

LSU Football Tickets Go Fast

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LSU home football game tickets sell out so quickly at LSUS that some students would like to see more tickets made available. Students can buy them for the discounted price and sit in the student section of Tiger Stadium.

Tickets are sold through the Student Activities Board for \$12 in the bookstore.

"Tickets are sent for every home game," said Greg Anderson, bookstore administration coordinator. "We begin selling tickets the Monday before the game."

LSU provides 20 tickets for each game.

Student Government President Casey Lynn Thomas believes that 20 tickets aren't enough for popular games.

"It's pretty cool that they send us tickets so we can attend the games," said Thomas, psychology and criminal justice, senior. "But we should be sent at least 50 tickets for popular games, such as Ole Miss and Alabama."

Tickets for the more popular games sell the first day.

"The lines are long and the tickets sell quickly," said Anderson. "Least popular games, such as the past Idaho game, we tend not to sell all of them."

Most students don't purchase a ticket because they are limited to only one.

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LSUS Media Students Learn From the Pros



Photo by Julie Thomas

Both students and faculty listen intently to the information presented. Students received both a valuable learning experience and an important networking opportunity.

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The Shreveport Journalism Foundation co-hosted a journalism and public relations seminar Sept. 15 on the LSU Shreveport campus to help inform and connect students with local business professionals.

The seminar, which SJF co-hosted with SWEPCO and other local businesses in the Shreveport-Bossier area, started promptly at 10 with a welcome by the SJF's President Gregg Trusty and Vice President Kacey Kirschvink.

Once the welcomes had finished, the first session of the day started with "Going to the 'Dark Side'" presented by Trusty, Tri-

cia Grayson of United Healthcare, and Sonja Bailes of Bossier Parish School Board.

This first session gave each speaker a chance to tell his or her story on how they got started in the media industry as well as how they have ended up working in Public Relations. Bailes told the audience she knew that from when she was eight years old she wanted to be in broadcast journalism, but after many years in the business, an opportunity for PR presented itself.

"I'm like the Johnny Cash song 'I've been everywhere man,'" Grayson said in relation to the various jobs she's had in the media industry.

With each session lasting only one hour, the second session started at 11:10 with the

theme "A View from Management." This session was a look into the point of view from management. A total of six local business managers were in attendance.

Mike Thomas from KTAL-6 said he looks for three key things when hiring an employee: passion, values, and goals. Thomas also mentioned he looks for employees who have a passion to work and love doing it.

"Be passionate for what you do, especially in management because it can be infectious to your employees," Staci Parks of the Forum, said about the attitude managers must have to keep their staff in a positive performance.

"I've never worked a day in my life because I love what I do," said Randy Brown of

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LSU Shreveport Campus is the Cat's Meow

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A family of feral cats is living on the LSU Shreveport campus, reportedly being fed by some LSUS employees in the administration offices.

Director of Facility Services Donald Bloxom does not believe there is much reason for concern, estimating only a total of three or four cats regularly living on campus.

"[The cats] are not causing any direct problems," Bloxom said. "Indirectly, it might be a situation where some fleas have gotten into one of our temporary buildings but I

can't say with any certainty."

He does advise that, if spotted, it would be best not to approach the cats.

"There's always concerns with any animal that hasn't been properly vaccinated," Bloxom said. "But, these are pretty wary animals. You really won't get bitten because they run every time they see anyone."

University Police Chief Rebecca Chiles agrees.

"The cats have been there for a while," Chiles said. "The cats are feral but they also aren't of any harm to anyone; skunks and raccoons are the larger problem but we trap

those." Chiles added that skunks and raccoons are known to be common carriers of rabies and any students who spot these should refrain from approaching and contact campus police.

Of the cats, Bloxom says that, though they can be a nuisance, they are treated well.

"[In the past] we have trapped the cats and we try to find them a suitable home," Bloxom said. He added that all efforts to minimize the cat population on campus will always be "...very humane. I don't want to see any animal mistreated or harmed or euthanized and I'm going to do everything that I can to

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Action! LSUS Gains Improv Group

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Once a week, a group of LSU Shreveport students get together with only one thing on their minds —improv. The group of students is called Just Say Anything* and they are LSUS's very own improv group. They meet at 2 p.m. every in the University Center Theatre, and all students are welcome to come give it a try.

The group is led by acting president Schadi Darzeidan, graphic design, sophomore. The improv group has been at LSUS for several years, and this year's group is based on last year's, which was called The States Making Me Say This.

Now in their third week the group gets started each meeting by playing improv games to get everyone warmed up. After that, they act out scenes together.

"We just act out scenes with no prior rehearsal or script or anything. It is a lot of fun and pretty exciting stuff," said Darzeidan.

Students are already taking advantage of this opportunity to let their creativity show. Darzeidan said the student turn out this year is already better than last year, with about 15 students coming to each meeting. There are no auditions or requirements, so literally any student wanting to participate has that chance.

"It's open for anybody, there are no real stipulations. We are open to any members who want to try improv."

As the acting president of Just Say Anything*, Darzeidan has a real passion for improv. He has been involved with improv groups since he was in high school. He was on the improv team of Destination Imagination, a group that travels all over the country teaching kids how to problem solve. He likes improv because of the chance it gives him to live in the moment and do or say pretty much anything.

"[It's] The sense of getting into the scene, and just being part of that scene and not having to go back and look at lines and having to make sure you have everything right," he said "Just making sure it's right there and right now."

Some people may shy away from activities like improv because of nerves or shyness. However, Darzeidan explains that there is no real reason to be nervous. Although students who attend meetings are encouraged to participate, just observing to make sure it is for you is allowed.

"It is understandable to be nervous at first, and be worried about embarrassing yourself, but once you get the hang of it, it is a great experience," said Darzeidan. "It helps you relieve stress and helps you break that shell that stops you from being more social."

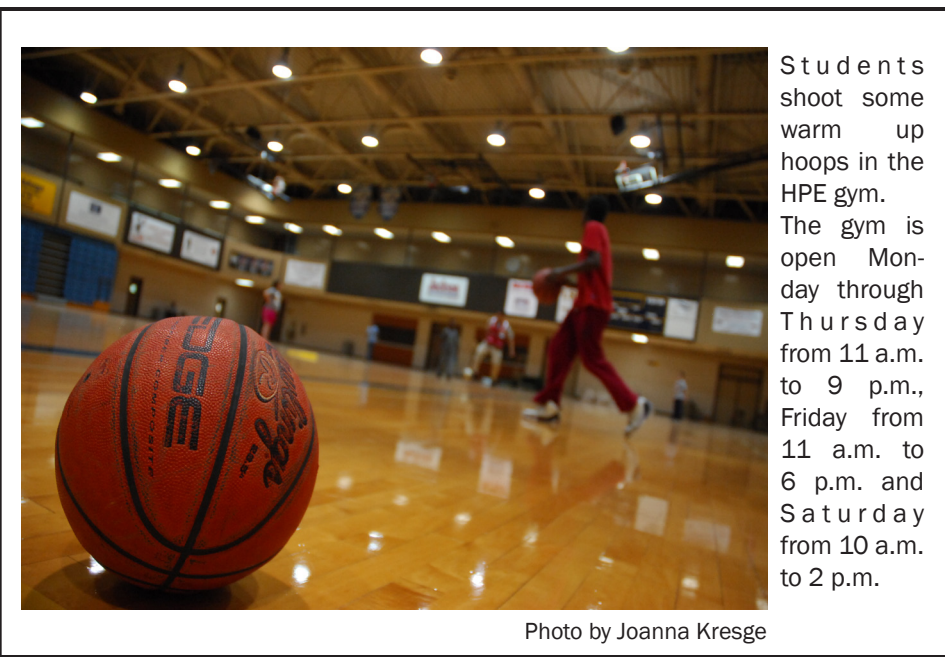


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Students shoot some warm up hoops in the HPE gym. The gym is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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the *Bossier Press Tribune*.

The session was filled with tips and discussions on what is expected from future employees and key information on ways to stand out to other managers in the industry.

After the session ended, lunch was provided by the Wooden Spoon which catered crescent roll sandwiches, chips, cookies, along with tea and water for refreshments. During lunch, speakers Scott McCloud of SWEPCO, and Publisher Don Bailey of the Shreveport *Times*, discussed their positions in the business along with stories from their past and their hopes for the future.

The third session of the afternoon began at 1:20 with speakers discussing "Mixing Business with Pleasure." This session was mainly about the importance of social media including the uses of Twitter and Facebook.

"Social media is critical. It is critical

to be on it and use it," said Matt Bailey of Centenary College. All four of the speakers emphasized the importance of social media and how it relates to their jobs and determines their everyday duties.

The final session of the day on etiquette was presented by Dr. Linda Webster, chair of the LSUS communications department. Nancy Cook from KTAL-6 was scheduled to co-host but was unable to attend due to an unexpected illness. Webster discussed the importance of proper manners and expectations a person must have to succeed and impress not only in the media industry but in any other industry.

The seminar ended with a blanket of thank yous and information on SJF's The Dodson Scholarship which is offered to two journalism or public relation students each year in memory of print journalist Orlando Dodson. For more information on this scholarship, visit the SJF website.

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LSUS Hosts Tailgate Party

LSU Shreveport recreational sports will host a tailgate party for the LSU vs. Alabama game at 4 p.m. November 3 on the LSUS baseball field.

The game will be broadcast on a jumbo outdoor screen on the LSUS baseball field. The primary purpose of the family friendly tailgate party is to bring the LSUS and surrounding communities together for a

unique experience.

There will be a concession stand serving food and beverages when the game begins at 7 p.m.

Admission is free and open to the public. Spectators are encouraged to bring chairs and/or blankets.

For more information, contact Director of Recreational Sports, Angel Martin at angel.martin@lsus.edu or (318) 797-5393.

Sci-Port To Host Adult Mixer

Sci-Port will be hosting an adult mixer for those 21 and older to experience *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* and enjoy an evening of socializing, appetizers and drinks.

The mixer will be held from 6-9 p.m. on October 5.

Tickets are \$25 for members and non-members.

Appetizers will be provided by Counter Culture at

Sci-Port and a cash bar will be available.

After viewing the exhibition, visitors may head to Sci-Port's rooftop to mingle and enjoy the evening sky of downtown Shreveport.

Reservations are recommended but not required.

For reservations or for more information call (318) 424-8660.

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"My family and I are huge LSU football fans and we attend games regularly," said Holly Johnston, education, junior. "But I don't want to purchase a ticket and have to sit by myself in the student section."

To buy a ticket, a student must to fill out a form with name, student ID number and ticket number.

"Student's IDs are

scanned to ensure that they are a currently enrolled student," said Anderson.

Students are only allowed one ticket so all students may have equal opportunity to purchase one.

"My friends don't go to LSUS," said Leyha Boudreaux, chemistry, sophomore. "If I can only buy one, it won't be much fun if I can't enjoy it with them."

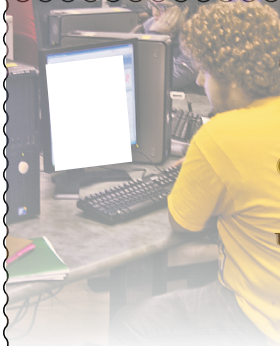
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keep that from happening"

Despite the small troubles they may cause, Bloxom is also complimentary of LSUS's furry tenants.

"A cat is not a bad thing to have around," Bloxom said. "They do keep the rodent population down."

He also said that all campuses have these kinds of problems and that, comparatively, LSUS gets off easy, pointing out that other campuses have problems with larger and more dangerous animals such as alligators or snakes.



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