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Quick Facts

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RECORD AT LSU:	91-89 (Six years)
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2003 RECORD:	11-19
2003 SEC RECORD:	6-10 (Third-West)
2003 POSTSEASON:	SEC Tournament
STARTERS RETURNING/LOST:	5/1
LETTERWINNERS RETURNING/LOST:	8/3
NEWCOMERS:	8
ALL-TIME RECORD:	697-420 (.624, 30 years)
ALL-TIME SEC RECORD:	139-108 (.563, 21 years)
SEC TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES:	25
ALL-TIME SEC TOURNAMENT RECORD:	27-25 (.519)
SEC TOURNAMENT TITLES:	4 (1986, 1989, 1990, 1991)
NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES:	6
NCAA TOURNAMENT RECORD:	10-6 (.625)
FINAL FOUR APPEARANCES:	2 (1990, 1991)

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ENROLLMENT:	31,582
NICKNAME:	Tigers or Fighting Tigers
COLORS:	Purple & Gold
MASCOT:	Mike V (live Bengal tiger)
HOME FACILITY:	Maravich Center
CAPACITY:	14,164
CONFERENCE:	Southeastern

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NUMERICAL

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL./EXP.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL)
1	Lauren Leaumont	OH	5-9	So./1L	New Orleans, La./Mount Carmel Academy
2	Vanessa Freeman	OH	6-1	Fr./RS	Granger, Texas/Granger HS
3	Jelena Mijatovic	OH	6-1	Jr./TR	Belgrade, Serbia/Northwood University
4	Sarah Greco	LIB	5-6	Fr./HS	Metairie, La./St. Mary's Dominican HS
5	Heather Fierce	S	5-8	Fr./HS	Muncie, Ind./Muncie Central HS
6	Ivana Kuzmic	MB	6-4	Jr./TR	Split, Croatia/Arkansas-Little Rock
9	Kate Spytek	OH/RS	6-0	Fr./HS	Pewaukee, Wisc./Catholic Memorial HS
11	Regan Hood	OH/MB	6-2	Sr./3L	Carrollton, Texas/Bishop Lynch HS
12	Beth Cowley	S/LIB	5-9	Sr./3L	Louisville, Ky./Assumption HS
13	Michelle Hensgens	LIB	5-3	Fr./HS	Morgan City, La./Central Catholic HS
14	Mina Spasojevic	MB/RS	6-0	Fr./HS	Belgrade, Serbia/Saint Sava School
15	Rachel Pittman	LIB	5-9	Sr./3L	Slidell, La./Slidell HS
16	Melody Clark	MB/RS	6-1	So./1L	Colorado Springs, Colo./Colo. Springs Christian HS
23	Lacey Galliano	RS	6-1	So./1L	Baton Rouge, La./The Dunham School
24	Kassi Mikulik	OH	5-10	So./1L	Flatonia, Texas/Flatonia HS
31	Daniela Romero	S	5-8	So./1L	Arlington, Texas/James Martin HS

ALPHABETICAL

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9	Kate Spytek	OH/RS	6-0	Fr./HS	Pewaukee, Wisc./Catholic Memorial HS

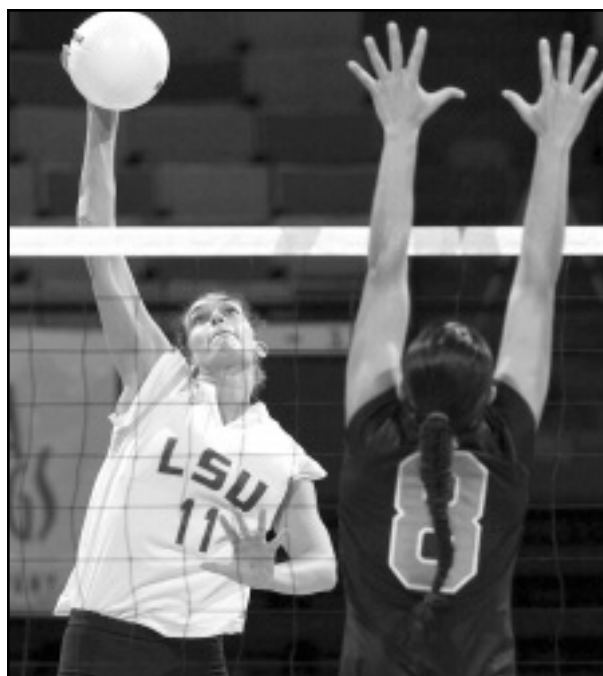
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Record at LSU	91-89/Six seasons
Overall Record	201-203/13 seasons

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Danjela Tomic (Arkansas-Little Rock, 1997)
Craig Bere (Morehead State, 1995)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE	
LACEY GALLIANO	LAY-cee gal-ee-AHN-o
MICHELLE HENSGENS	HENS-gins
REGAN HOOD	REE-gan
IVANA KUZMIC	KOOZ-mitch
LAUREN LEAUMONT	la-mont
KASSI MIKULIK	CASS-see MICK-a-lick
JELENA MIJATOVIC	yell-E-na Me-a-TOE-vich
DANIELA ROMERO	Dan-YELL-a Ro-MER-o
MINA SPASOJEVIC	MEE-na spaz-O-yea-vich
KATE SPYTEK	spy-tech
DANIJELA TOMIC	Dan-YELL-a TOE-mitch
CRAIG BERE	Berry

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY COUNTRY
CROATIA (1): Ivana Kuzmic
SERBIA (2): Jelena Mijatovic Mina Spasojevic
UNITED STATES (13): Beth Cowley Melody Clark Heather Fierce Vanessa Freeman Lacey Galliano Sarah Greco Michelle Hensgens Regan Hood Lauren Leaumont Kassi Mikulik Rachel Pittman Daniela Romero Kate Spytek
BY STATE
COLORADO (1): Melody Clark
INDIANA (1): Heather Fierce
KENTUCKY (1): Beth Cowley
WISCONSIN (1): Kate Spytek
LOUISIANA (5): Lacey Galliano Sarah Greco Michelle Hensgens Lauren Leaumont Rachel Pittman
TEXAS (4): Vanessa Freeman Regan Hood Kassi Mikulik Daniela Romero
BY CLASS
SENIORS (3): Beth Cowley Regan Hood Rachel Pittman
JUNIORS (2): Ivana Kuzmic Jelena Mijatovic
SOPHOMORES (5): Melody Clark Lacey Galliano Lauren Leaumont Kassi Mikulik Daniela Romero
FRESHMEN (6): Heather Fierce Vanessa Freeman Sarah Greco Michelle Hensgens Mina Spasojevic Kate Spytek



Armed and

For the first time in years, the LSU volleyball team has been blessed with experience, talent and depth, a trio of qualities the Tigers believe will be the formula to help them compete for their first Southeastern Conference Western Division title.

Returning five position starters and the libero, LSU now has the much-needed game experience it was lacking last season when the Tigers had only four returning letterwinners.

This season, the Tigers also add a pair of decorated transfers with two years of collegiate experience each. Joining them are six talented freshmen that will vie for playing time and provide depth to the LSU team at several key positions.

"The thing that I am most excited about this season is that we are not looking at one or two people in each position, we are looking at three or four people at each position," said LSU head coach Fran Flory. "The quality of the second group and of the third group is not very far from the quality of the first group.

"I also think we are going to have some nice balance," Flory said. "I think we are going to have some competition for playing time and starting positions and that's the first time, maybe since I've been at LSU, that we're going to have that type of depth."

MIDDLE BLOCKERS

The middle blockers will be one of the key strengths for the Tigers this season. LSU returns senior All-SEC selection Regan Hood (Carrollton, Texas) and adds junior transfer Ivana Kuzmic (Split, Croatia) from Arkansas-Little Rock, who was named to the All-Sun Belt Conference team each of her first two seasons.

The most experienced player on the team, Hood has led the Tigers in block solos, block assists and total blocks for the last two

seasons. She is the only player to record more than 100 blocks in either of the past two seasons, and has accomplished the feat both years. Hood is also a well-rounded player that is capable of seeing playing time at the outside hitter position after leading LSU in kills a year ago.

Kuzmic joins the team after leading the nation in blocks as a freshman in 2002, recording 216 total blocks for a 2.08 blocks per game average. In addition, she led the Sun Belt in blocks per game last season, averaging 1.31 blocks per game while breaking the UALR single-season record for solo blocks.

"Potentially our middles could be two of the most dominant middles in the conference," said Flory. "I think the addition of Ivana, not just as a physically imposing force, but as somebody who is very experienced and proven collegiate player is going to be a huge attribute.

"If in fact Regan ends up in the middle, where she has played the last three years, she has already proven that she can be a significant force and be one of the top players in the league in that position," said Flory. "The thing that we will probably do with Regan is use her versatility a little more than we have in the past."

After seeing considerable playing time as a freshman last season, Melody Clark (Colorado Springs, Colo.) returns for her sophomore campaign where she will serve as a solid backup to Hood and Kuzmic on the front line.

"Melody Clark has done a tremendous job this spring and developed into somebody who will definitely add to the depth if we move Regan to the outside or move Ivana to the outside or right side," said Flory.

Freshman Mina Spasojevic (Belgrade, Serbia) joins the team from Serbia, where she earned international experience as her club team placed second in the Yugoslavian national championships.

"There is nothing to say except that experience makes players a whole lot better and it is great to have Mina and Ivana as experienced players in the middle," said Flory. They will shore our defense and offense as well. I think the middle is going to be a very solid position."

OUTSIDE HITTERS

This season LSU will have some options at outside hitter that they haven't had over the last few years. With additional talent and numbers this season, the Tigers will be able to play to the situation rather than be forced into a rotation because of personnel.

"I think the competition for outside positions is going to be very intense and we are going to have some ability to adapt to who we are playing and what our strengths are," said Flory. "The key will be who can terminate offensively, and secondarily, who can ball control and keep the ball in play for us."

While Hood will split time at both middle blocker and outside hitter, the Tigers will predominantly rely on sophomore Lauren Leaumont (New Orleans, La.), who was named the 2003 Louisiana Freshman of the Year and was also a member of the inaugural SEC All-Freshman team.

Sophomore Kassi Mikulik (Flatonina, Texas) also returns to the outside after recording the third-most kills on the team a year ago.

"Lauren Leaumont returns and she is just a solid force," said Flory. "She is very consistent and gives us some nice opportunities. She is going to put up three kills a game for us. Kassi Mikulik also returns after a nice freshman year."

Redshirt freshman Vanessa Freeman (Granger, Texas) should



RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

NO.	NAME	GP	K	K/G	E	ATT.	PCT.	A	A/G	SA	RE	DIGS	D/G	BLKS.	B/G	BE	BHE
I	Lauren Leaumont	III	342	3.08	180	916	0.177	26	0.23	30	33	273	2.46	51	0.46	5	2
	Career Totals	III	342	3.08	180	916	0.177	26	0.23	30	33	273	2.46	51	0.46	5	2
II	Regan Hood	III	472	4.25	202	1132	0.239	21	0.19	16	50	248	2.23	III	1.00	7	5
	Career Totals	245	828	3.38	348	1928	0.249	29	0.12	31	54	321	1.31	255	1.04	21	9
12	Beth Cowley	88	12	0.14	8	32	0.125	373	4.24	14	5	132	1.50	11	0.13	3	19
	Career Totals	126	21	0.17	10	57	0.193	497	3.94	24	8	183	1.45	14	0.11	5	23
15	Rachel Pittman	III	4	0.04	0	17	0.235	23	0.21	1	24	251	2.26	0	0.00	0	3
	Career Totals	223	5	0.02	2	31	0.097	40	0.18	17	36	437	1.96	1	0.00	0	6
16	Melody Clark	61	94	1.54	41	257	0.206	6	0.10	2	2	16	0.26	49	0.80	7	3
	Career Totals	61	94	1.54	41	257	0.206	6	0.10	2	2	16	0.26	49	0.80	7	3
23	Lacey Galliano	28	11	0.39	15	53	-0.075	9	0.32	2	0	22	0.79	15	0.54	1	1
	Career Totals	28	11	0.39	15	53	-0.075	9	0.32	2	0	22	0.79	15	0.54	1	1
24	Kassi Mikulik	105	212	2.02	173	690	0.057	11	0.10	14	26	220	2.10	31	0.30	9	0
	Career Totals	105	212	2.02	173	690	0.057	11	0.10	14	26	220	2.10	31	0.30	9	0
31	Daniela Romero	88	72	0.82	26	203	0.227	965	10.97	19	0	186	2.11	34	0.39	3	21
	Career Totals	88	72	0.82	26	203	0.227	965	10.97	19	0	186	2.11	34	0.39	3	21

also make an immediate contribution in her first season of collegiate play because of her commanding presence and strength.

"Vanessa Freeman made a nice impact in the spring, playing for the first time," said Flory. "She is a physically imposing, terminating-type of player.

"The nice thing about our outside position is that we are going to have some nice balance and some nice depth so the competition at that position should be pretty tough."

In addition, the Tigers bring in junior transfer Jelena Mijatovic (Belgrade, Serbia) and freshman Kate Spytek (Pewaukee, Wisc.) Mijatovic was a first-team All-Great Lake Conference selection in her first two seasons at Northwood University in Michigan.

"You add Jelena to the mix, who is a very experienced player who has played at a high level internationally," said Flory. "Kate will take a little time to develop because she has middle blocked for most of her career, but she is going to end up being an outside and have a good opportunity to play fairly early."

RIGHT SIDE

LSU has several players that could see time on the right side. Clark and Spasojevic could see action when not playing in the middle, while Spytek may see time when not on the outside.

Sophomore Lacey Galliano (Baton Rouge, La.) returns after seeing action on the right side last year. She also adds depth to the position again this season.

"Mina, Melody and Kate will probably have the best opportunity to play on the right side," said Flory. "You can add Lacey to the mix. She did a nice job this past year in that situation."

SETTERS

Daniela Romero (Arlington, Texas) returns healthy for 2004 after being plagued by a leg condition her freshman season. She ranked ninth in the league last season in assists per game and was an honorable mention All-Louisiana selection.

"We're going to have some depth at setter as well," said Flory. "With Dee returning healthy it is a huge plus for us."

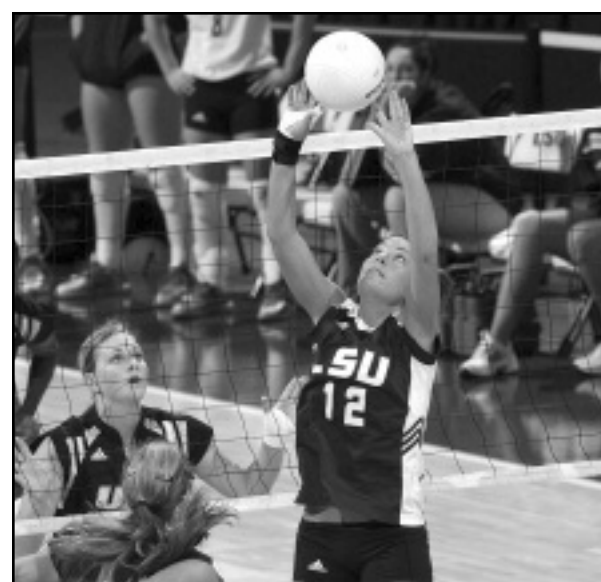
The Tigers also bring in freshman Heather Fierce (Muncie, Ind.) ,

who should battle for playing time in her first season. In addition to being a member of two all-state teams, she was named to the 2001 Junior Olympic All-Tournament team. Senior Beth Cowley (Louisville, Ky.) gives the Tigers one more option at the position after setting for the last three seasons, although she will mostly see action defensively.

"Signing Heather was great," said Flory. "She is an experienced player, has played for an outstanding junior club with great training and great knowledge. Her coaches have certainly prepared her very well to make the next step and run an offense quickly in her career. Beth adds depth, but she will probably move to the libero position more than set this year."

LIBERO

Senior Rachel Pittman (Slidell, La.) will return after starting the 2003 season at libero for the Tigers. In addition, Cowley will make the transition into defensive specialist from setter this season.



Freshmen Michelle Hensgens (Morgan City, La.) and Sara Greco (Metairie, La.) will also pressure the seniors for playing time.

"I look for Beth and Rachel to be the top two going into pre-season, but Michelle Hensgens and Sara Greco will definitely add some pressure and have an opportunity to play there," said Flory."

One change for the 2004 season involves the libero position. In previous years, the libero was not allowed to serve. This year, the player will be allowed to serve in one designated position for the game. The libero may still replace any back row player, but will also be allowed to serve for one specified player throughout a game.

SCHEDULE

LSU has an outstanding schedule in 2004, including three pre-conference tournaments and one late in the season. The Tigers are hosting two of the four tournaments on their schedule along with eight SEC matches, which will give the fans 12 opportunities to see LSU in action at home this season.

"I think the schedule caters well to the group that we have," said Flory. "I think this could be a tremendous year for us."

Incorporated into the Tigers' eight-match pre-conference schedule are two teams, Liberty and Central Florida, which won their respective league titles and posted 20-win seasons last year.

In addition, IPFW posted 20 wins while finishing second in the NCAA Division I Independent Tournament, and Stephen F. Austin had 19 wins and finished second in its conference. Texas posted a winning record in the always-competitive Big 12 and just missed an NCAA Tournament bid.

"The focus this season was to try to play people who have won championships and just about everybody on our schedule were 20-game winners last year and/or conference champions," said Flory. They are returning some nice players and should have very successful seasons.

"Central Florida and Texas are probably the two most difficult matches in preseason. Those will be key matches for us in our pre-

season as we get ready for conference. The other teams are outstanding that maybe don't have the notoriety, but have had very successful season the last two-three years."

After concluding the SEC schedule, the Tigers will host the SEC/C-USA Challenge on Thanksgiving weekend. LSU and Alabama will take on Houston and 2003 20-match winner Tulane.

"Playing on Thanksgiving weekend for the first time in a few years and especially at home with Conference USA will be nice for us," said Flory. "The SEC has typically matched up well with Conference USA and compared to us, so we thought that it was a great opportunity for us to play teams that are well respected in that conference. They have been very successful in the last few years and will have a chance to be at the top of their conference."

The SEC schedule will be tough as always as the Tigers will face defending national runners-up Florida twice. LSU will also play a pair of matches against divisional rival Arkansas, which advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

"I think the SEC will be an interesting race this year," said Flory. "I think that in terms of the West Division, there aren't a lot of dominant players that are coming back. Alabama returns Erin Heffner, certainly an outstanding player, but the team concept will be very important. We were all very young last year and much of this season will be how those young players developed and how the teams melted together and became solid cohesive units."

"I think the West is going to be a dogfight as it usually is. Arkansas has been able to stay ahead of everybody for the last few years and hopefully we have taken a step closer, but certainly we'll have to prove that on the court," Flory continued. "We feel that we have some players that are capable of playing at that level."

"Overall Florida certainly has to be the choice to win the conference again, but I think they are going to be young, they've lost some key players and a lot is going to depend on how their youth and the players that were in support roles last year step into key roles this year."

2004 NCAA VOLLEYBALL RULE CHANGES

Media Equipment and Personnel. - Under the old rule, media equipment and personnel were restricted from a 2-meter area around the court and from the playing area between the two attack lines extended. The rule was changed to establish the media area as within one meter of the boundary defining the playable area, and to clarify that media is not allowed in front of the team benches or between the attack lines on the bench side of the court.

Libero Serving. - The original intent of the libero position was to create a defensive ball-handling specialist. By allowing the libero to serve, a team will be able to put their best six players on the court for a larger percentage of the game, and individual players are given another opportunity to play. This rules change will allow the libero player to serve in one position designated for the game. Coaches must still designate the number of the libero player before the game, but can designate the rotation the libero will serve in at any time during the game.

Libero Serving. - The current rule states that there must be a rally between two libero replacements. To allow the libero to serve, an exception will be made to this ruling. The libero will be allowed to replace the server without leaving the game for a rally.

Libero Uniform. - The language describing the libero's uniform has been modified to require the libero to wear a uniform shirt or jacket that is immediately recognized from all angles as being in clear contrast to and distinct from the other members of the team. Any color that appears on more than 25 percent of the body of the non-libero team members' uniform may not be the principal color of the libero's uniform. In determining the body of the uniforms, the sleeves and collar should be ignored.

Contact with the ball. - Contact with the ball made only by hair is usually insignificant contact and should be ignored. Adding this language would be consistent with other parts of the rules book.

Player contact with the net. - The language regarding player faults at the net has been clarified regarding insignificant contact that should not be penalized. Some actions of play may include actions in which players do not actually touch the ball (i.e., players faking an attack hit or attempting to block), but there is insignificant net contact.



Locker Room

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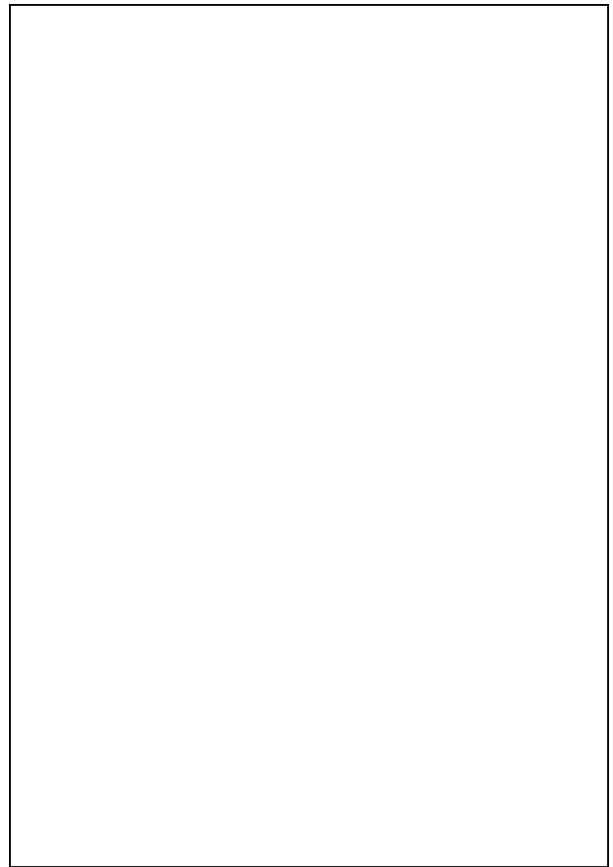
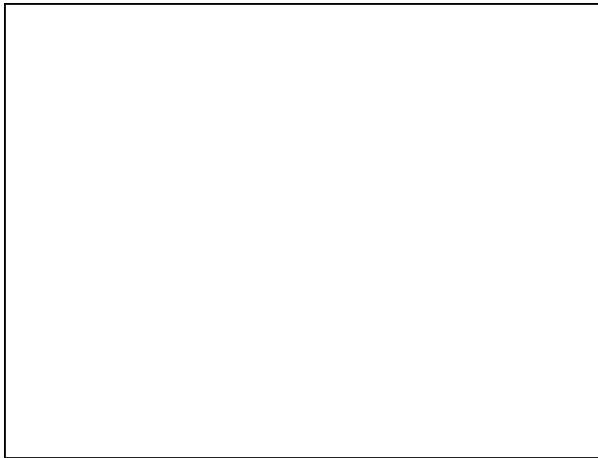
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The LSU locker room is located in the northwest corner of the Pete Maravich Assembly Center, directly between the playing floor of the PMAC and the auxiliary gym, which serves as the Tigers practice facility. The locker room, a two-tiered facility which is equipped with a players lounge, was remodeled prior to the 2000 season and has locker space for each athlete.





The LSU volleyball team has the luxury of its very own practice facility in the Pete Maravich Assembly Center. Located underground in the north portion of the arena,

the auxiliary gym provides the Tigers with an area that can hold two volleyball courts side-by-side. The auxiliary gym is located just down the stairs from the LSU locker room.



Weight Room

LSU 2004



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.

AMENITIES

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



FACILITY BUILT BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION





AMENITIES

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



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

FACILITY BUILT BY THE TIGER ATHLETIC FOUNDATION





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.

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



“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

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.



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 autumn Saturday evening at Tiger Stadium, and Baton Rouge becomes one of the most attractive cities for living, entertainment and education in the South.

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

BATON ROUGE FACTS

POPULATION:

Baton Rouge.....227,818
East Baton Rouge Parish.....412,852

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES:

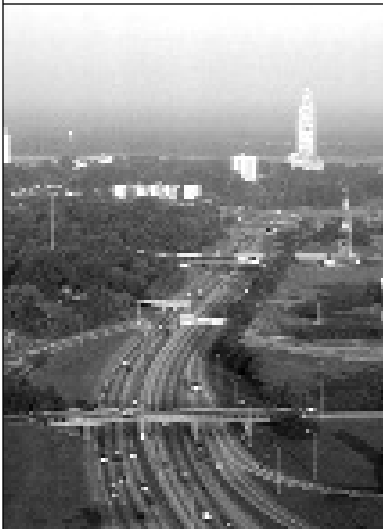
High81.3
Low52.5
Average.....67.5



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



► 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.



DISTANCE CHART FROM BATON ROUGE

(BASED ON 70 MPH SPEED):

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



THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

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

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

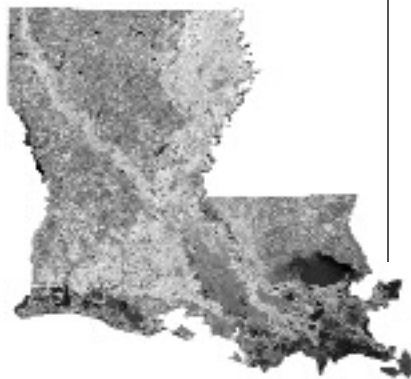
- ▶ Foods like boiled crawfish, jambalaya, shrimp etouffee, and gumbo make the cajun and creole cuisine of Louisiana the envy of the nation.



- ▶ Last year, an estimated 23.5 million U.S. resident visitors came to Louisiana.

LOUISIANA LAGNIAPPE

- ▶ **Atchafalaya:** \a-chaff-a-LIE-a\ n. Louisiana's famed undeveloped wetland.
- ▶ **Beignet:** \ben-YAY\ n. A tasty French doughnut without the hole.
- ▶ **Boudin:** \BOO-dan\ n. Hot, spicy pork mixed with onions, cooked rice and herbs and stuffed in sausage casing.
- ▶ **Etouffee:** \ay-too-FAY\ n. Crawfish or shrimp in a delightfully spicy red sauce.
- ▶ **Gumbo:** \GUM-boe\ n. A delicacy of South Louisiana. A thick, robust soup with thousands of variations, only a few of which are Shrimp Gumbo, Chicken Gumbo, and File' Gumbo.
- ▶ **Krewes:** \crew\ n. An organization that puts on Mardi Gras balls and parades.
- ▶ **Lagniappe:** \LAHN-yap\ n. A little something extra.
- ▶ **Po-Boy:** - n. A sandwich extravaganza of either shrimp, oyster, roast beef, etc., that's served on a crispy-crusted loaf bread called French Bread.
- ▶ **Vieux Carre:** \vyuh-kah-RAY\ n. The French name for the French Quarter meaning "Old Square."



The East Brown Pelican is Louisiana's State Bird.



SPORTSMAN PARADISE

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

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.



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.



Dr. William L. Jenkins

President, LSU

On April 1, 1999, Dr. William L. Jenkins, formerly Chancellor of Louisiana State University and Agricultural & Mechanical College, became president of the LSU System, which includes nine institutions on 10 campuses in five cities, as well as 10 public hospitals in 10 cities. With the departure of Chancellor Mark Emmert in mid-June, the LSU Board of Supervisors asked President Jenkins to again assume the role of Interim Chancellor until a successor can be selected.

A native of South Africa, Dr. Jenkins studied at the University of Pretoria, where he received his professional veterinary medicine degree in 1958 and specialist credentials in 1968. He received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1970. After practicing veterinary medicine for four years, he joined the faculty at the University of Pretoria, advancing through the ranks to become professor and head of the Department of Veterinary Physiology, Pharmacology, & Toxicology in 1971.

He moved to the United States in 1978 and joined the faculty in the Department of Veterinary Physiology & Pharmacology at Texas A&M University. He was appointed dean of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine in 1988, and was named LSU's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs in September 1993.

When he was appointed LSU's fifth chancellor in November 1996, Dr. Jenkins reorganized the campus administration to be more effective and more responsive, and oversaw the development of a strategic plan to guide the University in its preparation for the challenges of the next century.

Over the years, Dr. Jenkins has received numerous teaching and service awards and recognitions, having been named the 1997 Communicator of the Year by the Public Relations Association of Louisiana and a Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Missouri in 1999. The regional chapter of Toastmasters International also presented him with its 1999 Communication and Leadership Award, and he was awarded the Vision of Excellence Award 2000 by the New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce and the New Orleans Chapter

of MetroVision. In addition, the University of Pretoria awarded an honorary doctoral degree to Dr. Jenkins in September 2000.

Dr. Jenkins has been active in continuing education and has delivered more than 150 lectures and addresses to diverse groups in both the United States and abroad. He has taught extensively at both the professional and graduate levels. He has published more than 60 scientific articles and has contributed 15 chapters to various textbooks. He is co-author of a textbook on veterinary pharmacology.

Dr. Jenkins has been and continues to be a member of many professional organizations and select committees. Most recently he served on the National Institute of Health's Alcohol Abuse and Misuse on College Campuses Committee and on a special Steering Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to review accreditation criteria for colleges and universities. Dr. Jenkins also is a member of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges' Committee on Food and Society and currently serves on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Restoration and Conservation.

His current community engagements include serving on the boards of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, Greater Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce, Academic Distinction Fund, Council for a Better Louisiana, Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge, The Nature Conservancy of Louisiana, and the Baton Rouge board of the National Conference for Community and Justice.

Dr. Jenkins and his wife, Peggy, have four children -Sharon, Gwynn, Anthea, and Warren- and nine grandchildren.



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; at Ball State University, where he was professor and chairman

of the Department of Architecture, 1977-81; and, at 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 1986-1997; 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.



The
SKIP BERTMAN
Legacy

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 irrepressible 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 three 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 year 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. 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 launching renovations to Tiger Stadium and the Maravich Center, and beginning construction on a new 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 Jan. 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 Bertman's 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.



The 2000 Tigers faced Florida in the SEC Tournament final in Gainesville.

Year after year, the Southeastern Conference shows why it is considered to be one of the premier volleyball conferences in the nation. In the 1990's and continuing into the 2000's, the SEC made stellar contributions to the sport of volleyball.

The conference has sent at least two teams to the NCAA Tournament in every season for the last 14 years. The SEC had a team reach the Final Four nine of the last 14 seasons, with Florida advancing to the National Championship game last season against Southern California.

In 2003, Florida competed in its 13th straight NCAA Tournament. Arkansas was also selected to the field, making its sixth NCAA Tournament appearance.

Since the inaugural SEC volleyball championship in 1979-80, many changes have occurred in the conference. 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. The most recent change came in 1999 as the tournament format moved to an eight team field participating in a three-day league 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 broadcast on SEC-TV on a tape-delay basis. For the past nine seasons the coverage has grown, especially in the last four years, to live telecasts of several regular season matches and the SEC Tournament championship match. SEC volleyball will continue to enjoy live coverage on SEC-TV in 2004, reaching almost 22 million subscribers in the conference's nine-state region.

SEC Volleyball

A STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

- ▶ The 2003 season marked the 14th consecutive year the SEC has placed at least two teams in the NCAA Tournament.
- ▶ Nine of the 11 teams posted wins in double-digits, with three teams posting 20-plus wins in 2003. Florida led the way with 36 victories. Arkansas posted 27 wins, while Tennessee notched 22.
- ▶ Florida made its 14th appearance in the NCAA Tournament and 13th in a row in 2003 on its way to the National Championship game. The Gators have advanced to at least the Regional Finals in 11 of the last 13 seasons.
- ▶ Florida's appearance in the National Championship game marked the first appearances by the SEC in the title game in conference history.
- ▶ Three players were named AVCA All-Americans and seven players were named to All-Region teams in 2003.
- ▶ In the past 13 years, 715 athletes have been named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll.