

THIS IS TALLAHASSEE

Among low, rolling hills, down moss-draped canopy roads, within picturesque historical districts, and across seas of flowering azaleas lies a magical part of the Sunshine State—Tallahassee—Florida’s capital city. With its intriguing combination of power-play politics and classic character splashed with a twist of beauty and charm, Tallahassee is a genteel Southern belle with good manners, old plantation homes and y’all-come hospitality—a side of Florida few expect to find.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 25 miles south and the Georgia border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida’s panhandle and peninsula in an area known as “The Big Bend.”



Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its Georgia neighbor than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

Like the city itself, the story of how Tallahassee was chosen as the state capital is rich in history. In 1823, two explorers set out—one on horseback from St. Augustine and the other by boat from Pensacola—to establish a permanent, central location for the seat of government. The two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called “tallahassee”—derived from the words “talwa,” meaning town, and “ahassee,” meaning old. This historic meeting place remains Florida’s capital today.

The New Capitol building rises at the center of Tallahassee’s downtown as a sleek modern structure, juxtaposed next to the Old Capitol, built in the more classic domed style. A gallery atop the 22-story New Capitol provides a sweeping view of the hilly city and its tree-lined streets. From it, you can see all the way to Georgia, 20 miles away.

Around the capitol complex, a 10-block historic district spreads, preserving the town’s gracious old homes along a linear park and holding a historic inn, bars and restaurants patronized by Senators and sophomores alike. With no shortage of culture, downtown also offers museums, theater and art galleries. Artists have turned the old warehouses of Downtown Industrial Park into the studios and cafes of Railroad Square. The Museum of Florida History, nearby, is highly acclaimed for its scan of the state’s past, and The Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science, along with changing art exhibits, brings learning to a kid’s level with hands-on exhibits.



Climate

Tallahassee has the mild, moist climate characteristics of the Gulf States and experiences a subtropical summer similar to the rest of Florida. In contrast to the Florida peninsula, however, the panhandle, of which Tallahassee is a part, experiences four seasons.

Annual January temperature: 40-63° F

Annual July temperature: 72-91° F

Yearly average maximum temperature: 78.7°

Yearly average minimum temperature: 55.7°

Yearly average days above 90 degrees: 91.0

Yearly average days below 32 degrees: 35.7

Population

City of Tallahassee: 153,658

Leon County: 244,208

Metropolitan Area: 327,869

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Donald L. Tucker Center

The Donald L. Tucker Center is a multi-purpose convention and entertainment facility featuring a 12,100 seat arena, Luxury Suites and Club Seats and over 52,000 sq. ft. of meeting and exhibition space plus an arena view restaurant, Spotlight Grille. The Civic Center hosts a wide variety of concerts, family shows, Broadway shows, ice shows and sporting events including FSU basketball.

It is easy to understand why over one million people a year flock to the Donald L. Tucker Center, what with the varied array of attractions it offers. Some people go to the Tucker Center to enjoy the sounds of rock, country, pop and urban concerts. Some go for the thrills of basketball, rodeos and three-ring spectacles. While others come for conventions, banquets, expositions, or consumer and trade shows.

Located downtown on Pensacola Street, the Tucker Center is only two blocks from the Capitol building.



Kenny Chesney



"Crazy For You"

Other sightseeing favorites include the floral masterpiece of Alfred B. Maclay State Gardens; Bradley's Country Store; FAMU Black Archives; and the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum.

The area surrounding Tallahassee reveals numerous other historic and archaeological treasures, such as De Soto State Archaeological and Historical Site, Lake Jackson State Archaeological Site, Mission San Luis, Natural Bridge Battlefield and San Marcos de Apalache. Visitors can explore prehistoric Florida at the Museum of Florida History, where they are greeted by a giant 12,000-year-old mastodon pulled from nearby Wakulla Springs.

On the shores of Wakulla Springs, alligators still laze under the watchful eyes of "snake birds" perched on twisted cypress trees. The site of many underwater scenes in "Tarzan" movies, it's one of the world's deepest freshwater springs. Glass-bottomed boat tours across these mystical waters are available.

Nearby small towns offer fascinating excursions to places such as Pebble Hill Plantation, Florida Caverns State Park, Monticello Opera House and St. George Island.



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From its pre-Civil War beginnings as the Seminary West of the Suwannee to a nearly four-decade stint as the Florida State College for Women to its return to coeducational status as a university, Florida State University has developed into an acclaimed research institution with excellence in teaching, research and public service.

The university enrolls nearly 39,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Of these, 24.2 percent are minorities. Students are from all 50 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 132 foreign countries.

Florida State offers an impressive breadth of academic degree programs. Students may take courses of study leading to a baccalaureate degree in 94 programs, a master's degree in 107 degree programs, a doctorate in 73 degree programs, a specialist certification in 28 degree programs, and a professional designation in two degree programs. Courses are offered through 16 schools and colleges — Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Education; Engineering; Human Sciences; Information; Law; Medicine; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Sciences; Social Work; and Visual Arts, Dance and Theatre.

Our students have the opportunity to work and study alongside two Nobel laureates, five members of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, seven members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and two winners of the Pulitzer Prize. Florida State faculty also lead several scholarly fields in citations of published work.

Several members of the Florida State faculty were recognized with major awards

in 2005, including two Guggenheim Fellowships, a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Leopold Leadership Fellowship, five Fulbright fellowships, an Alexander Von Humboldt award, a new member elected into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a new member elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and a new member elected into the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Florida State has many academic programs that consistently rank among those at the nation's top 25 public universities, including programs in business, chemistry, creative writing, criminology, ecology and evolutionary biology, information, law, meteorology, oceanography, physics, political science, psychology, public policy, sociology and statistics.

The university had many noteworthy achievements in 2005. Among them:

- The College of Law ranked among the top 30 public law schools in the United States; the environmental law program ranked 14th nationally and is considered one of the strongest in the Southeast.
- The School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts was recognized by the Directors Guild of America for its distinguished contribution to American culture through film and television, joining fellow honorees Robert DeNiro, Jonathan Demme and other entertainment luminaries at the Fifth Annual DGA Honors. In addition, the school was honored with two Student Oscars and five Collegiate Television Academy Awards, more than those received by students from any other school in the history of the industry.



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- The Askew School of Public Administration and Policy was identified as the fourth most productive in the country among public affairs schools, and ranked third most productive in terms of published works by graduate students.
- The risk management/insurance program was named one of the most highly recognized programs in the nation, ranked in the top 10 by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- The College of Medicine, the first newly accredited allopathic medical school in more than 20 years, graduated its first class and matched all students to residencies.
- Several faculty members in the English department were recognized with awards, including the prestigious Mary McCarthy Prize in fiction, awarded to Paul Shephard; an O. Henry Award for Elizabeth Stuckey-French; the Gustave O. Arlt Award from the Council of Graduate Schools to Nancy Bradley Warren; and the National Magazine Award to Robert Olen Butler.

Florida State's arts programs — including dance, film, music and theater — rank among the finest in the world.

Students also have the opportunity to conduct research in specialized interdisciplinary centers, such as the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, the Institute of Molecular Biophysics, and the School of Computational Science; to participate in interdisciplinary work across campus, such as efforts that integrate economics, geography, climate forecasting, law and other environmental courses and programs; and to work with faculty to forge new relationships among professions, including medicine, the physical sciences, engineering, business and law.



Students at Florida State are encouraged to participate in international education through the university's programs in England, Italy, Switzerland, France, Panama, China, Costa Rica, Spain, Russia, Vietnam, the Czech Republic, Greece, Croatia, Germany, Ireland and the Caribbean. The university's study sites in Valencia, Spain; Florence, Italy; London, England; and the Republic of Panama are considered by many to be among the nation's best.

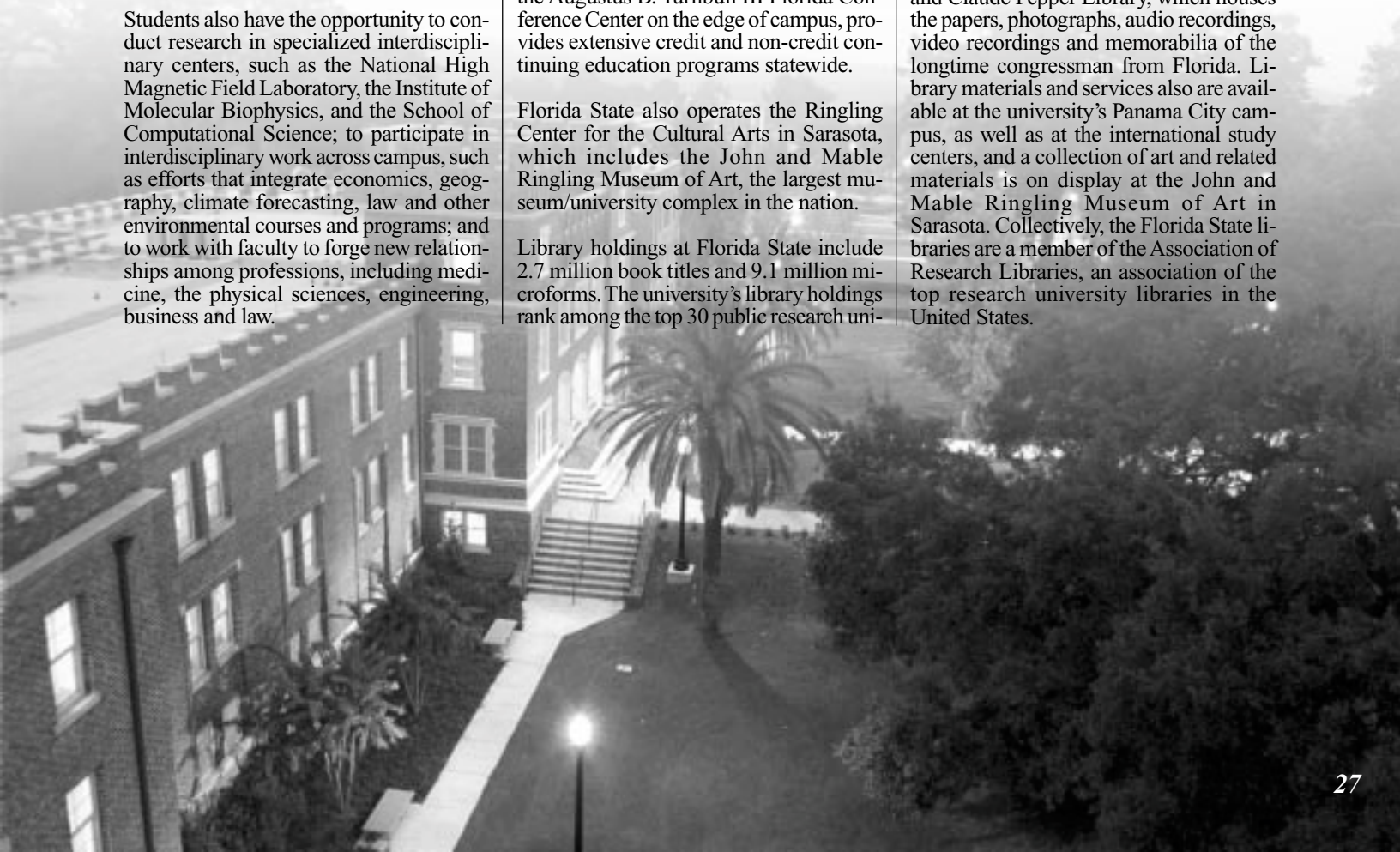
Florida State's main campus is spread over 450.5 acres in Tallahassee. Within the state, the university maintains facilities in Panama City, its Marine Laboratory at Turkey Point on the Gulf of Mexico, and the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. In addition, the Center for Professional Development and Public Service, housed in the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida Conference Center on the edge of campus, provides extensive credit and non-credit continuing education programs statewide.

Florida State also operates the Ringling Center for the Cultural Arts in Sarasota, which includes the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, the largest museum/university complex in the nation.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.7 million book titles and 9.1 million microforms. The university's library holdings rank among the top 30 public research uni-



versities in the United States, according to 2003-2004 data. The main library facility, the Robert M. Strozier Library, is linked by computer to other state university and national research libraries. Florida State also maintains science, music, library and information science, medicine, engineering and law libraries, as well as the Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, which houses the papers, photographs, audio recordings, video recordings and memorabilia of the longtime congressman from Florida. Library materials and services also are available at the university's Panama City campus, as well as at the international study centers, and a collection of art and related materials is on display at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. Collectively, the Florida State libraries are a member of the Association of Research Libraries, an association of the top research university libraries in the United States.



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FACTS

BACKGROUND: The Florida State University is one of eleven units of the Division of Colleges and Universities of the Florida Board of Education... It was established as the Seminary West of the Suwannee by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1851 and first offered instruction at the postsecondary level in 1857... Its Tallahassee campus has been the site of an institution of higher education longer than any other site in the state... In 1905, the Buckman Act reorganized higher education in the state and designated the Tallahassee school as the Florida Female College... In 1909, it was renamed Florida State College for Women... In 1947, the school returned to co-educational status, and the name was changed to The Florida State University... It has grown from an enrollment of 2,583 in 1946 to an enrollment of 38,886 in the Fall Semester 2004.

ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2004): Total, 38,886... 77.1% undergrad, 19.2% grad, 3.6% unclassified... 77.9% in-state... 93.0% from the United States... students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are in attendance... 20 states contributed over 100 students each... 23 foreign countries contributed over 25 students each... female, 56.7%... male, 43.3%... minority, 24.2%... international, 3.4%.

ACREAGE: Main Campus: 450.5 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)... Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County... The university owns a total of 1,447.3 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota, & Gadsden counties... Sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida, and other locations overseas.

COLLEGES/PROGRAMS: FSU has 17 major academic divisions: the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Law, Medicine, and Social Science; and the Schools of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Motion Picture, Television, and Recording Arts, Information Studies, Music, Nursing, Social Work, Theatre, and Visual Arts and Dance.

OPERATING BUDGET (2004-05): \$918,184,056

DEGREE PROGRAMS: With 17 colleges and schools, students may take courses of study leading to the baccalaureate degree in 94 degree programs, to the master's degree in 107 degree programs, to the advanced master's degree in 1 program, to the specialist degree in 27 degree programs, to the doctorate degree in 73 degree programs, and to the professional degree in 2 degree programs.

DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2003-04: Bachelor,

6,578... Masters, 1,536... Doctorate, 271... Specialist, 57... Judge Doctorate, 208, Total, 8,650

ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (FALL, 2004): The middle 50 percent High School GPA, 3.4-4.1; SAT score 1070-1260, ACT score 22-27.

RETENTION RATE: First year, 100%... second year, 86.2%... third year, 75.7%... fourth year, 71.8%.

FACULTY/STAFF: Total 2,191... FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronauts Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches Electrical Engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as Vice President of Student Affairs... FSU's faculty has included six dynamic Nobel Laureates: 11 members elected to National Academy of Sciences... five members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES: Florida State University has a uniqueness in providing programs that are consistent in excellence across the board, from fine arts and humanities to the hard sciences... The balance of programs is based on FSU's long tradition as a leading liberal arts institution combined with its position as one of the top 10 universities in generating research-based revenues... FSU is the most wired campus in Florida, and was recently ranked 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD: FSU offers a variety of overseas study opportunities for students during the regular academic year. FSU has study centers located in Florence, Italy; Panama City, Republic of Panama; Valencia, Spain; and London, England. Courses at the study centers are offered each semester and cover a wide range of subject areas perfect for meeting general and liberal studies requirements. International Programs also offers study programs, some general and some major specific, in Paris, France; Leysin, Switzerland; San Jose, Costa Rica; Moscow, Russia; Prague, Czech Republic; Gerakina, Greece; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Dublin, Ireland; Tianjin, China; Barga, Italy; Valencia, Spain; London, England, and Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. A summer Law program is offered in Oxford, England. There is one Linkage Institute (FLORICA) in Costa Rica, and there are Beyond Borders programs in Turrialba, Costa Rica; Kingston, Jamaica; and Dresden, Germany.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FSU has nearly 300 student organizations that allow students to find their own niche.

FINANCIAL AID: FSU offers two types of financial assistance: need-based and merit-based... Over \$160 million is given away for financial assis-

10 Leading States of Origin (Enrollment)

Florida	30,278
Georgia	962
Virginia	401
Texas	350
New York	311
Pennsylvania	270
North Carolina	261
New Jersey	226
Maryland	222
Alabama	216

tance each year.

STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO: 23-1... Many of the general education classes are large, lecture classes; however, over 70 percent of major classes have less than 40 students.

RESEARCH: The Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research center in both the sciences and the humanities. It is expected that more than \$100 million in external funds will be generated this year by the university faculty and administration as supplements to state funds used for research. These external funds are in the form of contracts and grants from private foundations, industries, and government agencies, and are used to support research, improve research facilities, and provide stipends for graduate students.

SPONSORED RESEARCH (2003-04): \$182,694,659

LIBRARY HOLDINGS: The FSU Libraries include 8 libraries on campus: The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Paul A. M. Dirac Science Library, Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, Warren Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Library and Information Studies Library, College of Law Library, College of Medicine Medical Library, and the College of Engineering Library. Collections contain more than 2.7 million volumes, of which more than 243,000 are available electronically as e-books. The library subscribes to more than 38,000 current serials including academic journals, professional and trade journals, and major newspapers from around the country and the globe in both paper and electronic formats. The Libraries also subscribe to more than 290 databases, many of which are available for searching anytime or anyplace Internet is available.

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FLORIDA STATE PROMINENT ALUMNI

RITA COOLIDGE

Rita Coolidge, a two-time Grammy Award winner, has worked with Joe Cocker on his "Mad Dog and Englishman" tour and also toured and recorded with the likes of Eric Clapton, Jimi Hendrix, Bob Dylan, Leon Russell and Stephen Stills.

LEE CORSO

Lee Corso, a college football analyst for ESPN, joined the network in 1987 after 28 years of football coaching experience at the college and professional levels. He is a game analyst for Thursday night telecasts and is a studio analyst for College GameDay.

PAUL GLEASON

Paul Gleason is a very successful actor who has played a number of memorable roles including that of Clarence Beaks, the maligned courier of crop reports in "Trading Places" and the assistant principal in "The Breakfast Club."

BARBARA HARRIS

Barbara Harris is the Editor-In-Chief of SHAPE Magazine, the largest national monthly health and fitness publication for women in the United States. She lettered in volleyball at FSU from 1974-77.

TRAYLOR HOWARD

Traylor Howard is an actress best known for her role as "Sharon" in the ABC TV Series "Two Guys and a Girl." Her feature film credits include "Me, Myself & Irene," with Jim Carey (2000), "Dirty Work," and "Confessions of a Sexist Pig."

GABRIELLE REECE

Gabrielle Reece began modeling in 1989 and has appeared on numerous magazine covers. She is internationally recognized as a top fashion model and spokesperson for several companies, including Nike. Reece co-wrote a book with Karen Karbo (July 1997) about her life as a pro volleyball player "Big Girl in the Middle."

BURT REYNOLDS

Burt Reynolds, who has as enjoyed enormous success as an actor and director in feature films, television and stage productions, is a Golden Globe winner, Oscar nominee, Emmy Award winner, winner of 12 People's Choice Awards including five for favorite motion picture actor and three for favorite all-round male entertainer.

DR. TONEA STEWART

Dr. Tonea Stewart is a professional actress, tenured Professor and Director of Theatre Arts at Alabama State University. As an actor, she is best known for her recurring role in "In the Heat of the Night" as Aunt Etta Kibbe.

NORM THAGARD

Former NASA Astronaut, Norm Thagard, logged over 140 days in space during five space flights. He was a mission specialist on STS-7 in 1983 on Orbiter Challenger, the flight engineer on STS-51B in 1985, aboard Challenger and STS-30 in 1989, on Orbiter Atlantis, the payload commander on STS-42 in 1992, aboard the Shuttle Discovery and was the cosmonaut researcher on the Russian Mir 18 mission in 1995. He is currently on Faculty at FSU in the College of Engineering.

OTHER DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI:

Paul Azinger, professional golfer

Alan Ball, award-winning writer, received the 1999 Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay for "American Beauty"

John W. Bradley, actor, "The New Adventures of Robin Hood"

Clifton Campbell, playwright

Davis Gaines, performer, "The Phantom of the Opera"

Jane Geddes, professional golfer

Parris Glendonning, former Governor of Maryland

Hubert Green, professional golfer

Tara Dawn Holland Christensen, Miss America 1997

Linda KEEVER, Editor in Chief *Florida Trend Magazine*

Tony LaRussa, Manager, St. Louis Cardinals

John Marks, Tallahassee Mayor

DeLane Matthews, actress

Michael Piontek, actor

Henry Polic, actor

Charles G. Rex, New York Philharmonic

Victor Rivers, actor and spokesperson for The National Network To End Domestic Violence

Stephen J. Rothman, theatre director

Winston Scott, former NASA astronaut

Steven Sears, writer and producer

Randy Ser, theatrical director

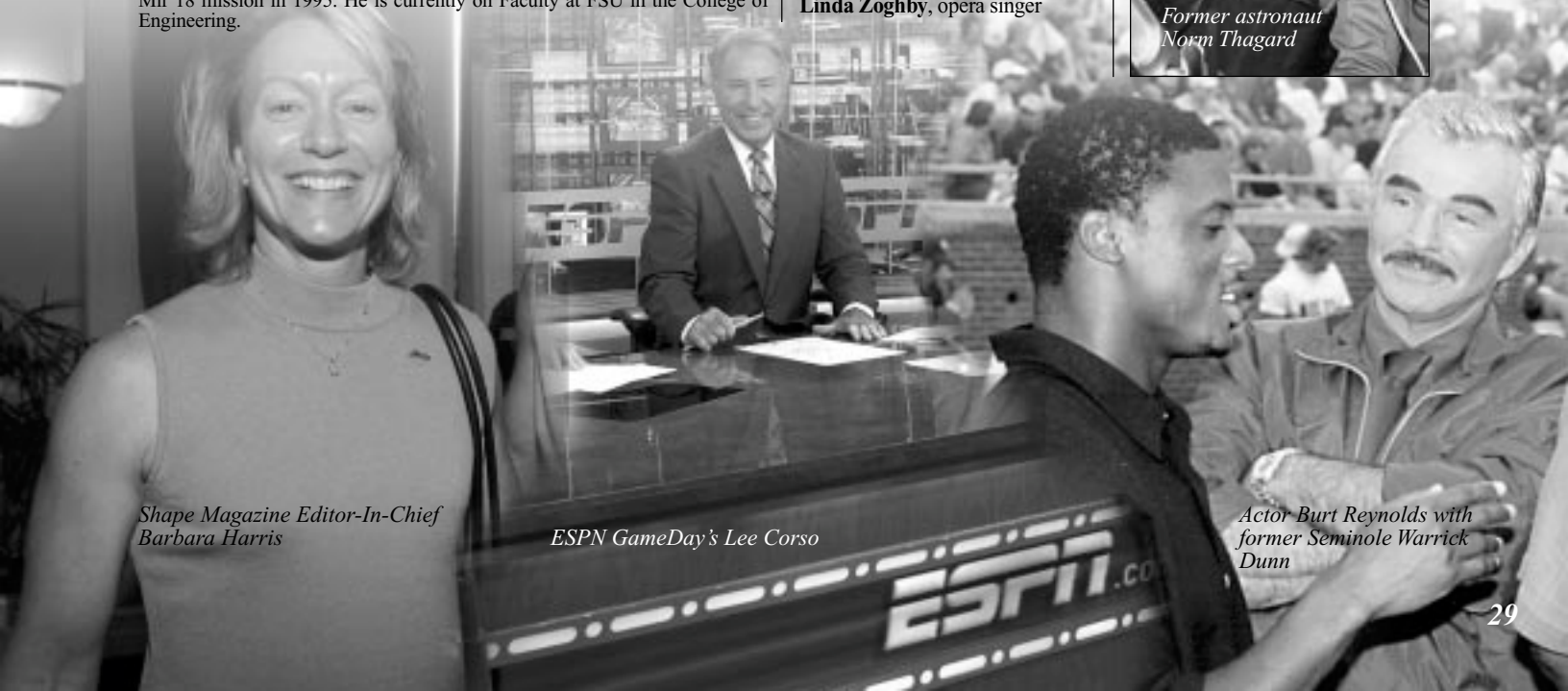
Sonny Shroyer, actor, "The Dukes of Hazard"

Dr. Valint Vazsonyi, international concert pianist

Claudia Waite, award-winning soprano

Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, award-winning composer

Linda Zoghby, opera singer



*Shape Magazine Editor-In-Chief
Barbara Harris*

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*Actor Burt Reynolds with
former Seminole Warrick
Dunn*