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UNIVERSITY

Location: Baton Rouge, La.
Founded: 1860
Enrollment: 31,234
Nickname: Tigers or Fighting Tigers
Colors: Purple and Gold
Print Specifications: Purple-PMS 268, Gold PMS 123
Mascot: Mike V (live bengal tiger)
Facility: WT. "Dub" Robinson Tennis Stadium
Conference: Southeastern (Western Division)
President: Dr. William L. Jenkins
Chancellor: Sean O'Keefe
Athletics Director: Stanley "Skip" Bertman
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TENNIS STAFF

Head Coach: Jeff Brown
Alma Mater: LSU, 1988
Record at LSU: 144-64 (eight years)
Career Record: (same)
Associate Head Coach: Mark Booras
Alma Mater: West Virginia (1993)
Year at LSU: Eighth
Tennis Secretary: Jennie Murphy

TEAM INFORMATION

2005 Record: 21-9
2005 SEC Record/Finish: 5-6/3rd in West
2005 Postseason: NCAA Tournament, Sweet Sixteen
Final ITA Ranking: No. 10
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/2

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MEDIA INFORMATION

The 2006 LSU Men's Tennis Media Guide was written to provide members of the media with statistics and information needed to adequately cover the LSU men's tennis team. If you need further information on the team, pictures, or wish to set up an interview with head coach Jeff Brown, associate head coach Mark Booras or any of the student-athletes, please contact Ben Wright at the LSU Sports Information Office at (225) 578-8226.

GAME NOTES

The most recent media game notes, updated statistics and releases are posted on LSU's web page (www.LSUsports.net) as soon as they are completed. To view the information through Adobe Acrobat, download the free software by following the instructions also listed on the web site.

MATCH CREDENTIALS

Media credentials for all men's tennis matches should be requested two days before the match by contacting Ben Wright at (225) 578-8226. Once credentials have been requested, all passes will be left at the double-door main entrance to the W.T. "Dub" Robinson Tennis Stadium.

During matches, media members will be provided with a media guide as well as a match program that includes notes and updated statistics. Final match results can be obtained immediately following the match.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

All photographers must check in with an LSU Sports Information staff member on site for designated photo locations prior to every match. Photographers are welcome to photograph from the stands, but must receive permission to photograph on the courts. Only accredited photographers or those persons on special assignment will be allowed access to the court.

INTERVIEWS

All interviews with players and coaches must be coordinated through the SID office and requested 24 hours in advance to ensure availability - excluding post-match interviews.

<http://media.lsusports.net>

Media can now access images for all LSU athletic teams, including action shots, heads shots, logos, etc. To gain access to the high-resolution pictures, e-mail Ben Wright. You will be assigned a login and password that will enable you to retrieve pictures. This service is for the media use only. Resale of these pictures is strictly prohibited.

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The LSU men's tennis team has called the W.T. Robinson Tennis Stadium home since 1970, but the "Dub," as it is affectionately called, has kept up with newer college facilities through a series of renovations and improvements over the years.

Both the nationally-ranked Tigers and Lady Tigers enjoy state-of-the-art locker rooms, a squad room, brand-new showers and bathrooms. The "Dub" was totally refurbished after the 2002 season to include a media room, an equipment room and a ground-floor viewing area for handicapped tennis fans.

Robinson Stadium, named in honor of LSU's former winningest tennis coach, was completed in 1970 and is the site of the Tigers' and Lady Tigers' home outdoor matches. LSU plays its indoor matches at the next-door Carl Maddox Field House.

The "Dub" features six varsity courts and six practice courts. The six varsity courts were resurfaced prior to the 2002-03 academic school year, while the six practice courts received new surfaces in the spring of 2001 as a part of the facilities makeover. The varsity courts feature an electronic scoreboard and can accommodate up to 550 spectators.

Former men's coach Jerry Simmons surpassed Robinson in 1992 to become the Tigers' all-time winningest coach. The Coach Simmons Era came to a close in 1997, as the Tigers posted an 11-1 home mark en-route to an automatic berth in the NCAA Championships. With Simmons at the helm, Robinson Stadium became one of the toughest venues in the country for opponents to play. LSU tallied an incredible 162-25 (.866) record at home during the last 15 seasons under Simmons.

Since current head coach Jeff Brown took over the reins in 1998, the Tigers have accumulated a 94-23 (.803) overall record at home. In his opening season as head coach, Brown notched a perfect 12-0 record at Robinson Stadium. In 2005, Brown notched his best home record at 16-1.

Maddox Field House, which can seat up to 3,000 spectators, has four surfaced courts. It is climate controlled and also plays host to LSU indoor track and field meets.

W.T. "DUB" ROBINSON FACTS

LSU's legendary men's tennis coach, W.T. Robinson, or "Dub" as he was lovingly known, single-handedly acted as a catalyst in the LSU tennis program's rise to national prominence. In his nearly three decades as the head tennis coach at LSU, Robinson accumulated a 189-180-9 overall record and propelled the Tigers to a status among the nation's elite.

Working with limited resources and a financially-deprived tennis program, LSU's rise to the top of collegiate tennis can be traced back to Robinson's warm personality and quick wit. Always a favorite among his players, Robinson transformed a team that had not won a match in three years into a team that finished with a 12-1 record and a second-place finish in the Southeastern Conference in only his sixth season at the helm.

When the LSU tennis complex was completed in the fall of 1976, it was only natural that it was named after the person that built the program.

(SINCE 1983)

OVERALL RECORD: 256-48 (.848)

CONSECUTIVE WIN STREAK:
20 (March 1987 to March 1989)

CONSECUTIVE LOSING STREAK:
5 (March 1999, March 2002)

MOST MATCHES WON IN A SEASON:
16 (1996, 2005)

MOST MATCHES LOST IN A SEASON:
7 (2002)

MOST SHUTOUT WINS IN A SEASON:
7 (1995, 2001)

YEAR-BY-YEAR RESULTS (Since 1983)

YEAR	RECORD	PCT.
1983	11-1	.917
1984	13-2	.867
1985	11-2	.846
1986	11-2	.846
1987	10-1	.909
1988	13-0	1.000
1989	12-2	.857
1990	6-2	.750
1991	10-1	.909
1992	9-2	.818
1993	8-1	.889
1994	7-5	.583
1995	14-2	.875
1996	16-1	.941
1997	11-1	.917
1998	12-0	1.000
1999	9-5	.643
2000	15-1	.938
2001	13-1	.928
2002	8-7	.533
2003	10-4	.868
2004	11-4	.733
2005	16-1	.944
TOTAL	256-48	.842



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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



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

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

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.

FACILITY BUILT BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION



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Amenities

- ▶ 54,000 square feet of working space
- ▶ 75 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



Paramount to the success of the “student” half of the term student-athlete is providing LSU athletes with the best possible resources to excel in the classroom. For more than 20 years, the LSU Academic Center for Student-Athletes has helped to build well-rounded student-athletes. But as times change and technology advances, the need for further improvements still exists. As a result, the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes opened its doors in November of 2002. A \$15 million renovation to the Gym Armory not only made it among the nation’s premier centers, but put it at the forefront. Improvements to the existing center give LSU student-athletes the best opportunity for success by providing access to the latest technology, as well as an array of expanded services.



Computer Stations

Throughout the Academic Center are 75 computer stations, providing student-athletes with a quiet working environment for research, writing and studying.



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.



The Library

The library provides a perfect setting for individual study, or with a tutor as group.

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.



Communications lab

COMMUNICATIONS LAB



Along with the success of LSU Athletics, comes a great deal of media attention and Dr. Tommy Karam, the Director of the Communications Lab, uses his lab, located on the fourth floor of the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes, to work with LSU student-athletes on their interactions with the media and interview skills. Karam's lab is a mock press conference setting to get the student-athletes used to handling themselves in front of both print and electronic media. He video tapes the mock interview session and reviews it with the student-athlete to help them become more comfortable in an interview setting.



Lights, Camera, Answer

Dr. Karam uses his studio to prepare LSU's student-athletes to interact with all phases of local and national media by working one-on-one in a press conference setting. The Communications Lab includes a working camera for Karam to review the session with the student-athletes.

A Champions



The 2004-05 athletics year was another wonderful year for LSU. The Tigers and Lady Tigers enjoyed success from the fields and courts to the classroom. All in all it was an exciting year for LSU's student-athletes, coaches and fans.

Postseason Presence

Of LSU's 20 sports, 14 teams advanced to postseason play. Among the highlights: the football team advanced to a New Year's bowl game for the fourth straight year ... the women's basketball team won the SEC title and reached the Final Four for the second straight season ... the men's outdoor track & field team finished No. 3 in the country ... and the men's tennis team reached the NCAA Sweet Sixteen ... LSU was one of only four schools in the country to send its football team to a New Year's Bowl game and both of its basketball teams to the NCAA Tournament.



In the Classroom

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Seven of 16 sports posted a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher, and 13 of the 16 were above 2.8, with women's tennis leading the way with a team GPA of 3.40.

50%

Nearly 50 percent of the student-athletes - 48.5 percent to be exact - recorded a grade point average of 3.0 or higher. A total of 79 had a GPA of 3.5 or higher and 22 Tigers had a perfect 4.0 GPA in the spring semester.

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Four Tigers - Chelsea Agar in soccer, Brandon Bass in men's basketball, Jason Determann in baseball and Paul White in men's tennis - were named SEC Scholar-Athletes of the Year in their respective sports.

136

LSU had a total of 136 student-athletes earn Academic All-SEC selections in 2004-05, the second-most selections in the conference. To receive the award each student-athlete must have a 3.0 grade point average.



2005 NCAA TENNIS DOUBLES RUNNERS-UP KEN SKUPSKI AND MARK GROWCOTT

Hardcourt Duo

Our men's tennis doubles team of Ken Skupski and Mark Growcott advanced to the finals of the NCAA doubles championships.

Coaching Excellence

Gymnastics head coach D-D Breaux and women's basketball head coach Pokey Chatman each earned the Southeastern Conference's top billing as Coach of the Year, while Chatman, was named the National Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Naismith and the United States Basketball Writers Association.

Conference Crowns

The women's basketball team won the Southeastern Conference championship and two teams - men's basketball and baseball - finished first in the SEC Western Division.

Elite Teams

Six LSU teams finished their seasons ranked in the nation's top 10 and 11 finished in the top 30. Two teams - the women's basketball team and gymnastics team - were ranked No. 1 in the nation during their respective seasons.

Ship Tradition



2005 SEC GYMNAST OF THE YEAR - APRIL BURKHOLDER



2005 SEC MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR - BRANDON BASS

WADE, NAISMITH, AND WOODEN TROPHY WINNER FOR NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR - SEIMONE AUGUSTUS



Amazing Athletes

Once again this year, numerous Tigers were named All-Americans in their sports, and three were named the best in their sport in the SEC: Seimone Augustus in women's basketball, Brandon Bass in men's basketball and April Burkholder in gymnastics.

Fast Foursome

At the NCAA Track and Field Championships, the men's 4x400-meter relay team of Reginald Dardar, Kelly Willie, Bennie Brazell and Xavier Carter set a collegiate record in winning the national title in that event.

Top Billing

The most significant awards went to Seimone Augustus who won the Wade, Naismith and John R. Wooden Trophies, given annually to the best women's college basketball player in the nation.

National Team Championships (43)

Men's Basketball (1)	1935
Boxing (1)	1949
Football (2)	1958, 2003
Men's Golf (4)	1940, 1942, 1947, 1955
Men's Indoor Track (2)	2001, 2004
Women's Indoor Track (11)	1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2002, 2003, 2004
Men's Outdoor Track (4)	1933, 1989, 1990, 2002
Women's Outdoor Track (13)	1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2000, 2003
Baseball (5)	1991, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2000

SEC Team Championships (106)

Baseball (13)	1939, 1943, 1946, 1961, 1975, 1986, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1996, 1997, 2003
Men's Basketball (8)	1935, 1953, 1954, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1991, 2000, 2006
Women's Basketball (1)	2005, 2006
Football (9)	1935, 1936, 1958, 1961, 1970, 1986, 1988, 2001, 2003
Men's Golf (15)	1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1953, 1954, 1960, 1966, 1967, 1986, 1987
Women's Golf (1)	1992
Gymnastics (1)	1981
Men's Swimming (1)	1988
Men's Tennis (4)	1976, 1985, 1998, 1999
Men's Indoor Track (4)	1957, 1963, 1989, 1990
Women's Indoor Track (10)	1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1998, 1999
Men's Outdoor Track (22)	1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1963, 1988, 1989, 1990
Women's Outdoor Track (8)	1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1996
Softball (5)	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004
Volleyball (4)	1986, 1989, 1990, 1991

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

Hospitality and comfort are a Southern tradition practiced to perfection around Baton Rouge. Minutes from the city, ancient moss-draped oaks, fragrant honeysuckle, formal gardens and the finest examples of Southern architecture await. Combine this with the excitement of the mighty Mississippi River, Cajun music and a gourmet meal that is topped with freshly brewed cafe-au-lait at one of Baton Rouge's fine restaurants. Mix in an LSU athletic event, and Baton Rouge becomes one of the most attractive cities for living, entertainment and education in the South.



Baton Rouge Facts

POPULATION (2002):
 Baton Rouge 227,818
 East Baton Rouge Parish 412,852

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES:
 High 81.3
 Low 52.5
 Average 67.5

The average annual temperature in Baton Rouge is 68 degrees and the city features a semi-tropical climate highlighted by mild winter months.



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.



Mississippi River

Baton Rouge, the capital city of Louisiana, sits on the banks of the Mississippi River.

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

Atlanta, Ga.7 hours	Jackson, Miss.2 ¹ / ₂ hours	New Orleans, La.1 hour
Biloxi, Miss.2 hours	Jacksonville, Fla.8 ¹ / ₂ hours	Orlando, Fla.10 hours
Birmingham, Ala.6 hours	Little Rock, Ark.5 hours	Pensacola, Fla.4 hours
Dallas, Texas6 ¹ / ₂ hours	Mobile, Ala.3 hours	San Antonio, Texas8 hours
Houston, Texas4 hours	Monroe, La.2 ¹ / ₂ hours	Shreveport, La.4 hours

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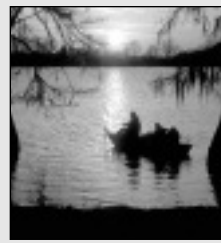


The St. Louis Cathedral in Jackson Square is located in the heart of the historic French Quarter area of New Orleans.



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.



Sportsman's Paradise

Louisiana offers some of the finest hunting, fishing and boating opportunities in the country.



Cuisine

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



The East Brown Pelican is Louisiana's State Bird.

Louisiana, one of America's most culturally and geographically diverse states, is located in the heart of the Deep South. Adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and dotted with hundreds of lakes and bayous, Louisiana is home to all types of terrain from swamps and marshes to lush forests and gentle hills. The state is known for its charm and friendly people, and still maintains the stately antebellum plantations and majestic oaks of its early days. The atmosphere is elegant, yet relaxed and casual.

Louisiana Facts

Nickname:The Pelican State
 Admitted to Union: April 30, 1812
 State Colors:Gold, white and blue
 State Bird:Brown Pelican

State Dog:Catahoula Leopard Dog
 State Tree:Bald Cypress
 State Flower:Magnolia
 Climate:Subtropical

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Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College has, throughout its 145-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.

LSU Facts

- Location: Baton Rouge, La.
- Founded: January 2, 1860
- Enrollment: 31,234
- President: Dr. William Jenkins
- Major Fields for Bachelor's Degrees: 72
- Major Fields for Master's Degrees: 72
- Major Fields for Doctoral Degrees: 54



DIVERSITY

“The Most Diverse school in the nation.”

Newsweek magazine named Louisiana State University the “Most Diverse” school in the nation in the Sept. 3, 2003 issue. The enrollment consists of 24 percent minority students.



“LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HAS A TRADITION OF GRATITUDE EXPRESSED IN SERVICE TO COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY.”



President George W. Bush
2004 LSU SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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Strong supporters of education throughout the state have provided resources for a variety of innovative projects that are attracting world-class researchers and their expertise to LSU. The National Flagship Agenda is working to improve the standing of the University, as well as strengthen its position as an economic engine for the state of Louisiana. As a result, the University community is even more determined to achieve excellence at every level.

LSU remains firmly focused on attaining national flagship status by 2010, the University's 150th anniversary. The resolve of the LSU community and the support of the state make these goals attainable. And, if the last five years are any indication of success, the next phase of this agenda will guarantee LSU's place in the arena of national prominence.

Because of its designation as a doctoral/research university by the Carnegie Foundation, LSU ranks in the top 2 percent of the nation's colleges and universities. This designation is shared by only 59 public and 29 private universities across the nation. LSU is also one of only 25 universities nationwide designated as both a land-grant and sea-grant college.

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

Learning and Military Academy near Pineville, Louisiana. The institution opened January 2, 1860. When the Civil War began, the school's first superintendent, William Tecumseh Sherman, resigned to assume a command in the Union Army. The seminary reopened in 1869, but was soon destroyed by fire. The institution moved to Baton Rouge, opening on Nov. 1, 1869.

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

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

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

Cooperative Extension Service and International Programs.

The primary mission of the LSU Agricultural Center is to conduct research in agricultural and natural resource development and to provide off-campus extension education that disseminates technological, economic, and management information to Louisiana residents.

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

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

LSU and A&M College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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SKIP Bertman

LSU Athletics Director

Bertman's unyielding desire to succeed drove him to the pinnacle of his profession, and his astute knowledge of the game -- obtained from over 40 years of coaching -- combined with his steadfast determination and irreplaceable enthusiasm transformed LSU Baseball into the nation's premier program.

National Championships

2000, 1997, 1996, 1993, 1991

SEC Championships

1997, 1996, 1993, 1992, 1991, 1990, 1986

Career Record (1984-2001)

870-330-3 (.724)

NCAA Tournament Record

89-29 (.754), highest winning percentage in NCAA history

National Coach of the Year

2000, 1997, 1996, 1993, 1991, 1986

College World Series Appearances

2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1994, 1993, 1991, 1990, 1989, 1987, 1986

Already a Louisiana Legend and one of the greatest college baseball coaches of all time, J. Stanley "Skip" Bertman has made the seamless transition into the athletics director's chair with the same enthusiasm, vision and demand for excellence that were trademarks of his stellar coaching career.

In just four years as LSU's director of athletics, Bertman has already added to his impressive list of on-the-field achievements. Under his direction, LSU enjoyed arguably the greatest athletics years in the history of the institution. In 2003-04 three teams won national championships, nine teams finished in the nation's top ten, and fourteen teams ranked in the top 25 and in 2004-05 14 teams advanced to the post-season. LSU teams also enjoyed improved grade point averages across the board, making the LSU student-athlete experience a success on and off the fields of competition.

While supervising the Tigers' progress on the playing fields, he has begun to implement measures necessary to realize his vision of building the LSU athletics department into the best in the country. Bertman's bold and innovative plans promise to keep the Tigers among the nation's elite in all phases of collegiate athletics.

Bertman is now in the midst of upgrading LSU's athletics complex. Working hand in hand with the Tiger Athletic Foundation, Bertman has already overseen the completion of the Cox Communications Academic Center for Student-Athletes while renovating Tiger Stadium and the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, and constructing the Football Operations Center.

It was also Bertman who took the bold but essential move to implement a seat contribution program in Tiger Stadium to fund facility improvements and ensure the financial stability of the LSU Athletics Department for the next decade.

Bertman was named LSU's athletics director on January 19, 2001. With Bertman, LSU gained an athletics director who provides the leadership and experience necessary to manage the Tigers' \$52 million budget.

Bertman guided LSU to five NCAA baseball titles, and his teams drew huge crowds to venerable Alex Box Stadium, as the Tigers led the nation in attendance in each of his final six seasons (1996-2001).

He also served as head coach of the 1996 U.S. Olympic team which captured the bronze medal in Atlanta.

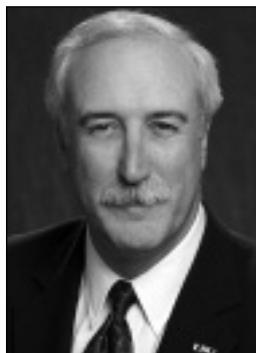
Bertman continues to be honored for his remarkable coaching tenure, as he was inducted in June, 2002, into the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January, 2003.

In a Baseball America poll published in 1999, Bertman was voted the second greatest college baseball coach of the 20th century, trailing only Rod Dedeaux of Southern California. Bertman and Dedeaux are the only coaches to win five CWS titles.

He had previously earned recognition as one of the nation's brightest assistant coaches while at the University of Miami (Fla.) for eight seasons (1976-83). Before working at Miami, Bertman was renowned for his coaching excellence. In 11 seasons at Miami Beach High School, he directed the Hi-Tides to a state championship and two runners-up finishes and he was named Florida's Coach of the Year on three occasions.

In 1975, Bertman coached at Miami-Dade Downtown, leaving after one season to join legendary head coach Ron Fraser at Miami. The move was a homecoming of sorts, as Bertman spent his collegiate playing days with the Hurricanes as an outfielder and catcher from 1958-60. He earned his B.A. in health and physical education from Miami in 1961 and received his master's degree from UM in 1964.

Bertman and his wife Sandy are the parents of four daughters - Jan, Jodi, Lisa and Lori. The Bertmans have three grandchildren - Sophie Faith and Isaac Stanley, the children of Emile and Lori Bertman Guirard, and Samuel Aaron, the son of Drew and Lisa Pate.



Sean O'Keefe

Chancellor, LSU

Sean O'Keefe has been appointed chancellor of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, becoming the seventh chancellor to lead the state's flagship University.

Nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, Sean O'Keefe was appointed by the President as the 10th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on December 21, 2001, his fourth Presidential appointment. As Administrator, O'Keefe led the NASA team and managed its resources as NASA sought to advance exploration and discovery in aeronautics and space technologies.

O'Keefe joined the Bush Administration on inauguration day and first served as the Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget until December 2001, overseeing the preparation, management and administration of the Federal budget and government wide-management initiatives across the Executive Branch.

Prior to joining the Bush Administration, O'Keefe was the Louis A. Bantle Professor of Business and Government Policy, an endowed chair at the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He also served as the Director of National Security Studies, a partnership of Syracuse University and Johns Hopkins University, for delivery of executive education programs for senior military and civilian officials. Appointed to these positions in 1996, he was previously Professor of Business Administration and Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School at the Pennsylvania State University.

Appointed as the Secretary of the Navy in July 1992 by President George Bush, O'Keefe had previously served as Comptroller and Chief Financial Officer of the Department of Defense since 1989. Before joining then Defense Secretary Dick Cheney's Pentagon management team in these capacities, he served on the United States Senate Committee on Appropriations staff for eight years, and was Staff Director of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. His public service began in 1978 upon selection as a Presidential Management Intern.

O'Keefe is a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration, a member of the Committee on Climate Change Science and Technology, and a Fellow of the International Academy of Astronautics. During his academic postings, he was a Visiting Scholar at the Wolfson College of the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom, a member of the Naval Postgraduate School's civil-military relations seminar team, and conducted seminars for the Strategic Studies Group at Oxford University. He served on the national security panel to devise the 1988 Republican platform and was a member of the 1985 Kennedy School of Government program for national security executives at Harvard University.

In 1993, President Bush and Secretary Cheney presented him the Distinguished Public Service Award. He was the 1999 faculty recipient of the Syracuse University Chancellor's Award for Public Service; recipient of the Department of the Navy's Public Service Award in December 2000; and has been awarded honorary doctorate degrees from several prestigious educational institutions. In March 2003 and 2004, he was recognized and honored by the Irish American Magazine as one of the Top 100 Irish Americans.

He is the author of several journal articles, contributing author of "Keeping the Edge: Managing Defense for the Future" released in October 2000, and in 1998 co-authored "The Defense Industry in the Post-Cold War Era: Corporate Strategies and Public Policy Perspectives."

Sean O'Keefe earned his Bachelor of Arts in 1977 from Loyola University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and his Master of Public Administration degree in 1978 from The Maxwell School. O'Keefe and his wife Laura have three children- Lindsey, Jonathan and Kevin.



Kenneth E. Carpenter, Faculty Athletics Representative

Kenneth E. Carpenter is in his second year as LSU's faculty representative in NCAA and Southeastern Conference matters.

Carpenter, a professor in the School of Architecture, has taught at LSU since 1986. He received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Oklahoma in 1962 and his master's from the University of Minnesota in 1967. Before joining the LSU faculty, he served at Clemson University as associate professor of architecture from 1967-77; Ball State University, where he was professor and chairman of the

Department of Architecture, 1977-81; and, Iowa State University, serving as professor and chairman, Department of Architecture from 1981-86.

At LSU, he served as the dean of the College of Design from 1986-97; Interim Executive Director of International Programs from 1997-98; and Interim Dean of the College of Art and Design from 2001-02.

Carpenter is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the American Institute of Architects, and the American Association of University Professors.

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The Southeastern Conference men's and women's tennis programs continue to be the nation's leader on the collegiate hardcourt and in 2005 the trend continued.

The conference made another strong national showing in 2005 on the men's side as Florida and Ole Miss advanced to the semifinals at the 2005 Division I Men's Tennis Championships in College Station, Texas.

Georgia sophomore John Isner and junior Antonio Ruiz claimed the NCAA Men's Doubles National Championship with a 7-6 (4), 7-5 win over Mark Growcott and Ken Skupski of LSU. The No. 1 seeded Bulldog duo broke Skupski's serve twice in the second set to earn the victory. The win marks the third NCAA doubles crown for the University of Georgia.

In the singles tournament, three SEC players made it to the quarterfinals. Florida's Greg Oulette, Kentucky's Jesse Witten and Ole Miss' Catalin Gard all lost in the quarters.

Overall the SEC has 16 NCAA singles champions in men's tennis dating back to 1930. Eight of those singles titles have come since 1984.

Six of the ten doubles titles have come since 1993, with five different SEC schools being represented. Florida won in 1993 with the doubles tandem of David Blair and partner, singles champion Merklein. Mississippi State followed in 1994 with Laurent Miquelard and Joc Simmons and Ole Miss duo Mahesh Bhupathi and Ali Hamadeh captured the doubles title in 1995. In 2001, Matias Boeker and Travis Parrott of Georgia took home the title.

National team titles for the league have been captured by Georgia as it boasts the SEC's only four men's NCAA championship teams in 1985, 1987, 1999 and 2001.

"When players are looking at schools there aren't many conferences, if any, to look for if they want to get the best competition match-in and match-out," said LSU head coach Jeff Brown, who became well acquainted with the league's tradition of excellence as a player at LSU from 1985-88.

"Any match you win in the SEC is a highlight because in most years that team is going to be ranked in the top-25 or at least the top-35," said Brown. "It's not like we have matches where half the schedule in conference is going to be weak. Every match is going to be a fight. It's a great atmosphere."

SEC MEN'S TENNIS BY THE NUMBERS...

- 5 NCAA team championships (59, 85, 87, 99, 01)
- 12 NCAA runner-up teams (88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 95, 97, 98, 2001, 02, 03)
- 11 consecutive years with a team in the national semifinals (1993-2003)
- 10 NCAA doubles titles (57, 59, 80, 83, 93, 94, 95, 2001, 02, 05)
- 16 NCAA singles champions dating back to 1930, with eight since 1984 and three of the last seven individual champions
- 119 singles ITA All-Americans since 1990
- 114 players receiving ITA All-America doubles honors since 1990
- Back-to-back NCAA singles champions six times (36-37, 53-54, 54-55, 84-85, 93-94, 2001-02)

**INTERCOLLEGIATE TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

As the governing body of collegiate tennis the Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) promotes both the athletic and academic achievements of the collegiate tennis community. The ITA, which is based in Skillman, N.J., administers the ITA Collegiate Grand Slam Championships, the ITA Collegiate Summer Circuit, presented by the USTA, and the ITA Rankings for men's and women's tennis at the NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA and Junior College levels. The ITA also has a comprehensive awards program for players and coaches to honor excellence in academics, leadership and sportsmanship.

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