



October/November 2005

Events

Swine Palace Productions
Arms and the Man
November 2–20

Homecoming and
LSU Salutes
(LSU v. Appalachian State)
November 5

Thanksgiving holiday
(University offices closed.)
November 24–25

Giving Tree Lighting
Ceremony
November 29

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

From the Desk of Chancellor Sean O'Keefe

What's new @ LSU

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, LSU's Pete Maravich Assembly Center served as a field hospital, and the Maddox Fieldhouse was designated a special-needs hospital. Combined, the two facilities went from 0 to 800 beds in four days. Alex Box Stadium was used for supplies, while helicopters landed with increasing frequency at Bernie Moore Track Stadium.

The medical evacuation effort involved the largest deployment of public health officials in U.S. history, and the 800-bed medical facility was the largest acute-care field hospital ever created. More than 1,700 volunteer medical personnel from across the country assisted in the medical relief effort. Approximately 6,000 patients were seen, some 15,000 evacuees were triaged to shelters and special-needs facilities from the campus, and more than 1,400 prescriptions were filled.

Thousands of LSU faculty, staff, and students volunteered in assisting evacuees by donating time and providing accommodations for evacuees and emergency workers through Student Government's volunteer database.

The University welcomed and enrolled more than 3,000 students from universities in the New Orleans area whose studies were interrupted by Katrina. Some 700 faculty from these schools responded to requests to help with instructional support for the fall semester.

Donations to the Katrina Student Relief Fund may be sent to Hurricane Katrina Student Relief Fund, c/o LSU Foundation, 3838 W. Lakeshore Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70808, or made online at www.katrinarsf.com. For more information, call The LSU Foundation at 225-578-3811.

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Dear Friend:

Hurricane Katrina changed things at LSU dramatically, and I cannot tell you how unbelievably proud I am of the way your university responded to this catastrophic incident. In ways large and small, the LSU community—faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, and supporters—worked tirelessly to keep the campus running, care for evacuees, and welcome more than 3,000 students displaced from schools in the New Orleans area. No less would be expected of Louisiana’s flagship university.

Student Government is leading an effort to help LSU students severely affected by this tragedy. Their “Mission: Possible” campaign (www.sg.lsu.edu) is an inspiring effort to seek support for the Hurricane Katrina Student Relief Fund.

There are myriad challenges facing our state, but I have no doubt that with patience, cooperation, hard work—and yes, a little good humor—that we will succeed.

I am looking forward to taking part in my first LSU Homecoming and LSU Salutes activities and to greeting the holiday season by lighting our “giving tree” at the Candlelight Celebration. I hope to see a great many of you on campus to offer my personal thanks for your continued support of and generosity to the University.

Sincerely,



Sean O’Keefe
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