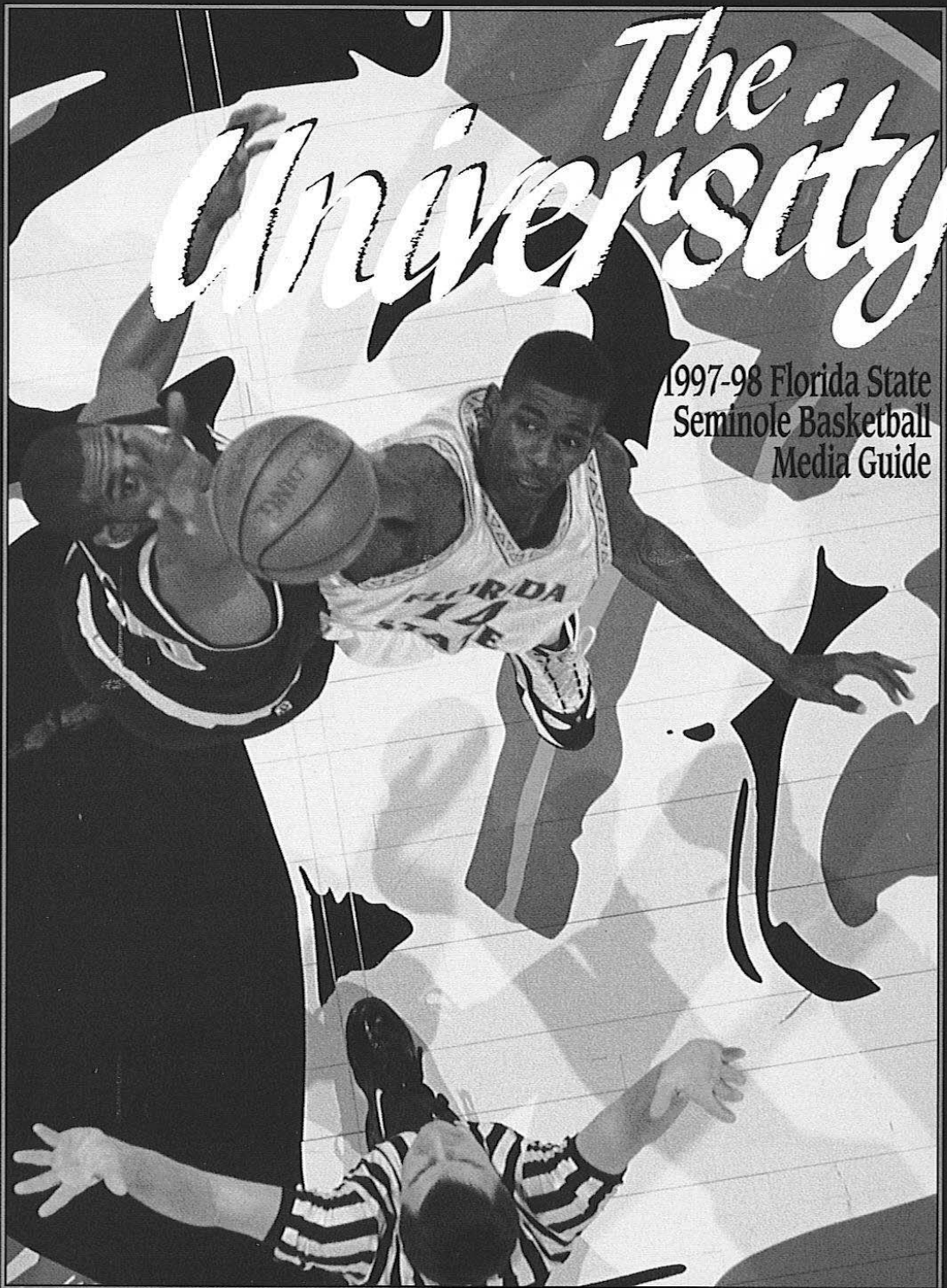


# The University

1997-98 Florida State  
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Media Guide

*Located in the capital city of Florida, Florida State University has established itself as one of the nation's premier institutions over the last 50 years.*

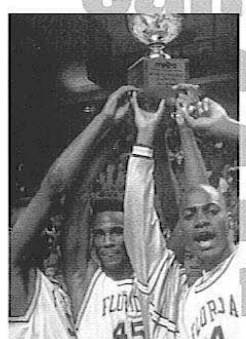


# NCAA Cham pionship Game NCAA Final Four • NCAA Elite Eight Metro Sports Championship NCAA Sweet 16 • NBA First- Round Picks 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 12 All-Amer cans • Metro Conference Champs • Metro Tournament Champs • 30 NBA Draft Picks • AC Leading Scorers 26 All-Confer ence Picks

# 51 Years of Winning

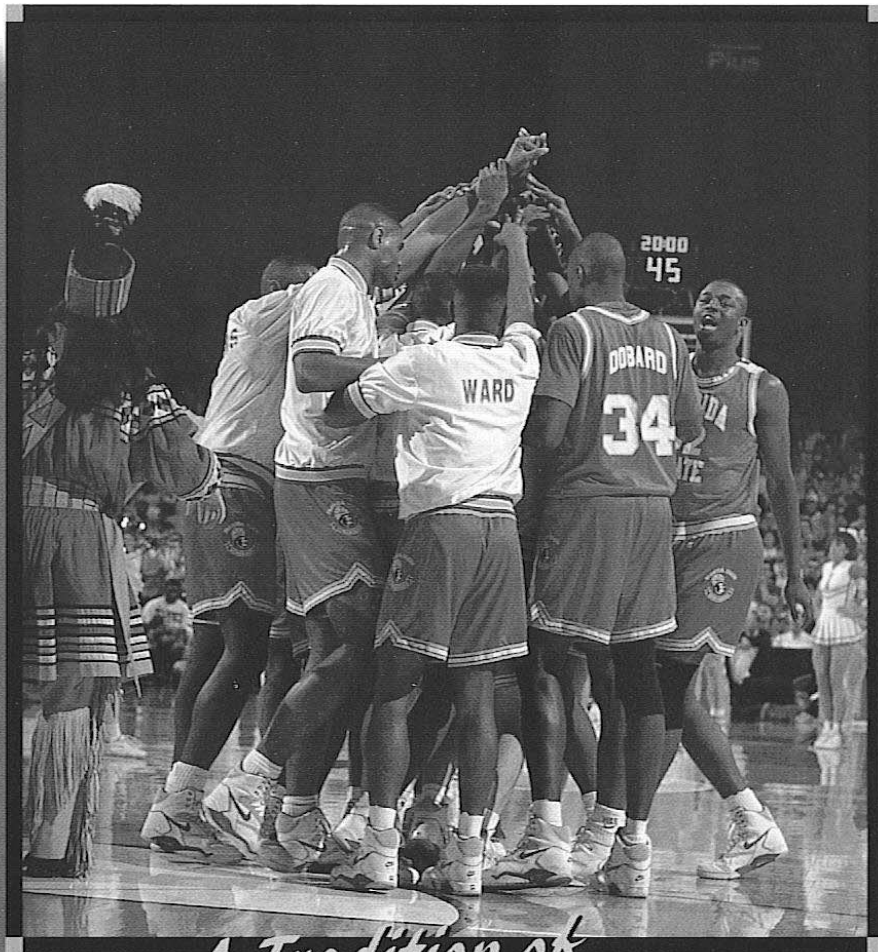


*New head coach Steve Robinson carries on a Florida State tradition of NCAA Tournament coaches.*



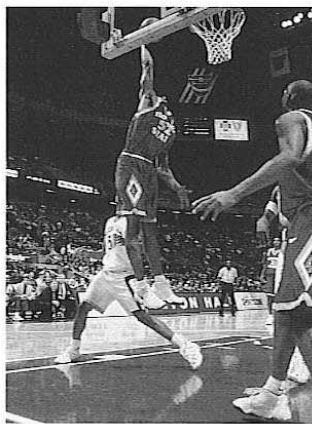
# Tradition

51 Years of Seminole Basketball



*A Tradition of  
Success on the Court*

# Tradition



*The Seminoles finished the 1996-97 season by roaring through the NIT field into the championship game in Madison Square Garden.*



*Florida State's first basketball season was in 1947. It didn't take the Seminoles long to start attracting attention.*

## 1988-1997: A Decade of Exceptional Success

The Seminole basketball history book has been filled with tales of success on and off the court, but the most recent decade has seen even more success. A few highlights:

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| 1997 | National Invitational Tournament Championship Game |
| 1995 | NBA First Round Pick (Bob Sura)                    |
| 1994 | NBA First Round Pick (Charlie Ward)                |
| 1993 | NCAA Elite Eight                                   |
| 1993 | NBA First Round Pick (Doug Edwards)                |
| 1993 | NBA First Round Pick (Sam Cassell)                 |
| 1992 | NCAA Sweet Sixteen                                 |
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hile more and more teams celebrate their 100th year of college basketball in the 1990s, Florida State remains a virtual baby when it comes to years of tradition. But not when it comes to years of excellence.

In just 50 years of basketball, the Seminoles have matched and surpassed many of their older brethren in victories, in 20-win seasons, in NCAA tournament games and wins and in the individual honors and awards picked up by Florida State alumni.

Florida State's most successful season to date remains the 1971-72 season which saw the Seminoles play John Wooden's UCLA squad for the national championship. FSU breezed through the 1971-72 regular season with remarkable ease losing just five times before beginning the historic trip to the Final Four. The Seminoles would leave Eastern Kentucky, Minnesota, Kentucky and North Carolina in their wake on the way to the national championship showdown. After going into the half with the lead, UCLA and all-everything center Bill Walton managed to top the Tribe leaving FSU fans to celebrate a second place finish.

However, recent history is the most impressive for Florida State. The Seminoles have made themselves regular visitors to the NCAA Tournament with five trips in the last 10 years. In 1993, Florida State had its second most successful season ever with a trip to the Elite Eight, just one win shy of a return to the Final Four.

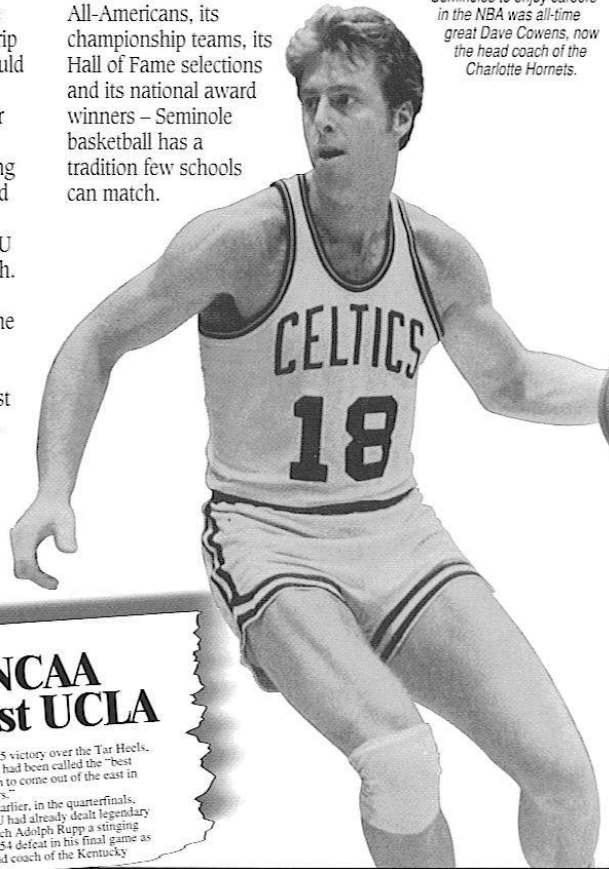
Individual Seminoles are also receiving a growing number of trophies. Senior Corey Louis is one of 25 preseason candidates for the Wooden Award while Kerry Thompson and Randell Jackson are listed among everyone's players to watch this season. Meanwhile, All-American and FSU's all-time leading scorer Bob Sura (1995) became the fourth Seminole chosen in the first round of the NBA Draft over the last five years, joining former teammates Charlie Ward (New York Knicks), Doug Edwards (Atlanta Hawks) and two-time NBA champion Sam Cassell (Houston Rockets).

Yes, Florida State University may have one of the shorter traditions in college basketball when it comes to years. But when it comes to quality, success and excellence – its All-Americans, its championship teams, its Hall of Fame selections and its national award winners – Seminole basketball has a tradition few schools can match.



Four Seminoles have been first-round NBA draft picks in the last five years alone, most recently Bob Sura.

Among the many Seminoles to enjoy careers in the NBA was all-time great Dave Cowens, now the head coach of the Charlotte Hornets.



off the  
Game

### Defeat North Carolina to make Final Round: Seminoles Head for NCAA Championship Against UCLA

LOS ANGELES – After storming through the first four rounds of the NCAA tournament, the Florida State Seminoles tonight face their toughest challenge yet, going up against the UCLA Bruins for the collegiate national championship. The Bruins have won the last

five national titles and seven of the last eight, but John Wooden and his UCLA squad aren't taking the Seminoles lightly. And for good reason.

Florida State shocked North Carolina in the semifinals, cruising to a 23-point lead enroute to a

79-75 victory over the Tar Heels, who had been called the "best team to come out of the east in years."

Earlier, in the quarterfinals, FSU had already dealt legendary coach Adolph Rupp a stinging 73-54 defeat in his final game as head coach of the Kentucky

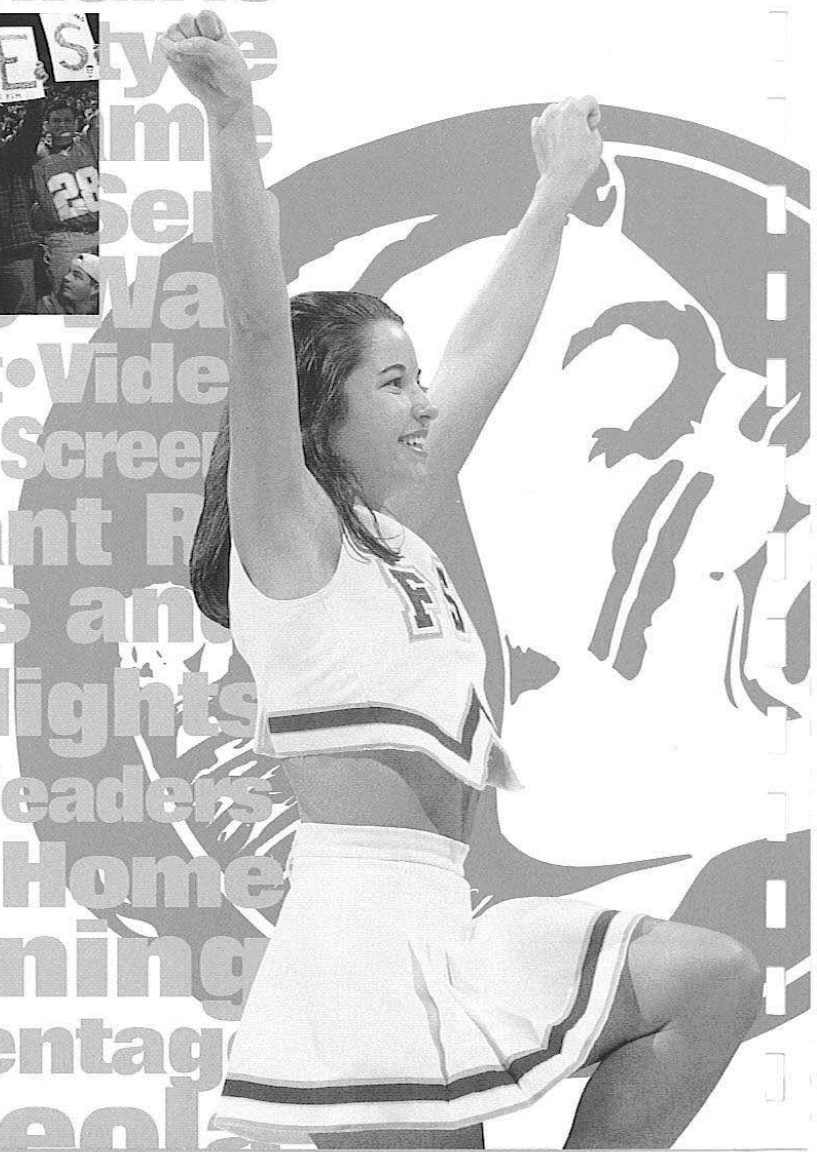
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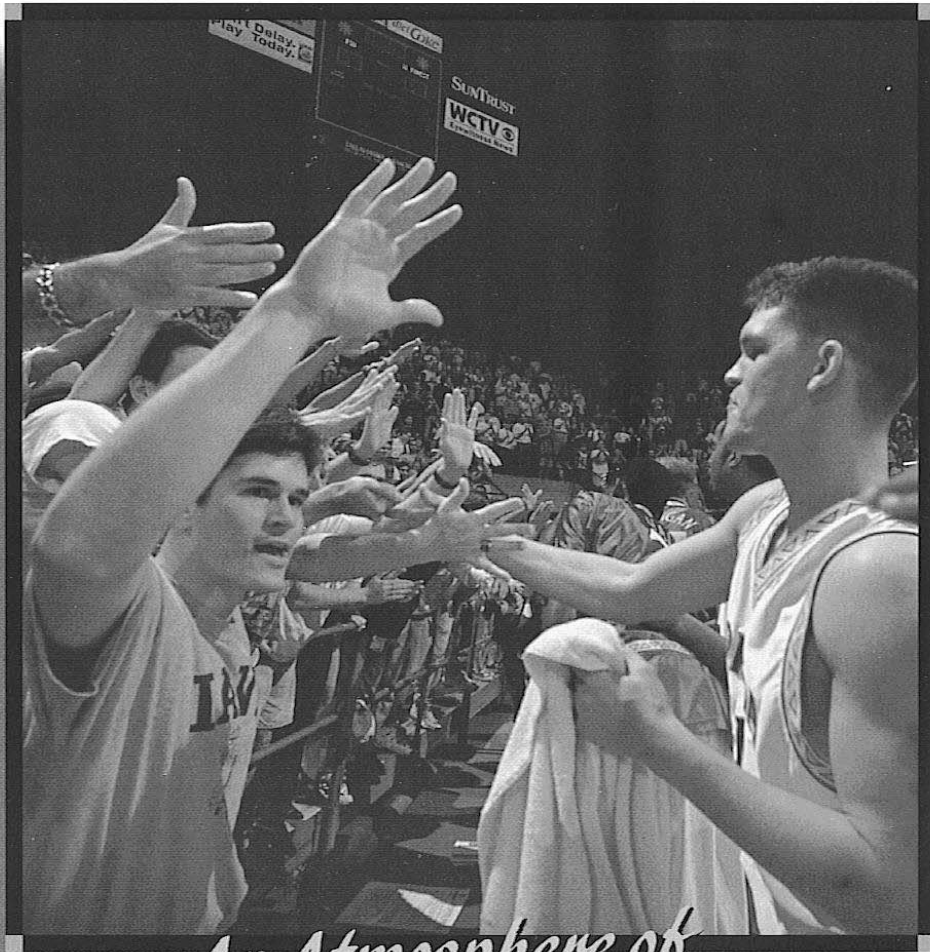


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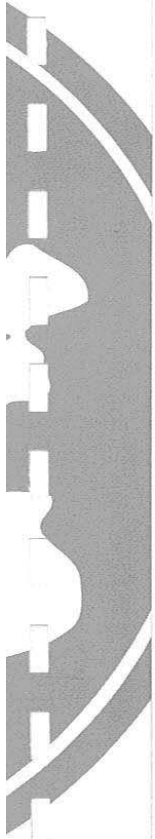


The Excitement of FSU Basketball

# Fans!



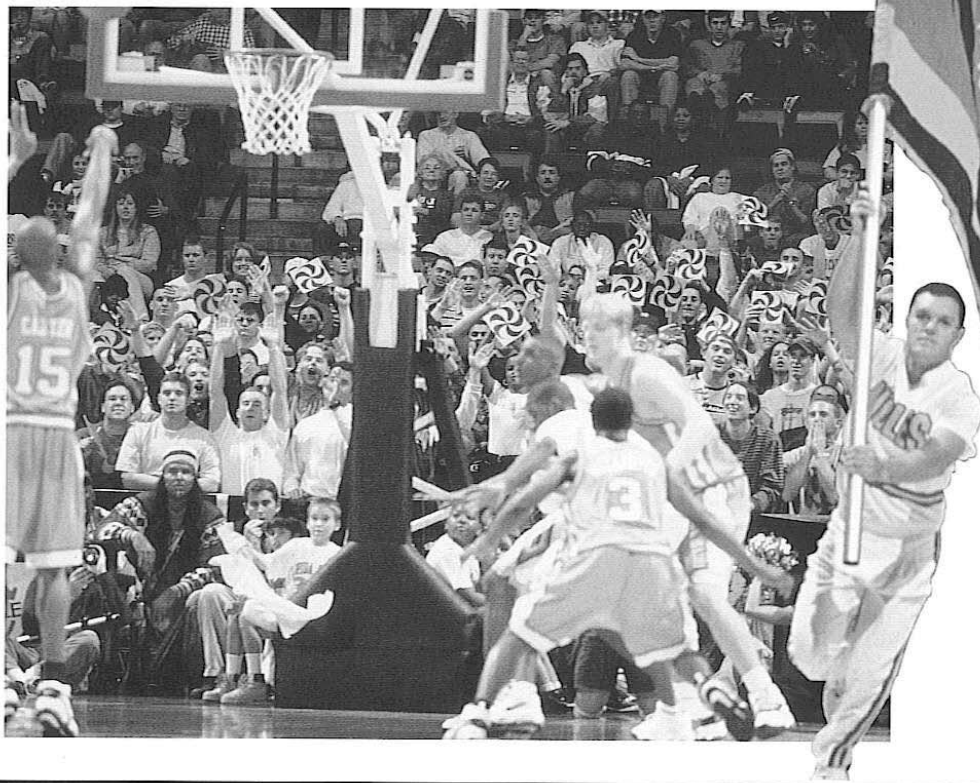
*An Atmosphere of  
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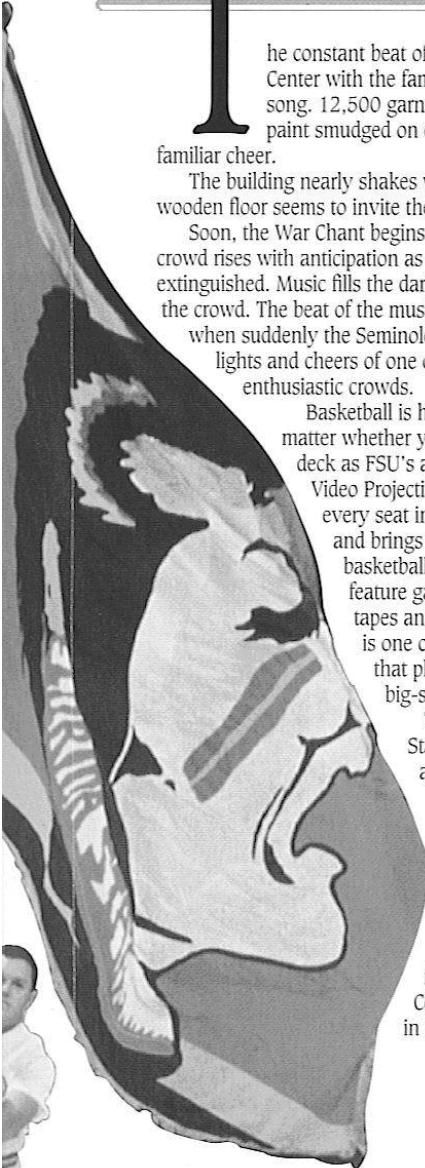
# Fans:

Once the ball is tipped off, FSU fans take over to make the Civic Center one of the toughest home courts in the country.

The dazzling pregame show and the huge video screens bring an NBA flair to one of college basketball's most exciting arenas.







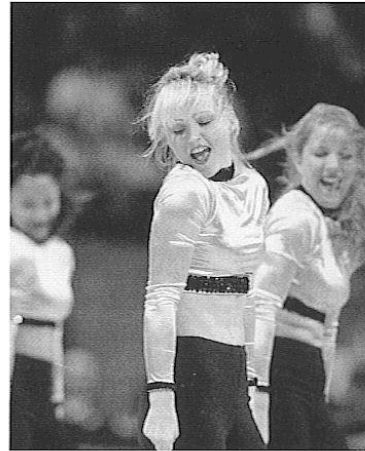
**T**he constant beat of the flashy pep band fills the Civic Center with the familiar sound of the Florida State fight song. 12,500 garnet and gold clad fans, some with war paint smudged on excited faces, slash the air with the familiar cheer.

The building nearly shakes with excitement as the glistening wooden floor seems to invite the Seminoles from the tunnel. Soon, the War Chant begins to reach a deafening crescendo. The crowd rises with anticipation as every light in the house is extinguished. Music fills the dark arena as spotlights dance around the crowd. The beat of the music moves the fans to a fever pitch when suddenly the Seminoles pour from the dark tunnel into the lights and cheers of one of college basketball's most enthusiastic crowds.

Basketball is hot at Florida State. And it doesn't matter whether your seat is courtside or in the upper deck as FSU's arena is equipped with Daktronics Video Projection Screens. The huge screens make every seat in the house as close as the press table and brings an NBA flair to one of college basketball's most exciting arenas. The screens feature game action, live animation, highlight tapes and replays of great FSU moments. FSU is one of only three schools in the country that play their home games in arenas with big-screen capability.

The Seminole Warrior leads Florida State onto the floor amid a dazzling array of floodlights, while the award-winning Florida State cheerleaders raise garnet and gold colored pom-poms. The Golden Girls, one of the nation's most heralded dance teams, get the crowd fired up while dancing to the pre-game music.

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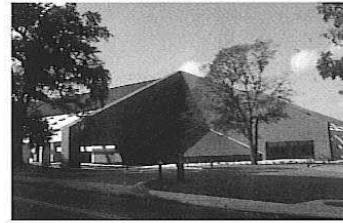


*The FSU Golden Girls are one of the best-known collegiate dance teams and regularly place among the top squads at national competitions.*



*Very few programs in college basketball can rival Florida State when it comes to the atmosphere created at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center for each and every home game.*

**18,000  
Square Feet  
22 Acres**



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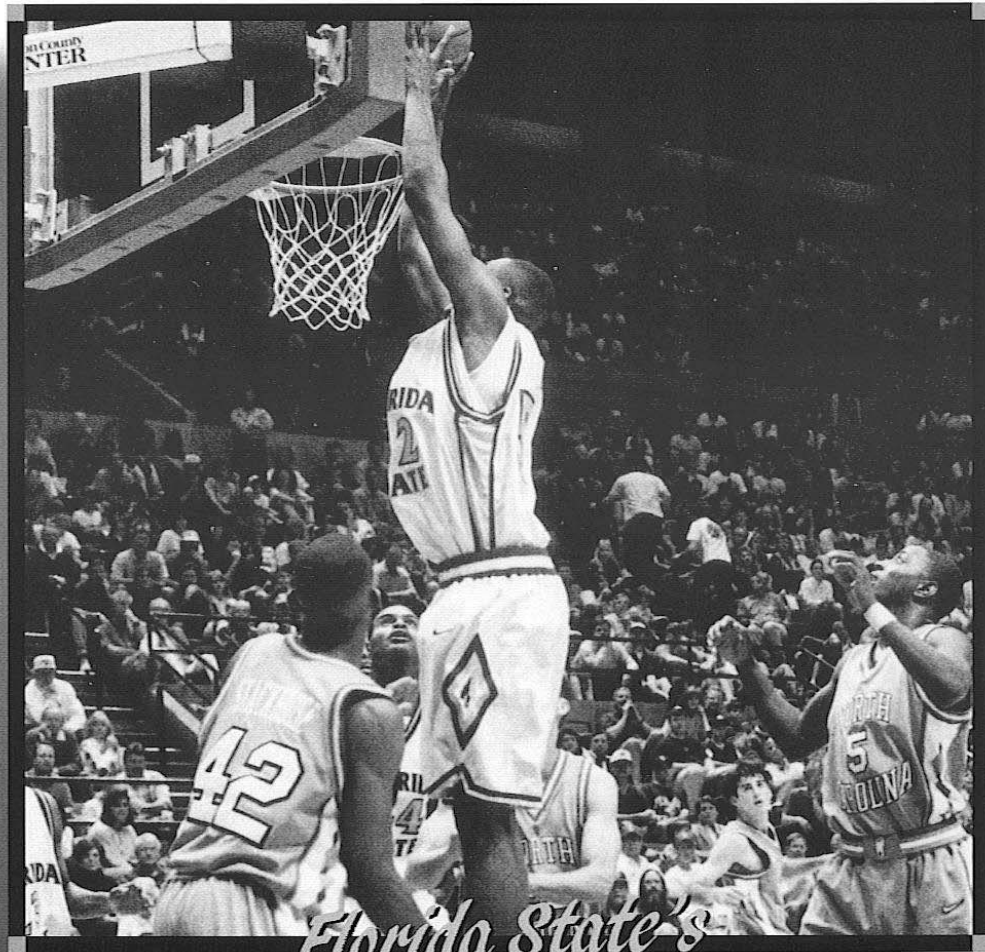
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# Arena

The Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center

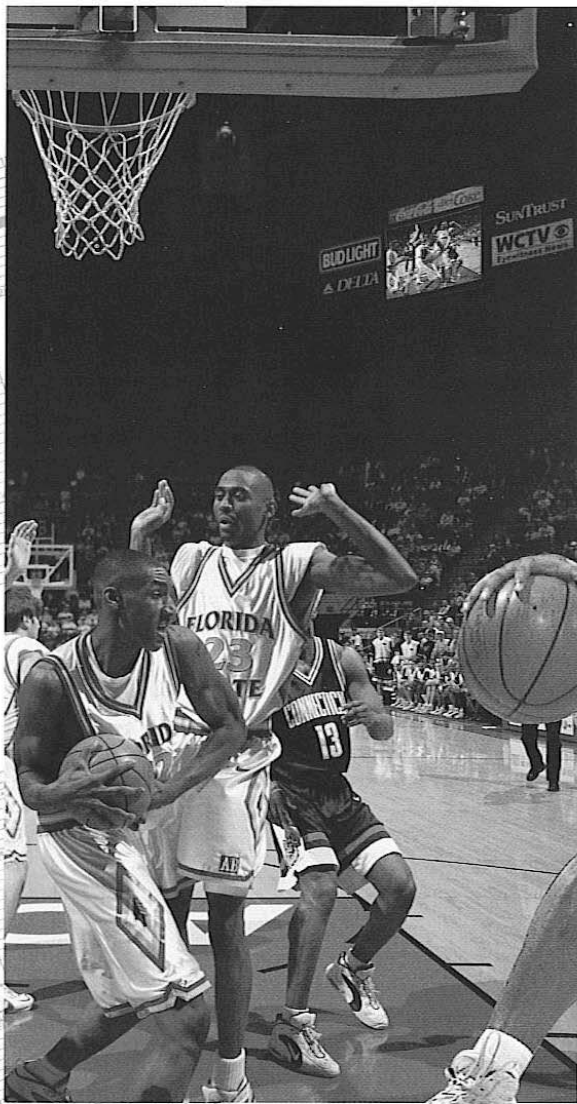


*Florida State's  
Basketball Home*



# Arena:

The Daktronics video systems place Florida State among only three teams in the country that play their home games in a facility with big screen replay capability.



*The combination of modern facilities and NBA-style touches such as the video screens and pre-game show make the Seminoles' arena one great place to watch — or play — basketball.*



**A** Florida State basketball game is as exciting as it gets. FSU fans are spoiled by more than just a great basketball team playing in the nation's finest conference; they also get to watch the game in surroundings that are as modern as any in the country.

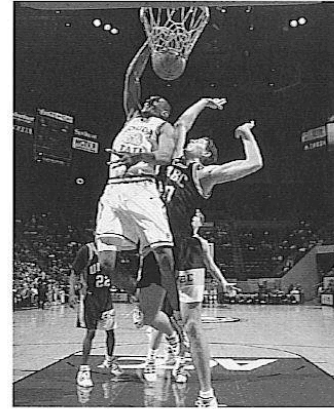
The Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center is the home for Seminole basketball, and the multi-purpose facility comes alive on game day.

12,500 seats are available for fans of FSU basketball who are treated to one of the most spectacular shows in college hoops. Two big screen video systems are mounted in the corners of the arena opposite the state-of-the-art scoreboards, where fans can enjoy game action during play and catch the replays during timeouts. Also, when there is a break in the action, the big screens come alive with highlight tapes, animated games and other

crowd-pleasing bits. The screens place Florida State among only three teams in the country that play their home games in a facility with big screen capability.

The multi-purpose facility, which opened its doors in 1981, covers over 22 acres in the heart of Tallahassee's thriving downtown district. The Civic Center is only two blocks from the Capitol building and is just across the street from FSU's Center for Professional Development and nationally-acclaimed Law School.

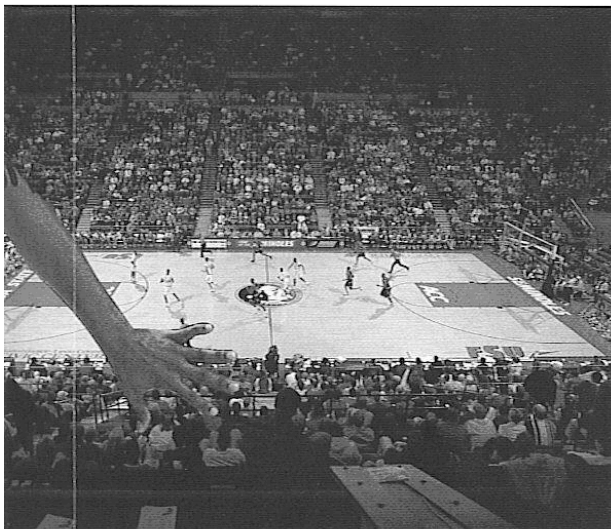
The complex covers over 18,000 square feet with 119-foot ceilings in the main arena. The Civic Center is actually three different areas combined under one roof. The main arena, where FSU hosts its home games, is also home to some of the nation's top musical concerts as well as Broadway plays and even a circus. The Exhibition Hall, which joins the main arena via a spatial hallway, can seat 5,000 for an event or serve as an



*From the time the fans settle into their seats in the Civic Center until the final buzzer, the action never stops.*

indoor display area. The complex also features a terrace which is popular for outdoor hosting.

So impressive is the facility and the general atmosphere of an FSU basketball game that the Civic Center and Florida State University hosted the first two rounds of the 1995 NCAA Basketball Tournament.

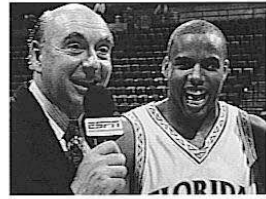


*...and not a bad seat in the house. The Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center is one of Florida's largest indoor arenas. In addition to serving as the basketball home of the Seminoles, the Civic Center hosts numerous concerts each year by top entertainment acts of all types, from rock to hip-hop to country.*

### Civic Center Top Crowds

Attendance	Date	Opponent
1. 13,610	Jan. 30, 1992	Duke
2. 13,446	Feb. 27, 1992	North Carolina
3. 13,339	Feb. 16, 1989	Louisville
4. 13,333	Jan. 24, 1993	Duke
5. 13,303	Nov. 28, 1986	Florida
6. 13,251	Feb. 27, 1993	North Carolina
7. 13,116	Nov. 30, 1990	Florida
8. 12,898	Jan. 9, 1988	Louisville
9. 12,893	Dec. 3, 1988	Florida
10. 12,879	Jan. 7, 1987	Louisville
11. 12,607	Jan. 15, 1989	Tennessee
12. 12,117	Jan. 21, 1995	Duke
13. 12,103	Feb. 15, 1992	Georgia Tech
14. 11,497	Feb. 15, 1997	Duke
15. 11,341	Feb. 10, 1993	Wake Forest
16. 11,277	Feb. 20, 1993	Clemson
17. 11,121	Dec. 6, 1986	Alabama
18. 11,093	Jan. 14, 1990	Louisville
19. 10,910	Jan. 16, 1993	North Carolina State
20. 10,872	Jan. 26, 1994	North Carolina

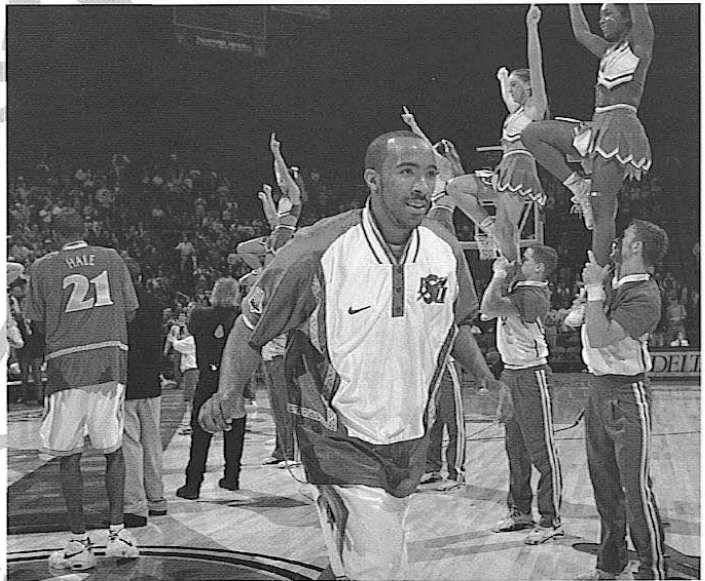
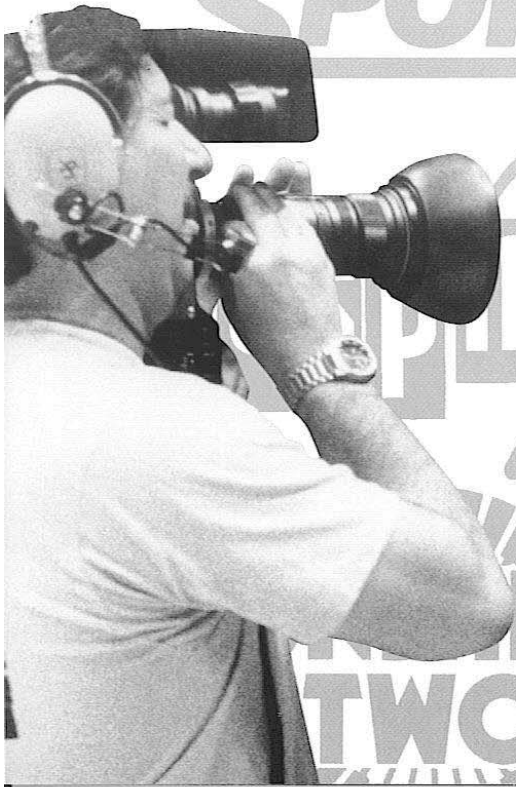
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National Media Focus on Florida State



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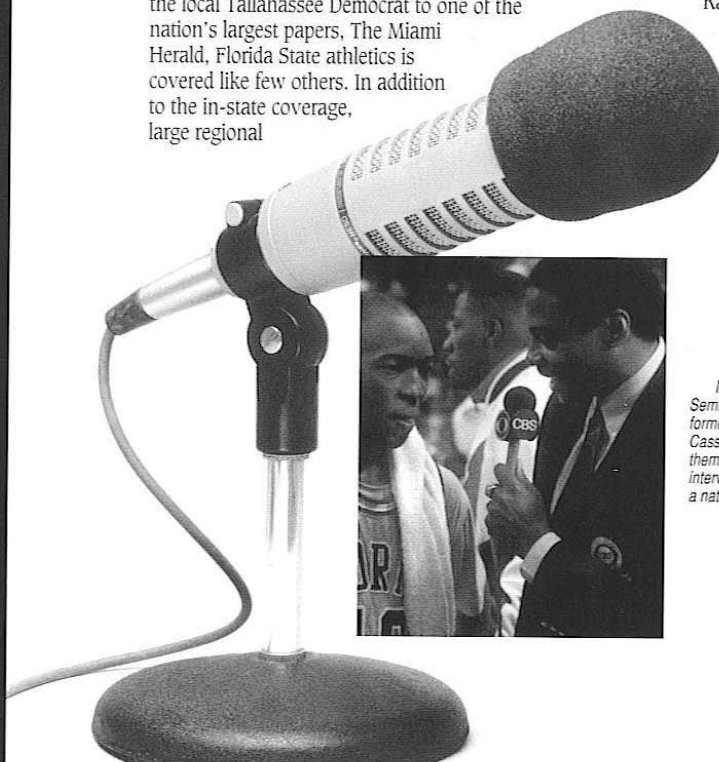
# Attention:

**A** long with aligning itself with some of the nation's finest academic institutions, Florida State's entrance into the Atlantic Coast Conference has meant unprecedented media exposure for the basketball program.

Already one of the nation's most popular athletic programs, the Seminoles find themselves one of college basketball's most publicized teams. Within the state of Florida alone, FSU enjoys one of the country's largest media contingents. Writers from over 15 daily newspapers regularly cover Tribe home games. From the local Tallahassee Democrat to one of the nation's largest papers, The Miami Herald, Florida State athletics is covered like few others. In addition to the in-state coverage, large regional

media outlets make regular stops in Tallahassee. The Atlanta Constitution and Charlotte Observer join most of the South's major papers in covering the Seminoles. They combine with USA Today and The Sporting News to keep the entire country informed on FSU sports.

Television coverage is also unprecedented in Tallahassee as the Seminoles will have as many as 24 games broadcast this season. FSU opens the 1997-98 campaign with six national TV dates already announced. In addition to the interest from the national networks, Florida State fans will see an additional seven games on the extensive Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot Television Network. The host of ACC basketball since 1982, the Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot network is the nation's top independent sports programmer. The state's largest sports cable network, Sunshine will once again carry select Seminole games. As part of Prime Network, Sunshine will bring Florida State basketball into tens-of-millions of homes throughout the country.



*NBA-bound Seminoles such as former FSU great Sam Cassell frequently find themselves being interviewed in front of a national audience.*



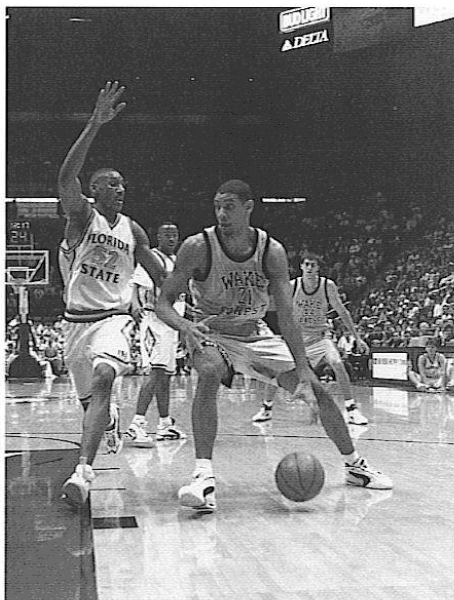
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*It's almost unfair for Florida State... They've got all that and they live in Florida, too!*  
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— CBS Sportscaster  
 Sean McDonough

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### 1997-98 Television Schedule

Date	Opponent	Network	Time
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
14	at Rice	Sunshine	
19-28	Preseason NIT	ESPN	9:30 pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
14	"Milk Challenge" vs. Florida	Sunshine	4:00 pm
17	UNC Asheville	Sunshine	7:00 pm
20	North Carolina	CBS	4:00 pm
23	at Arizona	ESPN 2	7:00 pm
29	at Southwestern Louisiana	Sunshine/Fox Sports South	9:00 pm
<b>JANUARY</b>			
3	at NC State	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	1:30 pm
7	at Maryland	ESPN	7:00 pm
10	Duke	ESPN	7:30 pm
13	at Clemson	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	8:00 pm
18	at Georgia Tech	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	4:00 pm
24	at North Carolina	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	8:00 pm
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
7	Maryland	Sunshine/HTS/SportSouth	12:00 pm
10	at Duke	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	9:00 pm
15	Clemson	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	4:00 pm
21	at Wake Forest	Sunshine/HTS/SportSouth	12:00 pm
28	Virginia	Raycom/Jefferson Pilot	4:00 pm
<b>MARCH</b>			
5-8	ACC Tournament	ESPN	TBA



The Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament is the nation's premier college basketball conference showdown, with national television coverage of every game.



# Florida State University is Up Among The World's Best

**F**lorida State University, celebrating its golden anniversary as a coeducational graduate research institution in 1997, has joined the nation's elite in both academics and athletics. Located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and building rapidly on the framework of a highly regarded liberal arts college for women, the University has emerged over the past 50 years as an institution of national and international esteem. Its stature is evidenced by a number of additions to its record of excellence in the 1990s:

- In 1994, Florida State was classified a "Research University I" by the Carnegie Foundation, placing it among the nation's top research universities.

- In 1994, the college referral service, "Who's Who Among American High School

Students," placed FSU among its top 10 - with such universities as Harvard, Duke, Stanford, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Michigan-Ann Arbor and Yale - of most frequent choices of more than 100,000 of the nation's best and brightest high school students who asked that a specific college be notified of their recognition in "Who's Who."

- Vice President of the United States Al Gore spoke at the dedication of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State in 1994. The National Science Foundation established the \$100 million magnet lab in 1990 at FSU, which is partnered in research with the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University of Florida. A Nobel laureate in physics and a top Russian physicist were among the first scholars drawn to the faculty. The world's largest magnet - two stories high and capable of generating 45 tesla or 1 million times the Earth's magnetic field - was installed in 1995 at the NHMFL,

located in the off-campus research complex, Innovation Park. In 1996, the NSF renewed and increased by 50 percent the NHMFL's funding for another five years.

- FSU created the first multipurpose student identification/banking card. The Card Application Technology Center is a national leader in "smart card" systems.

- At the forefront of supercomputing since obtaining its first high-speed computer in 1985, FSU took yet another step in ultrafast and parallel computing in 1990 when it acquired two supercomputers, the Thinking Machine Corp. Connection Machine and the Cray Y-MP.

- In fall 1994, the first tenants moved into the east side of the \$100 million University Center, a classroom-and-office facility at Doak Campbell Stadium; the stadium's south end zone also was enclosed and the adjacent Moore Athletic Center expanded. With the completion of the west side in 1996, University





**The oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida.** Florida State became a coeducational university in 1947. In the intervening years, the university has risen to a level of excellence that places it among the finest research and teaching universities of the world.

Center now provides 550,000 square feet of much needed academic space and a centralized location for student services.

- One of the first academic areas to make its home in University Center, in state-of-the-art film production facilities, was the FSU School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts. Offering training for one of Florida's fastest growing industries, FSU conferred its first master's degrees in film in 1991 and its first bachelor's in film in 1993. The film school's students have already produced national and international award-winning films.

- The Center for Civic Education and Service was established in 1994, aimed at promoting community involvement and civic responsibility as integral elements of the liberal arts education at FSU. The center supports such service-learning programs as Project Amistades, which provides educational services to migrant farmworkers. Through ServScript, students' service may be recorded on their official academic transcript.

- In 1990, Florida State ranked second in popularity nationwide among high school seniors, based on the number of students who request that their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores be sent to an institution. FSU was the only institution listed among the top 10 choices of both black and white college-bound students.

- FSU's high-tech program in structural biology in 1991 received the University's largest single foundation grant, \$4 million.

- Capping more than a decade of national prominence in intercollegiate athletics, Florida State's athletic teams, nicknamed "Seminoles," joined the Atlantic Coast Conference as its ninth member in 1990. The FSU football team won the 1993 National Championship and its quarterback, Charlie Ward, won the University's first Heisman Trophy.

- To better understand the world's cultural diversity, FSU undergraduate students are required to complete at least two courses that focus on diverse traditions beyond Western civilization. The multicultural study requirement, in effect since 1991, complements a long-established liberal studies program.



- The Dr. Bobby E. Leach Center, a state-of-the-art student recreation facility, with a pool, saunas, basketball and racquet-sport courts, was completed in 1991.

- The Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala, its vast art collection and an eminent scholar chair were donated to FSU and Central Florida Community College in 1990.

- FSU ranked 20th in the nation for 1990-91 in the number of black Ph.D. students it graduates. Over the five years, 1986 to 1990, FSU ranked eighth nationally by granting doctorates to 70 African-Americans.

- FSU acquired the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota, home to the graduate theater program, the FSU/Asolo Conservatory of Professional Actor Training.

As this list of highlights attests, Florida State is excelling in the 1990s with exceptional strength, energy and vision for the future. Under the leadership of the University's 12th president, Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, who took office in January 1994, FSU will continue to build on the foundation of its history of excellence in scholarship, research and service.

A senior member of the 10-member State University System, FSU was founded as an institution of higher learning in 1851 by legislative act and began in Tallahassee with its first students in 1857.

Today, FSU's operating budget is \$474.3 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$102 million annually in external funding to supplement state-sponsored research. Three direct-support organizations serve to bolster the University: FSU Foundation, which raises millions in private gifts to support academics, Seminole Boosters and FSU Alumni Association.

The main campus is spread over 451.6 acres in Tallahassee; FSU, which has one of the smallest campuses in the SUS, has been actively acquiring land in the 1990s after years of being landlocked at 347 acres. FSU owns 1,281 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin and Sarasota counties.

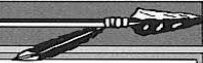
Within the state, the University maintains facilities at its 25-acre campus in Panama City, its Marine Laboratory on the Gulf of Mexico, the Appleton Museum in Ocala and the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota. The Center for Professional Development and Public Service, housed in the Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center on the edge of the campus, provides extensive credit and non-credit continuing education programs statewide.

For years FSU has reached far beyond Florida through international programs in

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**Though only 30 years old**, the FSU Law School has already built a reputation as one of the nation's finest.



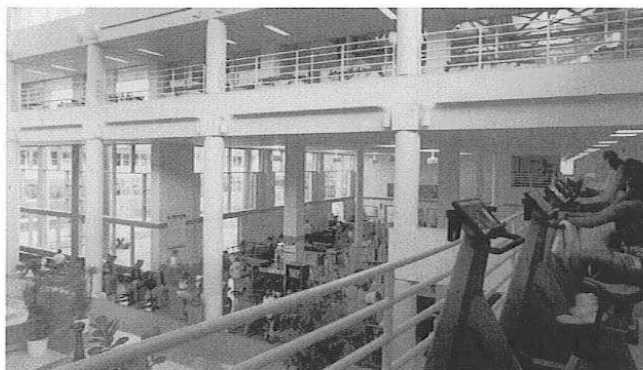


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**The 451-acre main campus** is a mixture of classic and modern architecture, and is often used as a set for films and commercials needing a classic "Halls of Ivy" backdrop.

Switzerland, France, Panama, Costa Rica and the Caribbean. FSU's study centers in Florence, Italy, and London, England, are considered by many to be the nation's best in Europe. Florida State offers 286 graduate and undergraduate degree programs through its eight colleges - Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Education; Engineering (operated jointly with Florida A&M University, a historically black institution); Human Sciences; Law; and Social Sciences (which also incorporates the Reubin Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) - and eight schools - Criminology and Criminal Justice; Information Studies; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Work; Theatre; and Visual Arts and Dance.

With 1,655 members, the FSU faculty has included nine National Academy of Sciences elected members, nine American Academy of Arts and Sciences fellows and five Nobel laureates. It is backed by 2,887 admin-



istrative/professional and support staff.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.1 million book titles, 16,384 serials and 4.5 million microforms. The main library facility, the Robert M. Strozier Library, is linked by computer to other state university and national research libraries. The Paul A.M. Dirac Science Center Library is located at the heart of the University's science

research complex. FSU also maintains extensive music, library science and law libraries.

On the top floor of the Dirac Library is the headquarters of the Supercomputer Computations Research Institute, a multidisciplinary, multinational program established in 1984 that brings together some 50 scientists, engineers and technicians. Also providing research opportunities is the tandem Van de Graaff Superconducting Accelerator Laboratory, which houses two powerful atom smashers and has been ranked among the top four nuclear research centers in the nation by the National Science Foundation.

Graduate students, who number more than 5,929, pursue advanced degrees in fields as diverse as business administration and theoretical particle physics. A majority of research done at FSU is the direct result of student

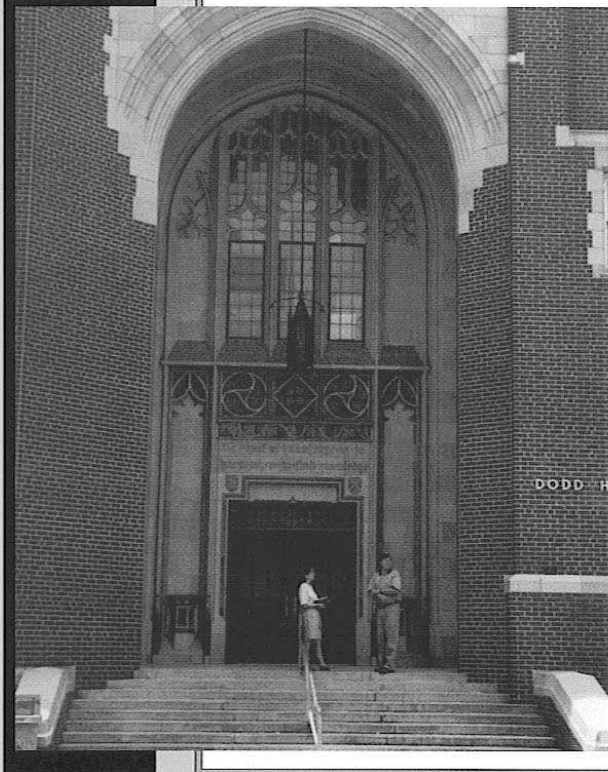
effort, culminating in numerous books, monographs and journal articles relating to the whole spectrum of intellectual interests and the practical needs of society.

FSU, a residential campus, places a high priority on its 30,264 students and their needs and interests (of the student population: 45 percent are male; 55 percent are female; 20.1 percent are minorities; and 2.5 percent are foreign students). The University Honors Program, Disabled Student Services, International Student Center, Student Government, Flying High Circus and intramural sports are among more than 200 organizations and activities in which students may participate.

Situated in the heart of the state's thriving capital city, Florida State's main campus blends Gothic and modern styles of architecture with the oaks, pines, dogwoods, palms and azaleas of North Florida.

Florida State continues to progress and grow - from its pre-Civil War foundation as the Seminary West of the Suwannee, through the early 20th century as the academically respected Florida State College for Women, returning to coeducational status as a university in 1947, to its modern development as an acclaimed research institution, a top-ranked competitor in intercollegiate athletics and as a standard-setter in the basic sciences and the performing arts.

In all areas of its mission - excellence in teaching, research and public service - Florida State University is advancing boldly toward the 21st century.



**The athletic academic programs are housed on the 6th floor of the state-of-the-art University Center.**

*Facilities include private study carrels, a tutorial study area and a computer lab outfitted with new IBM computers and laser printers.*





# Academic Support Systems

Every FSU student athlete benefits from a comprehensive program working to assure that they are as prepared for success in life as they are for success on the court.

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he Primary focus of the Athletic Academic Unit is to provide an environment which facilitates the academic success of the student-athlete. Student success is encouraged through competent academic counseling, study skills development, and additional academic assistance through the tutorial program.

## **An Overview of an Academic Support Program on the Rise**

Academic, personal and professional support are essential to college success. At Florida State University, we have developed an outstanding support program which enables student-athletes to reach their full potential.

Our philosophy is "to offer an academic support program integrated with the total uni-

versity that will assist all student-athletes with the transition into college and provide continued support in all phases of academic and professional development culminating with graduation, job placement or graduate school."

To accomplish this goal we have developed an academic environment which facilitates the academic success of student-athletes. Student success is encouraged through competent academic counseling, career exploration, planning and placement and academic assistance through tutorial programs.

Our program operates on a "proactive" rather than "reactive" approach. At Florida State, our academic staff does not wait for academic crises to occur. We gather important background information and build an academic profile on all student-athletes to assess their needs in advance. We also stay informed on the daily progress of each student-athlete

through constant communication with our faculty.

Our academic support staff includes a director, four counselors, and three graduate interns forming a group of professionals serving the needs of all our student-athletes. The director, Mark Meleney, brings 11 years of advising experience at FSU to the position. Over the past four years, Meleney has played an integral role in the development of a comprehensive program of student-athlete support, which in 1996 won an "Award of Excellence" from Athletic Management Magazine.

In 1994, the academic programs moved to the state-of-the-art University Center and are located on the 6th floor of the \$126 million facility. It includes private study carrels, a tutorial study area and a computer lab outfitted with 16 new IBM computers and laser printers. In addition, athletic sky boxes are utilized for group and individualized tutorial instruction.



**Academic Support**

**Tutorial Program**

The Athletic Department at Florida State University has made a commitment to providing our student-athletes with one of the finest and most comprehensive tutorial programs in the nation. The tutorial program is just one of several key support programs that are available to all student-athletes as they progress towards their ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree.

The academic support program has a cadre of about 80 to 90 tutors each semester who are committed to providing a proactive and individualized approach to insure academic success. The tutors are usually seniors or graduate level students who have outstanding academic backgrounds. Through an orientation session provided each semester by the Tutorial Coordinator, they acquaint themselves with the purposes, objectives and responsibilities involved with tutoring student-athletes.

Tutorial assistance is available for all academic coursework that is offered by the University and it is the responsibility of the Tutorial Coordinator to arrange all tutorial sessions for student-athletes within the first two weeks of the semester. Student-athletes may request a tutor, or one may be assigned to them, depending upon the circumstances.

**Mentor Program**

Academic Mentors are academic role models who have demonstrated the ability to teach and give guidance in areas of academic developmental skills.

Each semester mentors begin the process by sitting down with their assigned student-athletes and assist them in identifying their academic responsibilities. A calendar is developed which becomes a visual blueprint of each course's academic requirements. This tool introduces the student-athlete to the concept of time management. Students learn to plan projects days and weeks in advance. Such planning aids them in developing strong study habits.

Mentors are also responsible for providing assistance in the development of skills such as note taking, test



preparation, and communication with faculty. In essence, mentors become an extension of the academic counselor as they keep the academic performance of their student-athletes under close observation and report to the academic counselor each week.

Mentors typically spend two or three hours per week during the first few weeks of the semester helping the student-athletes get organized and about one or two hours a week with their assigned student-athlete thereafter keeping up with their progress.

**Study Hall**

In an effort to help ensure the academic success of the student-athletes, professionally supervised study sessions for each athletic team are required. The main focus of the study hall program is to help students develop consistent and appropriate study patterns by providing a structured setting to work on class assignments, and to provide tutorial assistance before academic problems arise.

Although the criteria for mandatory study hall is left to the discretion of the

academic counselor for their respective sport, typically, all freshmen, first year transfers, and upperclassmen who have not achieved a satisfactory cumulative grade point average are required to attend study hall. Additionally, each coach is regularly notified of any absences, tardiness, or inappropriate use of time of student-athletes who are attending study hall.

**Academic Honors & Awards**

Florida State University student-athletes have achieved great success in obtaining recognition for academic excellence. More than \$90,000 in postgraduate award monies have been granted to FSU's student-athletes over the past three years, as well as a number of other academic honors and awards.

Florida State had 132 student-athletes on the 1996 Atlantic Coast Conference

Honor Roll and boasted an ACC Weaver James Postgraduate Award winner, numerous GTE District Academic All-Americans and four All-ACT Academic Team football players.

The Academic Support Program is committed to recognizing academic

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**The Florida State Athletic Academic Support Staff** serves the needs of FSU's student athletes by providing an environment that facilitates success.





**Florida State Student Athletes** enjoy state-of-the-art facilities away from the classroom as well.



success of all student-athletes. The Academic Support Program puts on The Golden Torch Gala, an academic awards banquet each fall to recognize the ACT Honor Roll athletes, and the members of each of our 17 teams with the highest GPA's for the previous academic year. Team meetings are held each year, during which time student-athletes are notified of potential honors and awards and encouraged by their academic counselor to apply.

Combining a strong GPA with athletic accomplishments and community service activities create a student-athlete capable of attaining unlimited academic honors, awards and postgraduate opportunities.

### **Student Development/ Life Skills**

#### **The N.O.L.E.S Program**

#### **New Opportunities for Leadership, Education and Service**

Developed by the Florida State University Department of Athletics, the NOLES program represents a commitment to the total growth and development of the student-athlete. This program establishes an administrative commitment to academic and athletic excellence. Those efforts will be supported with programs and services in personal development, career development and community service.

#### **Personal Development**

Fostering the development of personal growth is a fundamental component of the NOLES program. These support programs ensure that the student-athlete will be provided opportunities to focus on personal growth issues such as values clarification, goal set-

ting, fiscal planning, decision making and personal responsibility. Programming focuses on helping student-athletes develop a healthy lifestyle while they are at Florida State and habits that will benefit them for life.

#### **Career Development**

Preparing for life after college sports is a major focus of the NOLES Career Development program. The program is designed to work cooperatively with the University's Career Services to acquaint students with the job search process, provide networking opportunities and ultimately assist with job placement. This program places a priority on the development of the total person, with the goal of developing individuals who will have rewarding careers and productive lifestyles after they leave Florida State.

#### **Community Service**

Serving the community is the focus

of our Seminole Spirit program. Student-athletes are challenged to give service to our community and individuals who are in need. With a clearly defined program of service, student-athletes are given the opportunity to develop the foundation for a lifelong commitment to volunteerism. The Seminole Spirit Student-Athlete Speakers' Bureau enables student-athletes to improve their speaking skills, develop effective communication and impact the lives of others through their service as role models in our community.

### **Leadership Development**

The Florida State University Department of Athletics is committed to developing programs of excellence that foster leadership development. The foundation of the leadership development program will be the two councils that represent the student-athletes at the University.

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) serves as the advisory board to the NOLES program and the athletics administration. The prestigious board, comprised of two representatives of each athletic team at FSU, also recommends programming and serves as a liaison between student-athletes and the athletics administration. The Advisory Council plans and implements various events for student-athletes and serves as the department's most visible ambassadors.



**Florida State's Student-Athlete Advisory Council** serves as a liaison to FSU's athletics administration.



# Athletic Administration

## Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte

**President, The Florida State University**

Talbot ("Sandy") D'Alemberte was appointed president of The Florida State University on November 29, 1993, by the Florida Board of Regents, and took office on January 3, 1994. His grandfather attended the Seminary West of the Suwannee and his mother attended the Florida State College for Women; the two institutions were predecessors to The Florida State University.

D'Alemberte served as the fourth dean of the FSU College of Law from 1984 to 1989 and continues to teach as a member of the University faculty. He was the 1991-1992 president of the American Bar Association and represented Dade County in the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1972 where he chaired several legislative committees. After leaving the Florida Legislature he chaired the Florida Constitution Revision Commission in 1977-1978 and the Florida Commission on Ethics in 1974-1975.

The numerous awards D'Alemberte has won include the 1996 American Judicature Society's Justice Award, the 1996 National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. Solomon Award, the 1993 Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers "Perry Nichols" Award, the 1993 Florida Academy of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Criminal Justice Award, the 1990 Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-defamation League of South Florida, the 1987 Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor, the 1986 National Sigma Delta Chi First Amendment Award, an American Academy of Television Arts and Sciences "Emmy" in 1985 for his work in open government, particularly in the opening of court proceedings to electronic journalists, the 1984 Florida Civil Liberties Union "Nelson Poynter" Award, and was recently

made an honorary member of the Torchbearer Chapter of the Mortar Board College Senior Honor Society.

Born June 1, 1933, in Tallahassee, D'Alemberte was educated in public schools in Tallahassee and Chattahoochee, Florida. In 1955 he earned his bachelor of arts degree with honors in political science from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and also attended summer school at FSU and the University of Virginia. After military service as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, D'Alemberte studied on a Rotary Foundation fellowship at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 1962 he received his juris doctor with honors from the University of Florida where he was named to the Order of the Coif, served as president of the Student Bar Association, was captain of the moot court team, served as articles editor of the University of Florida Law Review and received the J. Hillis Miller Award as the outstanding law graduate.

He is the father of two grown children, Gabrielle Lyn, a graduate of the University of Denver Law School, and Joshua Talbot, a graduate of his father's alma mater, the University of the South, and a public school teacher in Homestead, Florida. D'Alemberte is married to Patsy Palmer, former children's policy coordinator in Florida Governor Lawton Chiles' office. She has been a journalist, legislative aide and White House staff member; she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in journalism and a master's degree from the Harvard Divinity School. D'Alemberte's personal interests include racquetball, tennis, sailing, reading and flying.

## Dave Hart

**Director of Athletics**

Dave Hart, Jr., became Florida State's 10th athletics director after a national search selected the former East Carolina athletics director in February, 1995. Hart, 47, has gained

national recognition for his skills in the areas of athletics management, public relations, marketing and fundraising. He brought to Florida State an outstanding reputation as one of the country's most respected athletics directors.

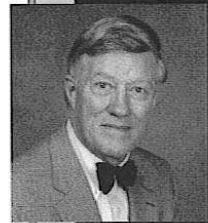
East Carolina University athletics enjoyed an enhanced image and reputation under Hart's leadership and he structured several programs of significance within the department. The most notable is ECU's comprehensive Student Development Program for all student-athletes.

While at East Carolina, the athletics department made great strides in revenue growth and facility enhancement. The athletics budget doubled during Hart's tenure and he initiated programs that tripled the budget for women's athletics. He planned and managed growth in the Pirates' athletic facilities totaling nearly \$30 million.

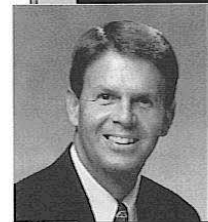
Hart has served on several prestigious committees during his career as an athletics administrator. In January, 1993, he was appointed to the NCAA Council. He also served on the NCAA's Special Events/Post Season Bowls Committee and chaired committees on marketing and gender equity. He currently serves as Chairman for the Missions and Values Committee of the I-A Athletic Directors' Association in conjunction with the NCAA Foundation and was recently selected to represent athletic directors nationwide on the board of "Power of One", which is a collaborative effort to unite the leadership organizations within intercollegiate athletics in order to better promote college sports. Hart is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Collegiate Athletics Directors' while serving as an officer for both NACDA and the I-A Athletics Directors Associations.

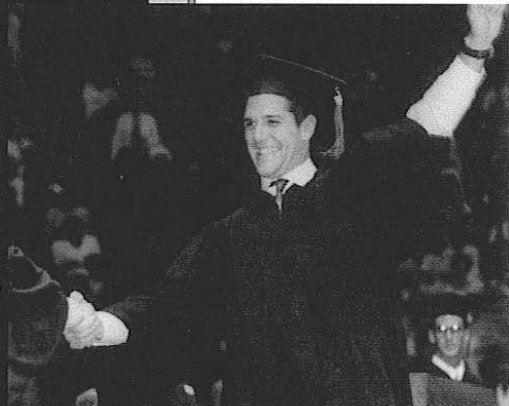
A popular speaker at the national level and the author of a number of articles for national publications, Hart has made numerous

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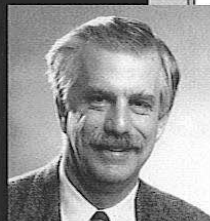
Dave Hart





**The goal of all academic support services provided to student athletes is graduation with the skills and knowledge to be successful in life.**

**Charles W. Ehrhardt**



**Charlie Carr**



## Charles W. Ehrhardt

### Faculty Athletic Board Member

As the Chairman of the FSU Athletic Board, Professor of Law Charles Ehrhardt is an important link for Florida State with the National Collegiate Athletic Association and Atlantic Coast Conference.

Last year, he served as President of the ACC and as a member of the NCAA's Eligibility Committee. Earlier during his tenure as the athletic board chair, he was elected president of the NCAA's Faculty Athletic Representative Association, was a member of the NCAA President's Commission Liaison Committee and the Special Committee to Study the NCAA Enforcement and Infractions Process. He twice served as president of the Metro Conference.

As a Commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Ehrhardt is involved in drafting legislation for a uniform state law regulating the activities of sports agents.

A highly-respected expert in the field of evidence, Ehrhardt is the Ladd Professor of Evidence in the Florida State University College of Law, where he has taught for thirty years. He wrote the Florida Evidence Code, which was passed by the Florida Legislature, which regulates the admissibility of evidence during court trials. Ehrhardt has written books on evidence and trial objections, which are frequently cited and relied upon by courts.

Ehrhardt is in demand as a lecturer and speaker. He works with lawyers and judges nationwide as a consultant on evidence matters. He currently teaches in the areas of torts, evidence, trial advocacy and sports law. He has been honored four times as the outstanding professor in FSU's College of Law. He was the recipient of a University Teaching Award in 1989 and the Professorial Excellence Award in 1997.

A native of Elkader, Iowa, Ehrhardt received a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University. He went on to the University of Iowa, where he earned his law degree in 1964. Before coming to Tallahassee, he was an Assistant United State Attorney.

Ehrhardt and his wife, the former Judy Sutton, have three children.

## Charlie Carr

### Senior Associate Athletics Director

Charlie Carr enters his third year as senior associate athletics director at Florida State in 1996. FSU athletics director Dave Hart named his long-time associate to the number two spot on his staff when he accepted the job last year.

Prior to coming to FSU, Carr served under Hart as an associate athletics director at East Carolina University for four years and was executive director of ECU's educational foundation from 1988 until his elevation to associate AD.

Carr's responsibilities at Florida State include assisting in managing all phases of the department's daily operation. He serves as the department's spokesman in the AD's absence and acts as the athletics department's contact and liaison for campus and community organizations. Carr also is charged with overseeing departmental personnel in addition to the administration of the Seminole baseball, cross country, golf, track and volleyball programs.

A well-known member of the college athletics scene in North Carolina as a player, coach and administrator, Carr was athletics director at Mississippi State from 1985-87.

Carr played football and baseball at North Carolina where he earned his master's degree in 1970. He played two years of professional baseball in the N.Y. Mets organization before becoming an assistant football coach at his alma mater from 1971-75 under Bill Dooley. He then coached at Rice University from 1975-78.

He returned to UNC in 1978 to begin administrative work as senior associate athletics director where he worked until his appointment at Mississippi State.

Carr and his wife, Dee, have one daughter Caitlin (13).

## Charles Hurst

**Executive Associate  
Director of Athletics for  
Internal Affairs**

Charles Hurst enters his 10th year with the Florida State athletic department and his first as executive associate director of athletics for internal affairs.

Hurst was elevated to his new post after three years as an associate athletic director where he oversaw all of the department's financial and business affairs. During his first five years at FSU, Hurst served as assistant athletic director for business and ticket operations.

In addition to assisting in the daily management of the department, Hurst's duties include supervision of the annual budget, business and ticket office operation, facilities management, personnel records, departmental contracts and negotiations.

The Talladega, AL, native came to Tallahassee after a stint at the University of Florida, where he was Director of Internal Management Auditing from 1983-87. He was Manager of Internal Auditing at the University of South Alabama from 1981-83.

Hurst received his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State (AL) University with a major in accounting and a minor in economics. He earned CPA status in 1975 while employed by the private firm of Brook and Freeman in Anniston, AL.

He and his wife, Juanita, have one daughter, Maria (19).

## Kim Record

**Associate Director of  
Athletics/Senior Women's  
Administrator**

Kim Record joined Florida State's staff in August of 1995 when she was named to the newly created position of associate athletic director and senior women's administrator at Florida State.

Although new to FSU, Record is a veteran of Atlantic Coast Conference circles. She served as associate athletic director for administration at her alma mater, the University of Virginia, for three years. Prior to that, she spent four years as associate director for marketing and promotions at UVA

and two years as director of athletic promotions for the Cavaliers from 1986-88.

Record's responsibilities at Florida State include coordination and oversight of all multi-media contracts, supervising Title IX and gender equity compliance with the department, and overseeing the areas of sports marketing and sports information. She is also the primary administrator over the Seminole soccer, softball, swimming and tennis programs.

A native of Troy, VA, Record received her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1984 and is currently pursuing a master's degree at FSU. She and her husband, Kevin, have two sons, Kyle (9) and Joshua (4).

## Bob Minnix

**Associate Director of  
Athletics for Compliance  
and Legal Affairs**

News spread quickly in August of 1995 when Bob Minnix, a Director of Enforcement at the NCAA since 1975 and a former star running back at Notre Dame, announced he would leave his post to accept the newly created position of associate athletics director for compliance and legal affairs at Florida State University.

In his role at the NCAA, Minnix oversaw enforcement issues with regard to the NCAA and its member institutions including the preparation and presentation of cases to be heard by the Committee of Infractions. He has served on a number of NCAA committees including the Leadership and Development Training Committee, Special Events Committee, Post-Season Football Subcommittee, and staff task forces that concentrated on public relations, compensation, and employment opportunities for women and ethnic minorities.

At Florida State, Minnix is charged with overseeing all departmental compliance issues, implementing and directing FSU's rules education programs, and serving as the department's liaison and contact with university General Counsel as well as other legal interests. He is directly involved in the strategic planning of long range departmental goals regarding student-athlete welfare and life skills training.

Minnix has continued FSU's stance as a pro-active leader in addressing NCAA and ACC issues, and in educating coaches, staff, student-athletes and donors to the serious nature and ramifications of non-compliance.

A native of Spokane, WA, Minnix attended Notre Dame where he played in back-to-back Cotton Bowls in 1970 and '71. He led the Fighting Irish in rushing as a senior in 1971. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1972 and entered law school at the University of Washington where he received his Jurist Doctorate degree in 1975.

Minnix and his wife, Genny, have two sons, Brennan (18) and Blair (13).

## Andy Urbanic

**Assistant Director of  
Athletics for Football  
Operations and Special  
Projects**

Andy Urbanic begins his eighth season in charge of football operations at Florida State. He recently added the responsibility of coordinating special projects within the athletics department.

He is directly responsible for all aspects of football operations, including team travel and home game operations. He also coordinates post-season logistics and travel for all Seminole teams and supervises the equipment, strength and conditioning, and training room staffs.

A member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Urbanic came to Tallahassee with more than 20 years experience in collegiate athletics most of which came as an assistant coach at the Division 1 level. Prior to taking the administrative post at FSU, he was at the University of Akron as offensive backfield coach and recruiting coordinator from 1986-87, and as assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator from 1987-88. From 1980-86, Urbanic was the offensive backfield coach at the University of Pittsburgh. Urbanic is a legendary figure in high school coaching in Pennsylvania where he coached six undefeated teams and earned eight state championships.

Charles Hurst



Kim Record

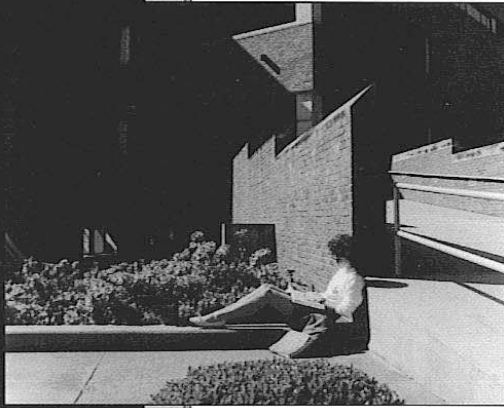


Bob Minnix



Andy Urbanic





The mild North Florida weather allows Florida State students the option of studying outside year-round.

Urbanic is a past president and member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania State High School Coaches Association and remains active in the American Football Coaches Association.

He and his wife, Dorothy, have two daughters.

**Guy Morgan**  
Assistant Director of Athletics for Basketball Operations

Guy Morgan



Guy Morgan is in his fourth year as assistant athletic director at Florida State University. He is responsible for the coordination and administration of the men's and women's basketball programs.

Morgan's duties include coordinating team travel, dormitory supervision, practice and facility scheduling, along with the planning and coordination of game operations. He is involved in matters related to opponent scheduling and budgets as well. He also assists in an enrichment program for all FSU student-athletes.

A graduate of Wake Forest, Morgan was the Most Valuable Player for the Demon Deacon basketball team as a junior and senior. He co-captained the team in his senior year (1981-82).

Morgan played professional basketball with the Indiana Pacers during the 1982-83 season. After his playing career, he worked in the furniture industry as a national sales consultant for four years.

From 1988-94, Morgan worked for Sports Marketing Enterprises, Inc., a division of RJR Nabisco Co.

Greg Phillips



In that position, he served as a liaison between Vantage Brands and the PGA Tour for the Vantage Golf sponsorship.

Morgan and his wife, Tonya, are the proud parents of two-year-old Guy II.

**Greg Phillips**  
Assistant Director of Athletics for Business & Systems Management

Florida State alumnus Greg Phillips is starting his third year as assistant athletics director for business and systems management. He was elevated to the position after serving as the athletic department's business manager for six years and has logged a total of 11 years with the business office since 1986.

Phillips handles the day-to-day fiscal operations of the department and assists in the formulation and implementation of fiscal policies and procedures, including internal accounting controls. He participates in budget preparation and is responsible for the department's accounting, cashiering, financial reporting, payroll, purchasing and travel functions. Phillips is also charged with overseeing the department's computer operations and hosting NCAA Championships.

Phillips completed his master's degree in accounting at Florida State in 1986 and joined the athletic staff in the fall of that year as an assistant athletic business manager. Working up through the ranks, he took over his current position in the summer of 1995.

Currently the Vice President of the College Athletic Business Management Association, Phillips also earned a master's degree in sports administration from the United States Sports Academy.

The Bartow, FL native and his wife Deanna have a son, Payton, and a daughter, Kathryn.

**Sports Information/  
Athletic Staff**



**Rob Wilson**  
Sports Information Director



**Chris Walker**  
Assistant Sports Information Director/  
Basketball SID



**Patrick Martin**  
Athletics Ticket Manager



**Scott Kull**  
Director of Sports Marketing



**Bernie Waxman**  
Director of Facilities & Operations



**Pam Overton**  
Director of Student Development

**N**ear, but far from the glaring strips of neon amusement, and the castles and crowds of Disney, lies another magical place in the Sunshine State – one of pow-wows, plantations, politics and great pride. Often described as “The Other Florida” with its deep-rooted history, rolling hills, canopy roads of moss-draped oaks, cool climate and Southern-style hospitality; it is a Florida few have seen. It is Tallahassee – Florida with a Southern accent.

Best known as Florida’s capital, Tallahassee is an intimate neo-metropolitan city where the power of state government, the academic and the artistic are complemented by subtle, old-fashioned charm. It is the perfect two- or three-day diversion for the more than 41 million annual visitors to Florida and 13 million residents.

Tallahassee touts a menagerie of sights including one of the world’s deepest freshwater springs, site of America’s first Christmas, a wildlife habitat, Capitol

buildings, fascinating museums of history, sprawling plantations, highly acclaimed fishing and hunting adventures and nearby beaches. Spirited area festivals range from celebrations of Tallahassee’s spectacular spring and swamp stomps to genuine rattlesnake roundups and seafood festivals.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 20 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. Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its Southern neighbors than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

Accentuating Tallahassee’s Southern persona are lush rolling hills, likened to the seven hills of Rome, and five “official” canopy roads of patriarch oaks. The fertile, rich soil and four distinct, yet pleasant, seasons breed floral brilliance and natural vitality year-round.

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 find a permanent, central location for the Legislature to convene. The two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called “tallahassee” – derived from the words “talwa” meaning town and “ahasee” meaning old. The rendezvous point remains Florida’s capital.

The “old town” has undergone many changes, but one thing remains the same – it is

still a government town fiercely proud and dedicated to preserving its heritage. The Capitol buildings, both old and new, epitomize Tallahassee’s perseverance.

The 22nd floor of the New Capitol provides a panoramic scope of a sophisticated Southern city awash in a sea of flowering azaleas, snowy dogwoods, towering pines, fragrant magnolias, and hundreds of shimmering lakes, springs, swamps, rivers and sink holes. Special legislative viewing galleries are open during the legislative session.

Minutes from downtown lies the Governor’s Mansion, which resembles the home of Florida’s military hero Andrew Jackson; and the 52-acre natural animal habitat and 1880s farm of the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, which provide the rare chance to walk and talk with native Florida animals.

Tallahassee remains firmly linked with the past as evidenced by the unearthed 1539 winter encampment of Spanish Hernando de Soto, the site of the first Christmas celebration in America. Visitors travel back through time as they stand in the shadow of a giant 12,000-year-old American Mastodon at the Museum of Florida History or explore other historical spots including The Knott House that Rhymes, The Columns, San Luis Mission, Lake Jackson State Archaeological Site, Natural Bridge Battlefield, First Presbyterian Church, Brokaw-McDougall House, Goodwood Plantation and Adams

Street Commons.

Appealing to the strokes of different folks, Tallahassee also features 99 holes of golf on six courses and a proliferation of tennis centers. Sideline athletes cheer the nationally-ranked Florida State Seminoles, Florida A&M Rattlers and the Tallahassee Tiger Sharks, of the East Coast Hockey League. And always a sure bet are the nearby greyhound races.

Cultural interests are sparked by widely-acclaimed museums and galleries and elaborate entertainment at the 14,000-seat Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

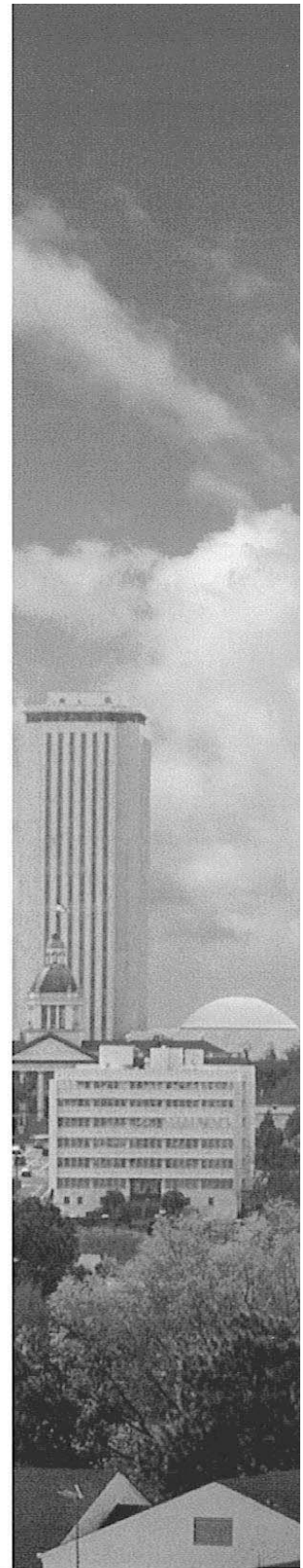
Tallahassee is a collaboration of power-play politics and classical character splashed with a twist of Southern beauty and charm. Tallahassee is Florida with a Southern accent.



**The Gulf Beaches just south and east of Tallahassee are the most beautiful in Florida,** with white sand dunes and sparkling blue-green water.



**Many of the roads in and around Tallahassee are “canopy roads”** with huge ancient oaks and sweet gums growing out so far over the road they form a tunnel of greenery. No city anywhere values its trees more, and the result is one of the most beautiful cities in America.



# Tallahassee:

*Florida With A  
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# Seminole Spirit Groups



**F**rom the pregame ritual when the house lights are turned off and music and sirens blare, whipping the crowd to a frenzied pitch under roving spotlights, the Seminole Warrior along with the FSU cheerleaders and Golden Girls lead the Seminoles onto the court, to the final tick of the clock when confetti and streamers are launched from the Civic Center rafters in celebration of another Florida State win, nothing compares to the pageantry and excitement of Seminole basketball.

Two of Florida State's most visible basketball ambassadors are the cheerleaders and Golden Girls. Fans anxiously await their performances as their halftime and timeout routines have become legendary. The FSU cheerleaders promote Seminole athletics wherever they go, which has included the National Cheerleading

Championships. The Florida State Cheerleaders have had more All-Americans than any school in the country and two years ago featured America's No. 1 cheerleader. The team also makes appearances and does community service work throughout the year. This makes them one of the most popular groups for Seminole fans.

Unique to Florida State basketball, the Golden Girls have become one of the top collegiate dance troops in the country. Their choreographed routines are Seminole basketball hallmarks. Since 1991, the squad has placed among the Top-10 dance teams in the country each year. In addition to basketball, the Golden Girls perform at many community events. They have established a top-notch reputation that has enabled many former members to dance professionally. Golden Girl alumni have gone on to become performers at Disney Theme Parks, as well as dancing/cheering for NFL and NBA teams.



**Florida State's award-winning spirit groups** - the cheerleaders, the Chieftly Brass Pep band, the Golden Girls and the Seminole Warrior - all work to keep the action rolling and urge the Seminoles on to victory at every game.

