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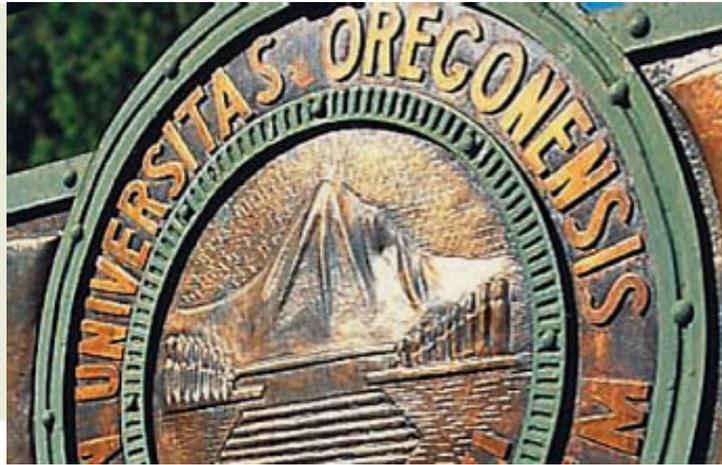
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Much thought and effort has gone into this long-anticipated project and we now invite members of the university community to review and comment on [the new site](#). We are still addressing some issues about how various elements of the pages appear in different browsers.

You may send your comments to the homepage task force through the [Contact UO](#) link found on the horizontal green banner at the top of the page.

Thanks for taking a few moments to examine the site and let us know what you think. Your suggestions are most welcome. The homepage taskforce will carefully examine your ideas and work to continually improve the university website and its homepage.

- *University of Oregon Homepage Task Force*

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The previous homepage design worked well as an information portal, particularly for internal audiences. However, in the past few years, the web has become a critical element for the university to communicate to a broad range of audiences, especially those outside the university who often get their first impression of Oregon from our website. With that in mind, the university is moving toward a more coordinated and strategic use of the web.

The new design is intended to be more inviting and accessible to external audiences, especially to prospective students, who are increasingly using the Internet as an information source when selecting a college. At the same time, it will still provide current students, as well as faculty and staff members, easy access to the web pages they use most often.

The design includes flash-based feature stories and images highlighting the university's particular strengths, as well as continually updated news and events items.

New features

The [new homepage](#) features links for particular audiences: prospective students, current students, faculty and staff members, parents and families, alumni, and visitors.

Scrolling over those group names, which are located right beneath a green banner across the top of the page, produces drop down menus with some of the key links for that group. For example, web e-mail, Blackboard, and DuckWeb appear in the drop down menus under both the [Current Students](#) and [Faculty and Staff](#) links. Clicking on a group name leads to index pages where members of those groups can find a full listing of links they are most likely to use.

The [new homepage](#) also includes important and often-used links in the left column.

In addition to the homepage and the user group index pages, the task force identified several new pages that needed to be created or existing pages that needed to be redone. New pages include [About the UO](#), [Campus Life](#), and [Eugene and Local Area](#). A new [Maps and Directions](#) page will feature an interactive campus map that allows users to zoom in to specific areas, apply satellite imagery, and add or remove layers of information such as the locations of bus stops or emergency call boxes.

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Members of the university community are encouraged to explore the new site, give themselves a chance to get used to it, and then provide feedback through the [Contact UO](#) link found on the horizontal green banner. The task force requests your patience as its members examine and assimilate the expected high volume of responses. Changes and refinements will be implemented in a thoughtful, systematic, and cohesive way.

Task Force Background

The task force was formed late last winter by John Moseley, senior vice president and provost, who charged the group with updating the look of the top-level university web pages and making them easier for external users to navigate.

Led by Michael Redding, associate vice president for public and government affairs, and Deb Carver, UO librarian and former interim associate vice president for information services, the task force reviewed many other university websites, interviewed representatives of various user groups in February and March, met with focus groups about content in April and May, and conducted usability studies in August. The task force gathered as much information as possible given the ambitious time schedule of completing the pages by the start of fall term this year.

The design effort was led by Dave Ragsdale, a web specialist in the Computing Center, and Tim Jordan, a designer in Creative Publishing. Other members of the task force are Joe St Sauver, director of user services and network applications in the Computing Center; Kirstin Hierholzer, assistant director of the UO Libraries Center for Educational Technologies; Ed Dorsch, associate director of Development Communications; Todd Simmons, former director of Communications; and Guy Maynard, director of Creative Publishing.

The task force's recommendations have been implemented by a team including staff members from Public and Government Affairs, the University of Oregon Libraries Center for Educational Technology, Office of Admissions, and the Computing Center.

In keeping with the university's new strategic approach to the web, the homepage is being managed by a new web services unit within Public and Government Affairs.

Part of Creative Publishing, this new unit now has the primary responsibility for maintaining the homepage and other top-tier pages. Initially, this unit will focus on fine-tuning those pages. The unit also will be creating templates and guidelines to allow university departments to reflect the homepage design. Eventually, the web services unit hopes to offer consulting and design and development services to university departments, so Creative Publishing will provide one-stop service for both print and electronic designs.

Information Services at the Computing Center will continue to manage web security and all aspects of hardware and software related to the web, as well as to provide operational support for the top-tier university pages.

We are excited about the new face the University of Oregon presents to the world with our new website. We hope you will explore it and let us know what you think.

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Convocation will celebrate the formal launch of the new academic year and the World Year of Physics 2005, which marks the 100th anniversary of Albert Einstein's discovery of the theory of relativity. Gates, to be featured Oct. 11 in a new edition of the acclaimed PBS series "NOVA" entitled "Einstein's Big Idea," has played a leading role in unifying Einstein's general theory of relativity with the theory of relativistic quantum mechanics. He also was spotlighted in an earlier "NOVA" program, "The Elegant Universe."

For more information, go to the [convocation website](#).



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Katrina Update, September 13, 2005

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For Campus Audiences

The University of Oregon is prepared to serve students from Gulf Coast areas affected by hurricane Katrina. While we can only begin to understand the difficulties faced by those in this devastated area, we offer our support and assistance to those whose education and lives have been disrupted.

:: Facts & Figures

Catalog
Points of Pride
University Facts and History (in progress)
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We expect that most students will want to return to the institutions where they originally enrolled as soon as possible, and the procedures we have put into place are designed to with that in mind.

The **Office of Admission (541) 346-3201** should be the point of initial contact for undergraduates interested in attending the University of Oregon fall term 2005.

To the extent possible, students will be accommodated through the regular university processes. The following is a guide to assistance at the UO.

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ADMISSION:

Undergraduate and Graduate students from affected areas will be able to defer their application and matriculation fees. These fees will be collected only if the student continues their enrollment beyond fall 2005.

Undergraduate applicants unable to provide traditional documentation for admission will be considered using the documentation that is available.

:: Select Publications

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Because each situation will be different, we strongly recommend that interested undergraduate students contact the **Office of Admission directly at (541) 346-3201, or call 1-800-BEA-DUCK** to get individual admission counseling. Students can also request admission assistance by sending an email request using the form available at <https://tembo.uoregon.edu/uoadmit/>

:: Contact Us

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Fax: (541) 346-2023
Page: (541) 465-0349

Graduate applicants should contact the **Graduate School at (541) 346-5129**.

TUITION/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Both undergraduate and graduate students whose education is interrupted by Hurricane Katrina will have their tuition charges remitted for fall term only if they have paid tuition to their home institution. Students will be asked to provide documentation if available, or to sign a statement that they have already paid tuition at their home institution, or that tuition has been paid on their behalf through a scholarship, federal, state or institutional financial aid grants or loans, or through other processes.

Students needing financial assistance should contact The University of Oregon **Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships at (541) 346-3221**.

HOUSING:

University Housing has a limited number of spaces available for both undergraduate and graduate students. Contact **University Housing at (541) 346-4277** for information.

A number of individuals have offered their homes to students affected by Katrina. For more information contact the **Office of Academic Advising at (541) 346-3211**.

ADVISING:

Undergraduate Students: Academic advising is available to all new enrolling students during Week of Welcome. Specialized advising and coordination with academic programs will be made available to students who are near completion of a degree at their home school. The University of Oregon operates on the quarter system and will offer orientation and advising for new students during

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A Public and Government Affairs website.

Week of Welcome September 22-23. Classes begin on September 26, 2005.

Please contact the Office of Academic Advising at 346-3211 for advising and registration assistance. A special "advising check-in" meeting will be held only for admitted students who have had their education interrupted by Hurricane Katrina on Friday September 23rd at 10:00 am in 360 Oregon Hall.

Please contact the **Office of Academic Advising at (541) 346-3211** for additional information or assistance.

Graduate Students: Individual departments and programs are the best source of advising for graduate students. The **Graduate School ((541) 346-5219)** will coordinate providing any further advising that students may need.

ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY:

Current students who are called up for active military duty to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina will be allowed to withdraw at any point in the term without academic penalty. The **Office of Academic Advising ((541) 346-3211)** will work with students on a case-by-case basis to determine the best course of action

COUNSELING AND SUPPORT:

New and continuing students who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina can seek personal support or counseling by calling the **UO Counseling Center at (541) 346-3227**.

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The university continues work to help students, faculty displaced by Hurricane Katrina

- *By Dave Frohnmayer*

The hearts of all within the University of Oregon community go out to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The university is working to assist students and faculty members who have been displaced by the hurricane's effects.

We are currently doing everything we can to admit these students on a provisional basis through the fall term. The university will work with students individually to address specific needs, including admission, academic and personal advising, course placement, computer and book access (the university's School of Law has arranged for loans of laptop computers to displaced students), and housing and financial aid. We are waiving tuition and fees for students who have paid tuition and fees to their home institutions. We have received inquiries from more than 70 undergraduate students and as of Sept. 12, have admitted 20 of those students to the university. Some 12 to 15 additional students have requested information from our law school and we know that at least one of those students intends to enroll at the law school. As well, queries have been received by some five graduate students and at least one is planning to attend the university.

With regard to faculty members, we are accepting requests for courtesy appointments and trying to accommodate the needs of these individuals as space permits. We also are pleased to announce that Lorry Lokey, CEO of Business Wire and University of Oregon Foundation trustee, has agreed to provide financial assistance to the university in order to support a number of displaced students. Mr. Lokey's support of the university has been tremendous and we are especially grateful for his offer to help these students.

In addition, the university is participating in the Sloan Consortium, which is working with the Southern Regional Education Board and the Sloan Foundation. The consortium is working on the Sloan Semester, a project that will bring free online courses to students displaced from

hurricane-affected colleges and universities.

As well, the University of Oregon Bookstore and its satellite shops are collecting donations for the American Red Cross at each cash register location.

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Inside Oregon is our faculty, staff, GTF newsletter for the entire UO community. Your contributions and story suggestions are most welcome. Here's what we are especially looking for:

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- Faculty, staff and GTFs who engage the community in notable ways for our Community Spotlight feature)
- Faculty, staff and GTFs conducting compelling projects and research (for our "Cornerstones Spotlight" of people who exemplify the four UO cornerstones of connection, discovery, inspiration and opportunity)
- New works and publications by faculty, staff and GTF authors and artists
- Digital photos of your department, college or school special gatherings for our planned "Were You There?" photo gallery feature

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(Content deadline Aug. 8)

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Dec. 2 - last day of fall term issue; Note: this issue posts on a Friday)

(Content deadline Nov. 23)

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Jan. 9 - first day of winter term issue

(Content deadline Jan. 2)

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(Content deadline Jan. 9)

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(Content deadline Jan. 30)

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(Content deadline Feb. 27)

NO ISSUE MARCH 20 (spring break)

April 3 - start of spring term issue

(Content deadline March 27)

April 17

(Content deadline April 10)

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(Content deadline April 24)

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May 29 - end of spring term issue

(Content deadline May 22)

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The University of Oregon is a world-class teaching and research university located in the beautiful Willamette Valley of Oregon. The UO offers a broad spectrum of opportunities for learning in the liberal arts and professional programs in architecture, arts, business, education, journalism, law, and music and dance. In the classrooms and laboratories, students are inspired by a faculty of prominent scholars and work side by side with eminent researchers involved in breakthrough discoveries. At the UO, both students and faculty members reach out to make connections that serve communities from small local groups to large international organizations. Explore the University of Oregon. You will like what you find.

Students

Enrollment: **20,339 total**; **14,326 undergraduates**, **6,013 graduates** (*Fall 2004*)

Resident: **71 percent**

Enrollment by ethnicity (*Fall 2004*): Asian or Pacific Islander, **6 percent**;
 African American, **1 percent**; Hispanic, **3 percent**; Native American, **1 percent**;
 Multiethnic, **2 percent**; White (Non-Hispanic), **74 percent**;

International Students, **6 percent**; Declined to Respond **7 percent**

Tuition and Fees (*full time, Fall 2004*):

\$5,568 resident undergraduates; **\$17,424 nonresident undergraduates**;
\$9,918 resident graduates; **\$14,202 nonresident graduates**

Faculty

Faculty Size: **1,648** (*Fall 2004*)

Teaching Faculty-to-Student Ratio: **1:16**

Endowed Chairs and Professorships: **84**

Graduate Assistants: **1,338**

Location and Size

Located in **Eugene, Oregon**, two hours from **Portland** and one hour each from the Pacific Coast and the Cascade Mountains

Sixty major buildings on 295 acres

Academic Offerings

The University of Oregon is a public research university and a member of the Association of American Universities, one of only two such universities in the greater Northwest.

Schools, Colleges, and Professional Schools:

Architecture and Allied Arts, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Journalism and Communication, Law, and Music and Dance

Clark Honors College

UO Libraries: 2.6 million volumes and 18,000 periodicals—second largest in the Northwest



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Explore your world on campus

At the University of Oregon, you can be part of student government, join a club, or start a club on your own. You'll participate in a sport or watch a game, attend an original performance or perform in one. At the Craft Center or in an art class, you can learn photography or how to blow glass. You'll meet people from all over the world, eat pad thai at the semiannual Street Fair, see a concert, or make a film. Political groups will teach you to advocate for others, support a cause, or make a difference in the world.

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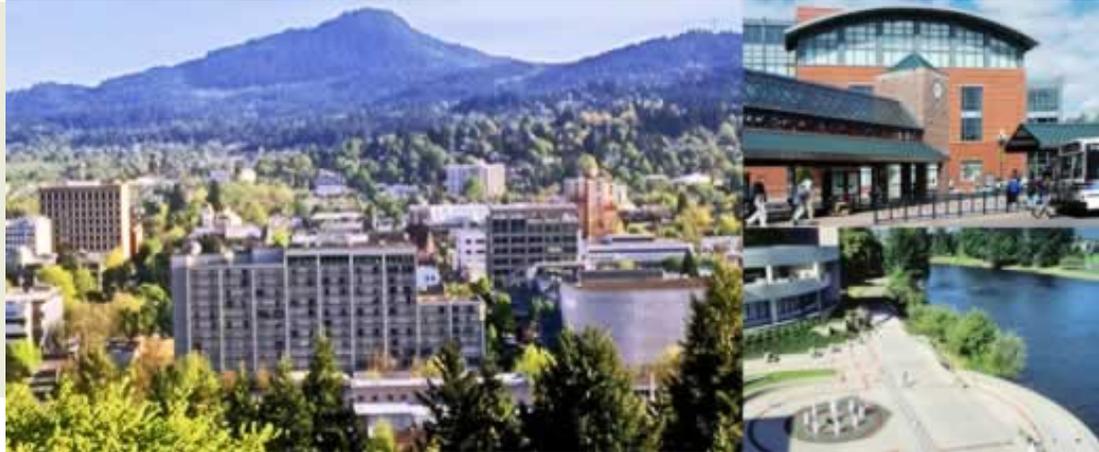
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Getting Here

The University of Oregon is located in [Eugene](#), a city of 140,000 at the southern end of Oregon's Willamette Valley. Eugene is served by a major airport, Amtrak rail service, and major bus lines. The University of Oregon is easily accessible from Interstate 5, the main north-south freeway along the Pacific Coast.

By plane

[The Eugene Airport](#), conveniently located approximately ten miles from downtown and campus, is serviced by United Airlines, Horizon Air, America West, Delta, and flights connecting from many major airlines. Some visitors choose to fly into Portland International Airport and drive two hours south to Eugene. For Eugene Airport information, call (541) 682-5544.

By Train or Bus

For information, contact Amtrak, Eugene (800) 872-7245, Greyhound-Trailways, Eugene (541) 344-6265, or [Lane Transit District \(Eugene's bus system\)](#) (541) 687-5555.

By Car

From the Eugene Airport: Follow Highway 99 until it becomes West Seventh Avenue. Get in the right lane and follow West Seventh Avenue until it becomes Franklin Boulevard. Get in the right lane and follow Franklin Boulevard to Agate Street. Turn right onto Agate and right again onto East Thirteenth Avenue. Proceed to the Information Kiosk.

From Portland and the North: From I-5 South, take Exit 194B. Take Exit 2, keep left and follow the signs to the UO. Proceed in the left lane over the Ferry Street Bridge, exiting onto Broadway, which becomes Franklin Boulevard.

Follow Franklin Boulevard to Agate Street. Turn right onto Agate and right again onto East Thirteenth Avenue. Proceed to the Information Kiosk.

From Ashland and the South: From I-5 North, take Exit 192. Merge onto Franklin Boulevard. After merging, get in the left lane and follow Franklin Boulevard through two lights. At the third light, turn left onto Agate Street (Agate Street is unmarked from this direction, but has a sign for Riverfront Drive which goes to the right). At the first stop sign, turn right onto East Thirteenth Avenue. Proceed to the Information Kiosk.

From the Oregon Coast: Take Highway 126 East until it becomes West Eleventh Avenue. Follow West Eleventh Avenue to Garfield Street and turn left. Take Garfield to West Seventh Avenue and turn right. Get in the right lane and follow West Seventh Avenue until it becomes Franklin Boulevard. Get in the right lane and follow Franklin Boulevard to Agate Street. Turn right onto Agate and right again onto East Thirteenth Avenue. Proceed to the Information Kiosk.

From Bend and the east: Take Highway 126 West through Springfield and into Eugene. Take Exit 2, the Coburg Road exit ramp; keep left at the fork in the ramp. Go straight onto southbound Coburg Road, which becomes the Ferry Street Bridge. Stay in the left lane on the bridge, exiting onto Broadway, which becomes Franklin Boulevard. Follow Franklin Boulevard to Agate Street. Turn right onto Agate and right again onto East Thirteenth Avenue. Proceed to the Information Kiosk.



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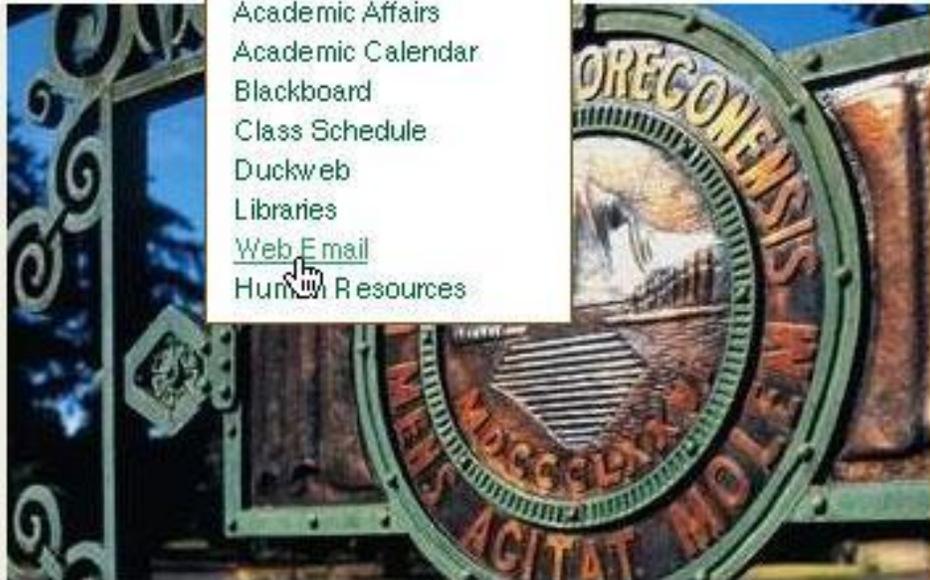
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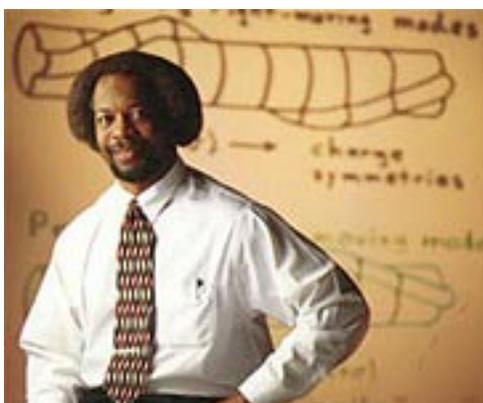


University Convocation

Guest Speaker
Sylvester James Gates Jr.

3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2005

McArthur Court • **Free!**



On the frontiers of particle physics, many terms start with "super," and NOVA producers call physicist Jim Gates one of their superstars. He's featured in a new NOVA special, "Einstein's Big Idea," this fall.

One of the most sought-after speakers on the planet for World Year of Physics 2005, Gates will speak on "Einstein's Lesson for the Third Millennium." University Convocation is the largest celebration of Einstein's "Miraculous Year" in the state of

Oregon and a fitting tribute to the university's highly regarded Department of Physics.

Gates is renowned for his ability to make topics like Superstring/M-theory physics entertaining for everyone. See for yourself at University Convocation.

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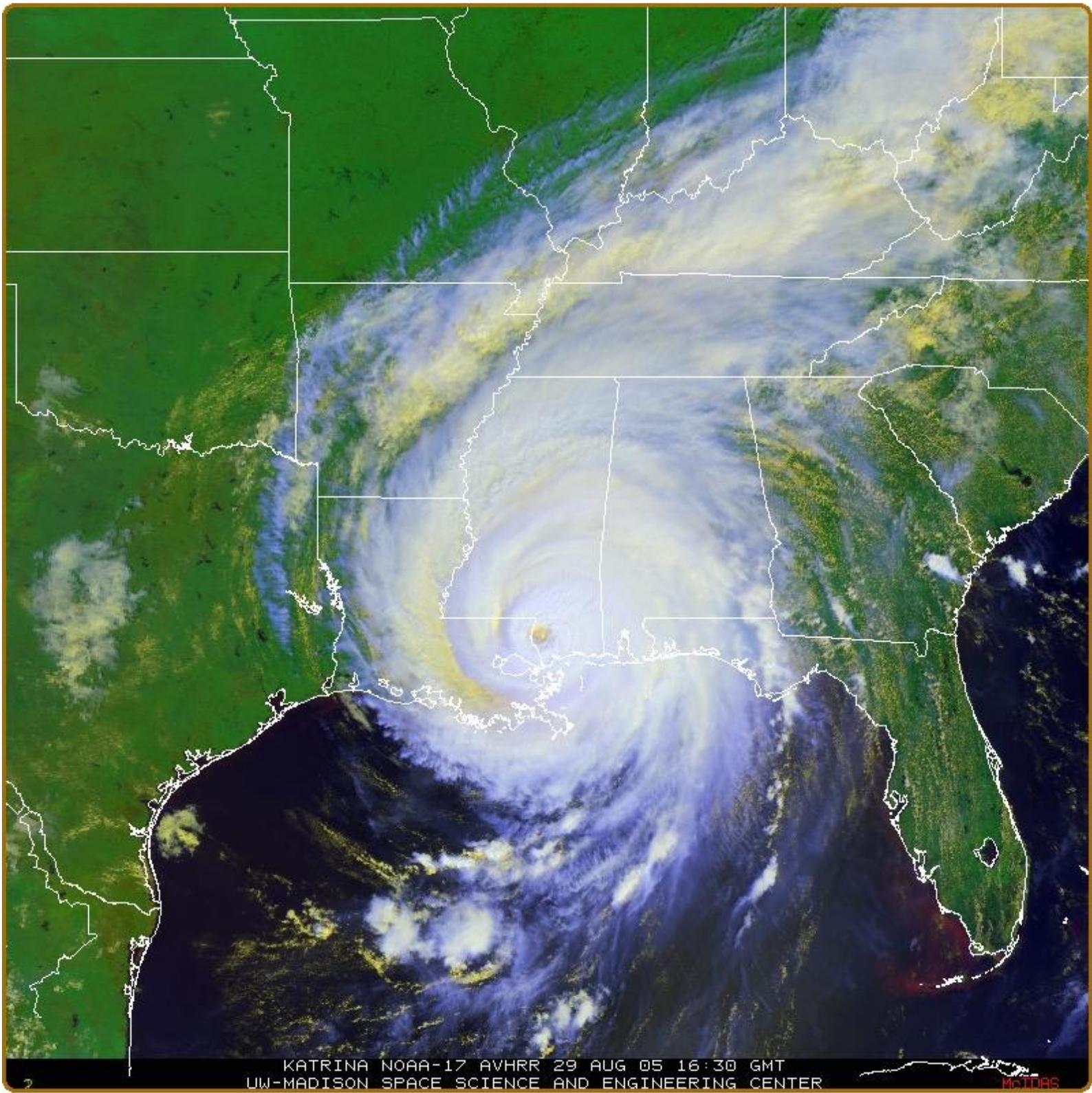
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