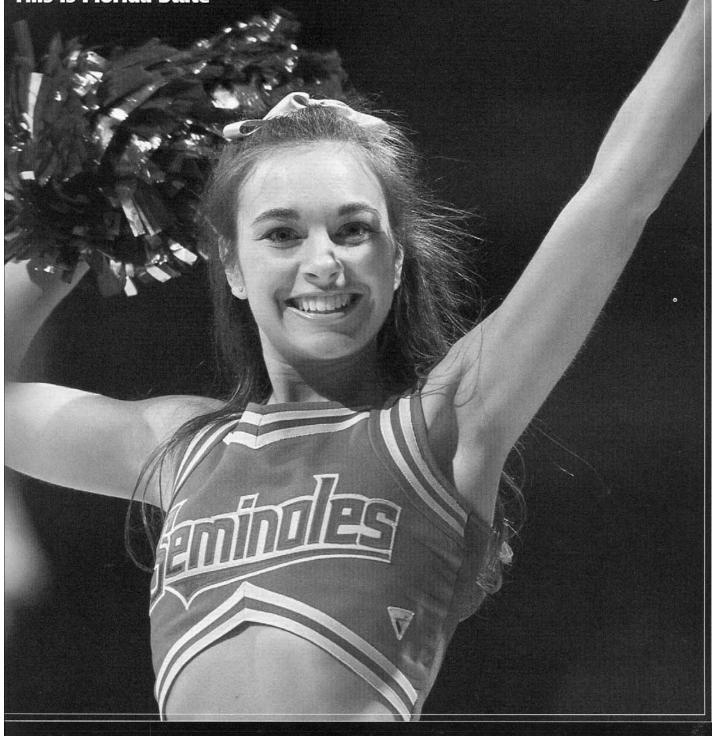
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This is Florida State



55 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 players.

While many teams celebrated their 100th year of college basketball recently, Florida State remains a virtual baby when it comes to years playing the game. But not when it comes to years of excellence. 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
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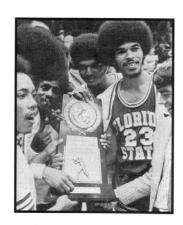
Tribe leaving FSU fans to celebrate a second place finish.

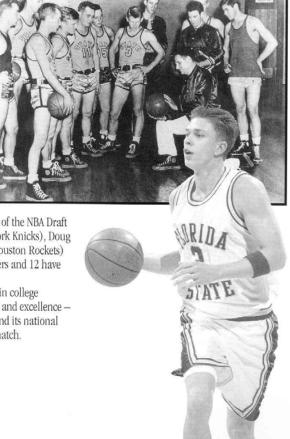
However, recent history is the most impressive for Florida State. The Seminoles have made themselves regular visitors to the NCAA Tournament with six trips in the last 14 years. In 1993, Florida State had its second most successful season ever with a trip to the Elite Eight, just one win shy of a return to the Final Four.

Individual Seminoles are also receiving a growing number of trophies. Michael Joiner was named to the ACC Rookie Team in 2000. 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 ten 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, four Florida State University players are on NBA rosters and 12 have played in the league in the last 11 years.

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.





An Atmosphere of Non-stop Excitement.

The constant beat of the pep band, the Seminole Warrior, the Golden Girls and the MegaVision score-board video all combine to make the Civic Center one of college basketball's most exciting arenas.

The sound of the Chiefly Brass pep band fills the Civic Center with the familiar beat 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.

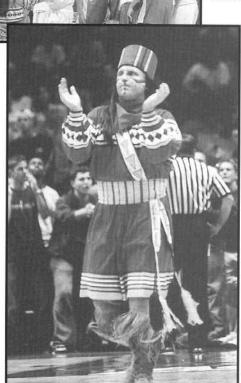
Soon, the War Chant begins to reach a deafening crescendo. The crowd rises with anticipation. The chants move to another level, when finally the Seminole Warrior leads the Seminoles from the dark of the tunnel into the lights and cheers that is one of college basketball's most enthusiastic crowds.

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.





Unmatched Media Attention

The Seminoles enjoy one of the country's largest media contingents and have at least 23 television games slated for broadcast this season.

Along with aligning itself with some of the nation's finest academic institutions, Florida State's membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference has meant unprecedented media exposure for the basketball program.

 Over 15 newspapers cover the Seminoles extensively on a daily basis. From the local Tallabassee Democrat to one of the nation's largest newspapers, the Miami Herald, Florida State men's basketball is covered like few other programs in the nation.

 In addition to the extensive in-state coverage of the Seminoles, large media outlets make regular stops in Tallahassee. The Allanta Journal and Constitution and Charlotte Observer join most of the South's newspapers in covering Florida State basketball.

 Also regulars on the Florida State basketball trail are USA Today Newspaper, Sports Illustrated and the Sporting News.

 Television coverage is also unprecedented in Tallahassee, as the Seminoles will have at least 20 games broadcast both regionally and nationally.

 The Florida State radio network, the most extensive in the Southeastern region of the United States, blankets the states of Florida, Georgia and Alabama and reaches up the Atlantic seaboard as far as Washington, D.C. and Maryland.

 ACC basketball will receive extensive live television coverage during the 2002-03 season, with ABC, CBS and ESPN/ESPN2 combining for a recordhigh 231 telecasts.

 Twenty-one appearances on CBS and ABC are among the 135 national network appearances that highlight the 2002-03 Atlantic Coast Conference schedule. The schedule boasts 231 total television appearances over 149 televised games. It marks the seventh consecutive season the ACC will have over 200 television appearances.

 The ACC became the first conference in collegiate basketball history to have its entire conference game package televised either regionally or nationally during the 1998-99 season.

 An amazing 70 of the league's 72 regular season games, including 46 on national television networks, are scheduled to be televised during the upcoming season.

Fox Sports Net will televise 19 games on a national basis including Florida State's games at home against Duke and North Carolina.

 The extensive coverage of the Seminole men's basketball team will be enhanced again this season by Fox Sports Net and its ACC television package. With the addition of Fox Sports Net, Florida State men's basketball will be seen by millions of fans all over the nation.

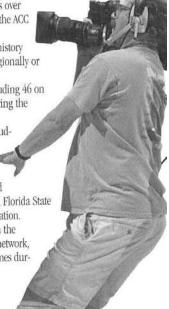
 Florida State is the featured team from the state of Florida on the Sunshine Network. Sunshine, the state's largest sports cable network, will carry a record number of Seminole men's basketball games during the 2002-03 season.

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Florida State is one of the most nationally recognized programs in all of college basketball.



FSU 2002-03 Men's Basketball Television Schedule TELEVISION DATE OPPONENT Nike/Marathon Oil Nov. 10 Nov. 17 EA Sports Savannah State Sunshine Nov. 24 Nov. 27 Mercer Dec. 2 ESPN2 Iowa FSNS/Sunshine Florida Dec. 6 FSNS/Sunshine Miami (Fla.) Dec. 8 Birmingham Southern Sunshine Dec. 15 Stetson Sunshine Dec. 18 Fox Sports Net (Ntl.) North Carolina* Dec. 22 at Fiesta Bowl Classic Tourn Dec. 28-30 vs. Boston University vs. Arizona/Davidson Comcast/Sunshine Jan. 4 at Virginia Tech Texas A&M Jan. 6 Corpus Christi RJ/Jefferson Pilot at Maryland Ian. 11 at Georgia Tech* Sunshine Jan. 14 RJ/Jefferson Pilot NC State* Jan. 18 Sunshine Jan. 21 Clemson* RJ/Jefferson Pilot Jan. 26 at Wake Forest* Jan. 29 at Virginia* Fox Sports Net (Ntl.) Feb. 2 Duke* at North Carolina* RJ/Jefferson Pilot Feb. 8 RJ/Jefferson Pilot (Split) Maryland* Feb. 12 Sunshine Feb. 15 Georgia Tech* Feb. 18 Sunshine Feb. 22 at Clemson^a Sunshine Sunshine Feb. 26 Wake Forest* Sunshine Virginia* Mar. 1 ESPN2 Mar. 6 at Duke* RJ/ESPN Mar. 13-16 at ACC Tournament * denotes ACC game, home games are BOLD.

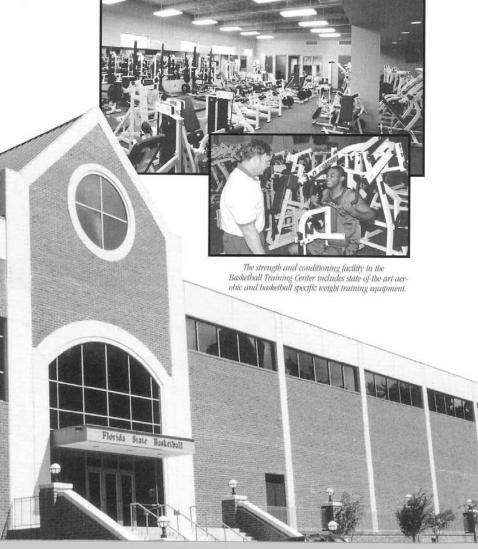




The Florida State Basketball Training Center is one of the nation's top collegiate basketball facilities. Built at a cost of \$10 million, it was officially opened during the fall of 2002. It is truly a first class home for Seminole basketball.

The Seminole men's program moved into its new \$10 million home in April 2002. The 40,000 square-foot office and practice complex is owned by the athletic department and is attached to the Tallahassee Leon County/Don Tucker Civic Center, providing the teams with a permanent home for practice. Each team has its own practice floor, locker

rooms, coaches offices, meeting rooms and players' lounge with a reception area, tradition room and offices for support staff.





The Seminoles' locker room is one of the most spacious and comfortable in the nation.

The players' lounge allows the Seminole men's basketball players to enjoy a home away from home.

Leon County Civic Center

A 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 surroundings that are as modern as any in the country.

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

In October of 1999, 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 reconfigured 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 of

1999. This 450 seat arenaview 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 nation-

ally acclaimed law school.

Florida State's players enjoy playing in the Civic Center because of the tremendous support of the Seminole basketball fans.



Seminole fans celebrated Florida State's victory over No. 1 ranked Duke on January 6, 2002.

Florida State's dedicated fans belp make the Leon County Civic Center a tough arena for opposing teams



This is Florida Florida State This is Florida Florida State

The Florida State University community offers its students a special warmth and envasing diversity.

Florida State University, a graduate research institution, stands among the nation's elite in both academics and athletics.

ocated on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, the university is situated in the heart of the state's capital city. The university's main campus blends Jacobean Revival and modern styles of architecture with the oaks, pines, dogwoods and azaleas of North Florida.

As the university has progressed and grown — from its pre-Civil War beginnings as the Seminary West of the Suwannee, to the Florida State College for Women and, finally, returning to coeducational status as a university in 1947 — it has developed

into an acclaimed research institution, a top-ranked competitor in intercollegiate athletics and a standard-setter in the basic sciences and the performing arts.



The Florida State University Law school is quickly gaining national acclaim as one of the top schools in the nation.

The university has entered the 21st century with excellence in all areas of its mission – teaching, research and public service, including many noteworthy milestones.

- In April 2002, the National Weather Service opened its 121st Weather Forecast Office in a four-story addition to the James J. Love Building, home of the FSU department of meteorology. It is the 14th WFO to be collocated on a university campus and will give FSU meteorology students first-hand experience observing and working with professional meteorologists.
- In April 2002, WFSU-TV was among nine public television stations praised for their involvement with the PBS Ready To Learn service and early childhood literacy by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush during a White House ceremony.
- In February 2002, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced the creation of a \$2.5 million FSU center that will develop the best methods to teach reading, to be headed by Joseph K. Torgesen, the FSU Robert M. Gagne Professor of Psychology and Education who is the nation's leading expert on how children learn to read. The center, which will collaborate with the University of Central Florida, will train teachers in what works.
- In October 2001, FSU began its second capital campaign for private funds. The \$600 million FSU Connect campaign surpassed the halfway mark with \$306 million in May 2002. The university's first capital campaign, An Investment in Learning, closed in January 1998 with \$301 million, surpassing its original \$200 million goal.
- From October to November 2001, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler, an FSU Francis Eppes Professor who

- holds the Michael Shaara Chair in Creative Writing, was the first author ever to write a short story live on the Internet. Butler allowed the world to watch him write an original short story, keystroke for keystroke, two hours a day for 19 days.
- During the fall of 2001, FSU had 257 National Merit Scholars, 88 National Achievement Scholars and 232 Hispanic Scholars enrolled.
- In June 2001, NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw donated more than 5,000 collections of World War II memorabilia that had been sent to him as the result of his three-book series on "The Greatest Generation" to the FSU Institute on World War II and the Human Experience. FSU created the institute in 1998 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.
- In the blackenterprise.com 2001 "Top Fifty Colleges for African Americans" rankings, FSU was rated 23rd in the nation, up from 26th in 1999.
- In the March-April 2001 issue of National Jurist that rated the nation's "most wired" law schools, the FSU College of Law was ranked 13th.
- At more than \$343.7 million, FSU's endowment has been ranked 127th in the nation by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the benchmark of higher education fundraising success, in 2001.
- In 2000, FSU bought the most powerful university-owned supercomputer in the world. The IBM RS/6000 Supercomputer

can perform 2.5 trillion calculations per second. Located in the School of Computational Science and Information Technology, the supercomputer will be used by FSU researchers to predict hurricanes and compare DNA sequences as complex as those of the human genome.

- · The Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee, a project of the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, is scheduled to open in March 2003. The center, to be built on Kleman Plaza in downtown Tallahassee, will feature a space mission simulator common to all of the centers, plus a 300-seat IMAX theater and a domed planetarium laser theater. It will serve middle schools in a 66-county area of North Florida, Southeast Alabama and South Georgia.
- In 2000, the doctoral program in the College of Business had the highest minority enrollment of any Ph.D. business program in the United States. In recent years, it has graduated more minority doctoral students than any other Ph.D. granting institution.
- . In 1999, FSU created the Center for Advanced Power Systems (CAPS) after recognizing the impact of power electronics, the potential impact of superconductivity and the rapidly changing business environment for power systems. CAPS is part of an Office of Naval Research-funded effort to design the U.S. Navy's next generation, all-electric fleet.

. In December 1999, researchers at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory used a hybrid magnet to conduct the lab's first research in continuous magnetic fields of 45 tesla, or one million times Earth's magnetic field. The magnet lab - the only one of its kind in the Western Hemisphere -

was established in 1990 by the National

• In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation classified FSU as a "Research University I," placing it among the nation's top research universities. In 2000, the distinction was renamed "Doctoral/Research University-Extensive."

Under the leadership of FSU's 12th president, Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, who took office in January 1994, and its of its history of excellence in scholarship, Hinkle, Harold Knowles, J. Stanley Marshall and Steven J. Uhlfelder, all of Tallahassee; Erich Bloch of Washington, D.C.; Emily "June" Duda of Oveido; David Ford of Rosemont, Pa.; Dr. Jessie Furlow of Ouincy; Manuel "Manny" Garcia III of Winter Springs; William



Florida State University has been called one of five "bot and trendy" schools in the entire nation

Science Foundation and is run by FSU in partnership with the University of Florida and the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

13-member Board of Trustees, the university continues to build on the foundation research and service. The trustees are: Lee 'Andy" Haggard of Coral Gables; E. Ann

McGee of Winter Springs; John Thrasher of Orange Park, and Student Government Association President Michelle Pletch of

A senior member of the State University System, FSU was founded as an institution of higher learning in 1851 by legislative act. It began in Tallahassee with its first class of male students in 1857 and added women in 1858.

FSU's operating budget is \$716 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$130 million annually in external funding to supplement state-sponsored research. Three directsupport organizations serve to bolster the university: the Seminole Boosters, the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU Foundation.

The main campus is spread over 463.4 acres in Tallahassee; FSU, which has one of the smallest campuses in the SUS, has been actively acquiring land in the 1990s. FSU encompasses 1,423.2 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Gadsden and Sarasota counties.

Within the state, the university maintains facilities at its 25acre campus in Panama City, its Marine Laboratory at Turkey Point 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 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, Vietnam, the Czech Republic, Greece, Croatia, Ireland, South Africa, Ghana and the Caribbean. FSU's student



The Florida State University fac-

ulty is nationally recognized for their achievements and professional excel-

lence in many academic fields

centers in Florence, Italy, and London, England, are considered by many to be the nations best in Europe.

Florida State offers 300 graduate and undergraduate degree programs through its nine colleges — Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Education; Engineering (operated jointly with Florida A&M University); Human Sciences; Law; Medicine; and Social Sciences (which also incorporates the Reubin O'D 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 1,956 members, the FSU faculty has included 10 National Academy of Sciences elected members, four American Academy of Arts and Sciences members and five Nobel laureates. It is backed by 5,262 administrative and support staff members.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.4 million book titles and 6.7 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 Library is located at the heart of the university's science research complex. FSU also maintains music, library science and law libraries, and the Mildred and Claude Pepper Library.

FSU's 6,317 graduate students 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.

Of FSU's 35,462-student population, 43.6 percent are male; 56.4 percent are female; 23.1 percent are minorities; and 3.8 percent are foreign students.



The impressive academic programs at Florida State University offer many exciting opportunities for personal and professional growth.

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Student Services and Academic Support

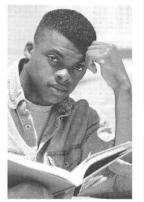
Athletic Academic Support Mission Statement

The primary focus of the Athletic Academic Support Program is to provide an environment that facilitates the academic success of each student athlete. Student success is encouraged through competent academic counseling, study skills development, individualized assessment, 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 Florida State University, we have developed an outstanding support program that enables student athletes to reach their full potential.

Director, Mark Meleney states "Our philosophy is to 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."



Florida State's outstanding academic reputation is based on its strong bistory as a liberal arts college, its commitment to undergraduate education and its extensive and distinguisbed research.



Florida State University is the world leader in online research access and offers six campus libraries with over six million volumes available to its students.

Our program operates on a "proactive" rather than "reactive" approach. Our academic staff does not wait for crises 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 20 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 academic counselors, several graduate assistants, individualized learning specialists and a cadre of approximately 50 tutors and mentors.

Mark Meleney was named the program's Director in 1997 and brings 12 years of advising experience to the position. Over the past seven 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.

Tutor & Mentor 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 and mentor programs in the nation. The tutorial program is just one of several

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 50 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. In addition, mentors are academic role models who have demonstrated the ability to teach and give guidance in areas of academic developmental skills. They are 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. The tutors and mentors are usually seniors or graduate level students who have outstanding academic backgrounds.

Study Hall

In an effort to help ensure the academic success of the 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.



Florida State's academic opportu nities include 16 colleges and schools and nearly 200 undergraduate majors.



Mark P. Meleney

The picturesque Florida State campus is bome to over 30 national bonor societies.

Academic Honors & Awards

Florida State University student athletes have achieved great success in obtaining recognition for academic excellence. More than \$200,000 in postgraduate monies has been granted to Florida State University's student athletes over the past six years, as well as a number of other academic honors and awards.

Florida State University named a record 187 student athletes to the 2002 Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll. In the 2001-2002 academic year alone, Florida State boasted 2 ACC Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship Winners, an ACC Scholar Athlete Award Winner, a NACDA Minority \$10,000 Postgraduate Scholarship Award Winner and FSU's 6th National Football Foundation \$18,000 Postgraduate Scholarship Winner.

The Academic Support Program is committed to recognizing the academic success of all student athletes. The Athletic 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 & 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.

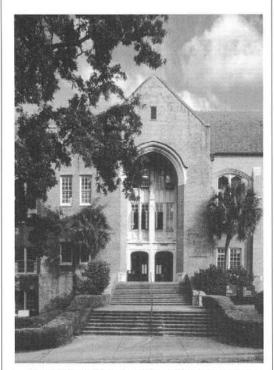
Mark P. Meleney

Mark Meleney is in his seventh year as the director of the Athletic Academic Support program. He brings 13 years of advising experience at Florida State to his position. Over the past six years, Meleney has played an integral role in the development of a comprehensive program for student-athlete support, which in 1996 won the "Award of Excellence" from Athletic Management Magazine. Meleney directs a staff of five professional counselors, two graduate assistants and an administrative assistant.

In addition to his duties directing the Academic Support Unit, Meleney evaluates all recruits for the academic potential, monitors academic progress and eligibility for student-athletes and serves as a liaison for the academic community. Mark also serves as a member of the administrative team for both the Department of Athletics and the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

A native of Iowa, Meleney began his academic career at Buena Vista College where he earned varsity letters in football and baseball. He transferred to Florida State where he earned his





Students at Florida State bave academic flexibility which allows for double majors, cooperative education experiences and internships.

bachelor's degree in management and finance in 1996 and his M.S. degree in athletic administration in 1997. He is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in athletic administration.

Meneley is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A). He is married to the former Sarah Cawthon, and they have an nine-year-old daughter, Montana Shea.

Dr. Brenda Monk

Dr. Brenda Monk is in her second year as a member of the Athletic Academic Support Unit staff. Dr. Monk serves as an assistant director of the Academic Support Program and works handson with the student-athletes and their individualized learning needs. Dr. Monk has implemented an Educational Services Program that is designed to meet the needs of student-athletes diagnosed with moderate academic deficiencies and assist with their progress towards graduation.

"We feel the addition of Dr. Monk to our staff will greatly enhance our student-athlete graduation and retention rates," said Mark Meleney. "We are one of a handful of schools nationwide to have a learning specialist on staff within the Athletic Academic Support Program. We feel she distinguishes Florida State as one of the leaders nationally in the area of support programs for student-athletes."

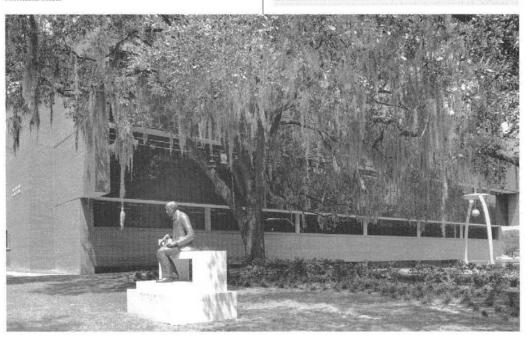
Dr. Monk comes to Florida State after serving as Principal, Special Education Assistant Supervisor and school psychologist for the Rankin County School District in Brandon, Miss. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Mississippi. Dr. Monk also earned an educational specialist degree in 1986 from Jackson State University and in 1993, earned a Ph.D in education administration from Mississippi State University.

Dr. Monk is a member of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Association of Higher Education and Disability and the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics. She and her husband, Tony, have three children: Julie (26), Scott Loftin, Josh (25) and Allison (17).

Men's Basketball Endowed Scholarships	
In The Name Of	Endowed By
Carl J. Domino	Carl J. Domino
Pat Kennedy	Anonymous
Bud Kennedy	Larry Strom
Jeannie Kennedy Marguerite	Neel Williams
Pat Kennedy	
Rob Sura	Rob Sura



Dr. Brenda Monk



Florida State students bave direct access to the State Capitol, government agencies and state archives.



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



Dave Hart, Jr.
Director of Athletics



Athletics Administration

Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte PRESIDENT, THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Talbot 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. 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.

President D'Alemberte is an active member of many legal and higher educational committees and boards, including numerous American Bar Association committees, state and regional bar associations, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Florida Council of 100, the Business-Higher Education Forum, the Campus Compact Board, the First

Amendment Center Board at Vanderbilt University, the Southeastern Universities Research Association Board, the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges Board, the Mildred and Claude Pepper Foundation Board and several FSU committees and boards including the FSU Foundation, the FSU Alumni Association, the Collins Center for Public Policy, the Caribbean Law Institute and the Seminole Boosters. Inc.

D'Alemberte was the 1991-1992 president of the American. Bar Association and the 1982-1984 president of the American Judicature Society. He represented Dade County in the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1972 and chaired several legisla-

tive 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.

D'Alemberte practiced law with the Steel Hector & Davis law firm in Miami and Tallahassee where he first began his legal

career in 1962 and was named partner in 1965.

D'Alemberte's book, *The Florida*Constitution, was published by Greenwood Press in 1991. He co-edited the 1990 four-volume work,
The Florida Civil Trial Guide, and has authored over twenty published articles.

The numerous awards D'Alemberte has won include the 1998 ABA Section of Legal Education Robert J. Kutak Award, the 1998 ABA World Order Under Law Award, 1996 American Judicature Society's Justice Award, the 1996 National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. Soloman 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, and the 1984 Florida Civil Liberties Union "Nelson Poynter" Award.

D'Alemberte holds honorary degrees from Cleveland State University, Hofstra University, Nova Southeastern University, Stetson University, the Universities of the South (Sewanee), of Bridgeport, of Denver, the University of the West Indies, and the Open University of Great Britain.

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 has gained national recognition for his skills in the areas of athletics management, public rela-

tions, student-athlete welfare, 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 Postseason Bowls Committee as well as a consultant to the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Council. Hart has held positions of considerable influence within conference and national circles. He has served as President of both the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association. He currently 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 chaired the Atlantic Coast Conference Television Committee where he played an integral role in the renegotiations of the ACC's football and basketball television contracts, considered to be the nation's best. He has served as Chair of the ACC Men's Basketball Committee as well as the Football Committee.

Three years ago, Hart was honored by his peers in athletics administration when he was awarded the distinction of Athletics Director of the Year in the Southeast Region at the annual NACDA Convention.

"A toast, too, to David Hart, the athletic director at Florida State, for his move to hire Leonard Hamilton as head coach. This is not a good choice; it's a great one. Hamilton will not waste any time in the recruiting wars. This man can flat-out recruit. And if you think that's all he is, just give a call out to Oklahoma State or Miami, where Hamilton built top-25 programs previously." – Dick Vitale, May 2002

Basketball Times.

Athletics Department Mission Statement

The Mission of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics at The Florida State University shall be to produce National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I programs for men and women that are characterized by excellence. In addition, the Department strives to be recognized as a campus leader in terms of its ethics, non-discrimination, and unquestioned fiscal integrity.

Excellence in intercollegiate athletics programs is determined by academic achievement and the development of character, maturity and a sense of fair play in athletic competition. It, moreover, engenders support for the University among its constituent groups including students, faculty, alumni, and friends at the local, state and national levels. In striving to become a leader among our peers, the Department subscribes fully to the philosophy and regulations set forth by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and operates within the fiscal regulations and non-discriminatory procedures established by The Florida State University Board of regents and the Florida Legislature.

It is the explicit philosophy of the Department that our student-athletes will be strongly encouraged and supported in their endeavors to progress toward a degree while simultaneously participating in an intercollegiate athletic program whose environment is consistent with the highest standards of academic scholarship, sportsmanship, ethics, and institutional loyalty.

Finally, the decisions and priorities of the Department should always focus on our student-athletes — first, as individuals: second, as students; and third, as athletes.

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

Just the 10th athletics director in FSU history, Hart begins his eighth year as Florida State's Athletics Director where he oversees the Seminoles' 40 million dollar athletics budget. Since his arrival at Florida State, Hart has negotiated unprecedented multi-million dollar contracts for the department totaling more than 35 million dollars, guided the development of an extensive and comprehensive athletics facilities master plan, initiated a multi-faceted Student Development/Life Skills program for all student-athletes at FSU, which was recognized nationally with a "Program of Excellence" award, 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 its goal to build comprehensive excellence throughout the many facets of the department.

He has taken a leadership role in the athletics department's first major Capital Campaign, in concert with the Seminole Boosters, to raise 70 million dollars for athletics facilities and endowed athletics scholarships for all sports at Florida State. The new state-of-the-art golf facility and teaching center is now a reality as is the new Basketball Training Center adjacent to the Civic Center. Cranes hang above Dick Howser Stadium, Mike Long Track and over the north end zone of the stadium as three more components of the athletics department master facility plan takes shape.

Hart has restructured the athletics department including major hires within coaching and administrative components of the department. Under his guidance, Florida State's Compliance and Academic Support programs have made continued strides and are now considered model programs within intercollegiate athletics. Exposure for all Seminole Athletics has escalated tremendously since Hart's arrival at FSU through the negotiation of television contracts with Sunshine Network as well as ACC contracts with regional sports carriers and ABC and ESPN.

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, such as the Soccer/Softball Complex, during Hart's tenure. Also during Hart's tenure, FSU has become home to the inaugural National Student-Athlete of the Year (Daryl Bush) as well as the NCAA's State of Florida Woman of the Year (Casey Jo Custer). A record number of FSU student-athletes have made the ACC Academic Honor Roll and been recipients of NCAA post-graduate scholarship awards during the past seven years. Student-athlete's community service involvement has also become a priority since Hart's arrival. Student-athletes at FSU contributed over 3,800 hours this past year to community outreach projects with the women's golf team winning the Athletics Directors' Cup for community service.

Football and baseball continue to flourish nationally during Hart's tenure as athletics director as evidenced by both the football and baseball programs competing for national championships. The commitment to build men's and women's basketball into a conference and national contender is very tangible. A 20 million-dollar renovation to the Leon County Civic Center is now complete and a new 10 million-dollar practice facility is to be fully operational during the 2002-03 basketball season.

"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.



Charles W. Ehrhardt Athletics Board Chair



Charlie Carr Senior Associate Athletics Director



Charles Hurst Executive Associate Director of Atbletics for Internal Affairs



Kim Record Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Women's Administrator



Florida State University is a major university with a compact campus filled with success-oriented students and faculty.

Hart met his wife, the former Pam Humble, while at Alabama and they have three children, Rick, Jamie and Kelly. The Harts also have one grandchild, three-year old Trevor.

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. For the last several years he has 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.

Charlie Carr SENIOR ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS DIRECTOR

Charlie Carr is in his eighth year as senior associate athletics director at Florida State during the 2002-03 basketball season. FSU athletics director Dave Hart named his longtime associate shortly after he accepted the job in 1995.

Prior to coming to Florida State, 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 since coming to Florida State include assisting in managing all phases of the department's 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. He also serves on the NCAA's Baseball Committee.

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 North Carolina 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 (18).

Charles Hurst

EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR INTERNAL AFFAIRS

Charles Hurst is in his 16th 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.

Kim Record

SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS/SENIOR WOMEN'S ADMINISTRATOR

Kim Record is in her eighth year as senior associate athletics director and senior women's administrator at Florida State.

Record was a driving force behind the design and completion of the Florida State Basketball Training Facility.

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.

She is the primary administrator over the Seminole basketball, soccer, softball, swimming and tennis programs. Her responsibilities also include coordination and oversight of all multimedia contracts, supervising Title IX and gender equity compliance with the department, and overseeing the areas of sports marketing and sports information.

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

A native of Troy, Va., Record received her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1984 and a master's from FSU in 1999. She has two sons, Kyle (14) and Joshua (9).

Bob Minnix

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR COMPLIANCE & 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, Postseason Football Subcommittee and staff task forces that concentrated on public relations, compensation and employment opportunities for women and ethnic minorities.

Minnix is currently the president of the Black Coaches Association and he has chaired the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct and has served on the Board of Directors for the National Association of Athletics Compliance Coordinators.

He frequently participates in panel discussions on current topics at the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and the American Bar Association.

At Florida State, Minnix is charged with overseeing all departmental compliance issues, implementing and directing Florida State'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 proactive 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 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 (23) and Blair (18).

Andy Urbanic

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR FOOTBALL OPERATIONS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

Andy Urbanic in is his 14th season in charge of football operations at Florida State. He added the responsibility of coordinating special projects within the athletics department three years ago and was elevated to the position of Associate Athletic Director in 2000.

Urbanic is directly responsible for all aspects of football operations, including team travel and home game operations. He also coordinates postseason 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.

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.

Pam Overton

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR STUDENT SERVICES & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pam Overton is in her seventh year at Florida State and her second as an Associate Director of Athletics.

As Associate Director of Athletics for Student Services and Personal Development, her responsibilities include administering the total student development program with emphasis on personal and leadership development, community service and career planning and placement for college athletes.

Overton joined the department of athletics at Florida State in 1996 after serving 14 years as an Assistant Director of Athletics at East Carolina University.

Overton was part of the original task force that created the NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills educational program. Since that time she has served as the secretary for the National Association of Academic Advisors and currently chairs the Division IA Athletic Director's Associations CHAMPS/Life Skills Board of Advisors.

Her extensive writings on student development have appeared in numerous publications. In addition, she has written a training manual for college athletes speaker's bureaus and a training manual for academic tutors. She serves as a consultant for several uni-



Bob Minnix Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance & Legal Affairs



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Rob Wilson Assistant Athletic Director for Media und Public Relations

versities on student-athlete development and is a frequent lecturer at national conferences. In 1998, Athletic Management Magazine named her as an outstanding role model in college athletics.

Overton earned a master's degree and an educational specialist degree in counseling and was a guidance counselor prior to entering college athletics. She is a certified counselor with a teaching certificate for the learning disabled and gifted, as well as other areas of education.

Greg Phillips

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR BUSINESS, TICKETS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Greg Phillips is in his 17th year with Florida State Athletics and his second as Associate Director. Phillips oversees the department's business operations encompassing budgeting, financial reporting, contracts, travel, payroll, purchasing and accounting. He also manages information technology, including responsibility for generating new revenue streams through the development and execution of the department's online strategy.

Since assuming additional oversight responsibility for ticket sales and operations in 1999, Phillips has led a strategic restructuring of the Ticket Office and has developed and led the implementation of a quality service initiative. He has also managed 12 NCAA postseason baseball tournaments, the 1996 NCAA Women's Tennis Championships and various regional and ACC events in his role as director of hosted championships.

Recognized by his peers in 2000 as the nation's top financial administrator, Phillips has made numerous presentations at national conferences on revenue generation, cost containment and emerging technologies, and he has authored a number of published articles on those topics. He recently completed a term as President of the College Athletics Business Management Association, and he is currently a member of that organization's executive and nominating committees. Phillips also serves on the Atlantic Coast Conference Finance Committee, and he is an active member of NACDA and NACMA.

The Bartow, Fla. native joined the Athletics staff in 1986 after graduating with bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from Florida State. He also earned a master's degree in sports administration from the United States Sports Academy.

Phillips and his wife Deanna have a son, Payton (8) and a daughter, Kathryn (6).

Bernie Waxman

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR FACILITY PLANNING, OPERATIONS AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

In his 29th year with Florida State University and his 12th year with the Athletics Department, Bernie Waxman continues to be one of the busiest people at Florida State. With the recent opening of the Basketball Training Facility, the Howser Stadium renovation, the Mike Long Track renovation and the north end zone facility renovation underway, Waxman is helping Florida State reach its goal of having the nation's best athletic facilities. In addition, Waxman continues the planning and development of the new Aquatics Center and the second phase of the Mike Long Track renovation.

Waxman oversees event management for most of the nineteen sports in which Florida State competes at the NCAA level. The scheduling and maintenance of the athletic facilities to include Mike Long Track, Dick Howser Stadium, Doak Campbell Stadium, the basketball practice facility, the practice football fields, athletics wing of the new golf facility, and the soccer/softball complex also fell under his umbrella.

A 1971 graduate of Florida State University, Waxman earned three letters as a member of the FSU track and field team and captained the 1972 squad. He also earned his master's degree from Florida State that year.

After nearly 17 years with the intramural program Waxman moved over to the athletics department in 1991. During his tenure at the intramural office, Waxman served as a master official for track and field and as the head statistician for all Florida State men's and women's basketball and football games.

Waxman currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Stadium Managers Association. He and his wife Lisa have a daughter, Gabrielle (13).

Rob Wilson

ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR MEDIA AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Rob Wilson is in his 17th year on the Florida State athletics staff and his eighth in charge of all publicity and public relations matters concerning intercollegiate athletics at Florida State. A 1983 graduate of Florida State, Wilson returned to his alma mater in 1986 as assistant sports information director after serving in the same role at East Carolina for three years. He served as the primary contact for the Seminoles' men's basketball program from 1987-94, before succeeding Wayne Hogan as sports information director.

A native of San Diego, Calif., Wilson graduated from Niceville High School in Niceville, Fla. and was a wide receiver at Ole Miss under Steve Sloan in 1979. He received his AA degree from Okaloosa-Walton Community College before enrolling at Florida State where he majored in communication with a minor in chemistry.

The Florida State Sports Information Office has won 37 awards during Wilson's tenure for excellence in its publications, including Football and Basketball Media Guides judged best in the nation on two occasions. Last year, the basketball media guide was judged second in the nation. He received the 2001 Scoop Hudgens Lifetime Achievement Award during the spring of 2001 in recognition of outstanding performance in the field of sports information and sports journalism.

Wilson, 41, and his wife Sherrill have two sons, Preston and Parker.

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Tallabassee bas been the capital city of the state of Florida for nearly 200 years.



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ong low rolling hills, down moss-draped canopy roads, within picturesque historical districts and across seas of flowering azaleas lies a magical part of the Sunshine State — Tallahassee — Florida's capital city. With its intriguing combination of power-play politics and classic character splashed with a twist of Southern beauty and charm, Tallahassee is a side of Florida few expect to find. With the Gulf of Mexico just 25 miles south and the Georgia border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills

border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida's panhandle and peninsula in an area known as "The Big Bend." Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its Georgia neighbor than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

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

Boasting more than 145 properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Tallahassee is a living showcase of Florida history and heritage. The crowning jewel of Florida's historic "Capitol Hill" is the Old Capitol, beautifully restored to its 1902 splendor complete with the red-and-white striped awnings, a dome adorned with stained glass, antique furnishings and political memorabilia. The 22nd-floor observatory of the New Capitol Building offers a breathtaking view of this surprising Southern city, awash in flowering azaleas, snowy dogwoods, towering pines, fragrant magnolias, and hundreds of lakes, springs, swamps, rivers and sink holes.

Charming downtown historic districts graced with lush linear parks lead visitors to the Knott House Museum, The Columns, First Presbyterian Church, John G. Riley House Museum and Old City Cemetery. Free walking tours and replica turn-of-the-century

street cars carry passengers to antebellum mansions, picturesque churches and other downtown delights. Minutes from downtown lies the lush 52-acre natural habitat and 1880s farm of the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, home to the rare Florida panther and other furry "natives."

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

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

Other sightseeing favorites include the floral masterpiece of Alfred B. Maclay State Gardens, Bradley's Country Store, FAMU Black Archives and the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. Nearby small towns offer fascinating excursions to places such as Pebble Hill Plantation, Florida Caverns State Park, Monticello Opera House and St. George Island.

Tallahassee is almost as rich in cultural treasures as it is in history. A widely-acclaimed collection of art, science and history museums and galleries, year-round festivals and non-stop entertainment at the 14,000-seat Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, feed a variety of cultural appetites.

Visitors with a hunger for the great outdoors will find Tallahassee ideal for all types of outdoor recreation-from canoeing down dark, cypress-lined rivers and biking up steep slopes to exploring backcountry wildernesses and hunting for bobwhite quail. Area lakes, rivers, ponds and the Gulf - just 30 minutes away - offer a paradise for boating and fishing. Lakes Jackson and Talquin are renowned in the bass fishing world for yielding the "big ones." Local wildlife areas, such as the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Apalachicola National Forest, are perfect spots for camping, picnicking, swimming, biking and exploring.

And while Tallahassee also features eight golf courses and plenty of places to raise a racquet, it's a wild array of spectator sports that leave the crowds screaming for more. The Florida State Seminoles and Florida A&M Rattlers provide collegiate action while the Tallahassee Thunder is the city's featured arena football team. And always a sure bet are the nearby greyhound races.

For another favorite "sport" - shopping - two large regional malls and many specialty centers offer an array of "playing options," from popular chains to curiosity and antique shops. Unique shopping locales include downtown parks, lakeside cottages and small Southern towns. Tallahassee serves a scrumptious selection of tantalizing restaurants ranging from fast food to five-star. Local specialties include homemade country sausage, melt-in-your-mouth steaks, wild game and succulent seafood fresh from the Gulf.

From luxury to economy, accommodations are plentiful and include restored bed and breakfast's, rustic "gentlemen" lodges, beachside escapes and comfortable chain hotels. For those who choose to follow in the footsteps of early travelers, Tallahassee also boasts 15 beautiful campsites. Continuous air service, Amtrak and four major highways make it easy for visitors to get to Tallahassee. But no matter how you arrive, the history and hospitality of Tallahassee make it difficult to ever leave for long.

Tallahassee Is An All-America City

On June 26, 1999, 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!"



The city of Tallahassee is recognized as one of the most picturesque in the southern part of the United

CLIMATE

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

Annual January temperature: 40-63° F Annual July temperature: 72-91° F Yearly average maximum temperature: 78.7° Yearly average minimum temperature: 55.7° Yearly average days above 90 degrees: 91.0 Yearly average days below 32 degrees: 35.7

POPULATION

City of Tallahassee: 148,400 Leon County: 243,300

MUSEUMS AND CULTURE

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) named the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science as one of the nation's exemplary museums on September 19, 2000. The Tallahassee Museum, along with 176 other museums, was selected out of a field of 823 applications from museums throughout the nation in a highly competitive competition. The museum features a 52acre natural habitat zoo, nature trails, authentic 1880s farmstead, hands-on Discovery Center, birds of prey aviary, reptile exhibits, annual events and more

OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:

- . Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science Interactive hands-on science center and national traveling art and science exhibitions.
- Mission San Luis Site of Spanish/Indian village settled from 1656-1704. Ongoing excavations/exhibits/reconstructions.
- · Museum of Florida History Permanent exhibits include a nine-foot mastodon, Spanish galleon treasures, Civil War memorabilia, reconstructed steamboat and Prehistoric Florida plus traveling exhibits.
- · Old Capital Museum Restored to 1902 appearance featuring red candy-striped awnings, stained glass dome, House and Senate Chambers, Supreme Court and Governor's office.
- Maclay State Gardens Enchanting floral architecture surrounds 1930s home of NY financier Alfred B. Maclay, Impressive grounds feature 200+ floral varieties plus hiking, biking and nature trails, swimming, fishing and boating

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

Impressive showroom features award winning Chevys, one-of-a-kind Ford Roadster, 1913 CarNation Tourer, 1931 Duesenberg, 1956 T-Bird, Delorean, Cadillacs, Corvettes and more. Plus two original Bat Mobiles.

· The Capitol

One of five tower Capitols in the U.S., the Capitol features a panoramic view from 22-floor observatory/art gallery, House and Senate viewing galleries.

WHERE'S THE BEACH

Where sunny days are filled with the great outdoors ... where time is measured by tides and life's rhythms move with the surf ... beaches are just a short drive from Tallahassee.

- Alligator Point
- Natural dune public beach, 45 miles south of Tallahassee.
- Carrabelle

· Dekle Beach

Coarse public beach, featuring swimming and shelling, 60 miles southwest of Tallahassee.

Pristine sandy beach, clear water featuring boating, swimming, picnicking and more, 70 miles east of Tallahassee. Mashes Sands Beach

Public beach, shallow bay water featuring swimming and crabbing, 40 miles southwest of Tallahassee.

· St. George Island

Pristine 29-mile barrier island beach, clear water, featuring swimming, shelling, boating, and fishing, 80 miles southwest of Tallahassee.

Lovely, small peninsula surrounded by St. Marks Wildlife refuge. Secluded beach and clear water that is popular for sailing and windsurfing, 25 miles south of Tallahassee.

CANOPY ROADS

The abundance of trees and timber is a resource uncommon to many other areas of the state. The beauty of the local trees is exemplified in Maclay Gardens State Park, which is the site of several of Florida's champion trees including the flowering Dogwood, the Hawthorn tree, the Horsesugar tree, the Sweetbay Magnolia and the Silverbell tree. These trees and others often extend their branches over the roadway to create a canopied effect, a feature that is held in high esteem by local residents and visitors.

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Florida State's Golden Girl dancers are among the most well-known spirit groups in all of college

Perhaps the most spectacular and anticipated tradition in all of college basketball occurs at each Florida State basketball game as the Warrior, the Florida State cheerleaders and Golden Girls lead the Seminoles onto the

court. Nothing compares to the pageantry and excitement of Seminole basketball when the enormous video boards explode with a power-packed blast of Florida State pride signifying the arrival of the Garnet and Gold ready to do battle.

The incredible introduction is only the beginning of what is sure to be an exciting two hours of basketball filled with spirited cheers, chants and routines designed to keep Florida State fans on their feet and cheering the Seminoles to victory.

The Warrior's entrance onto the court is the most popular pre-game ritual of any team in the nation. Dressed in authentic regalia designed by the ladies of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Warrior's entrance brings a heightened sense of excitement to the Seminoles' pre-game warm-up and player introductions.

Two of Florida State's most visible ambassador groups are the cheerleaders and the Golden Girls. Fans anxiously await timeouts and halftime routines

performed by the top college cheer and dance squads in the nation. The two groups entertain the large Seminole fan base in attendance at Florida State games.

The Seminole cheerleading squads are among the most decorated in the nation and have earned numerous competitive awards. In addition to supporting all of the Seminole athletic teams, the cheerleaders donate their time to performing community service throughout the academic year. They are one of the most popular groups among Seminole fans worldwide.

Unique to Florida State basketball, the Golden Girls have become one of the nation's top collegiate dance groups. Their choreographed dance routines are trademarks and have become legendary across the nation. The squad has also been recognized to be among the top squads in regional and national competition for more than 15 years. In addition to all home basketball games and the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament, the Golden Girls perform at many campus and community events.

es play in front of the best fans in college basketball.



The Warrior and the Seminole cheerleaders help make the Leon County Civic Center an imposing place for opponents to play

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