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# THIS IS FLORIDA STATE

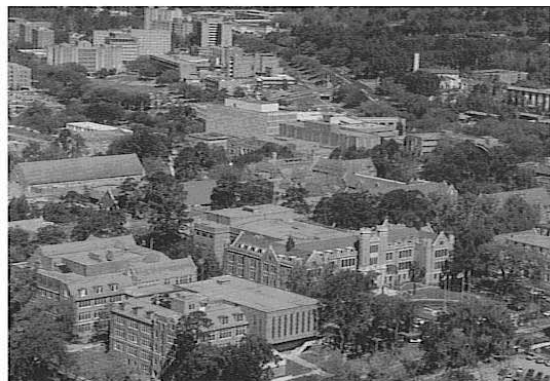
**F**LORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, WHICH CELEBRATED ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY AS A COEDUCATIONAL GRADUATE RESEARCH INSTITUTION IN 1997, HAS JOINED THE NATION'S ELITE IN BOTH ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS. Located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and building rapidly on the framework of a highly regarded liberal arts college for women, the University has emerged over the past 50 years as an institution of national and international esteem. Its stature is evidenced by a number of additions to its record of excellence in the 1990s:

- In 1994, Florida State was classified a "Research University I" by the Carnegie Foundation, placing it among the nation's top research universities.
- In 1994, the college referral service, "Who's Who Among American High School Students," placed FSU among its top 10 — with such universities as Harvard, Duke, Stanford, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Michigan-Ann Arbor and Yale — of most frequent choices of more than

100,000 of the nation's best and brightest high school students who asked that a specific college be notified of their recognition in "Who's Who."

- Vice President of the United States Al Gore spoke at the dedication of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory at Florida State in 1994. The National Science Foundation established the \$100 million magnet lab in 1990 at FSU, which is partnered in research with the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University of Florida. A Nobel laureate in physics and a top Russian physicist were among the first scholars drawn to the faculty. The world's largest magnet — two stories high and capable of generating 45 tesla or 1 million times the Earth's magnetic field — was installed in 1995 at the NHMFL, located in the off-campus research complex, Innovation Park. In 1996, the NSF renewed and increased by 50 percent the NHMFL's funding for another five years.
- FSU created the first multipurpose student identification/banking card. The Card Application Technology Center is a national leader in "smart card" systems.
- At the forefront of supercomputing since obtaining its first high-speed computer in 1985, FSU took yet another step in ultrafast and parallel computing in 1990 when it acquired two supercomputers, the Thinking Machine Corp. Connection Machine and the Cray Y-MP.
- In fall 1994, the first tenants moved into the east side of the \$100 million University Center, a classroom-and-office facility at Doak Campbell Stadium; the stadium's south end zone also was enclosed and the adjacent Moore Athletic Center expanded. With the completion of the west side in 1996, University Center now provides 550,000 square feet of much needed academic space and a centralized location for student services.
- One of the first academic areas to make its home in University Center, in state-of-the-art film production facilities, was the FSU School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts. Offering training for one of Florida's fastest growing industries, FSU conferred its first master's degrees in film in 1991 and its first bachelor's in film in

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1993. The film school's students have already produced national and international award-winning films.
- The Center for Civic Education and Service was established in 1994, aimed at promoting community involvement and civic responsibility as integral elements of the liberal arts education at FSU. The center supports such service-learning programs as Project Amistades, which provides educational services to migrant farmworkers. Through ServScript, students' service may be recorded on their official academic transcript.
  - In 1990, Florida State ranked second in popularity nationwide among high school seniors, based on the number of students who request that their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores be sent to an institution. FSU was the only institution listed among the top 10 choices of both black and white college-bound students.
  - Capping more than a decade of national prominence in intercollegiate athletics, Florida State's athletic teams, nicknamed "Seminoles," joined the Atlantic Coast Conference as its ninth member in 1990. The FSU football team won the 1993 National Championship and its quarterback, Charlie Ward, won the University's first Heisman Trophy.
  - To better understand the world's cultural diversity, FSU undergraduate students are required to complete at least two courses that focus on diverse traditions beyond Western civilization. The multicultural study requirement, in effect since 1991, complements a long-established liberal studies program at Florida State.
  - The Dr. Bobby E. Leach Center, a state-of-the-art student recreation facility, with a pool, saunas, basketball and racquet-sport courts, was completed in 1991.
  - FSU ranked 20th in the nation for 1990-91 in the number of black Ph.D. students it graduates. Over the five years, 1986 to 1990, FSU ranked eighth nationally by granting doctorates to 70 African-Americans.

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

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

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

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

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

For years FSU has reached far beyond Florida through international programs in Switzerland, France, Panama, Costa Rica and the Caribbean. FSU's study centers in Florence, Italy, and London, England, are considered by many to be the nation's best in Europe. Florida State offers 286 graduate and undergraduate degree programs through its eight colleges — Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Education;



Engineering (operated jointly with Florida A&M University, a historically black institution); Human Sciences; Law; and Social Sciences (which also incorporates the Reubin Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) — and eight schools — Criminology and Criminal Justice; Information Studies; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Work; Theatre; and Visual Arts and Dance.

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

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

Also providing research opportunities is the tandem Van de Graaff Superconducting Accelerator Laboratory, which houses two powerful atom smashers and has been ranked among the top four nuclear research centers in the nation by the National Science Foundation.

Graduate students, who number more than 5,929, pursue advanced degrees in fields as diverse as business administration and theoretical particle physics. A majority of research done at FSU is the direct result of student effort, culminating in numerous books, monographs and journal articles relating to the whole spectrum of intellectual interests and the practical needs of society.

FSU, a residential campus, places a high priority on its 30,519 students and their needs and interests (of the student population: 45 percent are male; 55 percent are female; 20.1 percent are minorities; and 2.5 percent are foreign students). The University Honors Program, Disabled Student Services, International Student Center, Student Government, Flying High Circus and intramural sports are among more than 200 organizations and activities in which students may participate.

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

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

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



# THIS IS TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

**N**EAR, BUT FAR FROM THE GLARING STRIPS OF NEON AMUSEMENT, AND THE CASTLES AND CROWDS OF DISNEY, LIES ANOTHER MAGICAL PLACE IN THE SUNSHINE STATE — ONE OF POW-WOWS, PLANTATIONS, POLITICS AND GREAT PRIDE. Often described as “The Other Florida” with its deep-rooted history, rolling hills, canopy roads of moss-draped oaks, cool climate and Southern-style hospitality; it is a Florida few have seen. It is Tallahassee — Florida with a Southern accent.

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

Tallahassee touts a menagerie of sights including one of the world’s deepest freshwater springs, site of America’s first Christmas, a wildlife habitat, Capitol buildings, fascinating museums of history, sprawling plantations, highly acclaimed fishing and hunting adventures and nearby beaches. Spirited area festivals range from celebrations of Tallahassee’s spectacular spring and swamp stomps to genuine rattlesnake roundups and seafood festivals.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 20 miles south and the Georgia border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida’s panhandle and peninsula. Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its Southern neighbors than Florida in topography, climate

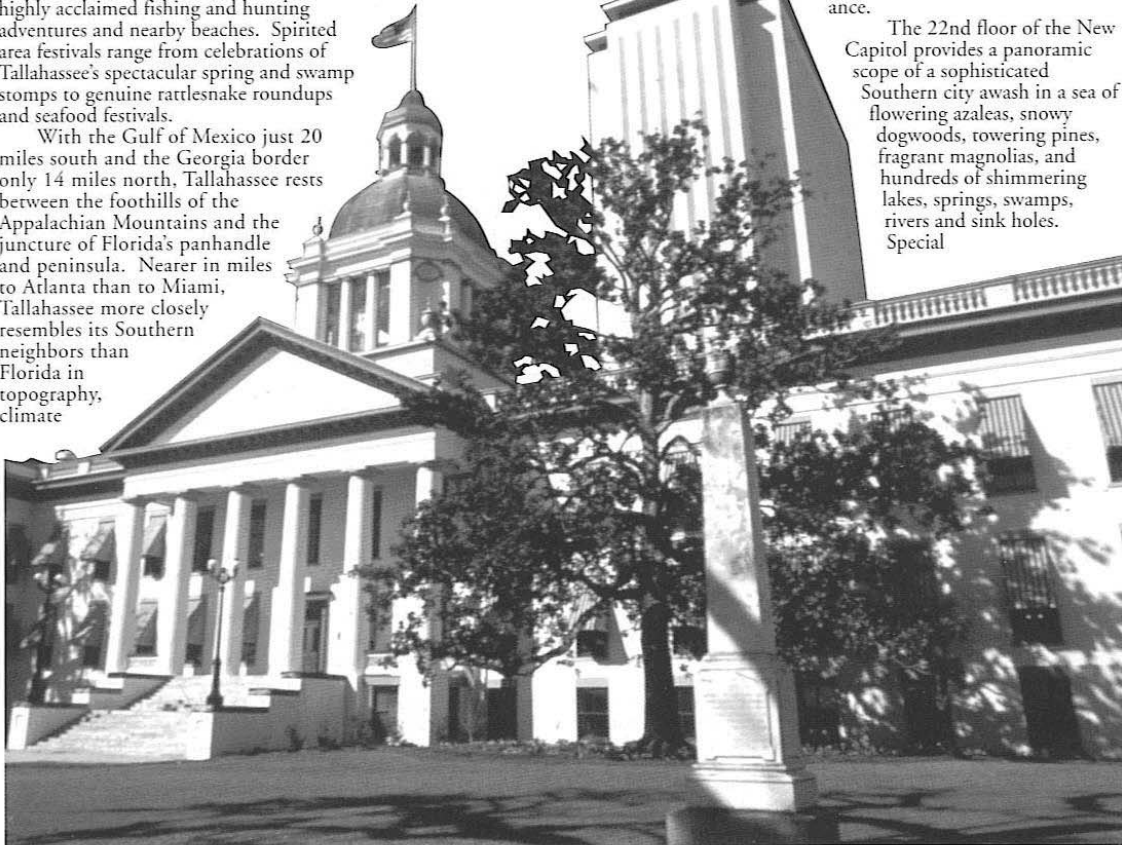
and lifestyle.

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

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

The “old town” has undergone many changes, but one thing remains the same — it is still a government town fiercely proud and dedicated to preserving its heritage. The Capitol buildings, both old and new, epitomize Tallahassee’s perseverance.

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



legislative viewing galleries are open during the legislative session.

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 anhinga "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 14,000-seat Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

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



# FLORIDA STATE ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

## TALBOT "SANDY" D'ALEMBERTE

PRESIDENT, THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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



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

The numerous awards D'Alemberte has won include the 1996 American Judicature Society's Justice Award, the 1996 National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. 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), the 1984 Florida Civil Liberties Union "Nelson Poynter" Award, and was recently made an honorary member of the Torchbearer Chapter of the Mortar Board College Senior Honor Society.

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

He is the father of two grown children, Gabrielle D'Alemberte Powell, a graduate of the University of Denver Law School, and Joshua Talbot, a graduate of his father's alma mater, the University of the South, and a public school teacher in Homestead, Florida. D'Alemberte is married to Patsy Palmer, former children's policy

coordinator in Florida Governor Lawton Chiles' office. She has been a journalist, legislative aide and White House staff member; she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in journalism and a master's degree from the Harvard Divinity School. D'Alemberte's personal interests include racquetball, tennis, sailing, reading, and flying.

## DAVE HART, 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, 48,



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 fundraising 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 serves as Vice Chairman, representing the Athletics Directors' Association, on the NCAA Football Power of One Board which is a collaborative effort to unite leadership within intercollegiate athletics to better promote college football and all other components of college athletics. Hart serves with commissioners of Division I conferences and other notable leaders in the athletics industry in this endeavor.

He also is involved as an officer in leadership roles nationally as First Vice President of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics as well as Second Vice President of the I-A Athletics Directors' Association. He serves on NACDA's Pre-Season Games and Strategic Planning Committees and chairs the Missions and Values Committee in Division I-A.

Hart currently chairs the Atlantic Coast Conference Television Committee as well as the ACC 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 to conventions and seminars on program management, student-athlete welfare, marketing, fund-raising and personnel transition. For the past 10 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 fourth year as Florida State's Athletics Director where he

oversees the Seminoles' \$30 million athletics budget. Since his arrival at Florida State, Hart has negotiated several major multi-million 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 set a departmental goal to put the student-athlete at the core of everything the department does in building comprehensive excellence throughout the athletics program.

He has made major hires within coaching and administrative facets of the department. Under Hart's 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 and the commitment to build basketball into a conference and national contender is very tangible. This past year, Florida State finished as the only team in the nation to send a football team to a New Year's Day Bowl, a men's basketball team to the NCAA Tournament, and a baseball team to the College World Series.

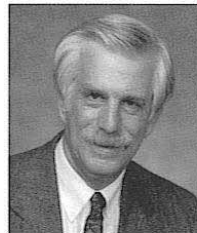
A 1971 graduate of Alabama, Hart played basketball for the Crimson Tide and earned a master's degree in 1972 while serving as a graduate assistant basketball coach. He coached and taught at the high school level before joining the East Carolina athletics program in 1983.

Hart met his wife, the former Pam Humble, while at Alabama and they have three children — Rick (26), Jamie (24) and Kelly (21).

## CHARLES W. EHRHARDT

### ATHLETIC BOARD CHAIR

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



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

NCAA Enforcement and Infractions Process. He twice served as president of the Metro Conference. As a Commissioner to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Ehrhardt is involved in drafting legislation for a uniform state law regulating the activities of sports agents.

A highly-respected expert in the field of evidence, Ehrhardt is the Ladd Professor of Evidence in the Florida State University College of Law, where he has taught for 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. Last year, he was honored as the outstanding professor in FSU's College of Law, the fifth time he has

won the award. 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

**C**harlie Carr is in his fourth 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.

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 is also 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 (14). ●

### UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

President ..... Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte  
 Provost ..... Larry Abele  
 Dean of the Faculties & Deputy Provost ..... Dr. Steve Edwards  
 Vice President for Research ..... Dr. Susan Allen  
 Vice President for Student Affairs ..... Dr. Jon Dalton  
 Vice President for Finance & Administration ..... John R. Carnaghi  
 Vice President for University Relations ..... Beverly B. Spencer

### ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION

Athletics Director ..... Dave Hart, Jr.  
 Senior Associate Athletics Director ..... Charlie Carr  
 Associate Athletics Director for Finance ..... Charles Hurst  
 Associate Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator ..... Kim Record  
 Associate Athletics Director for Compliance/Legal Affairs ..... Bob Minnix  
 Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations ..... Andy Urbanic  
 Assistant Athletics Director for Basketball Operations ..... Guy Morgan  
 Assistant Athletics Director for Business ..... Greg Phillips  
 Director of Athletic Academic Support ..... Mark Melency  
 Director of Marketing & Promotions ..... Scott Kull  
 Director of Facilities & Operations ..... Bernie Waxman  
 Director of Student Development ..... Pam Overton  
 Sports Information Director ..... Rob Wilson



# ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE

## THE TRADITION

**C**onsistency. It's the mark of true excellence in any endeavor. However, in today's intercollegiate athletics, competition has become so balanced and so competitive that it is virtually impossible to maintain a high level of consistency.

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Now in its 46th year of competition, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture, the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 72 NCAA and ALAW championships, including 37 in men's and 35 in women's. In addition, 108 men and 26 women have earned the coveted title of NCAA champion.

The ACC has placed at least four teams in the NCAA Baseball Tournament for seven consecutive years and in eight of

the past nine seasons. Over the past five years, the ACC is 68-46 (.596) in NCAA Tournament play with seven College World Series participants.

Over the past six years, 26 of the 32 ACC teams in the NCAA Tournament have won at least two games with 30 of 32 winning a minimum of one game.

In 1998, the ACC posted a 236-84 (.736) mark against non-conference foes, marking the seventh straight season league teams have won more than 70 percent of their games against outside competition. Since 1990, the ACC is 1972-739-13 (.726) in non-league play.

Over the past few years, the ACC has increasingly gained national recognition for the talent level of its players. An NCAA-high five ACC players were selected in the first round of the 1996 Major League Baseball draft.

More impressively, over the past five years an NCAA-high 17 players from the ACC have been selected in the first round. Included were two number one overall picks — Florida State's Paul Wilson in 1994 and Clemson's Kris Benson in 1996.

The ACC also stands at the forefront of intercollegiate athletics in terms of academic accomplishments of its student athletes. Since the inception of the ACC Academic Honor Roll, 818 baseball players have earned the award. Three players have earned ACC Postgraduate Scholarships, including NC State's Jake Weber and Georgia Tech's L.J. Yankosky in 1998.

## THE SCHOOLS

### CLEMSON

Charter member of the SIAA in 1894, charter member of the SC in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

### DUKE

Joined the SC in December, 1928; charter member of the ACC in 1953.

### FLORIDA STATE

Charter member of the Dixie Conference in 1948, joined the Metro Conference in July, 1976; joined the ACC September 15, 1990.

### GEORGIA TECH

Charter member of the SIAA in 1894, charter member of SC in 1921, charter member of the SEC in 1932, joined the ACC in July, 1979.

### MARYLAND

Charter member of the SC in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

### NORTH CAROLINA

Charter member of the SIAA in 1894, charter member of the SC in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

### NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Charter member of the SC in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

### VIRGINIA

Charter member of the SIAA in 1894, charter member of the SC in 1921, resigned from SC in December 1936, joined the ACC in December, 1953.

### WAKE FOREST

Joined the SC in February, 1936, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

## 1997-98 YEAR IN REVIEW

The 1997-98 academic year concluded with the league pocketing three more national team titles and nine individual NCAA crowns. In all the ACC has won 29 national team titles in the last eight years.

The ACC's 1997-98 national champions were North Carolina in women's soccer and field hockey and Maryland in women's lacrosse. In addition the ACC had four other teams participate in national title games — Virginia in men's soccer and women's lacrosse, Maryland in men's lacrosse and Duke in women's tennis.

In the Sears Directors' Cup race, which honors the champion of champions in the NCAA Divisions I, II and III and the NAIA based on team athletic success, seven ACC schools finished in the Top 50, including three in the Top 20.

The ACC placed at least one team in the Top 10 nationally in 16 of the 24 sports sponsored by the league. Other records of note during the 1997-98 season include 85 teams competing at NCAA championships, four bowl teams and 19 final Top 10 showings.

Eight ACC teams, in six different sports, representing five of the nine member institutions, earned a No. 1 ranking during the course of the past academic year.

The ACC Academic Honor Roll record was broken for the 12th-straight year in 1997-98 as 1,552 student-athletes were recognized for their excellence in the classroom.

## THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

With the addition of women's lacrosse, the ACC conducted championship competition in 24 sports during the 1996-97



academic year — 12 for men and 12 for women.

The first conference championship was held in swimming on February 25, 1954. The ACC did not conduct championships in cross country, wrestling or tennis during the first year.

The 12 sports for men include football, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Fencing, which was started in 1971, was discontinued in 1981.

Women's sports were initiated in 1977 with the first championship meet being held in tennis at Wake Forest University, October 6-8. Conference championships for women are conducted in cross country, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, tennis, golf, lacrosse and softball.

## A HISTORY

The Atlantic Coast Conference was founded on May 8, 1953, at the Sedgefield Inn near Greensboro, N.C., with seven charter members — Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest — drawing up the conference by-laws.

The withdrawal of seven schools from the Southern Conference came early on the morning of May 8, 1953, during the Southern Conference's annual spring meeting. On June 14, 1953, the seven members met in Raleigh, N.C., where a set of bylaws was adopted and the name became officially the Atlantic Coast Conference.

On December 4, 1953, conference officials met again at Sedgefield and officially admitted the University of Virginia. The first, and only, withdrawal of a school from the ACC came on June 30, 1971, when the University of South Carolina tendered its resignation.

The conference operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when Georgia Tech was admitted. The Atlanta school withdrew from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964.

The conference expanded to nine member institutions on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University. ●

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## FLORIDA STATE ALL-ACC SELECTIONS

1992	1st Team .....	Chris Roberts, P
	2nd Team .....	Roger Bailey, P; Ty Mueller, CF
1993	2nd Team .....	Paul Wilson, P; Mike Schmitz, DH
	<i>Rookie of the Year</i> .....	Jonathan Johnson, P
1994	1st Team .....	Paul Wilson, P; Mickey Lopez, 2B
	2nd Team .....	Link Jarrett, SS; Jonathan Johnson, P; Mike Martin, Jr., C; Doug Mientkiewicz, 1B
1995	1st Team .....	Jonathan Johnson, P
	2nd Team .....	Mickey Lopez, 2B; Doug Mientkiewicz, 1B; Phil Olson, P; David Yocum, P
1996	1st Team .....	Brooks Badeaux, SS; J.D. Drew, CF; Jeremy Morris, LF; Scott Zech, 2B
	2nd Team .....	Chuck Howell, RP
	<i>Coach of the Year</i> .....	Mike Martin
1997	1st Team .....	J.D. Drew, OF; Jeremy Morris, OF; Randy Choate, P
	2nd Team .....	Scott Zech, 2B; Geoff Sprague, 3B; Zach Diaz, RP
	<i>Player of the Year</i> .....	J.D. Drew
1998	1st Team .....	Brian Cox, OF; Jeremy Salazar, C
	2nd Team .....	Matt Diaz, OF; Jon McDonald, P
	<i>Coach of the Year</i> .....	Mike Martin

## ACC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

1992	.....	Chris Roberts, P (2); Roger Bailey, P; Nandy Serrano, 3B
1993	.....	Paul Wilson, P (3); Mike Martin, Jr., P; John Wasdin, P
1994	.....	Jonathan Johnson, P; Paul Wilson, P (3)
1995	.....	Mike Bell, P; Charlie Cruz, P; Chuck Howell, P; Jonathan Johnson, P; Doug Mientkiewicz, 1B; David Yocum, P (2)
1996	.....	Zach Diaz, P; J.D. Drew, CF (3); Scooby Morgan, P/DH; Jeremy Morris, LF (2)
1997	.....	Randy Choate, P (2); J.D. Drew, OF (3); Jeremy Morris, OF (2); Randy Niles, P
1998	.....	Chris Chavez, P; Brian Cox, CF (3); Wes Crawford, P; Terry Henderson, DH; Jon McDonald, P; Jeremy Salazar, C; Nick Stocks, P

## ACC ALL-TOURNAMENT

1992	.....	Chris Roberts, P
1993	.....	Doug Mientkiewicz, 1B
1994	.....	Randy Hodges, RF; Paul Wilson, P; Scott Zech, LF
1995	.....	Adam Faurot, DH; Jonathan Johnson, P; Mickey Lopez, 2B; Doug Mientkiewicz, 1B; Jeremy Morris, LF
	<i>1995 ACC Tournament MVP</i> .....	Jonathan Johnson, P
1996	.....	Scooby Morgan, P/DH
1997	.....	Chris Chavez, P; J.D. Drew, OF; Jeremy Morris, OF; Jeremy Salazar, C; Scott Zech, 2B
	<i>1997 ACC Tournament MVP</i> .....	Jeremy Morris, OF
1998	.....	Brian Cox, OF; Matt Diaz, OF; Jeremy Salazar C

# SEMINOLE BASEBALL TRADITION

**B**ASEBALL IS DEFINITELY TALLAHASSEE'S FAVORITE PASTIME, AND NOBODY DOES IT BETTER THAN FLORIDA STATE. WITH FANS WHO PILE INTO DICK HOWSER STADIUM BY THE THOUSANDS EACH WEEK DURING BASEBALL SEASON, YOU COULD SAY THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING. The reason they come is tradition, a winning tradition that is the essence of the Florida State baseball program.

But tradition doesn't last too long without people. People have made Seminole baseball a winning tradition. In 51 seasons of intercollegiate play, through six decades and eight head coaches, Florida State has never had a losing

season. The Tribe has made 21 consecutive trips to NCAA Regional competition, the second longest current streak in Division I baseball. Since 1948, 36 of FSU's 51 teams have advanced to NCAA Regional or District competition. Sixteen times, Florida State squads have won those tournaments to advance to the College World Series.

Along with the many achievements of Florida State's teams, Seminole players have picked up many individual awards. A trio of Seminole standouts—Mike Fuentes in 1981, Mike Loynd in 1986 and J.D. Drew in 1997—won the Golden Spikes Award, presented annually to the top amateur baseball player in the country. Three players — Terry Kennedy in 1977, Jeff Ledbetter in 1982 and J.D. Drew in 1997—were named Player of the Year.

Over 162 Seminoles have signed professional contracts after leaving Florida State. In the 1990s alone, FSU has sent 49 players into professional baseball. In 1997, J.D. Drew became the 13th Seminole chosen in the first round of the major league baseball draft and eighth in the 1990s.

The 41-man list of Florida State stars who went on to play in the major leagues ranges from past major leaguers Ken Suarez, Woody Woodward, Jim Lyttle, John Grubb and Juan Bonilla, to current pros J.D. Drew, Paul Sorrento, Luis Alicea, Eduardo Perez and Paul Wilson. Every year, more former Seminoles are working their way up the professional ladder and into the limelight of professional baseball.

Undoubtedly, Florida State's winning tradition has been fueled by its fans. Over 62,000 people packed Dick Howser Stadium last year, an average of 1,941 per game.

Florida State enjoys the support of the entire University and the Tallahassee communities. And no matter where the Seminoles travel, they can expect the same rousing cheers they receive in their home stadium. Florida State baseball fans are the most loyal and knowledgeable fans in college baseball.

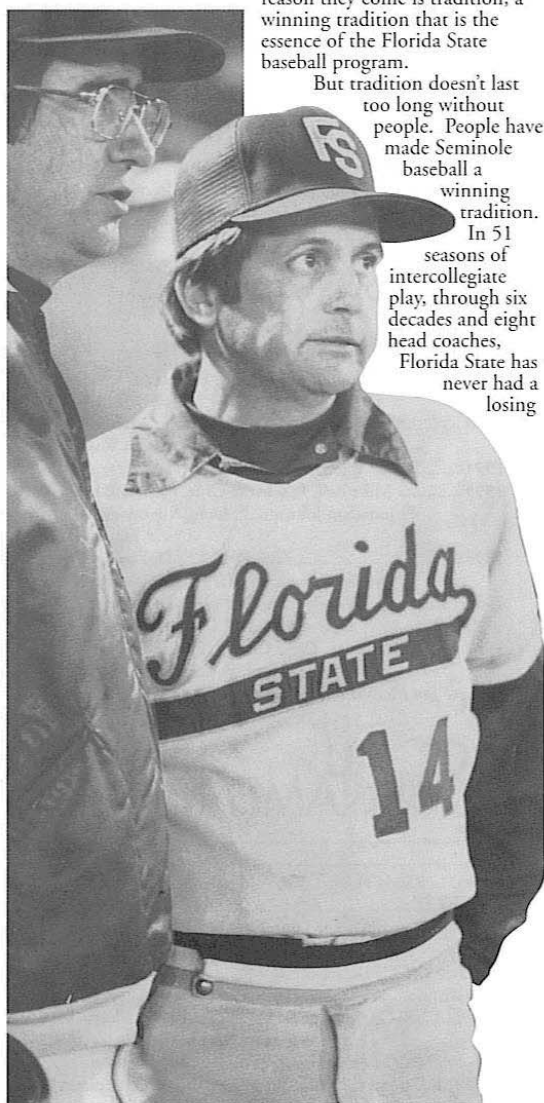
With that type of fan interest, Florida State baseball attracts extensive media coverage around the state and country. FSU baseball is first page news in Tallahassee, and 10 major newspapers in Florida cover the Seminoles on a daily basis. National baseball publications keep weekly tabs on the squad as well.

And if fans can't travel to watch their Seminoles play, what better way to find out about the action than on the radio. Florida State boasts the most extensive radio package in college baseball. Every game, home and away, will be broadcast live across the Tallahassee area this season.

Media coverage of the Seminoles extends to the television screen. In the past 10 seasons, over 115 games have been broadcast on cable networks across the Southeast and the country. Already, 14 games have been scheduled for broadcast in 1999, including two of Florida State's games against intra-state rivals Florida and Miami.

Local television stations offer extensive coverage of the team, beginning in January with pre-season practices and continuing through tournament time. "Seminole Uprising" and "The Mike Martin Show", a pair of half-hour shows focusing on Seminole baseball, air twice weekly on statewide cable and on local television.

While the Florida State baseball winning tradition began long ago under the first Seminole coaches, there is no question



Mike Martin and Dick Howser



All-American shortstop and former coach Woody Woodward and All-American catcher Buddy Teagle led the 1962 Seminoles to the College World Series.

that tradition has reached unprecedented heights under current head coach Mike Martin. In his 19 seasons at the helm, Martin has led Florida State to 10 College World Series appearances, including eight in the last 12 years. All 19 of his teams have appeared in NCAA Regionals, and 17 of those 19 teams won at least 50 games. FSU teams coached by Mike Martin have won nearly 75 percent of their games. His career record of 1022-350-3 makes Martin the second winningest active coach in Division I baseball.

Athletics and academics go hand in hand at Florida State University, and that is evidenced by the opportunities afforded to each and every student-athlete who attends FSU. The Florida State coaching staff and administration stress the pursuit of excellence in both baseball and academics. To help balance the two, all FSU student-athletes work with the academic support staff, which provides tutorial assistance, career development, scheduled study hall sessions, and computer facilities. One of the Seminole assistant coaches works closely with the academic support staff to monitor class attendance and resolve any conflicts which may arise with scheduling, travel, etc. during the season. The fall of 1998 saw the baseball team record their highest grade point average (3.00) in history.

Facilities don't necessarily make a winning tradition. Tradition in Florida State baseball has made the facilities great. Dick Howser Stadium is, simply put, one of the finest college baseball stadiums in the nation. The setting, with pine trees lining the rightfield wall, a 2,500-seat concrete grandstand and bleacher seats along both lines, is beautiful. The playing field itself is meticulously groomed year-round.

Located behind the Seminole dugout is a lockerroom and clubhouse facility. The spacious, carpeted rooms include a large player room, an office with video equipment where players and coaches review videos, and a training area/weight room.

The Moore Athletic Center, adjacent to Dick Howser Stadium, houses the Seminole weight room and training complex, in addition to the baseball coaches' offices. In the

## SEMINOLES – HEROIC SYMBOL AT FLORIDA STATE

By Dr. Dale W. Lick, Former President, Florida State University

**T**he history of the Seminole Indians in Florida is the story of a noble, brave, courageous, strong and determined people who, against great odds, struggled successfully to preserve their heritage and live their lives according to their traditions and preferences.

From its earliest days as a university, Florida State has proudly identified its athletic teams with these heroic people because they represent the traits we want our athletes to have. Other athletic teams are called Patriots or Volunteers in the same way — they use a symbol that represents qualities they admire.

Recent critics have complained that the use of Indian symbolism is derogatory. Any symbol can be misused and become derogatory. This, however, has never been the intention at Florida State.

Over the years, we have worked closely with the Seminole Tribe of Florida to ensure the dignity and propriety of the various Seminole symbols we use. Chief Osceola, astride his appaloosa when he plants a flaming spear on the 50-yard line, ignites a furious enthusiasm and loyalty in thousands of football fans, but also salutes a people who have proven that perseverance with integrity prevails.

Some traditions we cannot control. For instance, in the early 1980s, when our band, the Marching Chiefs, began the now-famous arm motion while singing the "war chant," who knew that a few years later the gesture would be picked up by other team's fans and named the "tomahawk chop?" It's a term we did not choose and officially do not use.

Our university's goal is to be a model community that treats all cultures with dignity while celebrating diversity.

I have appointed a task force to review our use of Seminole Indian symbols and traditions. This study group will identify what might be offensive and determine what needs to be done.

Our good relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida is one we have cultivated carefully and one we hope to maintain, to the benefit of both the Seminoles of our state and university.

Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman James E. Billie expressed this point in these words: "We are proud to be Seminoles, and we are proud of the Florida State University Seminoles. We are all winners."

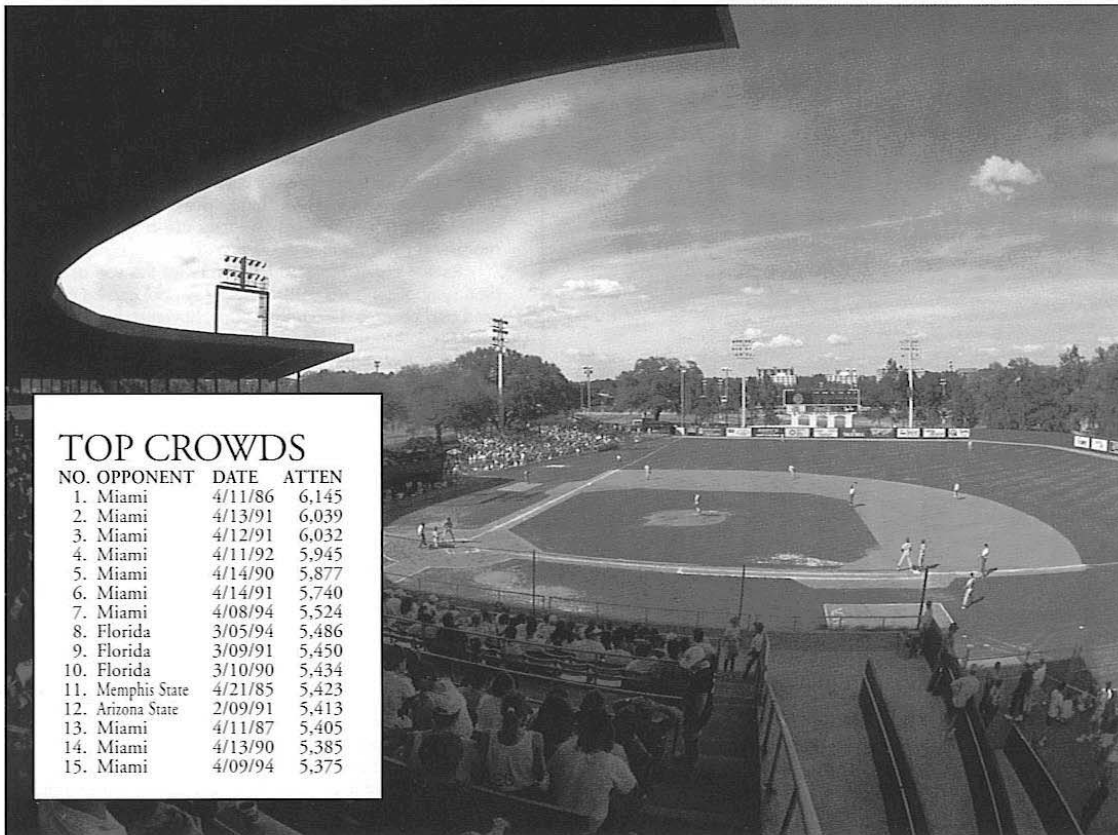
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state-of-the-art weight room, FSU baseball players have the opportunity to condition themselves under the direction of strength coach Dave Van Halanger and his assistants, who run an off-season program for Seminole athletes. In the training room, athletes receive the finest care from the professional training staff, led by head trainer Randy Oravetz.

In the past 51 years, thousands of coaches, fans and administrators have contributed to the winning tradition of Seminole baseball. But it is the players who have built that tradition, one person at a time, one season at a time. ●



# DICK HOWSER STADIUM



## TOP CROWDS

NO.	OPPONENT	DATE	ATTEN
1.	Miami	4/11/86	6,145
2.	Miami	4/13/91	6,039
3.	Miami	4/12/91	6,032
4.	Miami	4/11/92	5,945
5.	Miami	4/14/90	5,877
6.	Miami	4/14/91	5,740
7.	Miami	4/08/94	5,524
8.	Florida	3/05/94	5,486
9.	Florida	3/09/91	5,450
10.	Florida	3/10/90	5,434
11.	Memphis State	4/21/85	5,423
12.	Arizona State	2/09/91	5,413
13.	Miami	4/11/87	5,405
14.	Miami	4/13/90	5,385
15.	Miami	4/09/94	5,375

**F**EW COLLEGIATE BASEBALL FACILITIES RIVAL THE SEMINOLES' BEAUTIFUL DICK HOWSER STADIUM. LOCATED ON THE CAMPUS OF FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, THE STADIUM HAS PROVIDED OVER ONE MILLION FANS WITH THE FEELING OF HAVING "THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE" TO WATCH THE FINEST IN COLLEGE BASEBALL ACTION. Additions and improvements to the stadium since its 1983 opening have made it one of the best ballparks in the country.



Dick Howser

The Seminole Baseball "Tradition Room" underneath the third base stands holds an attractive showcase which tells the story of the great players, award-winners and tremendous teams of the past. Trophies and plaques depicting Florida State's baseball success through the years adorn the walls. It also provides a comfortable lounge area adjacent to the FSU clubhouse, complete with VCR and big-screen television, where Florida State players can relax before and after games.

Florida State's players and coaches enjoy the convenience and luxury of a clubhouse and lockerroom located behind the Seminole dugout. The main lockerroom area is fully-carpeted and contains personalized lockers for each player, a separate lockerroom for the Seminole coaches, a video area where FSU players and coaches do videotape analysis, and a coaches' office. A built-in stereo system blares the players' latest favorites. Adjacent is a room which doubles as a weight and training area, complete with lifting machines.

There are on-going efforts to keep Dick Howser Stadium one of the top facilities in college baseball. Truly a "player's ballpark," the stadium has had many upgrades: the addition of a screen to the top of the right field wall, the addition of a roof to the grandstand and a state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard, complete with message center. New bleachers have just been installed down the rightfield line this season and the outfield wall was padded last year.

Dick Howser Stadium, named after the late Kansas City Royals and Florida State manager who was also Florida State's first-ever baseball All-American, is a showcase befitting one of the top collegiate teams in the nation. From the beautifully-manicured playing surface to the chairback seats and modern

press box, Howser Stadium is one of the best places in the country to watch a game.

In 1994, the one-millionth fan walked through the gates of Howser Stadium in only its 12th season of operation. For the eighth consecutive year the Seminoles averaged over 2,000 fans a game.

With a listed capacity of 5,000 in Dick Howser Stadium, Florida State continues to set attendance records. Every year, over 5,000 fans witness the home team take on the University of Miami. Florida State annually ranks in the top 10 nationally in attendance.

Florida State fans are simply the best and most knowledgeable in college baseball. Although they live and die with "their" Seminoles, the FSU faithful are known nationwide for their sportsmanship and appreciation of good baseball — by both teams, as well as their sometimes "creative" brand of support. They, along with the stadium and a professional game operation, are a large reason Dick Howser Stadium has been the site of 13 NCAA Regional tournaments in the 15 years since its opening in 1983.

The stadium was dedicated in honor of Dick Howser in March of 1988 prior to an exhibition game between Florida State and the Kansas City Royals, two of Howser's former teams. As part of the stadium dedication, Kansas City all-stars George Brett and Bo Jackson helped unveil a new \$150,000 matrix scoreboard and a bronze bust of Howser. Both items were permanent additions to the facility.

Old Seminole Field was christened Seminole Stadium March 28, 1983, after over one million dollars of renovations were completed on the park. Wooden bleachers were replaced with a two-tier concrete grandstand seating 2,500. Modern concession areas and restrooms, and a press box complete with separate booths for radio and television broadcasts were also added.

The lower level seating is arranged like box seats, while the upper level has metal bleachers with chair backs. All 2,500 grandstand seats annually sell out. Additional seating down both lines provides 2,500 more seats. Nearly 1,000 seats are available for overflow crowds and the park was designed to allow for future expansion.

## SEASON HOME ATTENDANCE TOTALS

(Since opening of stadium in 1983)

YEAR	DATES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
1983 <sup>^</sup>	30*	57,575	1,919
1984	51*	72,518	1,422
1985	58*	103,552	1,785
1986	45*	118,897	2,642
1987	43*	86,209	2,005
1988	46*	86,628	1,884
1989	46*	87,240	1,896
1990	40	106,081	2,652
1991	40*	109,549	2,739
1992	41*	90,278	2,202
1993	40*	80,757	2,019
1994	42*	106,352	2,532
1995	35*	85,137	2,432
1996	36	72,382	2,010
1997	38*	98,622	2,595
1998	32*	62,128	1,941
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>1,423,905</b>	<b>2,147</b>

<sup>^</sup> Stadium opened in middle of 1983 season.

\* Includes NCAA Regional games.

Bold indicates FSU single-season record

## 1998 TOTALS

(Includes Tournaments)

	DATES	TOTAL	AVERAGE
Home*	32	62,128	1,941
Away	41	115,562	2,818
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>177,690</b>	<b>2,434</b>

## STADIUM QUICK FACTS

Capacity .....	5,000
Dimensions .....	320' right - 400' center - 340' left
Height of Wall .....	10'
Height of Right Field Screen .....	30'
Playing Surface .....	Natural Grass (Bermuda)
Opening Day .....	March 28, 1983
First Game Result .....	FSU 5, LSU 15
First FSU Win .....	FSU 10, LSU 5 (3/29/83)
First Day Crowd .....	1,305
First Run .....	Tommy Zoeller (FSU)
First Hit .....	Zoeller, single to left
First RBI .....	Danny Dowell (FSU), single to score Zoeller
First Batter .....	John Morse (LSU)
First Putout .....	Rick Figueroa (FSU), 5-3 putout on Morse
First Assist .....	Mark Barineau (FSU) on Morse grounder
First Double .....	Ronnie Corbett (LSU), sixth inning
First Triple .....	Ronnie Corbett (LSU), eighth inning
First Home Run .....	Rick Figueroa (FSU), fifth inning
FSU in Dick Howser Stadium .....	552-114-1
Percentage .....	.828

The playing surface dimensions measure 320 feet to rightfield, 400 feet to center and 340 feet to left. Prior to the 1986 season, a screen was added to the top of the right field wall; it rises from the 10-foot high wall, increasing in five-foot increments from 20 feet in the power alley to 30 feet in rightfield — giving a unique effect.

A matrix board which provides lineups, statistics and messages throughout the game, a high quality public address system, modern concession stands and vendors circulating the stands give Howser Stadium a "big league" look.

The playing field itself is also often compared to that of a major league park. Long-time FSU grounds chief Robert Barrett and his crew oversee the everyday upkeep of the playing surface and surroundings, spending hours on the field year-round. The hours of hard work put in by Barrett and his ground crew are often taken for granted, but they give Dick Howser Stadium a playing field unsurpassed by any collegiate team in the nation.

The beautiful home of Florida State's baseball Seminoles, from the Tradition Room, clubhouse area and lockerroom to the top-notch playing field, chairback seats and overall family atmosphere, is indeed a fitting tribute to one of FSU's greatest alumni, Dick Howser.

## BASEBALL TRADITION ROOM

The latest addition to Dick Howser Stadium is the Seminole Baseball Tradition Room. A beautiful area adjacent to the FSU clubhouse and lockerroom. This room, located underneath the stadium, holds an array of FSU baseball memorabilia and trophies which tell the story of Florida State baseball success.

Separate wall displays, attractively backlit, are devoted to Florida State All-Americans, former Seminoles in the pros, and FSU's 16 College World Series teams. Another wall is lined with FSU's most recent tournament and conference championship trophies, as well as replicas of the Golden Spikes Awards of Mike Loynd, Mike Fuentes and J.D. Drew.

Another corner contains a VCR and large-screen television where players can enjoy the latest videos. Couches line the room to provide a comfortable area for relaxed viewing.

The Seminole Baseball Tradition Room, built thanks to the generous donations of Florida State former players, friends and alumni, gives Seminole players an area in which to relax before and after games and practices, and serves as a showcase for the great tradition which is Florida State baseball. ●

# ACADEMIC SUPPORT

## ATHLETIC ACADEMIC SUPPORT MISSION STATEMENT

THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE ATHLETIC 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, Mark Meloney 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".

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

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

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT TUTORIAL PROGRAM

The Athletic Department at Florida State University has made a commitment to providing our student athletes with one of the finest and most comprehensive tutorial programs in the nation. The tutorial program is just one of several key support 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 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





### 1998 GOLDEN TORCH WINNER

Matt Woodward — 3.91 GPA

### 1998 ACC HONOR ROLL

Brooks Badeaux • Matt Diaz • Zach Diaz • Chris Ginn  
Terry Henderson • Michael Smalley • Matt Woodward

### FALL 1998 3.5 CLUB

Matt Diaz • Zach Diaz • Mike DiBlasi • Chris Whidden

*Fall 1998 Team GPA was a 3.00 — the highest  
by a Florida State baseball team.*

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 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.

## ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

Florida State University student athletes have achieved great success in obtaining recognition for academic excellence. More than \$125,000 in postgraduate monies have been granted to FSU's student athletes over the past five years, as well as a number of other academic honors and awards.

Florida State University had a record 143 student athletes on the 1998 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 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 MELENEY

### DIRECTOR, ATHLETIC ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAMS

**M**ark Meleney became Florida State's Director of Athletic Academic Support Programs in August of 1997 after serving as Acting Director since October 1996. Meleney, who oversees a staff of seven, is responsible for maintaining FSU's highly acclaimed program which has placed the Seminole football team among the nation's best with a graduation rate of over 70 percent in three of the last four years.



Meleney, 37, graduated from Florida State in 1986 with a degree in Management and earned a Master's in Athletic Administration from FSU in 1997. He has worked in various capacities within FSU's academic support structure the past 10 years.

"Mark demonstrated to everyone associated with athletics and academics that he is well-suited to provide the necessary leadership to maintain high levels of performance by our student-athletes in the classroom," FSU Director of Athletics Dave Hart said. "He clearly understands the importance, and priority, placed on our student-athletes being students first."

Meleney and his wife Sarah are the parents of a five-year-old daughter, Montana Shea.

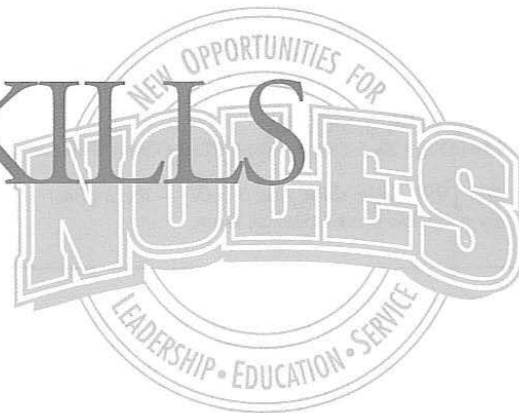
## AMY WHITE

### BASEBALL ACADEMIC COUNSELOR

**A**my White is in her fourth year with the FSU Athletic Academic Support Staff. She is the Academic Counselor responsible for the academic advising of the Baseball, Men's and Women's Golf, Soccer and Volleyball teams. She is responsible for coordinating support services for these student-athletes, monitoring their academic progress, and counseling them on academic issues such as course and major selection, study habits and eligibility requirements. She also assists in the recruitment process for these student athletes. In addition to her counseling duties, Amy is the Academic Honors, Awards, and Scholarship Coordinator, as well as the coordinator of the Annual Golden Torch Gala, a black-tie event which recognized the student-athletes' academic achievements. Amy also serves as the Sports Psychology Consultant for the entire student-athlete population.



# STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & LIFE SKILLS



## THE N.O.L.E.S PROGRAM: NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION AND SERVICE

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

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.

## PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

## 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.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Preparing for life after college sports is a major focus of the NOLES Career Development program. The program is

## 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 are the Seminole Leadership Institutes that are held four times a year. These institutes offer student-athletes the opportunity to learn skills that will benefit them as students, as athletes, and as they pursue their goals after leaving Florida State. The Institutes have the opportunity to use the values and work ethic taught by athletic participation as the framework for their leadership development. The Institutes attract outstanding guest speakers who challenge Seminole student-athletes to achieve their greatest potential and use their leadership skills to positively influence others.

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



# STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

**S**TRENGTH TRAINING AND CONDITIONING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF ANY ATHLETE'S PERFORMANCE ON THE FIELD. AT FLORIDA STATE, THIS ASPECT OF A STUDENT-ATHLETE'S TRAINING IS TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY.

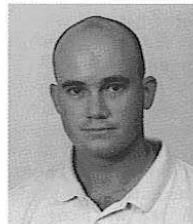


**STEVE TAMBORRA**  
Baseball Strength & Conditioning Coach

Strength and conditioning coach Steve Tamborra enters his fourth season as a member of the FSU baseball staff. He is a graduate of Florida State, receiving his bachelor's degree in Nutrition & Fitness and master's degree in Athletic Administration. Tamborra is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association and is a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist. He is also certified through the American College of Sports Medicine. Tamborra will be assisted by Doug Brymer, a graduate student at Florida State. Brymer is a former pitcher from the University of Massachusetts - Dartmouth.

The FSU baseball program's philosophy for strength training is consistency with added variety. The dedicated Seminoles perform a 13-week off-season workout in the Moore Athletic Center weight room. The workout is specific to

develop the needs and goals of each individual athlete. It consists of stretching, weight training, speed drills, plyometrics and aerobic conditioning. The off-season workout's aim is to increase the players' speed, strength and durability. In addition to increasing an athlete's performance, the workout is also designed to decrease the incidence of injury.



**DOUG BRYMER**  
Assistant

The Moore Athletic Center weight room is a complete facility with a new rubberized floor surface and a mirrored area which includes exercise systems by Cybex and Hammer as well as free weight equipment. A variety of exercise bicycles, rowing machines and Stairmasters incorporate both strength and conditioning and cardiovascular endurance. The facility encompasses over 7,000 square feet.

During the season, the Seminoles continue their training in Dick Howser Stadium's weight room. The team performs an in-season maintenance lift that is essential in keeping in top condition. The Howser weight room is conveniently located adjacent to the Seminoles' clubhouse. It is complete with Cybex equipment, free weights and a variety of cardiovascular machines. ●



The weight room at Dick Howser Stadium helps keep players in shape during the season.



# MARKETING & PROMOTIONS

**L**OCAL BASEBALL FANS CAN ALWAYS EXPECT A GOOD TIME AT DICK HOWSER STADIUM. WHETHER PLAYING A CONTEST OF CHANCE OR A GAME OF SKILL, FANS HAVE PLENTY TO SEE AND DO AT THE BALLPARK.

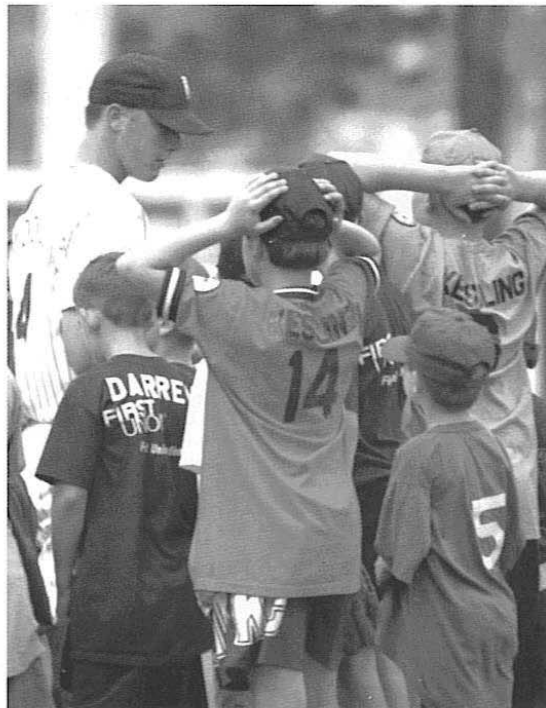
Fans of all ages cannot help but to have fun when there is an assortment of contests, giveaways and promotions in which to participate, as well as exciting Seminole baseball action to watch. Upon entering the stadium, fans are encouraged to sign up for contests ranging from dunking booths to racing on a horse around the infield. This year fans can keep every foul ball hit into the stands.

Always in the forefront of baseball promotions, FSU Sports Marketing Office has been recognized as a national leader. And for good reason. An annual favorite, "Youth Day" was recognized by *Collegiate Baseball* as the best promotion in college baseball. Once a season, area youth league ballplayers attend a selected game in their team jersey and gain free admittance. The youngsters huddle up, by position, along the leftfield foul line. Then as the Seminole player playing their position is announced all the youth leaguers playing that same position follow their FSU player onto the field where they stay for the playing of the National Anthem. The Dick Howser Stadium playing field is filled with hundreds of future Seminoles for this must-see spectacle. And there's more.

Here is a sample of a few of the crowd favorites which will occur at Howser Stadium in 1999:

- BASEBALL BINGO
- SCOUT DAY
- SPEED ZONE
- FAN APPRECIATION WEEKEND
- BIRTHDAY AT THE BALLPARK
- GROUP OF THE GAME

Among other changes and additions for 1999 will be the "4 for 24" promotion in which fans can purchase four tickets, four hot dogs, and four cokes for only \$24. The 1999 Seminole



baseball schedule features numerous season-long promotions and single-game specials. So make a point to experience top-notch collegiate baseball the Seminole way. ●

