cooper	MB	6-3	Jr./2L	Houston, Texas/Thurgood Marshall HS
8	Samantha Dabbs	S	6-0	Jr./TR	San Antonio, Texas/Louisville
4	Lauren DeGirolamo	MB	6-1	Jr./2L	Belleville, Ill./Belleville West HS
2	Brittney Johnson	S/RS	6-0	So./IL	Baton Rouge, La./University HS
11	Elena Martinez	DS/L	5-8	Sr./3L	New Orleans, La./Newman School
9	Haley Reuther	DS/L	5-8	So./IL	New Orleans, La./Dominican HS
19	Tania Schatow	MB	6-4	So./IL	Fraser, Mich./Fraser HS
12	Marina Skender	OH/RS	5-11	Sr./3L	Zagreb, Croatia/First Economic School
10	Lauren Waclawczyk	DS	5-10	Fr./HS	Floresville, Texas/Poth HS
7	Kyna Washington	OH	5-11	Sr./3L	Houston, Texas/Westfield HS
23	Michele Williams	OH	6-2	Fr./HS	Magnolia, Texas/Magnolia HS

**HEAD COACH** Fran Flory (Texas, 1984)

**Record at LSU** 180-122/10 seasons

**Overall Record** 290-236/17 seasons

## ASSISTANT COACHES

Steve Loeswick (Southern California, 1996)

Jill Lytle Wilson (LSU, 2001)

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<b>LAUREN DEGIROLAMO</b>	dee-ger-RAHL-a-mo	<b>LAUREN WACLAWCZYK</b>	wa-CLAWS-schick
<b>ELENA MARTINEZ</b>	e-LANE-uh mar-TEEN-ez	<b>KYNA WASHINGTON</b>	KY-nuh
<b>HALEY REUTHER</b>	ruth-er	<b>STEVE LOESWICK</b>	LOWS-wick
<b>TANIA SCHATOW</b>	Tonya scha-toe	<b>FRAN FLORY</b>	Floor-ee

## 2008 TIGERS...

### BY STATE

#### ILLINOIS (1):

Lauren DeGirolamo

#### LOUISIANA (3):

Brittney Johnson

Elena Martinez

Haley Reuther

#### MICHIGAN (1):

Tania Schatow

#### TEXAS (6):

Angela Bensend

Brittnee Cooper

Samantha Dabbs

Lauren Waclawczyk

Kyna Washington

Michele Williams

### BY CLASS

#### SENIORS (3):

Elena Martinez

Marina Skender

Kyna Washington

#### JUNIORS (3):

Brittnee Cooper

Samantha Dabbs

Lauren DeGirolamo

#### SOPHOMORES (4):

Angela Bensend

Brittney Johnson

Haley Reuther

Tania Schatow

#### FRESHMEN (2):

Lauren Waclawczyk

Michele Williams

### BY POSITION

#### MIDDLE BLOCKER (3):

Brittnee Cooper

Lauren DeGirolamo

Tania Schatow

#### OUTSIDE HITTER (4):

Angela Bensend

Marina Skender

Kyna Washington

Michele Williams

#### RIGHT SIDE (3):

Brittney Johnson

Tania Schatow

Marina Skender

#### SETTER (2):

Samantha Dabbs

Brittney Johnson

#### DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST (3):

Elena Martinez

Haley Reuther

Lauren Waclawczyk

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..... elena martinez .....

2011 Volleyball 1198



▶ Win championships.

▶ Help student-athletes develop to their full potential, both on the court and in the classroom.

▶ Help each student-athlete earn their degree and prepare for the next step in their lives.



# Fran Flory

## VOLLEYBALL

It hasn't taken Fran Flory long to turn around the LSU volleyball program. She took over a team that had hit rock bottom in 1997 and has methodically turned it into a team that expects to win every time it steps on the court. From 0-15 in the SEC the season prior to her arrival to three-straight SEC Western Division titles and NCAA Tournament appearances over the last three years, Flory has made her impact felt on the court. With her ability to identify and develop talent, relate to her players and surround herself with top-notch assistant coaches, Flory has made this a great time to be a part of LSU volleyball.

"LSU has everything a student-athlete could ask for, from the facilities to the administration. We expect to win championships and every LSU student-athlete has those expectations. Our teams are committed to winning both on the court and in the classroom.

"Team togetherness and team ownership are two very important

factors in our program. Our teams are committed not only to LSU, but also to each other. Team ownership is vital to the success of any team, company or organization. Everyone must have a clear understanding of the goals and direction of the program. We are very careful to define roles and responsibilities so everyone is headed in the same direction."

Flory came to LSU from the head coaching position at Kentucky, where she led the Wildcats to one NCAA Tournament appearance and was named the AVCA South District Coach of the Year in 1993. Prior to that, she served as an assistant at LSU where she helped the Tigers to three SEC Championships and two Final Four appearances.

Now, entering her 11th season, Flory will continue to build on the solid foundation that she has laid out for the LSU volleyball program and continue to design her program around the fundamentals that have made her a success at every stop of her coaching career.

**“My goal for every student-athlete who competes on my team is to allow and help them develop into a successful person in all aspects of life.”**



### ► **Education First**

A staple of the LSU program since Flory arrived in 1998 has been the tremendous academic success of her players. The Tigers have placed the second-most players on the SEC Academic Honor Roll in the last seven years of any school in the league. In four of those past seven seasons, LSU has led the conference.

“Balancing a successful career in the classroom and on the court is a difficult task,” said Flory. “It requires a great deal of discipline and commitment. Our staff truly understands what it takes and shares in the commitment to insure the academic and athletic success of our student-athletes.”



### ► **Building for Success in Life**

When athletes sign to play for coach Flory, they sign on not only to maximize their potential as a volleyball player, but also to maximize their potential as a person.

“My goal for every student-athlete who competes on my team is to allow and to help them develop into a successful person in all aspects of life. When they graduate, I want them to truly feel prepared for the next step in their lives, whatever that may be. We are not just about developing successful volleyball players, our program is about developing successful people.

“Our philosophy is one that we all control our own destiny. Each day we make choices in all aspects of our lives that will influence who and what we become. We strive to provide the freedom and correct environment to make the choices that will prepare our student-athletes for their future.”

## Speaking of Flory

“Fran is one of the finest people I have ever met. I have had the pleasure of watching her become one of the finest coaches in our profession. It would be an honor to have my daughter play for her. She has great enthusiasm, is very easy to work with and has a true desire to be successful. She has my utmost admiration and support.”

### **Mick Haley**

Head coach at Southern California;  
Head coach 2000 US Olympic Team

“Fran is one of the most remarkable people that I have had the pleasure of knowing. She has been a mentor and a friend throughout my playing and coaching career. She is one of those people who has the ability to make you feel that you have the strength and courage to accomplish anything and overcome any obstacle.”

### **Julie Stempel Ibieta**

Former head coach at University of New Orleans,  
LSU volleyball player (1988-91)



### **Bo Campbell Auditorium**

The 1,000-seat auditorium is used through the year as a classroom and lecture hall. Each seat in the auditorium has space for a laptop and a modem hookup, providing each student unlimited learning opportunities. The auditorium also contains a movie theatre size screen to aid professors with lectures and classroom activities.

## **COX COMMUNICATIONS**

# **Academic Center FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES**

### **Amenities**

- ▶ 54,000 square feet of working space
- ▶ 300 computer workstations
- ▶ 14 private computer rooms in a state-of-the-art computer lab
- ▶ Additional study rooms and classrooms for private or group study
- ▶ Electronic scheduling of tutoring sessions
- ▶ A 1,000-seat auditorium for classes and lectures



### **Study Area**

Included in the 54,000 square feet of the Academic Center are individual study areas as well as 14 private computer rooms for student-athletes to work one-on-one with tutors or by themselves.



## Graduates

Since 2000, 29 LSU volleyball players have earned their degree from the University, including four who went on to earn graduate degrees. Twenty of the 21 four-year letterwinners from 1997 through 2007 went on to earn a degree. Lauren Leaumont (left) earned her bachelor's degree in Kinesiology in the Spring of 2007.

## 2007 SEC Academic Honor Roll

Since Fran Flory's arrival at LSU in 1998, the Tiger volleyball program has had a total of 80 SEC Academic Honor Roll selections, including a school record 12 players in 2000. Members of the SEC Academic Honor Roll are required to maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA or better over the previous academic year (Fall-Spring-Summer).

Student-Athlete	Class	Major
Shannon Balikowsky	Sophomore	Undeclared
Lauren DeGirolamo	Sophomore	Math
Michelle Hensgens	Senior	Kinesiology
Brittney Johnson	Freshman	Accounting
Maggie Lonergan	Sophomore	Marketing
Elena Martinez	Junior	Elementary Education
Haley Reuther	Freshman	Business
Marina Skender	Junior	Management

# Academic Success

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**Jennifer Timmer**  
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**Jean Jackson**  
Administrative Specialist

### Academic Support

The goal for each student-athlete is to reach and receive the highest-quality education and degree. The responsibility of the academic center is to oversee the educational development and progress toward graduation for all student-athletes.

- Tutoring
- Career Counseling and Development
- Comply with academic rules established by LSU, the NCAA and SEC
- Time Management
- Study Skills



## Shaquille O'Neal

Four-time NBA champion, including the 2006 title with Miami, Shaquille O'Neal, the 2000 NBA MVP, joined the long list of prominent LSU alumni when he earned his degree in general studies in December 2000.



## Seimone Augustus

Augustus received her degree in 2005 after just three years at LSU and while earning NCAA Women's Basketball National Player of the Year honors twice. She was the first pick of the 2006 WNBA Draft by the Minnesota Lynx and a 2008 U.S. Olympian.



# Prominent LSU ALUMNI



### Eduardo Aguirre, Jr.

Named the first Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, Aguirre, Jr., was appointed the U.S. Ambassador to Spain in 2005.



### 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.



### Lod Cook

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.



### 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 three-time Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.



### Carlos Roberto Flores

The president of Honduras from 1997-2001, Flores helped the nation recover after Hurricane Mitch devastated the country in 1998. Flores is married to the former Mary Carol Flake, also an alumnus of LSU.



### Jim Flores

Flores graduated with two bachelor's of science degrees; one in corporate finance in 1981 and the second in petroleum land management in 1982. Flores is currently Chairman, President and CEO of Plains Exploration & Production Company.

**LSU's enrollment is more than 25,000 students, including more than 1,600 international students and nearly 5,000 graduate students.**

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**Dr. Larry O. Arthur** - AIDS researcher.

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

**John Breaux** - U.S. Senator (1987-2005) and U.S. Congressman (1972-86) from Louisiana.

**Wil Calhoun** - Executive Producer of television sitcom "Friends".

**Cassandra Chandler** - One of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's highest ranking African-American women as special agent in charge of the Norfolk Field office.

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

**Bill Conti** - Oscar-winning composer who has written theme music for several well-known movies, including "Rocky" and its sequels.

**Eric Arturo Delvalle** - President of Panama (1985-1988).

**A. Wright Elliott** - Retired 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** - Former first lady of Honduras.

**Murphy "Mike" Foster, Jr.** - Former governor of Louisiana (1996-2004).

**Kevin Griffin** - Lead singer of the platinum-selling rock band "Better than Ezra"

**Paul Groves** - Award-winning tenor with the Metropolitan Opera

**Rufus William (Bill) Harp** - Television set decorator for series including "L.A. Law" and "Moonlighting"

**Pat Hewlett** - CIO of Exxon Mobil.

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

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

**W. Vernon Jones** - Senior Scientist for Suborbital Research, NASA headquarters.

**Delos "Kip" Knight** - Vice president of marketing and brand management for eBay international.

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

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

**James E. Maurin** - Founding partner and CEO of Stirling Properties, a national real estate services firm.

**Grover Murray** - Former president of Texas Tech University.

**Jake Lee Netterville** - Chairman of the board of Postlethwaite and Netterville, the largest Louisiana-based public accounting firm.

**Edwin Newman** - Longtime NBC News journalist and author.

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

**J. Howard Ramin** - Former CEO and Chairman of the Board, Texaco.

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



**Kenneth Brown**

A 1995 graduate of LSU and the host of Home and Garden Television's (HGTV) show "redesign", Brown credits much of his success to LSU's interior design program, which is ranked among the top 10 nationally. Brown's show completed its first season in 2005.

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

**Thomas O. Ryder** - Chairman of the Board, The Reader's Digest Association.

**Frances Seghers** - Senior VP of Sony Entertainment European Community Affairs, which includes Sony Music, Sony Pictures and Sony Playstation.

**Dolores Spikes** - Former President of the Southern University System and the University of Maryland-Eastern Shore.

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

**David Suarez** - Co-owner of Atlantic Company of America, Inc., which performed the historic restoration of the Washington Monument, the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum and the main U.S. Treasury Building.

**Rebecca Wells** - Author of the novel and film "Devine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

**Joanne Woodward** - Academy Award-winning actress and wife of Paul Newman.



**Reinosuke Hara**

Hara researched at LSU in the 1950s and then later received an honorary doctorate of science degree from LSU in 1992. He is the former President and CEO of Seiko Instruments.



**Mary L. Landrieu**

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



**Harry J. Longwell**

Longwell graduated from LSU in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering and retired in 2004 as the Executive Vice President and Director of ExxonMobil.



**Eddie J. Jones**

The former president of the NFL's Miami Dolphins franchise, the 37-year veteran of the NFL is currently a Trustee of the Bert Bell/Pete Rozelle Retirement and Disability Plan.



**Marty Sixkiller**

Senior Technical Director for PDI/DreamWorks' movies "Antz," "Shrek," "Shrek 2," "Shrek the Third," "Madagascar" and "Over the Hedge".



**James Carville**

Carville received both a bachelor's degree and law degree from LSU and 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".



The state capitol building of Louisiana, located in the heart of downtown Baton Rouge, is the tallest capitol building in the nation at 34 stories and overlooks the Mississippi River.

# Baton ROUGE

## Distance Chart from Baton Rouge (BASED ON 70 MPH SPEED):

Atlanta, Ga. ....7 hours	Jackson, Miss. ....2 <sup>1/2</sup> hours	New Orleans, La. ....1 hour
Biloxi, Miss. ....2 hours	Jacksonville, Fla. ....8 <sup>1/2</sup> hours	Orlando, Fla. ....10 hours
Birmingham, Ala. ....6 hours	Little Rock, Ark. ....5 hours	Pensacola, Fla. ....4 hours
Dallas, Texas ....6 <sup>1/2</sup> hours	Mobile, Ala. ....3 hours	Shreveport, La. ....4 hours
Houston, Texas ....4 hours	Monroe, La. ....2 <sup>1/2</sup> hours	

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. So what does the future hold? Baton Rouge is now one of the fastest growing cities in the South -- a bustling Metropolis of cutting edge technology companies, high-powered law firms and forward thinking city leaders who passionately support the arts and promote the local economy. Old Man River just got an upgrade. Yes, this is one city that's rolling on the river.

### Proximity

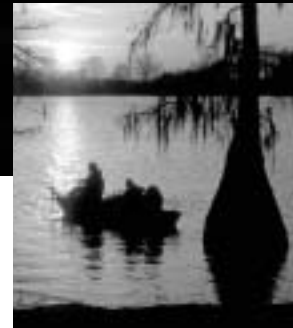
Baton Rouge is just an hour away from the French Quarter in New Orleans and even closer to the million-acre Atchafalaya Swamp, which is called one of the biggest fishing ponds in the country.



Courtesy of Baton Rouge Visitors & Conventions Bureau



The Pelican State features the hustle and bustle of downtown New Orleans. Contrast that with the finest hunting, fishing and boating opportunities in the country making Louisiana the "Sportsman's Paradise".



# Louisiana

## THE PELICAN STATE



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.

### ◀ Unique Culture

Louisiana is home to Mardi Gras, a two-week party that includes more than 60 parades and millions of visitors from around the world. All year long New Orleans Jazz, Creole culture, stately riverboats and some of the finest cuisine in the world is mixed into the diverse and renowned culture of Louisiana.

### Cuisine ▶

Foods like boiled crawfish, jambalaya, shrimp etouffee and gumbo make the cajun and creole cuisine of Louisiana the envy of the nation.





# Campus LIFE



Location: Baton Rouge, La.  
Founded: January 2, 1860  
Enrollment: 25,896  
President: Dr. John V. Lombardi  
Major Fields for Bachelor's Degrees: 72  
Major Fields for Master's Degrees: 72  
Major Fields for Doctoral Degrees: 54



LSU's Memorial Tower (top main photo) was one of the first structures completed on the present campus and sits east of the quadrangle (above, left). It represents the University as a memorial to those who gave their lives during World War I. Although it currently houses the LSU Anglo-American Art Museum, plans are in process to return Memorial Tower to a military museum as originally intended. The University lakes (above, right) on the LSU campus give various recreational options.



Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has, throughout its 144-year history, served the people of Louisiana, the region, the nation, and the world. LSU is creating a revolution, one of pervasive change and advancement. For the past five years, the focus of the LSU community has been an increased commitment to excellence. Our progress has been dramatic and shows no sign of stopping.

Having witnessed many of yesterday's possibilities become today's tangible realities, the LSU community set forth to capitalize on its success. The goal was to improve our standing as a nationally competitive flagship university. Following intense discussions among the LSU Board of Supervisors, campus administrators, faculty, and student leaders, the objectives required to reach this status crystallized, providing the impetus for LSU's National Flagship Agenda.

# Why LSU?

"I knew the second I stepped foot on campus that I might be the luckiest person on earth to have the chance to play volleyball at LSU. On my official visit, it poured at the football game that day and not a soul left or stopped their cheers until the Tigers claimed the close victory. Instantly that day I saw the great passion for LSU from every professor, coach, student and fan. Now I am fortunate enough to be back coaching at LSU with my mentor, and there is not a day that passes now that I don't think about how my four years here were the greatest opportunity of my life."

## Jill Lytle Wilson

Former LSU volleyball player and current assistant coach



"LSU is my home. It was a place where I made my name and a place where I was able to come here and have fun. It was the best three years of my life. While you are here, have fun and become a master of time management. You need to do what you have to do to make it. Work hard. I have been blessed. Baton Rouge is the place that helped me become who I am. I will never forget this place."



## Shaquille O'Neal

Four-Time NBA Champion and two-time NBA MVP

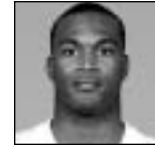
"As far back as I can remember (riding bicycles, playing little league baseball), I have literally bled purple and gold. It never crossed my mind that there was anywhere else to go other than LSU. The experiences and relationships that I developed at LSU have been an integral part of my life. No other colleges existed in my mind. I am fortunate to have attended a place that I considered a dream and look forward to my association with the University until the day I die."



## David Toms

2001 PGA Champion and LSU Graduate

"I was basically an in-state guy and had always thought about going to LSU for football and to get a good education. I made a lot of visits to different schools in my selection process, but everything always pointed toward LSU. My heart and my family guided me in that direction not just for the athletics, but for the academics as well. From top to bottom LSU has good people from the coaches on down the line."



## Bradie James

Former LSU and current Dallas Cowboys starting linebacker

College of Agriculture  
Agricultural Business (B.S.)  
Agribusiness Finance  
Agribusiness Management  
International Marketing  
Animal, Dairy, & Poultry Sciences (B.S.)  
Animal Sciences  
Dairy Foods Technology  
Dairy Production  
Poultry Sciences  
Preveterinary Medicine-Animal  
Preveterinary Medicine-Dairy  
Preveterinary Medicine-Poultry  
Science & Technology-Animal Science  
Science & Technology-Dairy Science  
Science & Technology-Poultry Science  
Environmental Management Systems (B.S.)  
Environmental Science  
Policy Analysis  
Resource Conservation  
Family, Child, & Consumer Sciences (B.S.)  
Consumer Science  
Human Services Management  
Food Science & Technology (B.S.)  
Food Business/Marketing  
Food Chemistry & Analysis  
Food Processing & Technology  
Food Safety/Applied Microbiology  
Forestry (Forest Management) (B.S.F.)  
Ecological Restoration  
Forest Products  
Forest Resource Management  
Nutritional Sciences (B.S.)  
Dietetics  
Nutritional Sciences/Premedical  
Plant & Soil Systems (B.S.)  
Agricultural Pest Management-Entomology  
Agricultural Pest Management-Plant Pathology  
Crop Management  
Horticultural Science  
Ornamentals, Olericulture, & Pomology  
Soil Science  
Turfgrass Management  
Urban Entomology  
Textiles, Apparel, & Merchandising (B.S.)  
Apparel Design  
Merchandising  
Textile Science  
Vocational Education (B.S.)  
Adult, Extension, International Education  
Agricultural Education

Business Education  
Career Development  
Home Economics Education  
Human Resource Leadership and Development  
Industrial Education  
Training & Development  
Wildlife & Fisheries (B.S.)  
Aquaculture  
Conservation Biology  
Fisheries  
Preveterinary Medicine-Wildlife & Fisheries  
Wetland Science  
Wildlife Ecology  
Wildlife Law Enforcement

College of Art & Design  
Architecture (B.Arch.)  
Interior Design (B.I.D.)  
Landscape Architecture (B.L.A.)  
Studio Art (B.F.A.)  
Ceramics  
Graphic Design  
Jewelry/Metalsmithing  
Painting  
Photography  
Printmaking  
Sculpture

College of Arts & Sciences  
Anthropology (B.A.)  
Communication Disorders (B.A.)  
Communication Studies (B.A.)  
Economics (B.A.)  
English (B.A.)  
Creative Writing  
Literature  
Secondary Education-English  
Writing & Culture  
French (B.A.)  
French & Francophone Cultural Studies  
French & Francophone Political Studies  
International Business  
International Studies  
Literary Studies  
Secondary Education-French  
General Studies (B.G.S.)  
Geography (B.A. & B.S.)  
German (B.A.)  
History (B.A.)  
Secondary Education-History

International Studies (B.A.)  
Africa & the Middle East  
Asia  
Europe  
Global Studies  
Latin America  
Russia & Central Asia  
Latin (B.A.)  
Liberal Arts (B.A.)  
African & African American Studies  
Art History  
Studio Art  
Mathematics (B.S.)  
Actuarial Science  
Applied/Discrete Mathematics  
Applied Mathematics/Communications  
Engineering  
Computer Science  
Mathematics  
Secondary Education-Mathematics  
Philosophy (B.A.)  
Religious Studies  
Political Science (B.A.)  
Psychology (B.A. & B.S.)  
Russian Area Studies (B.A.)  
Sociology (B.A.)  
Applied Sociology  
Criminology  
Rural Sociology  
Spanish (B.A.)  
Secondary Education-Spanish  
Women's & Gender Studies (B.A.) College of Basic Sciences  
Biochemistry (B.S.)  
Biological Sciences (B.S.)  
Marine Biology  
Secondary Education-Biology  
Chemistry (B.S.)  
Biological Chemistry  
Chemistry  
Chemistry and a Second Discipline  
Environmental Chemistry  
Materials  
Polymers  
Preprofessional Chemistry  
Secondary Education-Chemistry  
Computer Science (B.S.)  
Geology (B.S. Geol.)  
Environmental Geology  
Geology  
Microbiology (B.S.)

Physics (B.S.)  
Astronomy  
Medical Physics  
Physics  
Physics and a Second Discipline  
Secondary Education-Physics  
  
E. J. Ourso College of Business  
Accounting (B.S.)  
Management Accounting  
Economics (B.S.)  
Empirical Economic Analysis  
Finance (B.S.)  
General Business Administration (B.S.)  
Business Administration-Prelaw  
Business & Public Administration  
Information Systems & Decision Sciences (B.S.)  
International Trade & Finance (B.S.)  
Empirical Economics Analysis  
Management (B.S.)  
Entrepreneurship  
Human Resource Management  
Management  
Marketing (B.S.)

College of Education  
Early Childhood Education: PK-3 Teacher Certification (B.S.)  
Elementary Grades Education (B.S.)  
Four-Year Teacher Certification, Grades 1-6  
Holmes Certification  
Kinesiology (B.S.)  
Athletic Training  
Fitness Studies  
Health & Physical Education Teacher Certification  
Human Movement Science  
Sports Studies  
Secondary Education (B.S.)  
Art

College of Engineering  
Biological Engineering (B.S.B.E.)  
Chemical Engineering (B.S.C.E.)  
Civil Engineering (B.S.C.E.)  
Computer Engineering (B.S.E.E.)  
Construction Management (B.S.C.M.)  
Electrical Engineering (B.S.E.E.)  
Environmental Engineering (B.S.Env.E.)  
Industrial Engineering (B.S.I.E.)

Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E.)  
Petroleum Engineering (B.S.P.E.)  
Manship School of Mass Communication  
Mass Communication (B.A.M.C.)  
Advertising  
Electronic Media  
Journalism  
Political Communication  
Public Relations

College of Music & Dramatic Arts  
Music (B.A.)  
Music (B.M.)  
Brass  
Composition  
Harp  
Organ  
Percussion  
Piano Pedagogy  
Piano Performance  
String  
Voice  
Woodwind  
Music Education (B.M.Ed.)  
Instrumental  
Vocal  
Theatre (B.A.)  
Arts Administration  
Design/Technology  
Literature, History, & Theory  
Performance  
Theatre Studies

Preprofessional Programs\*  
(Nondegree)  
Allied Health Programs  
Dental Hygiene  
Dental Laboratory Technology  
Ophthalmic Medical Technology  
Physician's Assistant  
Premedical Technology  
Prenursing  
Preoccupational Therapy  
Prephysical Therapy  
Rehabilitation Counseling  
Respiratory Therapy

\*The final two-three years of these preprofessional programs are offered by the LSU Health Sciences Center and/or other medical schools. These are nondegree programs.

# LSU GREATS

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 athletics director emeritus Skip Bertman.



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### Bob Pettit

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.



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### 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.



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### 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-plus 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.



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### Shaquille O'Neal

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.



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### 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 coached 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 the LSU athletics director emeritus. Bertman was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 2006.

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



### Seimone Augustus

Augustus was the two-time NCAA National Player of the Year, receiving the Wade Trophy, the Naismith and the Wooden Awards as a junior and a senior. Augustus helped lead the Lady Tigers to three-straight Final Fours. She was the No. 1 pick in the 2006 WNBA Draft, and she is a 2008 U.S. Olympian.



### April Burkholder

The 2006 NCAA beam co-national champion, Burkholder finished her career with 14 All-America honors and four All-SEC selections. In addition, she was named the NCAA Central Region Gymnast of the year twice, the SEC Gymnast of the Year on two occasions, and she was also the conference's Freshman of the Year in 2003.



### Xavier Carter

Carter won a school record-tying seven NCAA titles on the track and earned a total of 10 All-America honors. He became just the second athlete to win four titles at one national meet, joining Jesse Owens. He holds four individual school records and anchored LSU's 4x400-meter relay teams to two school records.



### Glen Davis

A 2006 first-team All-American and SEC Player of the Year, Davis helped lead LSU to its first Final Four appearance since 1986. In 2007, Davis was selected by Seattle in the NBA Draft before being traded to Boston. He was a vital member of the Celtics world championship team in his first professional season.



### Walter Davis

A two-time Olympian and World Champion, 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.



### 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.



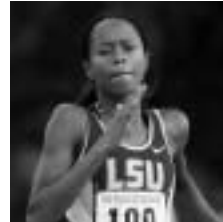
### Sylvia Fowles

A three-time All-American, Fowles was a member of Final Four teams all four years of her career. She was the 2008 SEC Player of the Year and the league's all-time leading rebounder. Fowles was the second pick of the 2008 WNBA Draft and a 2008 U.S. Olympian.



### Esther Jones

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



### 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. A two-time Olympian, Lee is the 2008 U.S. Outdoor Champion in the 100-meter dash.



### Ben McDonald

McDonald was named the Golden Spikes 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. In 2008, he was inducted into the College Baseball Hall of Fame.



### 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.



### Todd Walker

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. Walker went on to a successful Major League career for 11 seasons.

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# Community OUTREACH

LSU student-athletes participate in a variety of community service projects including reading in schools, nursing home visits, hospital pediatric ward visits (pictured above) and speaking engagements.



“Through workshops, service projects, and social events, CHAMPS, brings LSU student-athletes information that will prepare them for the biggest game of all - the game of life!”

-SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, LSU ALL-AMERICAN & 14-TIME NBA ALL-STAR



## BOOzar

Brittnee Cooper and members of the LSU volleyball team dressed up for the annual Halloween BOOzar where members of LSU's athletics programs play games and distribute candy to local children.

## Shaquille O'Neal CHAMPS/Life Skills Program

**“It is truly**  
for the first time since I’ve been here as the head coach  
**a home court advantage.”**

- LSU Head Coach Fran Flory



**Fan Support**

Against South Carolina on Sept. 21, 2007, a school record 2,308 loyal Tiger fans came out wearing their gold to support the volleyball program.

# Maravich CENTER

**The Facts**

- YEAR BUILT: 1971
- CAPACITY: 13,373
- LARGEST CROWD: 2,308 vs. South Carolina, 9/21/07
- OVERALL RECORD: 275-112 (.711)
- LONGEST WINNING STREAK: 37 matches (10/2/85 - 11/20/87)

**Top 10 Attendances**

	ATTENDANCE	OPPONENT	DATE
1.	2,308	South Carolina	Sept. 21, 2007
2.	2,250 (est.)	Kentucky	Nov. 20, 1992
3.	2,038	Florida	Nov. 24, 1991
4.	1,684	Florida	Nov. 3, 2006
5.	1,656	Florida	Oct. 9, 1992
6.	1,613	Texas	Oct. 2, 1991
7.	1,563	Mississippi State	Oct. 14, 2005
8.	1,349	Louisville	Dec. 1, 1990
9.	1,313	Hawai'i	Oct. 24, 2003
10.	1,294	Kentucky	Nov. 2, 2007



**Dig for the Cure**

In LSU volleyball's inaugural "Dig for the Cure" campaign in October 2007, the team successfully raised more than \$3,650 for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, coinciding with "Breast Cancer Awareness Month." The team will again be participating in the "Dig for the Cure" this season during the month of October so fans can once again help raise money and awareness for the world's most common cause of cancer deaths in women.

As part of last season's campaign, the Tigers and Crimson Tide kicked off the month by wearing specially designed pink warm-up shirts. Throughout the month activities were held to raise money, including a wishing well against Ole Miss. LSU donned the shirts again, this time with Arkansas, to close out the campaign.

The "Dig for the Cure" campaign was originally started in 2003 by Charlotte head coach Lisa Marston, whose mother was a breast cancer survivor, and has spread to volleyball programs across the country in recent years. Last year, the campaign raised almost a quarter of a million dollars from 93 participating programs.





# Athletic TRAINING

Graduate assistant athletic trainer Tommy Stich works on junior Lauren DeGirolamo's ankle.

LSU boasts the largest and most complete athletic training facilities in all of collegiate athletics with both the Football Operations Center and the Broussard Center for Athletic Training in Tiger Stadium. Both are furnished with the latest in technology and equipment. The Operations Center training room features a full view of the practice fields, two hot/cold jacuzzis and a underwater treadmill. The Broussard Center includes an on-site x-ray room, as well as the largest hydrotherapy pool in both collegiate and professional sports, and is one of the few collegiate training centers with a full-service pharmacy and a full-service vision center.



## Hydrotherapy Treatment

An integral part of rehabbing and developing LSU student-athletes is the operations center's hot/cold jacuzzis and an underwater treadmill in a fully equipped Hydrotherapy room. The Broussard training center (bottom) boasts the largest hydrotherapy pool in both collegiate and professional sports.

## Broussard Athletic TRAINING CENTER



The two story, 22,000 square foot facility contains 20 treatment tables with the newest forms of modalities available, 14 taping stations, a 1,600 square foot rehabilitation area which contains the latest rehabilitation equipment including the Cybex Norm, Woodway treadmills and Body Master select rise equipment. LSU's multi-million dollar athletic training facility is named in honor of Dr. Martin J. Broussard (left), the legendary trainer whose career spanned over 40 years at LSU.





# Strength & CONDITIONING

The LSU strength and conditioning facility, located in Tiger Stadium, was built in 1997 and features the latest in both strength training and cardiovascular training equipment.

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. Measuring 10,000-square feet, LSU has one of the finest strength and conditioning facilities in the nation.



# Southeastern CONFERENCE

Year after year, the Southeastern Conference shows why it is considered to be one of the premier volleyball conferences in the nation.

In the last two decades, the SEC has made stellar contributions in volleyball. The conference has sent at least two teams to the NCAA Tournament in every season for the last 18 years. The league has had a team reach the Final Four seven of the 10 seasons in the 1990s, with the league having a team advance to the Regional Final in nine of those 10 seasons. Since 2000, the SEC has had a team reach the Final Four three times and the Regional Finals four times.

In 2007, Florida captured its 17th SEC Championship and made its 18th NCAA Tournament appearance, advancing to the regional semifinals. In all, five teams from the SEC made the NCAA Tournament, including Alabama, Florida, Kentucky, LSU and Ole Miss.

Since the inaugural SEC volleyball championship in 1979-80, many changes have occurred in the conference with volleyball. The addition of Arkansas and South Carolina to the league in 1991 brought the divisional format to the sport with five teams competing in the Eastern Division and six teams in the Western Division. In 2006, the league did away with the three-day tournament and instead began playing a double round-robin regular season SEC schedule to determine the conference champion and who receives the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

Along with the popularity growth throughout the country, women's volleyball has also grown in the SEC. A benchmark in that growth came in 1995 when SEC volleyball was first broadcasted on SEC-TV on a tape-delay basis. For the past nine seasons, the coverage of live telecasts has grown, especially in the last six years. SEC volleyball will continue to enjoy live coverage on SEC-TV to almost 22 million subscribers in the conference's nine-state region.



## SEC VOLLEYBALL A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

- ▶ The 2007 season marked the 18th consecutive year the SEC has placed at least two teams in the NCAA Tournament.
- ▶ Five SEC teams earned berths in the NCAA Tournament, while all 11 teams posted wins in double-digits in 2007, with four teams posting 20-plus win seasons.
- ▶ LSU claimed the West crown in 2007, with Florida earning the East and SEC championships.
- ▶ Two players were named AVCA All-Americans, five were named AVCA Honorable Mention All-Americans and nine players were named to the AVCA Division I All-South Region Team.



**LSU is the three-time defending  
SEC Western Division Champion.**