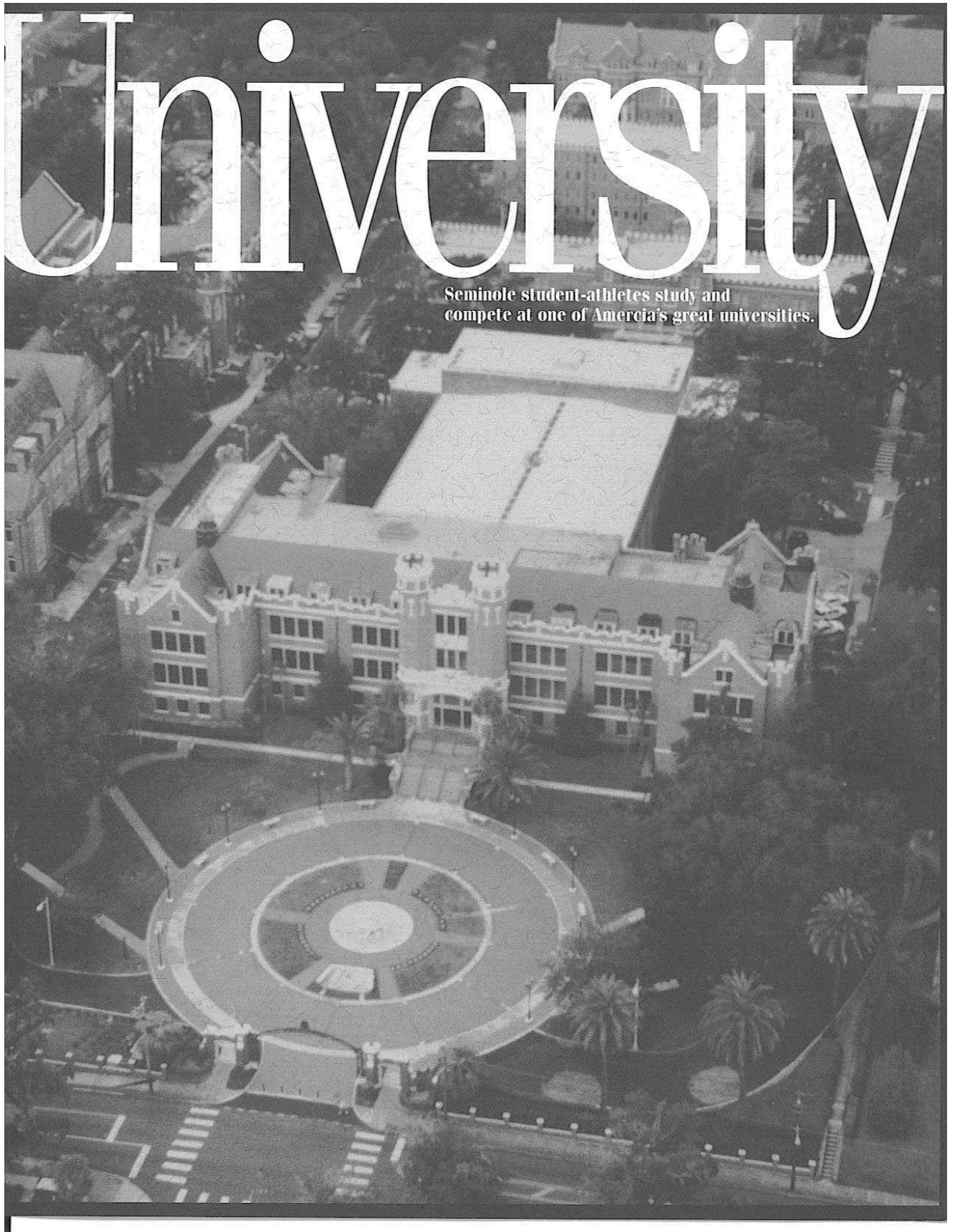


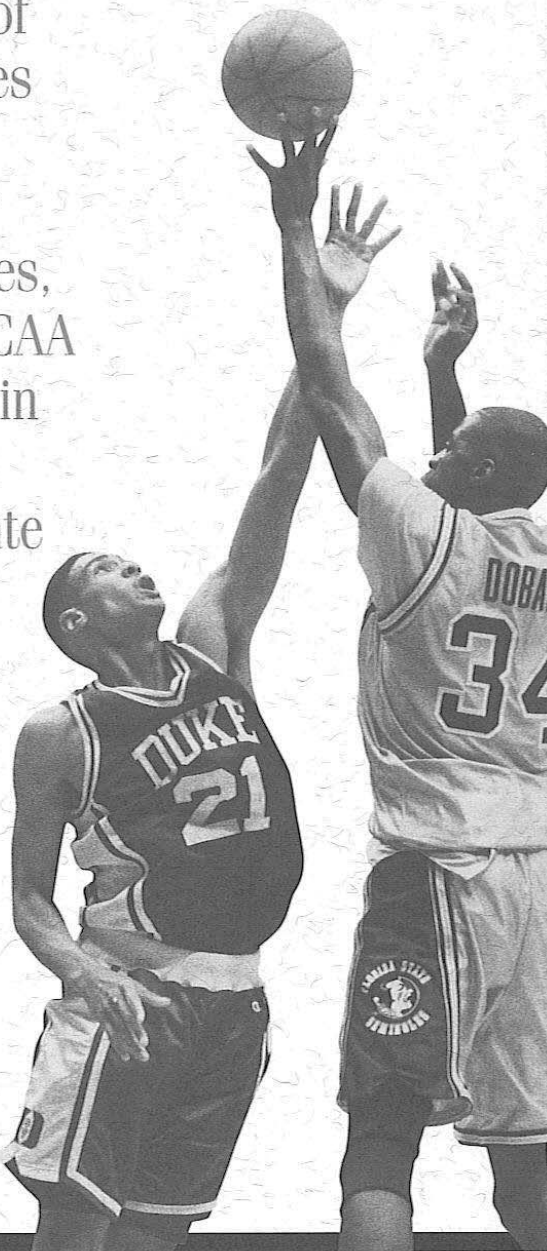
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Seminole student-athletes study and compete at one of America's great universities.

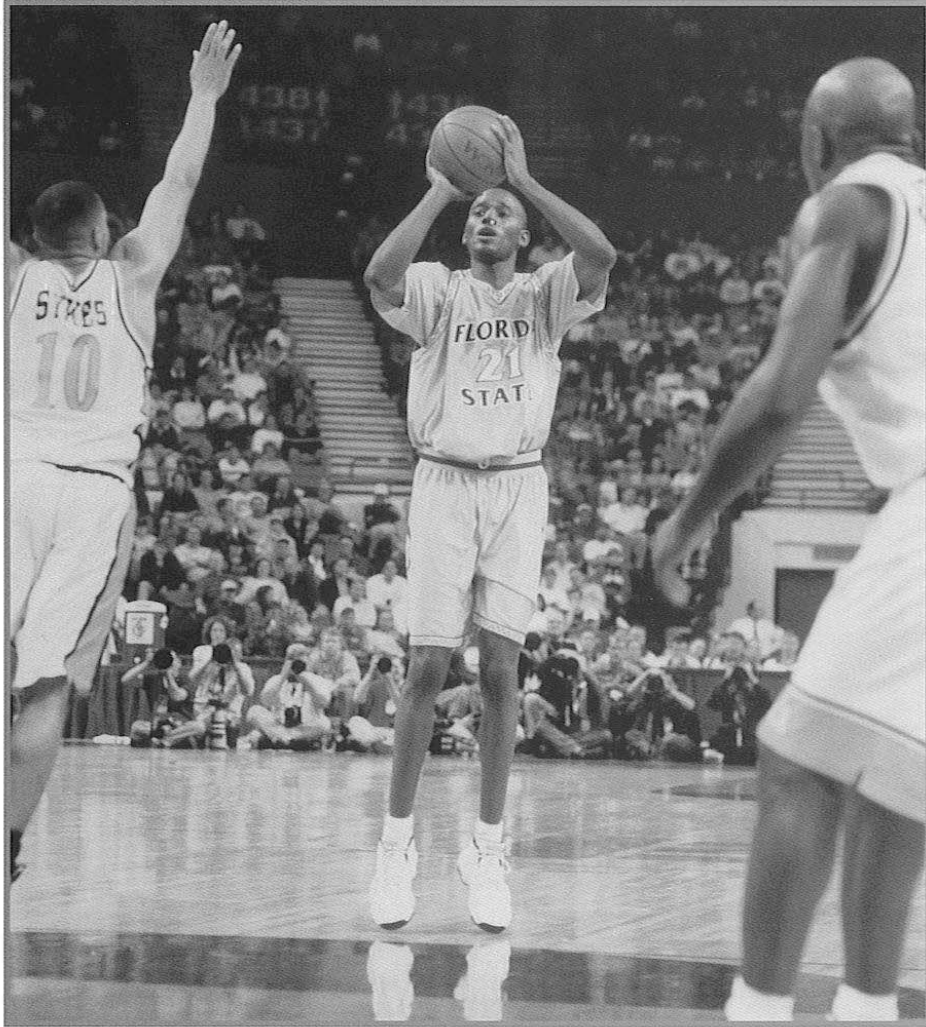


52 Years of Winning Tradition

In just over 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 in the individual honors picked up by Florida State alumni.

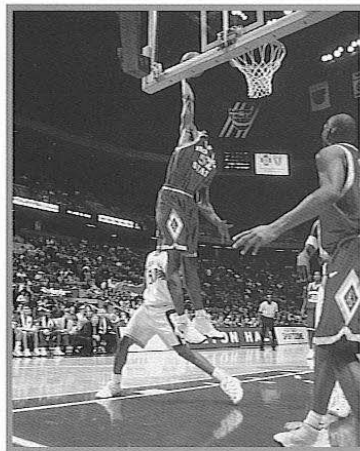


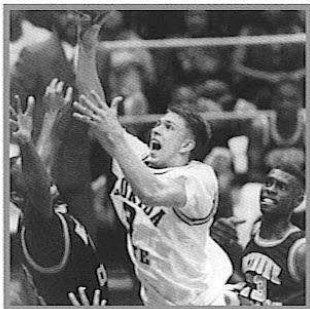
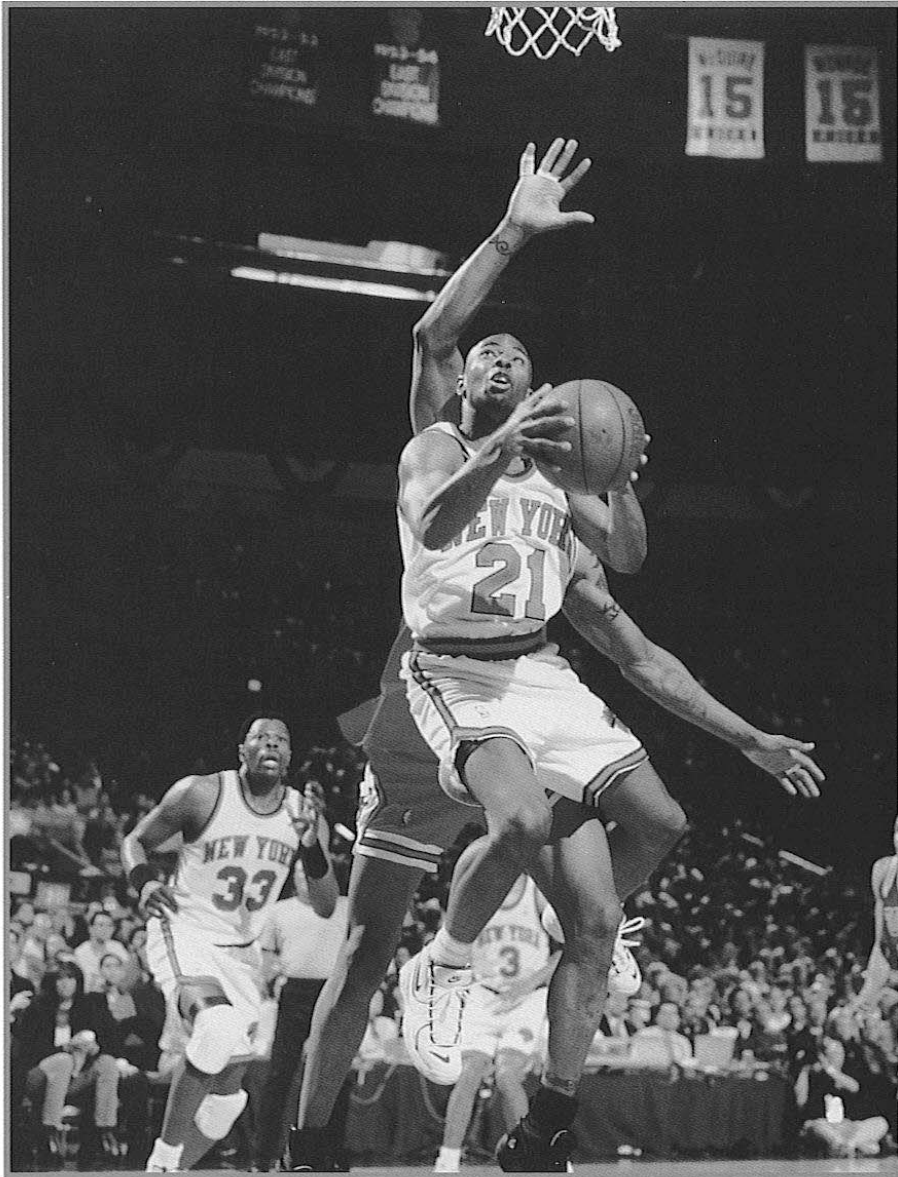
1992: Florida State joins the ACC, the nation's premier basketball conference. Predicted to be a doormat, the Seminoles shock the nation by finishing second in the conference (to national champion Duke). To prove it was no fluke, the next year they do it again.



1998: First-year coach Steve Robinson adds his name to the list of NCAA Tournament coaches at Florida State, leading the Seminoles into the second round of the NCAA Midwest Regional his very first year.

1997: Passed over by the NCAA Tournament, the Seminoles roar through the NIT field into the championship game in Madison Square Garden.

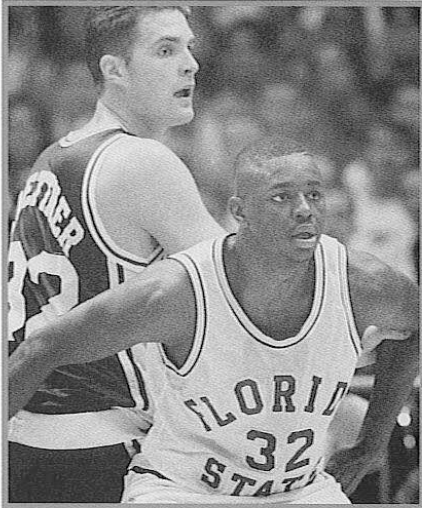




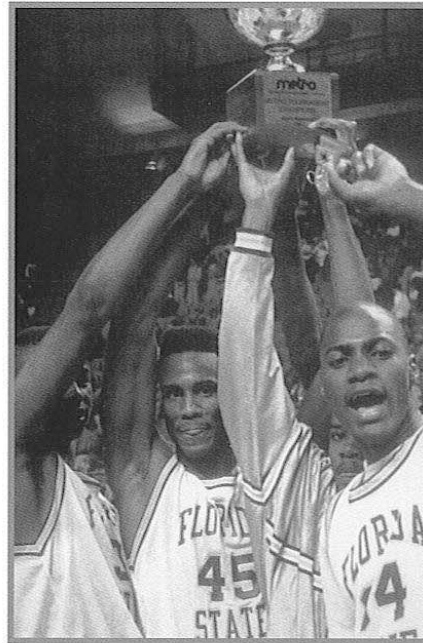
1995: In a three-season span, four Seminoles are NBA first-round picks, including Bob Sura (now with the Cleveland Cavaliers).

1994: After leading the Seminoles to within one game of the Final Four in 1993, FSU guard Charlie Ward becomes a New York Knick in the first round. To keep busy in the off-season while at FSU, Ward quarterbacks the Seminole football team to a national championship and the Heisman trophy as a senior.

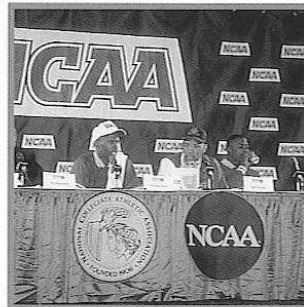
1992: The first year in the ACC is a memorable one. After knocking off fifth-ranked North Carolina on the road in their first-ever ACC tilt, the newcomer Seminoles go on to an 11-5 conference record, then charge all the way to the NCAA Tournament Sweet Sixteen.



1991: In their final season prior to joining the ACC, the Seminoles celebrate the upcoming move by rolling over Louisville to win the Metro Conference Tournament, then advanced to the NCAA Midwest Regional second round.



1989: The 1988-89 season establishes FSU as an NCAA Tournament regular. After winning the Metro Conference regular season title and being ranked as high as No. 8 in the national polls, the Seminoles head back for their second NCAA Tournament in two years. There will be many more to come.

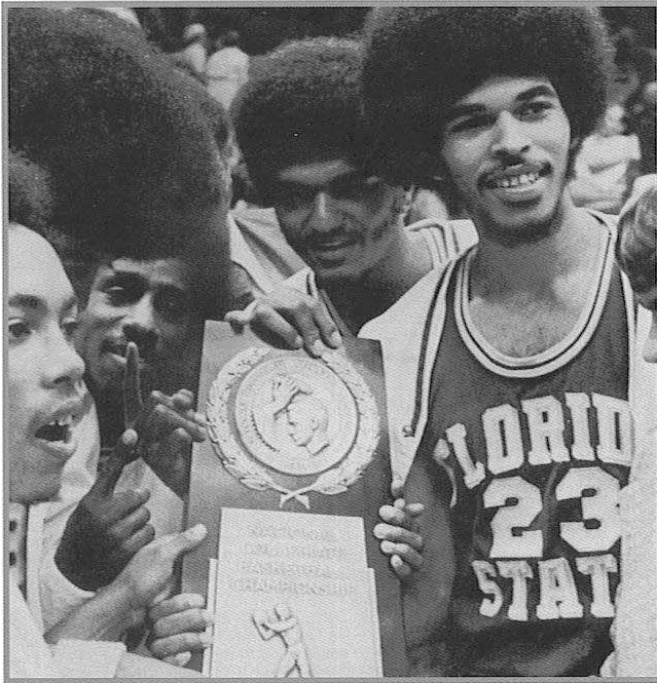


1993: The Seminoles move through the NCAA Tournament and meet Kentucky in the Southeast Regional Championship game. Florida State falls 40 minutes shy of the Final Four.

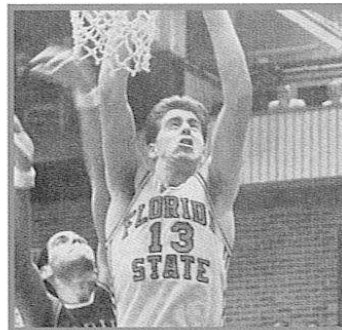
1947: FSU spots the competition 50 years, then starts a basketball program. It doesn't take the young Seminoles long to attract national attention, going 22-4 only seven years later.



1972: Florida State comes up just six points short of the NCAA National Championship. En route to establishing a reputation as a program to watch out for, the Seminoles eliminated perennial powers Minnesota, Kentucky and North Carolina before pushing unbeaten UCLA and legendary coach John Wooden to the very brink, in a national championship game played on the Bruins own home court.



1970: After leading the Seminoles to a 23-3 season, center Dave Cowens is drafted in the first round by the Boston Celtics and goes on to become an NBA legend, collecting two NBA championship rings with Boston.



Tradition

While 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 playing the game. But not when it comes to years of excellence.

In just over 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 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 six trips in the last 12 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. Seniors Ron Hale and Damous Anderson are both All-ACC and All-America candidates. Hale was a third team All-Conference performer last year. 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 seven years, joining former teammates Charlie Ward (New York Knicks), Doug Edwards (Atlanta Hawks) and two-time NBA champion Sam Cassell (Houston Rockets) at the time. Today, six Florida State University players are on NBA rosters and 12 have played in the league this decade.

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.

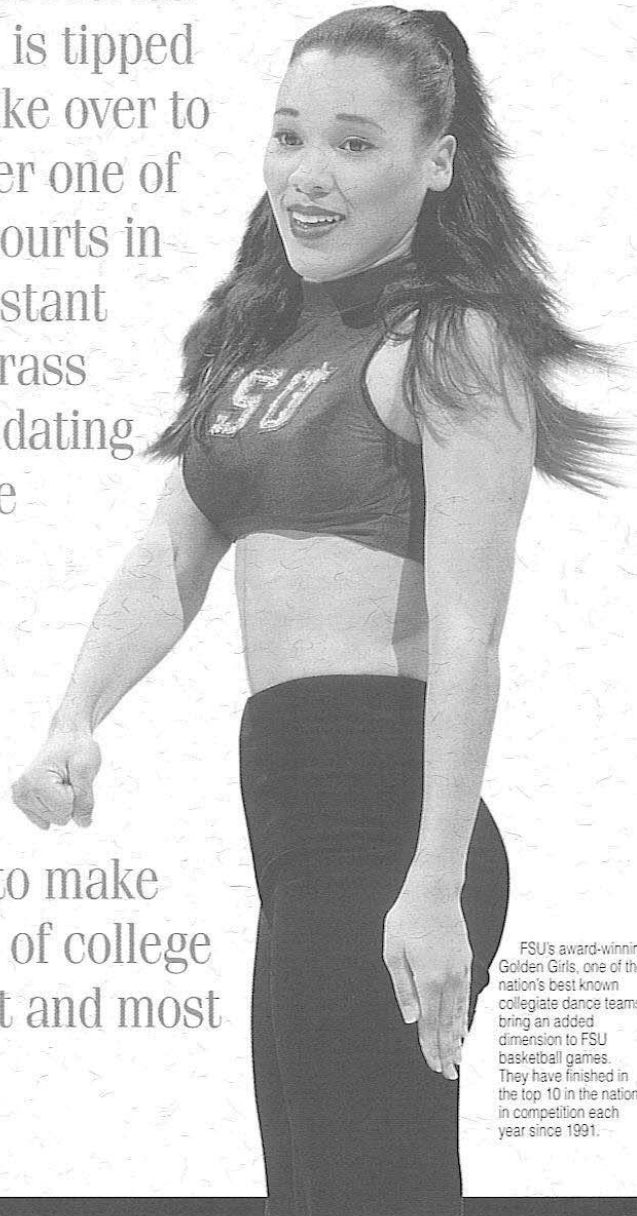
1998: When he became a Washington Wizard, Randall Jackson became the latest in a long line of Seminole players to turn pro, joining 21 other ex-FSU stars who made the jump to the NBA (an average of one every other year over the program's history).



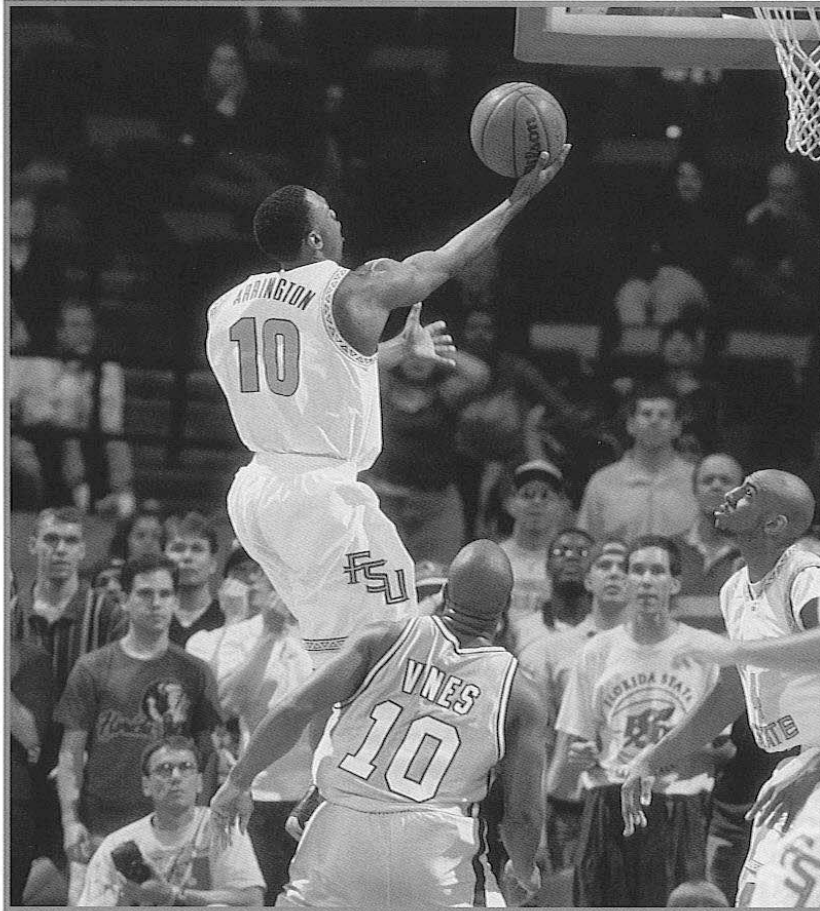
Excitement!

An Atmosphere of Non-Stop

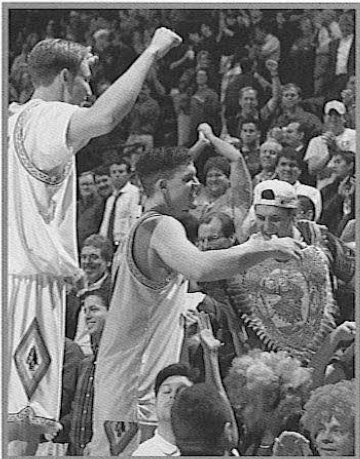
Basketball is hot at Florida State. Once the ball is tipped off, Seminole fans take over to make the Civic Center one of the toughest home courts in the country. The constant beat of the Chiefly Brass Pep Band, the intimidating stare of the Seminole Warrior, the flashy moves of the Golden Girls and the MegaVision scoreboard video display all combine to make the Civic Center one of college basketball's toughest and most exciting arenas.



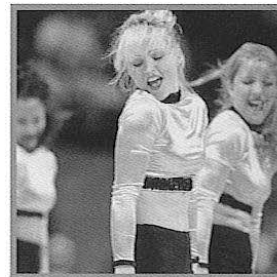
FSU's award-winning Golden Girls, one of the nation's best known collegiate dance teams, bring an added dimension to FSU basketball games. They have finished in the top 10 in the nation in competition each year since 1991.



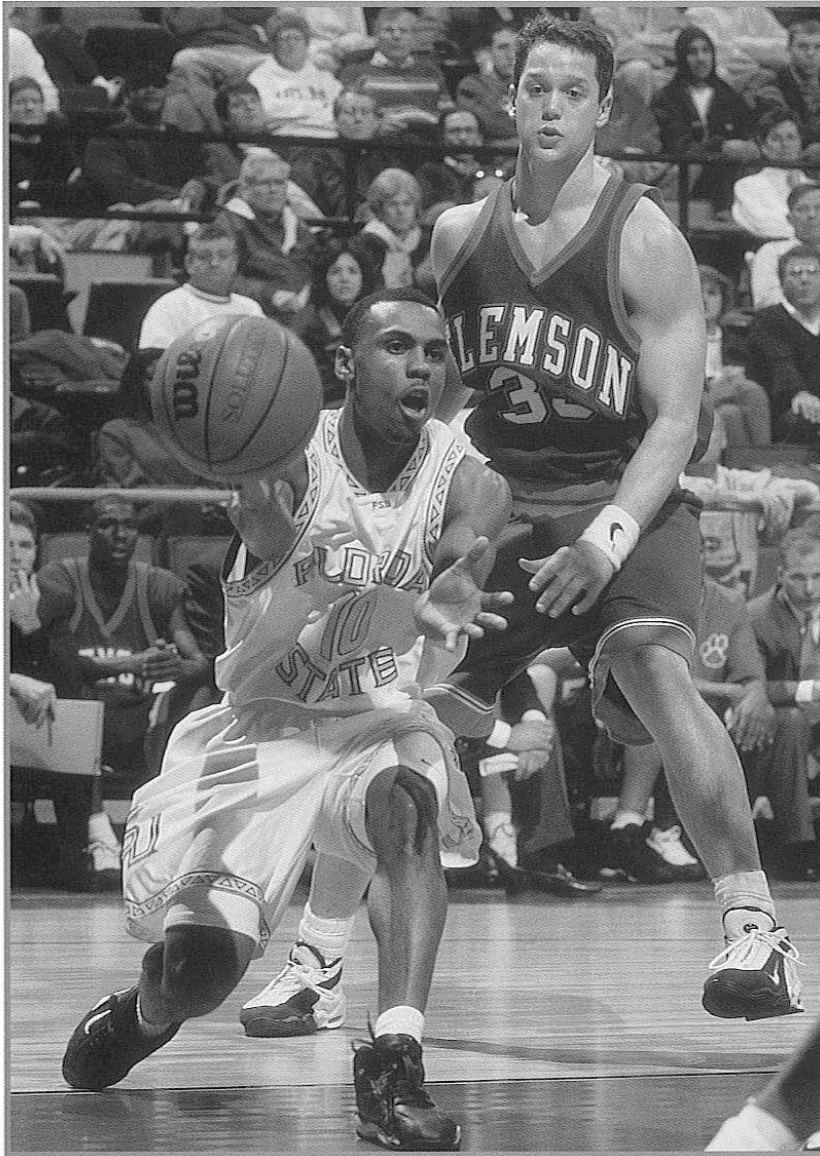
The baskets at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center may not be any higher than anywhere else, but the intensity of the action definitely is. The friendly confines and raucous fans at FSU home games have allowed the Seminoles to win nearly 80% of their home games in the 90s.



FSU players and fans share their enthusiasm for the game at every contest. The Seminoles' rise up the national hoops ladder has created a core of rabid supporters that can be counted on to make the Civic Center a very intimidating place for opponents to play.



There's never a slow moment at Seminole basketball games. Award-winning Seminole spirit groups such as the Golden Girls and the Chiefly Brass pep band keep the action moving during timeouts and halftime.



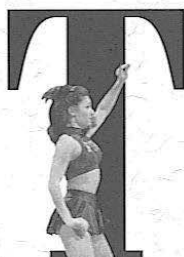
Steve Robinson's approach to coaching - leaving everything you have on the court - keeps the Civic Center fans on their feet throughout the game.

The Chieftly Brass Pep Band keeps Seminole fans upbeat with the fight song and war chant.



Excitement!

The Excitement of FSU Basketball



The constant best of the Chiefly Brass pep band fills the Civic Center with the familiar sound of the Florida State fight song. Over 12,200 Garnet and Gold clad fans, some with war paint on excited faces, slash the air with the familiar cheer.

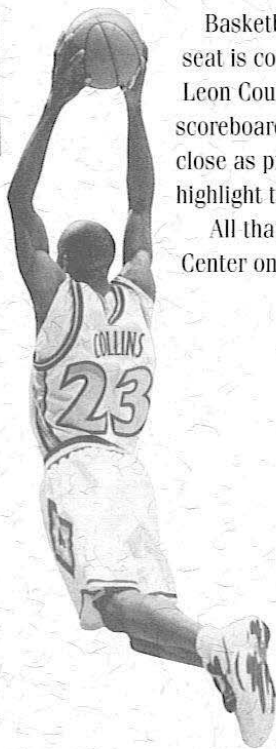
The building nearly shakes with excitement as the glistening wooden floor seems to invite the Seminoles from the tunnel.

Soon, the War Chant begins to reach a deafening crescendo.

The crowd rises with anticipation. The chants move to another level, when finally the Seminole Warrior leads the Seminoles from the dark of the tunnel into the lights and cheers that is 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 concourse as FSU's home arena - the Leon County Civic Center - is equipped with a MegaVision video display scoreboard. The huge, four-sided screens make every seat in the house as close as press row. The screens feature game action, live animation, highlight tapes and replays of great FSU moments.

All that combined with Florida State's outstanding fans make the Civic Center one of college basketball's toughest and most exciting arenas.



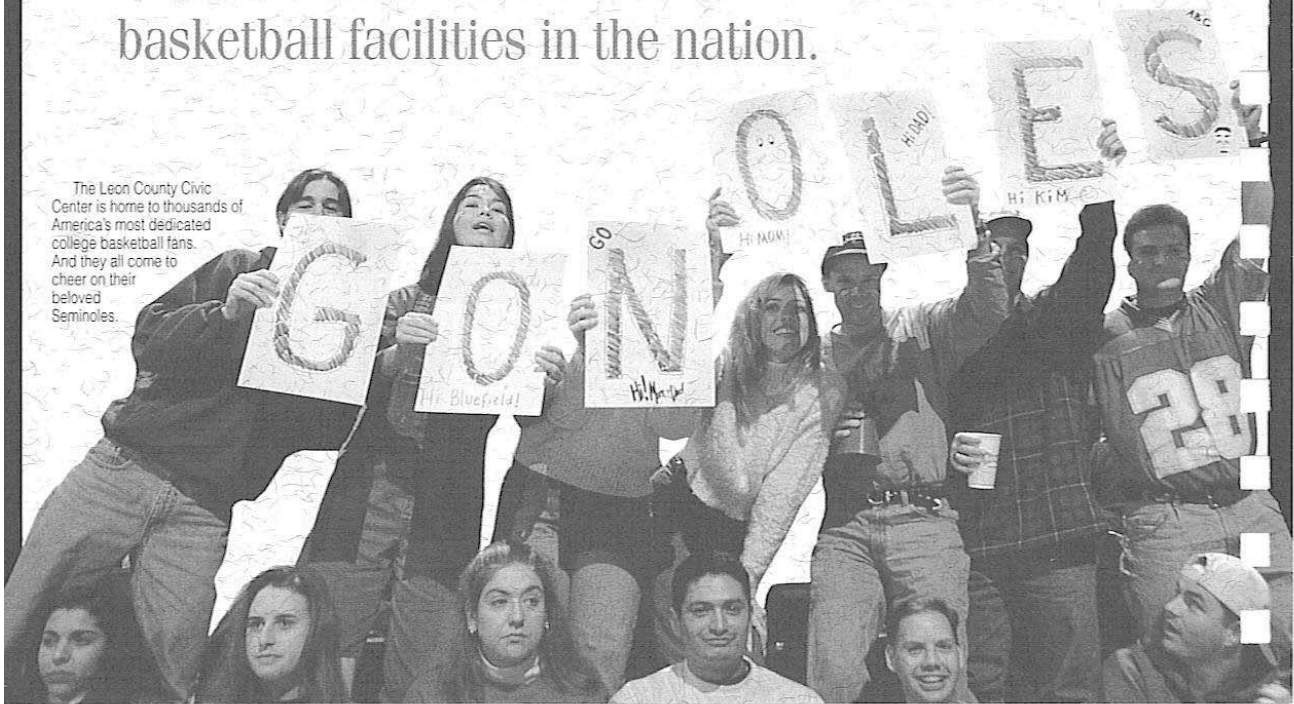
The Seminoles are one of America's most popular college sports programs, and Chief Osceola is among the most recognizable mascots in all of sports.

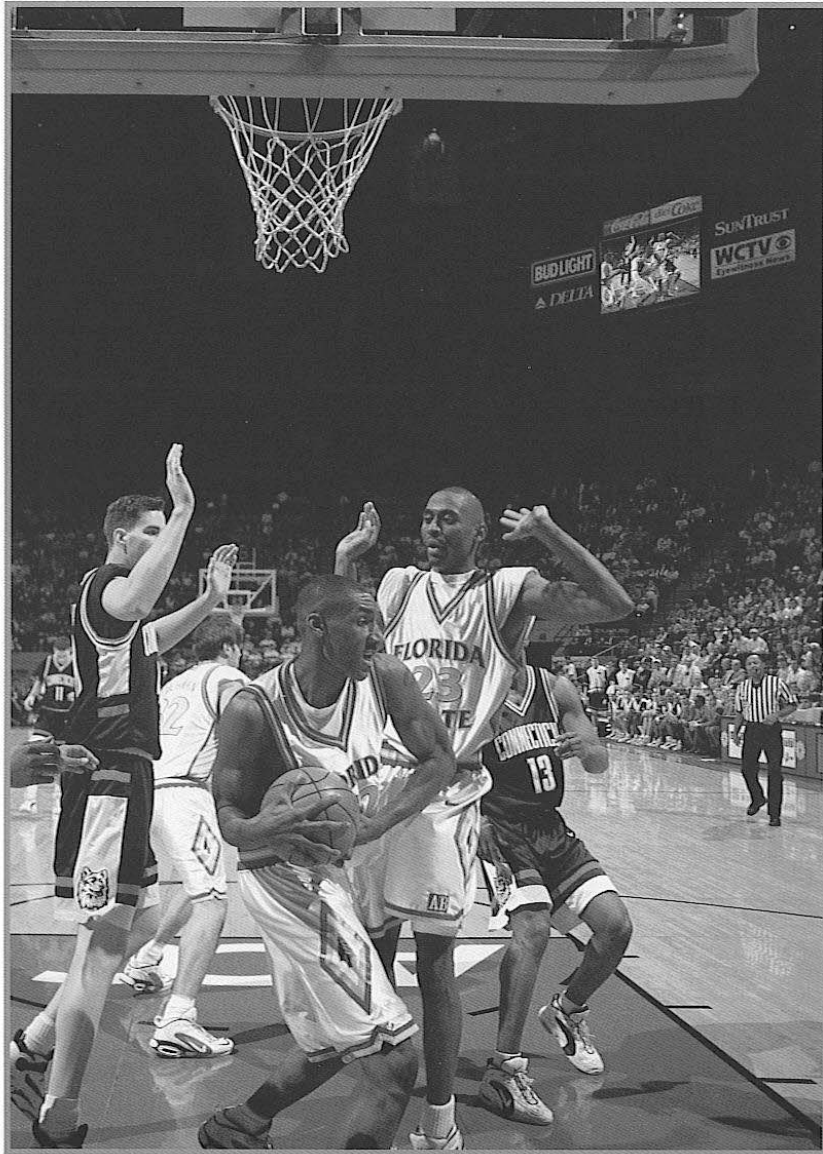


One World-Class Arena

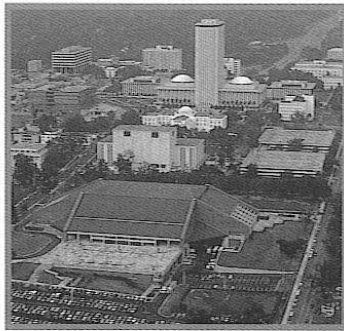
In addition to watching an exciting team - with an outstanding coach - playing in the nation's finest conference, Florida State fans enjoy surroundings as modern as any in the country. A new \$3 million, four-sided, center-hung Megavision video display scoreboard as well as a \$21 million luxury suite and club seat expansion completed during the offseason help make the Civic Center one of the best basketball facilities in the nation.

The Leon County Civic Center is home to thousands of America's most dedicated college basketball fans. And they all come to cheer on their beloved Seminoles.





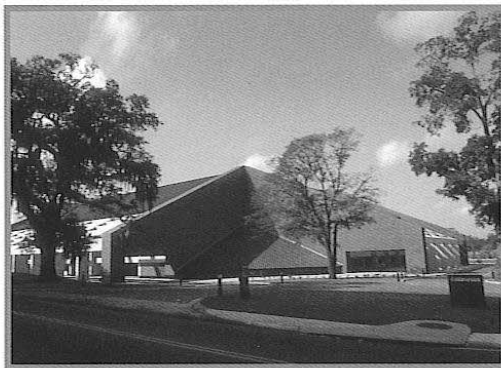
Room for throngs of Seminole fans and not a bad seat in the house. The combination of modern facilities and NBA-style touches such as the video screens and pre-game show make the Seminoles' arena one great place to play - or watch - basketball.



FSU's Basketball home - the Leon County Civic Center - is located adjacent to the university's prestigious law school and just two blocks from the Florida State Capitol.



One of Florida's Largest and Best Arenas at 22 Acres, 18,000 Square Feet, Luxury Boxes, 12,200 Seats, Big-Screen Video, Instant Replay Capability, Home to Top Pop, Rock & Country Concerts, the 1995 NCAA Regional Basketball Tournament, Cultural Events and Conventions.



With its recent renovations, the Civic Center now has 34 luxury suites at the concourse level and a restaurant at the arena's South end.

Arena



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Florida State basketball game at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center 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 surrounds that are as modern as any in the country.

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

In October, the Civic Center completed a \$21 million luxury suite and club seat expansion project which began in March of 1998. The Civic Center added 34 luxury suites and 468 club seats at mid-level in the arena. In addition, the upper level seating has been re-configured to offer better viewing and additional concession stands and restrooms have been added.

A total of 12,200 seats are available for fans of FSU Basketball, who are treated to one of the most spectacular shows in college hoops. A new four-sided, center hung Megavision video display, a state-of-the-art sound system and four new scoreboards in the upper corners of the arena have also been added. When there is a break in the action, the video display comes alive with highlight tapes, animated games and other crowd pleasing bits.

Adding even more appeal to the facility is the Civic Center's new restaurant, the Spotlight Grill, which was also completed in October. This 450 seat arena-view restaurant includes an outdoor patio and ledge seating for viewing arena events.

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

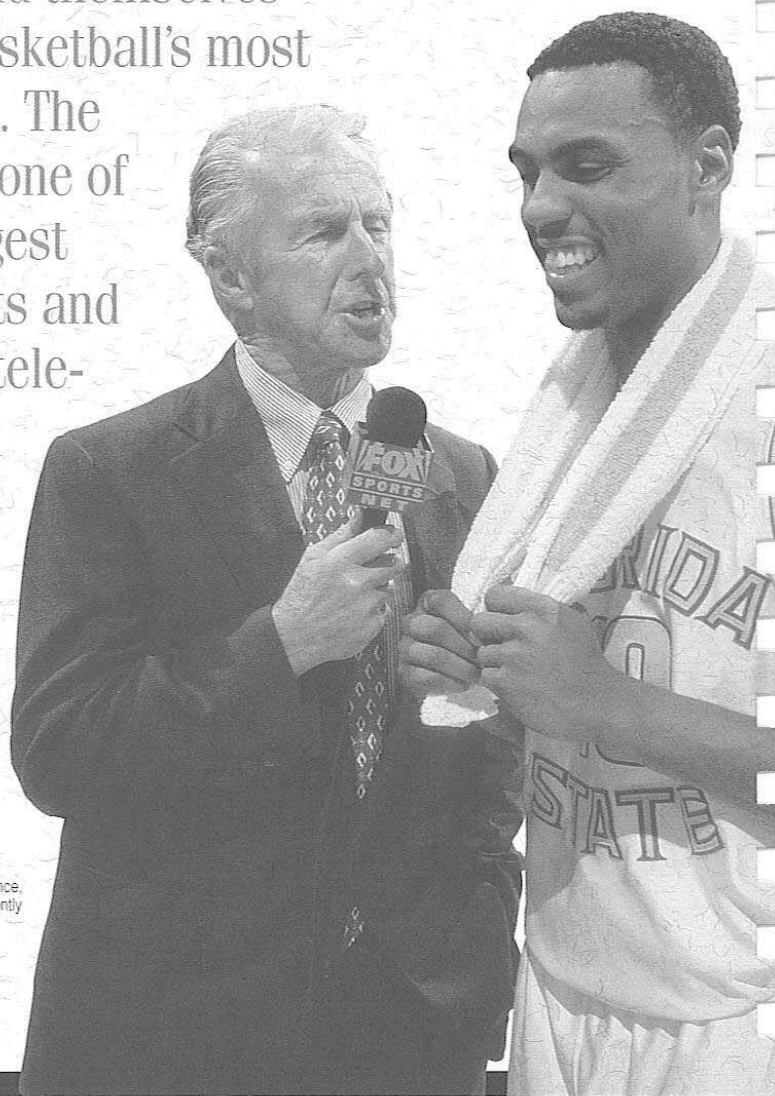
The Civic Center comes alive on game day as FSU Spirit Groups urge on thousands of fanatic Seminole fans.



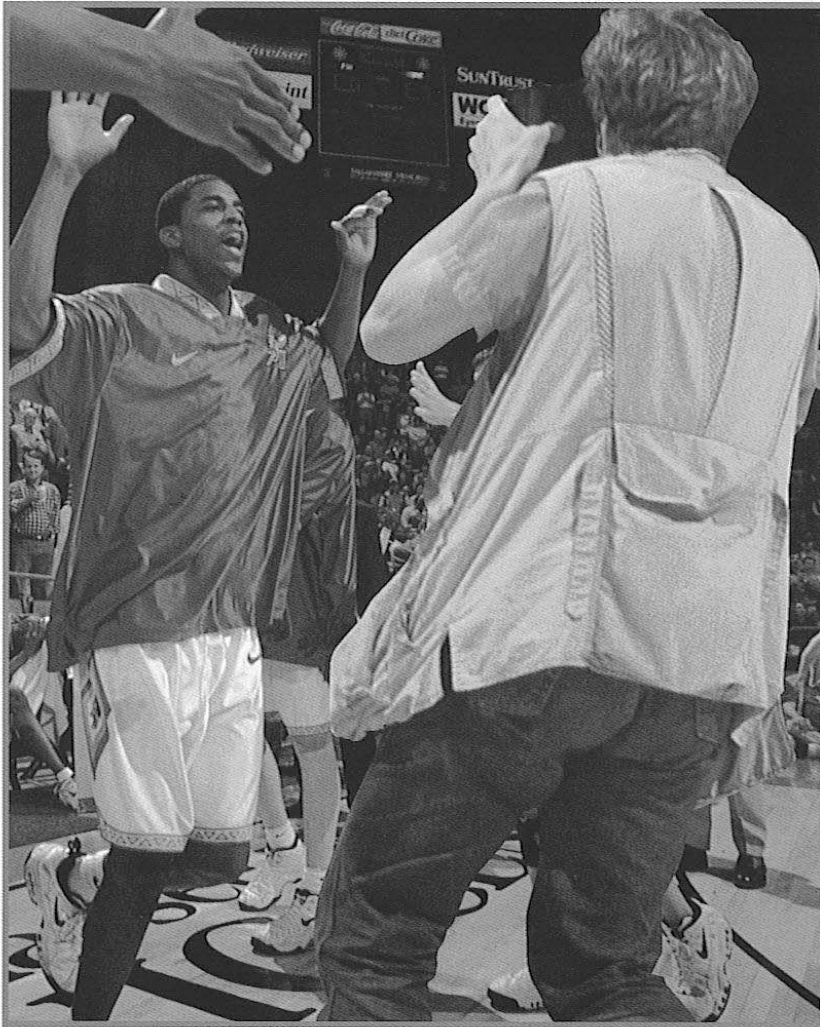
Unsurpassed National Media

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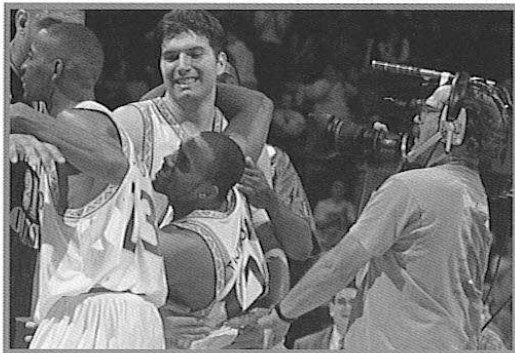
Already one of the nation's most popular athletics programs, the Seminoles find themselves one of college basketball's most publicized teams. The Seminoles enjoy one of the country's largest media contingents and have at least 23 television games slated for broadcast this season.



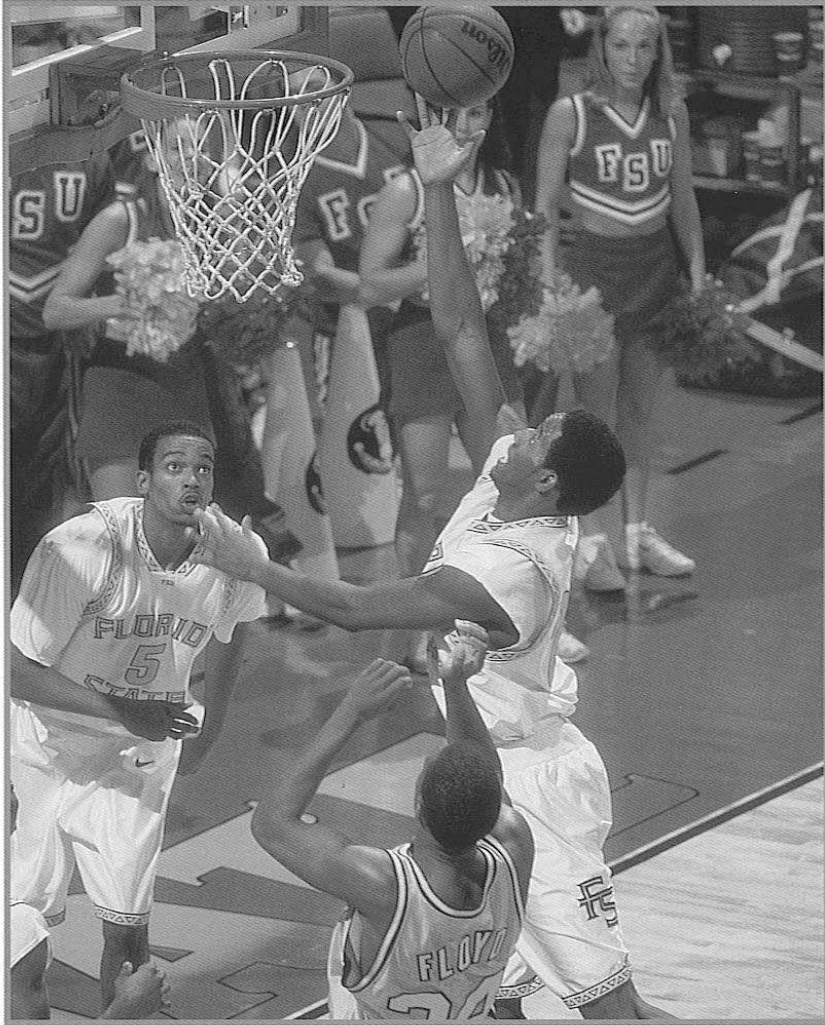
Playing in the nation's premier basketball conference, Florida State players frequently find themselves being interviewed in front of a national media contingent.



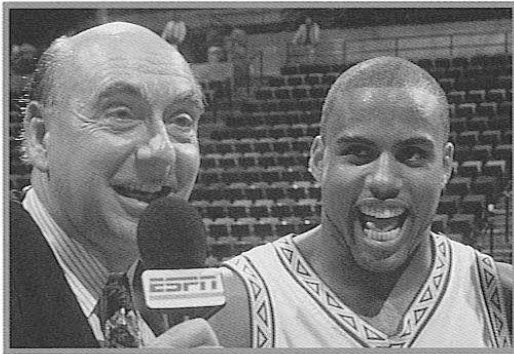
In the Capitol City of the Sunshine State and home to one of America's most popular collegiate athletics programs, Florida State is followed by one of the nation's largest sports press corps.



The extensive television coverage of Seminole basketball brings the action of almost every game into millions of homes across America.

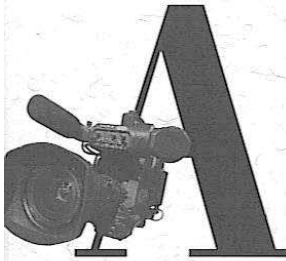


In early March, all eyes are on the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. It is the nation's premier basketball conference showdown, with national television coverage of every game, and the Seminoles are right in the thick of the action.



Playing basketball for the Seminoles often calls for putting in a little national "face time" with personalities such as Dick Vitale or Billy Packer.

Attention



Along 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 athletics 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.

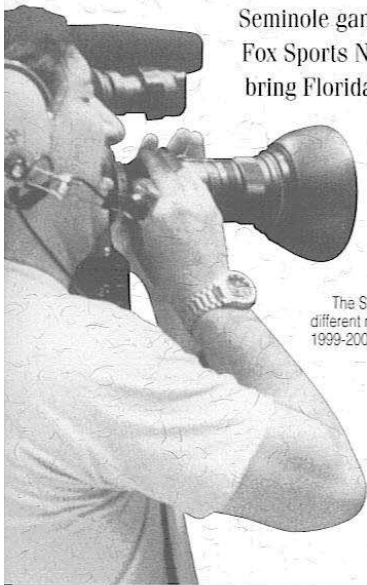
Television coverage is also unprecedented in Tallahassee as the Seminoles will have at least 23 games broadcast this season. FSU opens the 1999-2000 campaign with five national TV dates already announced. In addition to the interest from the national networks, Florida State fans will see an additional 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 Network will once again carry select

Seminole games. As part of Fox Sports Net, Sunshine will bring Florida State basketball into tens-of-millions of homes throughout the country.

The Seminoles will appear on five different national television networks in 1999-2000.

1999-2000 Schedule of Televised Games

Date	Opponent	Network	Time
November			
19	at Florida	Fox Sports/Sunshine	7:30 p.m.
23	Norfolk State	Sunshine	7:00 p.m.
27	Jacksonville	Sunshine	1:00 p.m.
29	Temple	ACC Regional Network	7:30 p.m.
December			
1	at Northwestern	ESPN2	9:30 p.m.
5	at Auburn	Fox Sports/Sunshine	3:00 p.m.
11	Seton Hall	Sunshine	2:00 p.m.
18	Orange Bowl Classic vs. Massachusetts	SportsChannel Florida	4:00 p.m.
22	Vanderbilt	Fox Sports/Sunshine	7:00 p.m.
January			
4	at Wake Forest	ACC Regional Network	6:00 p.m.
16	Duke	Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot	4:00 p.m.
22	at North Carolina	ABC	1:00 p.m.
26	at Virginia	Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot	9:00 p.m.
29	Maryland	Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot	1:30 p.m.
February			
2	at NC State	Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot	8:00 p.m.
5	Wake Forest	Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot	1:00 p.m.
12	at Clemson	ACC Regional Network	12:00 noon
16	at Duke	ESPN	9:00 p.m.
21	Georgia Tech	ACC Regional Network	7:00 p.m.
23	North Carolina	ESPN	7:00 p.m.
26	Virginia	ACC Regional Network	12:00 noon
March			
5	NC State	Raycom/Jefferson-Pilot	1:00 p.m.
9-12	ACC Tournament	Raycom/Jeff.-Pilot/ESPN	TBA



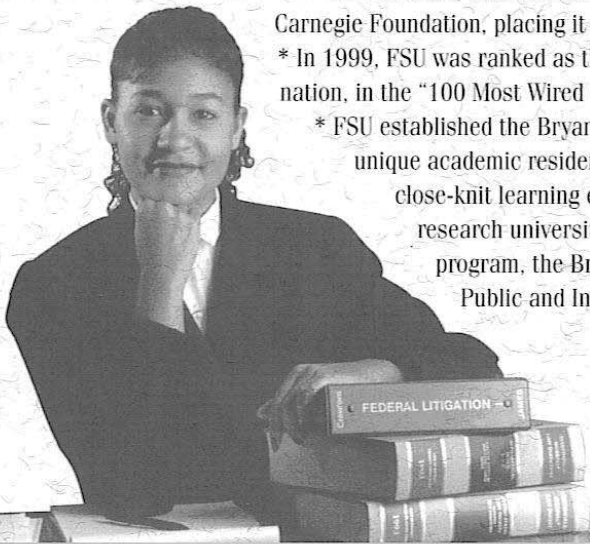
The University

This is **Florida**
Combining First-Class Athletics with World-Class Academics
State

Florida State University, a coeducational graduate research institution, stands among 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 52 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 1999, FSU was ranked as the most wired university in Florida, and 44th in the nation, in the "100 Most Wired Colleges" ranking by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.
- * FSU established the Bryan Hall Living-Learning Community in fall 1994, a unique academic residential program for freshmen designed to create a close-knit learning environment that benefits from the assets of a large research university. Building on the success of the Bryan Hall program, the Broward Hall Social Sciences Residential Program in Public and International Affairs was launched in fall 1999.

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At FSU, we want all of our athletes to turn professional. And ex-Seminole student-athletes can be found in professions from law to medicine to business ... and everything in between.





The old section of the FSU campus features beautiful gothic architecture, while newer parts display more modern structures.

One of America's most beautiful university settings, the FSU campus provides an intriguing mix of Florida palms and classic southern Oaks. The campus is frequently used as a backdrop for filming of television ads that call for a college setting.



* Vice President of the United States Al Gore spoke at the dedication of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at FSU in 1994. The National Science Foundation established the \$100 million magnet lab in 1990 at FSU, which runs the facility in partnership 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 Innovation Park, an off-campus research complex.

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

* In fall 1994, the first tenants moved into the east side of the \$85 million University Center, a classroom and office facility at Doak Campbell Stadium. With the completion of the west side in 1996, University Center now provides 550,000 square feet of much needed academic space and a centralized location for student services.

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.

* In 1998, the FSU School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts' graduate film program was ranked in the top 10 in the nation and third among public university film programs. 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 produced numerous 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 Into the Streets, a one-day community service project for freshmen, and Gadsden ESL (English as a Second Language), which provides educational services to migrant farmworkers. Through ServScript, students' service may be recorded on their official academic transcript.

* Florida State ranked eighth in popularity nationwide among all prospective students, fifth among prospective African-American students and fourth among prospective Hispanic/Latino students, 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 all three prospective student categories.

* FSU ranked seventh in the nation among public universities for 1993-97 in the number of African-American Ph.D. students it graduated.

* 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 at FSU.

* In 1999, FSU created the Institute on War World II and the Human Experience to "save the memories of those who saved the world" by collecting letters, diaries, memoirs and photos from participants in the war effort, in order to preserve the materials for classroom teaching, scholarly research and public viewing.

* 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.

* The Dr. Bobby E. Leach Center, a state-of-the-art student recreation facility, with weight-training facilities, a pool, saunas, basketball and racket-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 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 has excelled 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.

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Today, FSU's operating budget is \$525 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$112 million annually in external funding to supplement state-sponsored research.

Three direct-support organizations serve to bolster the university: the FSU Foundation, which raised \$301 million in private gifts during the university's first capital campaign, Seminole Boosters and the FSU Alumni Association.

The main campus is spread over 455.5 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 1,308 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 in 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 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 Switzerland, France, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Russia and the Caribbean. FSU's student centers in Florence, Italy, and London, England, are considered by many to be the nation's best in Europe.

Florida State offers 289 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 1,731 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 3,002 administrative/professional and support staff.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.2 million book titles, 16,384 serials and 4.7 million microforms. The main library facility, the Robert M. Strozler 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.

Also providing research opportunities is the tandem Van de Graff Superconducting Accelerator Laboratory, which houses two powerful atom smashers.

Graduate students, who number more than 5,685, 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 31,193 students



and their needs and interests (of the student population: 45 percent are male; 55 percent are female; 21.7 percent are minorities; 2.6 percent are foreign students). The University Honors Program, Disabled Student Services, International Student and Scholar Center, Student Government Association, 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 Jacobean Revival 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.

Florida State University enters the 21st century with excellence in all areas of its mission - teaching, research and public service.

Like the Seminole basketball program, the Florida State Law School is relatively young in years compared to law schools at other universities. But in a similar manner, the FSU Law program has quickly risen to national prominence, attracting and producing some of the brightest stars in that profession.



The Seminoles took in some white water rafting while in Australia in August. Florida State played seven games while on an exhibition tour there.



Academic **Support**

Athletics Academic Support Mission Statement

The primary focus of the Athletics Academic Support Program is to provide an environment which facilitates the academic success of each student-athlete. Student success is encouraged through competent academic counseling, study skills development, individualized assessment and support, and a wide array of tutorial services.

An Overview of an Award-Winning Academic Support Program

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

Director of Academic Support, Mark Meloney states, "Our philosophy is offer an academic support program integrated with the total University 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."

Our program operates on a "proactive" rather than "reactive" approach. Our academic staff does not wait for a crisis to occur. We gather important background information on each entering student-athlete, build an academic profile, and develop individualized support programs which are tailored to the unique needs of each student-athlete. We also stay informed on the daily progress of the student-athletes through consistent communication with our faculty.

The academic support unit is housed in the \$126 million dollar, state-of-the-art University Center Complex. It includes private study carrels, a tutorial study area, and a computer lab outfitted with 16 IBM compatible computers and laser jet printers. In addition, the athletic sky boxes are used for group and individualized tutorial instruction. The academic support staff is comprised of a Director, an Administrative Assistant, five Academ

Systems



counselors, several graduate assistants, individualized learning specialists, and a cadre of about 70 tutors and mentors.

Meleney was named the program's Director in 1997 and brings 12 years of advising experience to the position. Over the past five years, Meleney has played an integral role in the development of a comprehensive program of student-athlete support, which in 1996 won the "Program of Excellence" award from Athletic Management Magazine.

Kevin White is the basketball team's Academic Counselor. He emphasizes accountability and responsibility, while assisting basketball student-athletes with registration, course selection, major selection and monitoring their day to day academic responsibilities in an effort to ensure they maintain progress towards their degrees.

Academic Support Tutorial Program

The Athletics 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 program is just one of several

The University Center complex surrounding the football stadium houses classrooms, administrative space, athletic offices and academic support services.

key support services that is available to all student-athletes as they progress towards their ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree. We hire approximately 70 tutors a year, from a variety of academic departments, who are committed to providing a proactive, individualized approach in assisting student-athletes with course comprehension and study skills. The tutors are usually seniors or graduate level students who have outstanding academic backgrounds.

Tutorial assistance is available for all academic coursework and may be obtained by filling out a tutorial request form at the beginning of the semester, or as needed.

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



Managing the demands of athletics and academics can be difficult, so the FSU Athletics Department has made a commitment to provide our student-athletes with one of the finest and most comprehensive academic support programs in America.

assigned student-athletes and assist them in identifying all of their academic responsibilities for that semester. 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 and organizational 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 counselors each week.

Study Hall

In an effort to help ensure the academic success of student-athletes, professionally supervised study sessions for each athletic team are organized. 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 study hall is left to the discretion of each academic counselor, typically most freshmen, first-year transfers, and upperclassmen who have not yet achieved a satisfactory cumulative grade point average are asked to attend study hall.

Academic Honors & Awards

Florida State University student-athletes have achieved great success in obtaining recognition for academic excellence. More than \$120,000 in postgraduate monies have been granted to FSU's student-athletes over the past four years, as well as a number of other academic honors and awards.

Florida State University had a record 154 student athletes on the 1997 Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll and boasted two Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Award Winners, numerous GTE District Academic All-Americans, a National Football

Foundation and College Hall of Fame \$18,000 Postgraduate Award Winner, a Burger King Scholar Athlete, and a National Scholar Athlete of the Year.

The Academic Support Program is committed to recognizing the academic success of all student-athletes. The Athletics Department, in conjunction with Seminole Boosters, Inc., puts on the annual "Golden Torch Gala", a black-tie academic awards banquet, each fall. The ACC Honor Roll student-athletes, as well as the individuals with the highest GPA on their respective teams, and the Men's and Women's teams with the highest GPA are recognized at this event.

Team meetings are held each year, during which time student-athletes are notified of potential honors and awards and are encouraged to apply. Combining a strong grade point average with athletic accomplishments, community service activities, and leadership experiences make for a student-athlete capable of obtaining 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 N.O.L.E.S. 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 compo-

nent of the N.O.L.E.S. program. These support programs ensure that the student-athlete will be provided opportunities to focus on personal growth issues such as values clarification, goal setting, 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 N.O.L.E.S. 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

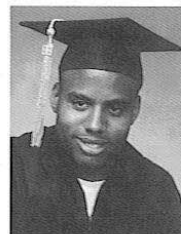
Serving the community is the focus of our Seminole Spirit program. Student-athletes are challenged to give service to our community and individuals who are in need. With a clearly defined program of service, student-athletes are given the opportunity to develop the foundation for a lifelong commitment 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 N.O.L.E.S. program and the athletics administration. This 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 Director of Student Development, Pam Overton, received the prestigious Gene Hooks Award, given to the nation's premier student development program.



Kerry Thompson (top) and Kyle Mulligan (above) were the first two players to graduate during Steve Robinson's tenure at Florida State.



Senior Oliver Simmons earned a business degree last spring and is pursuing a masters in sports administration while he plays his final season.



Athletics Administration



Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte



Dave Hart, Jr.

Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte President, The Florida State University

Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, president of The Florida State University since January 3, 1994, has had strong ties with the school since its inception. His grandfather attended the Seminary West of the Suwannee and his mother attended the Florida State College for Women, institutions that are 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 1991-92 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 and was recognized by the St. Petersburg Times in 1972 as the most outstanding member of the House. After leaving the Florida Legislature, he chaired the Florida Constitution Revision Commission in 1977-1978 and the Florida Commission on Ethics in 1974-1975.

D'Alemberte has won numerous awards, notably the 1985 National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences "Emmy" that he received for his work in open government, particularly in the opening of court proceedings to electronic journalists. In 1998, he was honored with the ABA Section of Legal Education Robert J. Kutak and the ABA World Order Under Law Awards. He has received recognition for his work in civil rights.

Born June 1, 1933, in Tallahassee, D'Alemberte was educated in public schools in Tallahassee and Chattahoochee, Florida. In 1955, he earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors in political science from the University of the South in Suwanee,

Tennessee, and also attended summer school at FSU and the University of Virginia. After military service in the Navy, 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 D'Alemberte Powell, a graduate of the University of Denver Law School, and Joshua Talbot D'Alemberte, a graduate of his father's alma mater, the University of the South, and a public school teacher. D'Alemberte is married to Patsy Palmer, former children's policy coordinator in the late Florida Governor Lawton Chiles' office. She has worked as a journalist, legislative aide and White House staff member. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in journalism, a master's degree from the Harvard Divinity School and a master's degree in conflict resolution from Antioch University. D'Alemberte's personal interests include tennis, squash, sailing, reading and travel.

Dave Hart, Jr. 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, 49, has gained national recognition for his skills in the areas of athletics management, public relations, marketing and fund-raising. He brought to Florida State an outstanding reputation as one of the country's most respected athletics

directors. Prior to being named athletics director at FSU, Hart was the architect of significant growth in East Carolina's athletics program from 1987-1995. Under his leadership, ECU dramatically enhanced its reputation and image while demonstrating marked strides in fund-raising and facilities as well as funding for women's athletics.

Hart has served on several prestigious committees at conference and national levels during his career in athletics administration. He has been a member of the NCAA Council, the NCAA Honors and Awards Committee and the NCAA Special Events and Post Season Bowls Committee as well as a consultant to the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council. Hart currently holds positions of considerable influence within conference and national circles. He serves as president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and became president of the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association in October. He also is a member of NCAA Football's Board of Directors where he serves with commissioners of Division I-A conferences and the NCAA president. In addition to serving in prominent leadership roles nationally, Hart also chairs the Atlantic Coast Conference Television Committee as well as its Marketing Committee.

A popular speaker at the national level and the author of a number of articles for national publications, Hart has made numerous speaking presentations at conventions and seminars on program management, student-athlete welfare, marketing, fund-raising and personnel transition. For the past 11 years, he has been an instructor at the National Association of College Directors of Athletics' Management Institute.

Just the 10th athletics director in FSU history, Hart is in his fifth year as Florida State's Athletics Director where he oversees the Seminoles' 31 million dollar athletics budget. Since his arrival at Florida State, Hart has negotiated several major multi-million



Based on students' choices of which colleges to send their SAT scores to, FSU has risen to be one of the most sought-after colleges to attend anywhere in America.

dollar contracts for the department, guided the development of a comprehensive athletics facilities master plan, initiated an extensive Student Development/ Life Skills program for all student-athletes at FSU and spearheaded the rewriting of the department's Mission Statement to put the student-athlete at the core of everything the athletics department does in building comprehensive excellence throughout the athletics program.

He has also made major hires within coaching and administrative components of the department and under his guidance, Florida State's Compliance and Academic Support programs have made continued strides and are considered model programs within intercollegiate athletics.

Since Hart's arrival, FSU has formed a Varsity Club to encourage the participation of former student-athletes in current athletics department activities and a new focus has been placed on the growth of women's athletics at FSU. That commitment is reflected in the increased allocation of funding and facility improvements during Hart's tenure.

Football and baseball continue to flourish nationally during Hart's tenure as athletics director as evidenced most recently during the 1998-99 athletic

year when both the football and baseball programs played in the national championship game. The commitment to build men's and women's basketball into a conference and national contender is very tangible.

"We've been so fortunate to have Dave leading the university's athletic programs," said President Sandy D'Alemberte. "We hired him because of his record in building successful programs, his commitment to gender equity, his innovative approach to shaping the student behind the athlete, and the stability he offered. He proved us right and has certainly lifted Florida State athletics to a new level."

A 1971 graduate of Alabama, Hart played basketball for the Crimson Tide and earned a master's degree in 1972 while serving as a graduate assistant basketball coach. He coached and taught at the high school level before joining the East Carolina athletics program in 1983.

Hart met his wife, the former Pam Humble, while at Alabama and they have three children - Rick (27), Jamie (25) and Kelly (22).

Charles W. Ehrhardt

Athletics Board Chair

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

He has served as President of the ACC and as a member of the NCAA's Eligibility Committee. Last year he served as chair of the ACC Sportsmanship Committee. Earlier during his tenure as the athletics 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

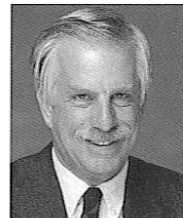
a Commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Ehrhardt is involved in drafting legislation for a uniform state law regulating the activities of sports agents.

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 over 30 years. He wrote the Florida Evidence Code, 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 as the FSU College of Law outstanding professor in six different years. 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 States Attorney.

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



Charles W. Ehrhardt



Charlie Carr

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Senior Associate Athletics Director

Charlie Carr is in his fifth year as senior associate athletics director at Florida State. FSU athletics director Dave Hart named his longtime associate to the number two spot on his staff when he accepted the job in 1995.

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.



Charles Hurst

Carr's responsibilities since coming to 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 until his appointment at Mississippi State.

Carr and his wife, Dee, have one daughter Caitlin (15).

Charles Hurst Executive Associate Director of Athletics for Internal Affairs

Charles Hurst is in his 13th year with the Florida State athletics department. Hurst was promoted to his present position in 1995 after three years as an associate athletics director, where he oversaw all of the department's financial and business affairs.

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, Ala., 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 (Ala.) 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, Ala.

He and his wife, Juanita, have one daughter, Maria (21).

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 athletics director and senior women's administrator at Florida State.

Record is a veteran of Atlantic Coast Conference circles having served as an associate athletics director at her alma mater, the University of Virginia, for seven years.

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 basketball, soccer, softball, swimming and tennis programs.

Prominent on the national scene as well, Record serves on NACDA's executive committee and on the NCAA women's soccer committee.

A native of Troy, Va., Record received her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1984 and earned a master's from FSU this spring. She has two sons, Kyle (11) and Joshua (6).

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.

He is presently the chair of the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct and a member of the board of directors of the Black Coaches Association. He is also on the board of directors for the nation association of athletics compliance coordinators. He frequently participates in panel discussions on current topics at the National Association of Collegiate Directors Association and the American Bar Association.

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 Florida State'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.

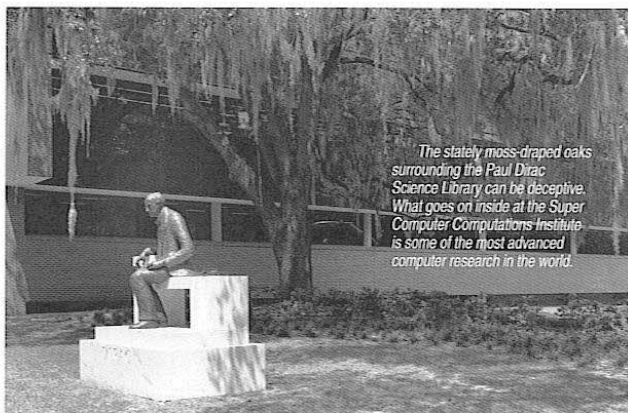
A native of Spokane, Wash., Minnix attended Notre Dame, where he played in back-to-back Cotton Bowls in 1970 and 1971. He led the Fighting Irish in rushing as a senior in 1971. A 1972 Notre Dame graduate, Minnix



Kim Record



Bob Minnix



The stately moss-draped oaks surrounding the Paul Dirac Science Library can be deceptive. What goes on inside at the Super Computer Computations Institute is some of the most advanced computer research in the world.

attended 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 (20) and Blair (15).

Andy Urbanic
Associate Director of Athletics for Football Operations & Special Projects

Andy Urbanic is in his 11th season in charge of football operations at Florida State. He added the responsibility of coordinating special projects within the athletics department two years ago and was elevated to the position of Associate Athletic Director this summer.

Urbanic 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 I 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.

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 Program Services

Guy Morgan is in his sixth year at Florida State University and his second under the title, Assistant Director of Athletics for Program Services.

Morgan's duties include assisting in securing employment for student-athletes, coordination of game events for Olympic sports and marketing for Olympic sports tournaments and special events. He previously served as assistant athletics director for the coordination and administration of the men's and women's basketball programs.

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. 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 Guy II (4) and Sterling, born last February.



Andy Urbanic

Greg Phillips
Assistant Director of Athletics for Business & Systems Management

Florida State alumnus Greg Phillips is in his fifth year as the assistant director of athletics for business and systems management. He was elevated to the position in 1995 after spending six years as the athletics department's business manager, and has served the department a total of 13 years.

Phillips oversees 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, financial reporting, payroll, purchasing, travel and cashiering functions. Phillips is also charged with managing the department's information technology and directing hosted NCAA championships.

Phillips joined the athletics staff in 1986 after earning bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Florida State and a master's degree in sports administration from the United States Sports Academy.

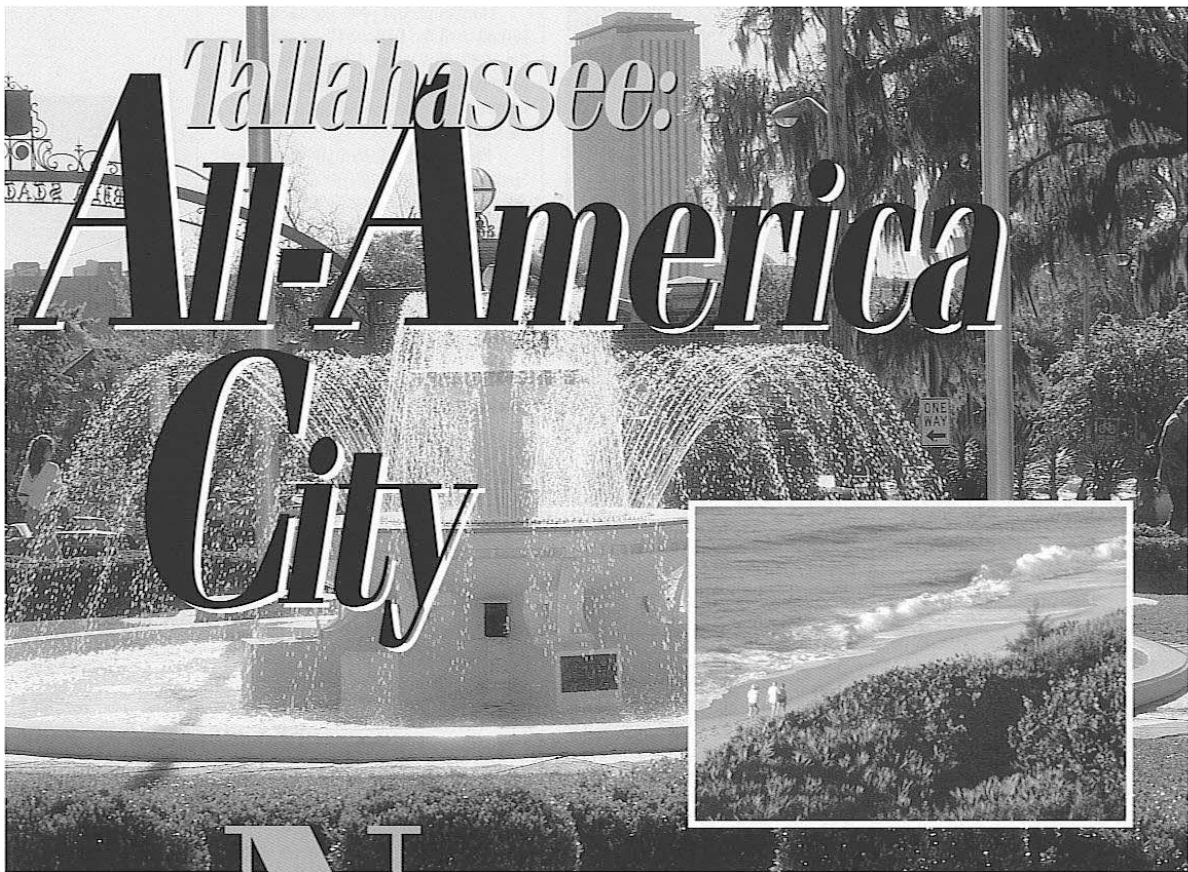
The Bartow, Fla., native currently serves as First Vice President of the College Athletic Business Management Association and also serves on the ACC Finance Committee. He and his wife Deanna have a son, Payton (5), and a daughter, Kathryn (3).



Greg Phillips



Guy Morgan



Tallahassee is the Capital of the Sunshine State, and the State Capitol building is just a short walk from the fountain at FSU's Westcott Building. The famous Florida Gulf Beaches (inset photo) are less than a half-hour from campus.

Near, 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.

Below, in the shade of giant live oaks, proudly stands the Old Capitol, originally constructed in 1845 and restored to its 1902 splendor complete with red-and-white candy-striped awnings, a dome adorned with stained glass, antique furnishings and political memorabilia.

Across from the Old Capitol are the 40-foot twin granite towers of the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, and the blue stone Union Bank, Florida's oldest surviving financial institution. The nostalgic Old Town Trolley, a replica turn-of-the-century street car, carries passengers through restored Adams Street Commons to numerous other historical downtown shops for free - unheard of even 100 years ago.

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.

Nearby, alligators lazing in the sunshine and anthing "snake birds" perched on twisted cypress branches are seen at Wakulla Springs, one of the world's deepest freshwater springs and site of many underwater scenes in the "Tarzan" movies with Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan. Safaris aboard glass-bottomed and jungle cruise boats whisk visitors within arm's length of "The Other Florida."

Outdoor enthusiasts enjoy adventures including boating and fishing on area lakes, rivers, ponds and the Gulf - just 30 minutes away. Lakes Seminole, Jackson and Talquin are renowned in the bass fishing world for yielding the "big ones," and dense forests offer an abundance of prize-winning game. Local wildlife areas such as the Florida National Scenic Trail, St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Apalachicola National Forest are among many spots for camping, picnicking, swimming, biking and exploring.

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. A sport of sorts, shopping at two regional malls and many specialty centers offer many "playing options" - from popular chains to curiosity and antique shops.

Cultural interests are sparked by widely-acclaimed museums and galleries and elaborate entertainment at the 12,200-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.



Just before Christmas time, Tallahassee's Winter Festival fills the streets of downtown with merry-makers.

We Won!

Tallahassee's an All-America City! On June 26, judges from the National Civic League named Tallahassee as one of 10 cities to win the prestigious All-America City (AAC) award from the 1999 All-America City conference in Philadelphia. The All-America City award is the most prestigious and coveted award a community can win. The annual award recognizes exemplary, grassroots and problem-solving efforts of communities that cooperatively tackle challenges and achieve measurable results. Judging is based on the overall level of community involvement in solving critical local problems, including public-private partnerships.

"This is clearly one of the most exciting things to ever happen to Tallahassee," said a jubilant Mayor Scott Maddox. "For those of us who call Tallahassee home, the All-America City award verifies what we've known for so long — that we have one of the greatest cities in all of America!"





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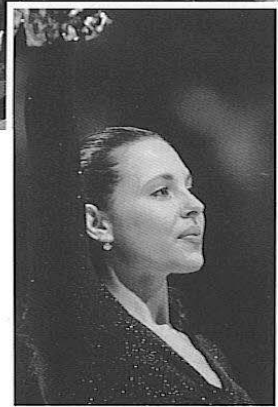
rom the pregame rituals when the fans are whipped into a frenzy as the Seminole Warrior and the Golden Girls lead the Florida State basketball team onto the floor to the final tick of the clock when fans leave the Civic Center after another FSU victory, nothing compares to the excitement of Seminole basketball.

One of Florida State's most visible basketball ambassadors are the talented Golden Girls.

Fans anxiously await their performances as their halftime and timeout routines have become legendary.

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. Their best finish was a fifth place effort at the Universal Dance Association's national competition in 1998. In addition to basketball games, 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 dancers/cheerleaders for NFL and NBA teams. The Golden Girls are coached by FSU Spirit Coordinator Lollie Aulet, a Golden Girl herself in 1995-96.



Florida State's award-winning spirit groups keep the action rolling and urge the Seminoles on to victory at every game.