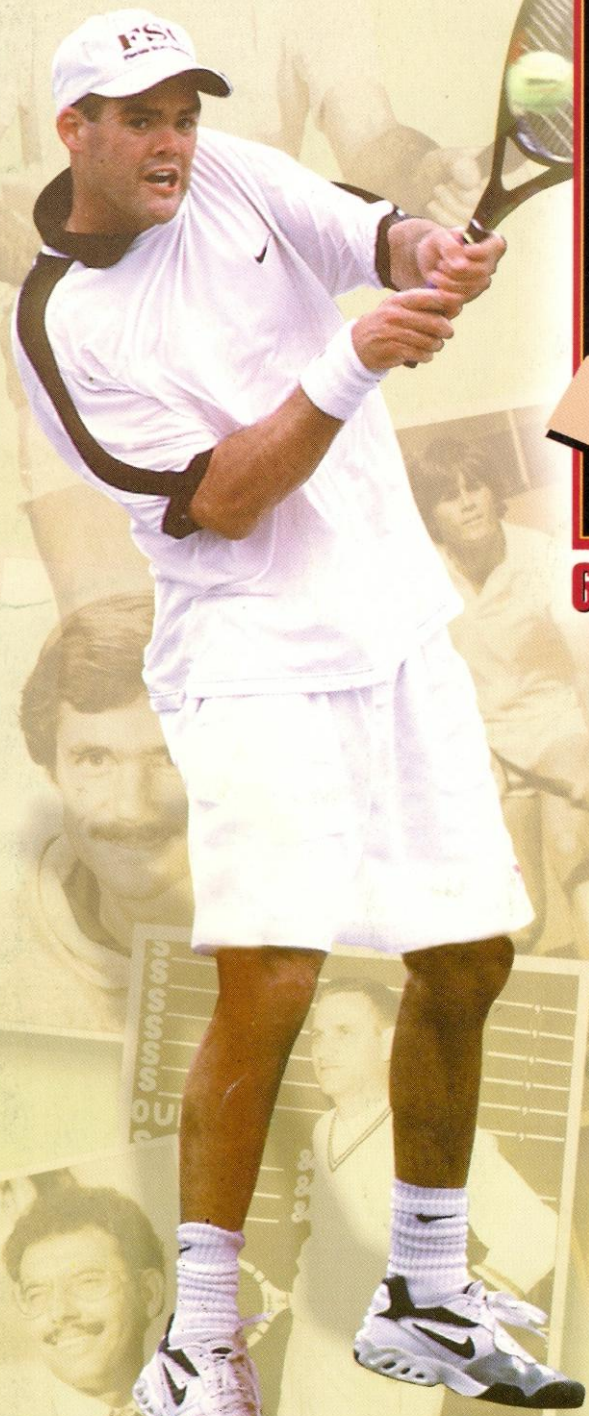


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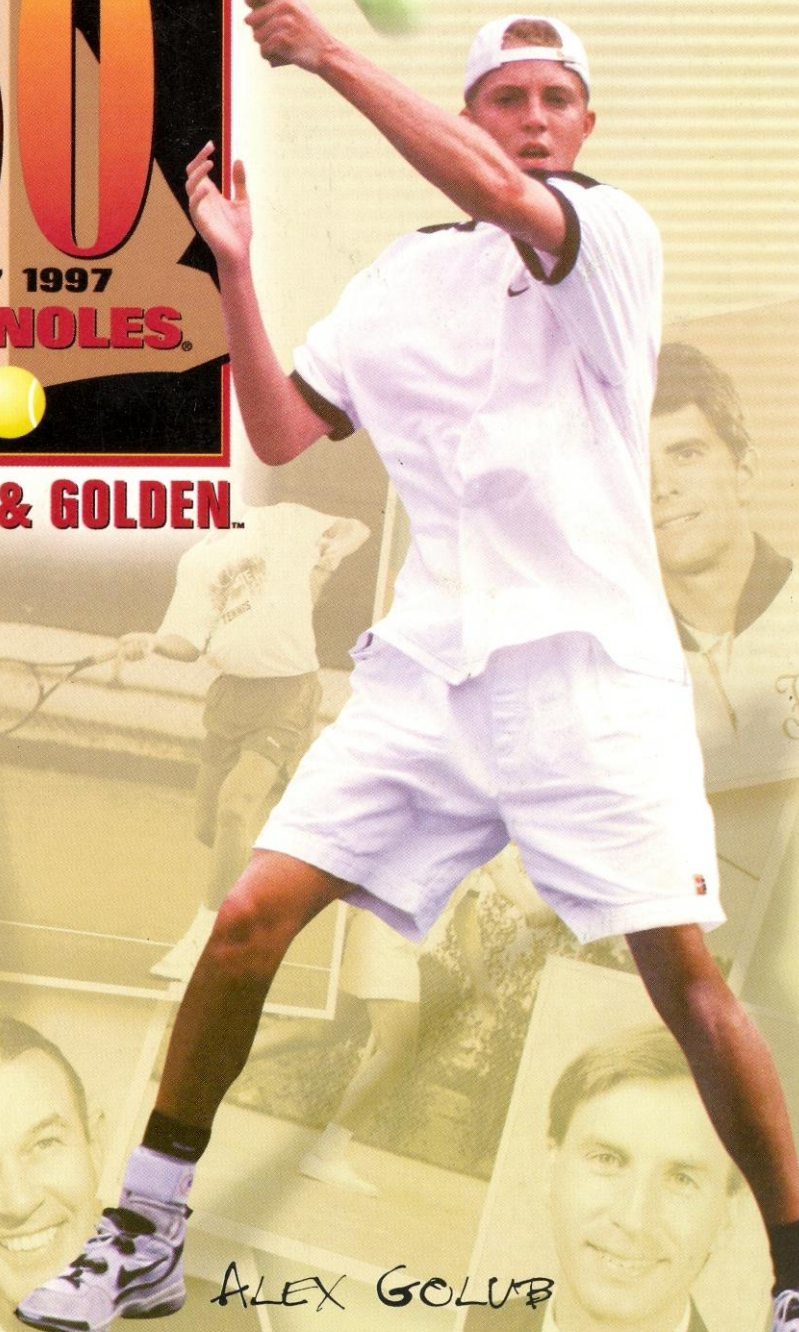
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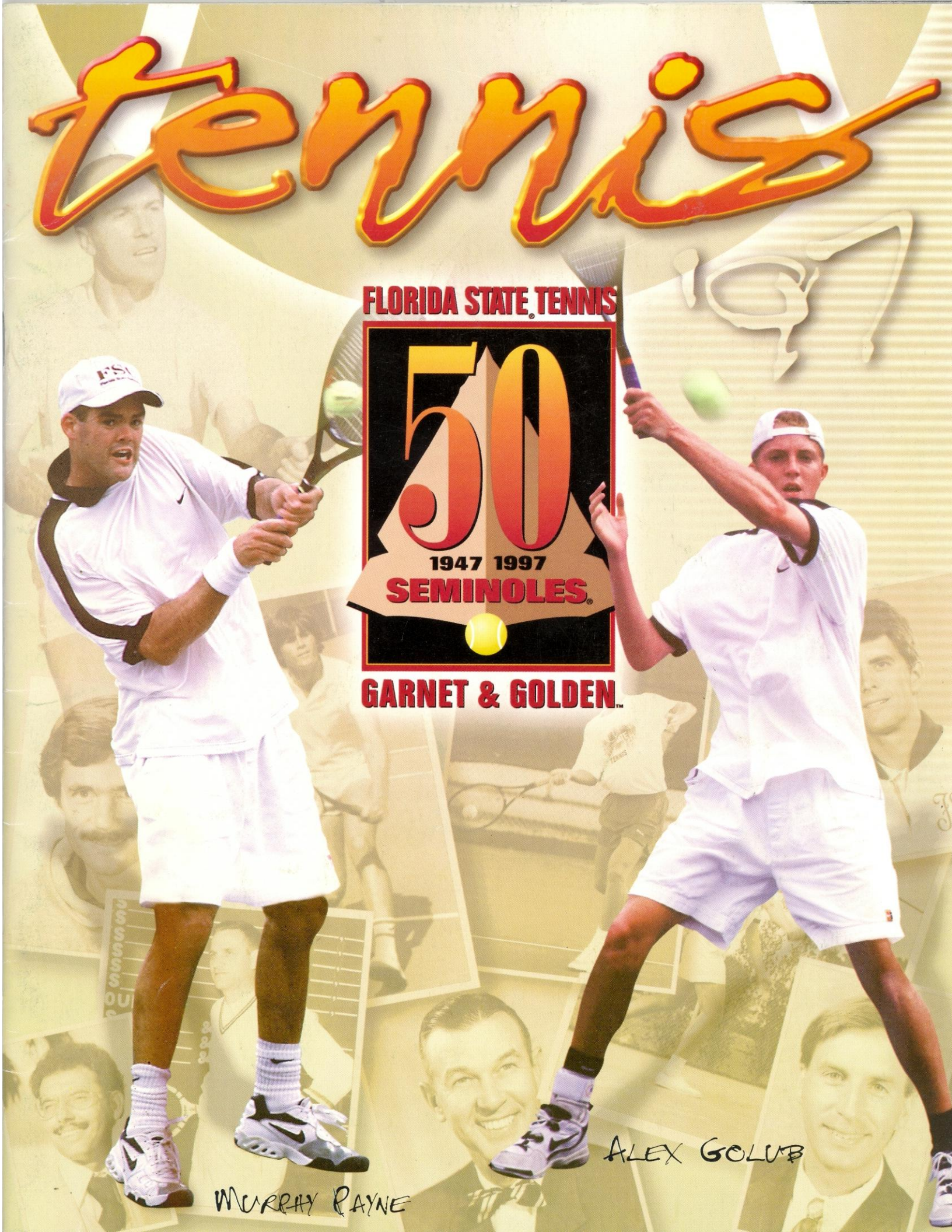


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FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY QUICK FACTS

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Location | Tallahassee, Florida |
| Enrollment | 30,200 |
| Founded | 1857 |
| Nickname | Seminoles |
| Colors | Garnet and Gold |
| Conference | Atlantic Coast |
| Affiliation | NCAA Division I |
| President | Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte |
| Home Courts | The Scott Speicher Tennis Center at the Donald Loucks Courts |
| Athletic Director | Dave Hart, Jr. |
| Associate Athletic Director | Kim Record |
| Athletic Director Phone | (904) 644-3354 |
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| Head Coach | David Barron |
| Overall Record/Years at FSU | 95-55/Seven |
| Assistant Coach | John Vinson |
| Years at FSU | Five |
| Tennis Office Phone | (904) 644-1091 |
| 1995-96 Record/Conference | 15-13/7-3 (2nd) |
| 1995-96 Final Ranking | No. 37/Rolax/ITA |
| Players Returning/Lost | 4/6 |
| Newcomers | 3 |



1996-97 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
MEN'S TENNIS ROSTER

| NAME | CLASS | MAJOR | HOMETOWN |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ty Braswell | SO | Business | Umatilla, Florida |
| Joe Carnley | SR | Finance | Destin, Florida |
| Alex Golub | JR | Sports Management | Miami, Florida |
| Michael Ingham | FR | Sports Management | Rochdale, England |
| Yvo Niks | SO | Business Management | Heerhugowaard, Holland |
| Murphy Payne | SR | Sports Management | Titusville, Florida |
| Antonio Prieto | SR | International Business | Curitiba, Brazil |
| Jay Travis | FR | Business | Palmetto, Florida |
| Steve Weinstein | SO | Sports Management | N. Miami Beach, Florida |

HEAD COACH: David Barron (7th Season)

ASST. COACH: John Vinson (5th Season)

PRONUNCIATIONS...

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| Alex Golub | GO - lub |
| Michael Ingham | ING - em |
| Yvo Niks | YEE - Vo nicks |
| Antonio Prieto | pree - AY - toe |
| Steve Weinstein | WINE - steen |

STATE AND COUNTRY BREAKDOWN...

| | |
|---------------|---|
| Florida | 6 |
| Brazil | 1 |
| England | 1 |
| Holland | 1 |

MEDIA INFORMATION

A NOTE TO THE MEDIA, FANS AND OPPONENTS

Seminole Tennis publicist Joe Hornstein of the Florida State University Sports Information Office are ready to assist you with any questions or requests you may have about the 1996 Seminole Tennis program, media guide, coaches and student-athletes. Please do not hesitate to phone, fax or write a letter to the sports information office at P.O. Box 2195; Tallahassee, FL 32316; (904) 644-1403 PHONE; (904) 644-3820 FAX, if we can further assist you.

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Members of the media are supplied with weekly press releases, including updated individual tournament and career statistics, as well as conference and national rankings and information on upcoming matches or events. Results and statistics may be obtained in the sports information office or off the Atlantic Coast Conference's faxback system. Pertinent team and player information will also be available at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center for all home matches. If you would like to schedule personal interviews with the coaches or players contact Hornstein in the FSU Sports Information office at least 24 hours in advance. Head Coach Dave Barron is generally available in his office during weekday mornings.

WHERE THE HOME MATCHES WILL BE

All 1996 Seminole Tennis home matches take place at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center (capacity 1000). The courts are located off of Chieftain Way directly behind the Bobby E. Leach Center. Parking for the facility is located to the west of the site. Media members will be provided parking passes and will be seated in a designated area. Please notify the sports information office prior to home matches for credentials to be assigned. Any accredited photographer wishing to shoot the matches must check in with Hornstein prior to gameday so proper credentials can be assigned.

ACC FAXBACK SYSTEM

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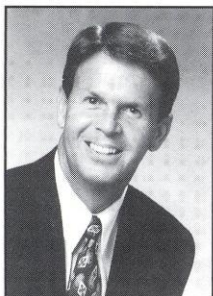
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THIS IS TALLAHASSEE

Near, but far from the glaring strips of neon amusement, and the castles and crowds of Disney, lies another magical place in the Sunshine State — one of powwows, 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.

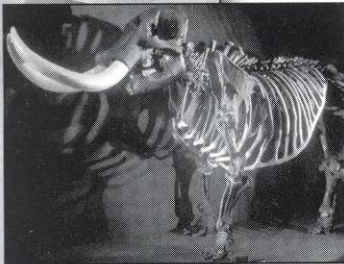
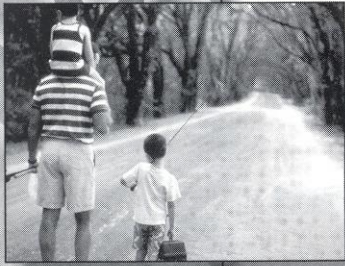
Across from the Old Capitol are the 40-foot twin granite towers of the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial, and the blue stone Union Bank, Florida’s oldest surviving financial institution. The nostalgic Old Town Trolley, a replica turn-of-the-century street car, carries passengers through restored Adams Street 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 boat-



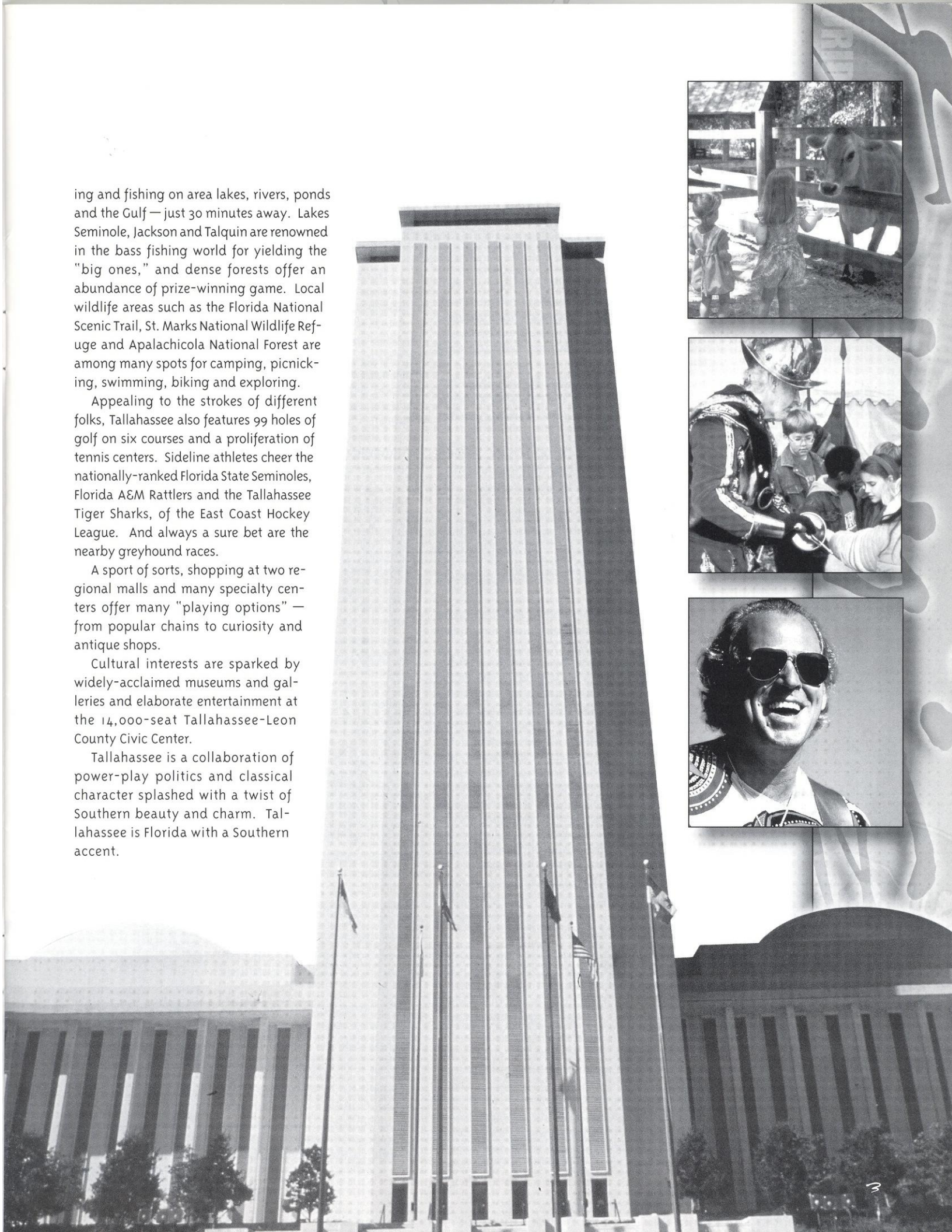
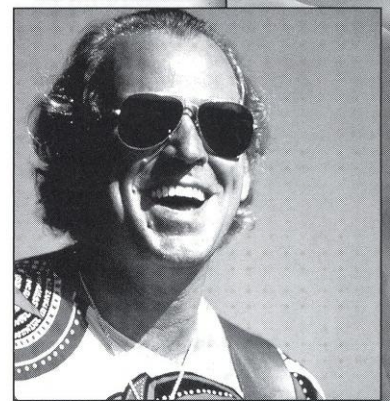
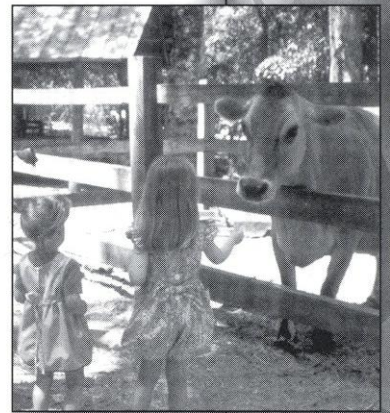
ing and fishing on area lakes, rivers, ponds and the Gulf — just 30 minutes away. Lakes Seminole, Jackson and Talquin are renowned in the bass fishing world for yielding the “big ones,” and dense forests offer an abundance of prize-winning game. Local wildlife areas such as the Florida National Scenic 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.



THIS IS FSU

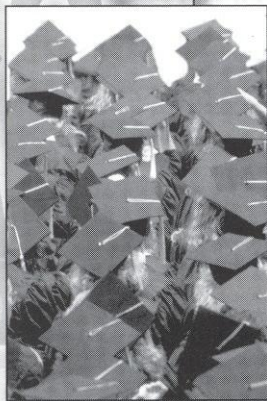
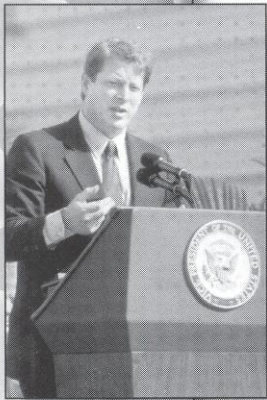
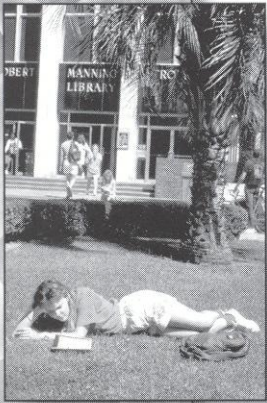
Florida State University, which will mark its golden anniversary as a coeducational graduate research institution in 1997, has joined the nation's elite in both academics and athletics.

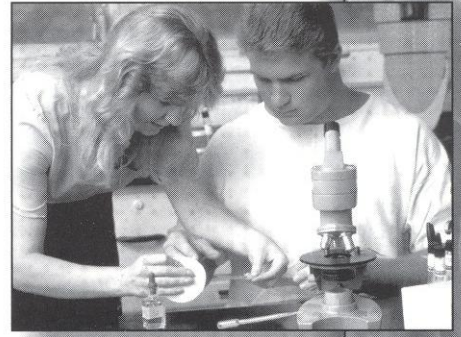
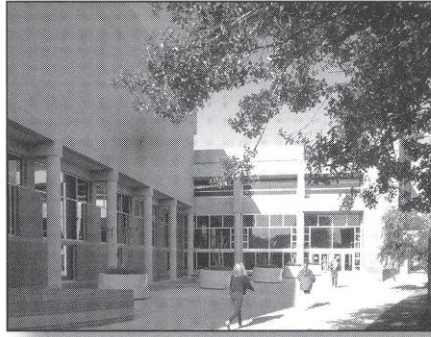
Located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and building rapidly on the framework of a highly regarded liberal arts college for women, the University has emerged over the past 49 years as an institution of national and international esteem. Its stature is evidenced by a number 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 at FSU, which is partnered in research with the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University of Florida, in 1990. A Nobel laureate in physics and a top Russian physicist were among the first scholars drawn to the facility. 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 was also enclosed and the adjacent Moore Athletic Center expanded. When the west side is completed in 1996, University Center will

provide 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, 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 degree in film in 1991 and its first bachelor's in film in 1993. The film school's students have already produced national and international award-winning films.
- The Center for Civic Education and Service was established in 1994 aimed at promoting community involvement and civic responsibility as integral elements of a liberal arts education at FSU. The center supports such service-learning programs as Project Amistades, which provides educational services to migrant farmworkers. Through ServScript, student's service may be recorded on their official academic transcript.
- In 1990, Florida State ranked second in popularity nationwide among high school seniors, based on the number of students who request that their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores be sent to an institution. FSU was the only institution listed among the top 10 choices of both black and white college-bound students.
- FSU's high-tech program in structural biology in 1991 received the University's largest single foundation grant, \$4 million.
- Capping more than a decade of national prominence in intercollegiate athletics, Florida State's athletic teams, nicknamed "Seminoles," joined the Atlantic Coast Conference as its ninth member in 1990. The FSU football team won the 1993 National Championship and its quarterback, Charlie Ward, won the University's first Heisman Trophy.
- To better understand the world's cultural diversity, FSU undergraduate students are required to complete at least two courses that focus on diverse traditions beyond Western civilization. The multicultural study requirement, in effect since 1991, complements a long-established liberal studies program 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.
- The Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala, its vast art collection and an eminent scholar chair were donated to FSU and Central Florida Community College in 1990.
- FSU ranked 20th in the nation for 1990-91 in the number of black Ph.D. students it graduates. Over the five years, 1986 to 1990, FSU ranked eighth nationally by granting doctorates to 70 African-Americans.
- FSU acquired the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota, home to the graduate theater





program, the FSU/Asolo Conservatory of Professional Actor Training.

As this list of highlights attests, Florida State is excelling in the 1990's 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 \$452.5 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$99.9 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 450.6 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 847 acres. FSU owns 1,303 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 283 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; Library and Information Studies; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Work; Theatre;

and Visual Arts and Dance.

With 1,671 members, the FSU faculty has five National Academy of Sciences members and eight American Academy of Arts and Sciences members, and has included five Nobel laureates. It is backed by 2,990 administrative/professional and support staff.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.1 million book titles, 18,296 serials and 4.4 million microforms. The main library facility, the Robert M. Strozier Library, is linked by computer to other state university and national research libraries. The Paul A.M. Dirac Science Center Library is located at the heart of the University's science research complex. FSU also maintains extensive music, library science and law libraries.

On the top floor of the Dirac Library is the headquarters of the Supercomputer Computations Research Institute, a multidisciplinary, multinational program established in 1984 that brings together some 50 scientists, engineers and technicians.

Also providing research opportunities is the tandem Van de Graff 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.

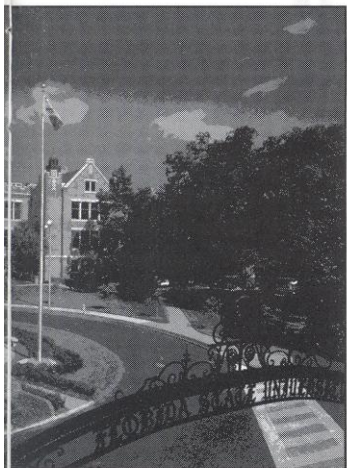
Graduate students, who number more than 5,856, pursue advanced degrees in fields as diverse as business administration and theoretical particle physics. A majority of research done at FSU is the direct result of student effort, culminating in numerous books, monographs and journal articles relating to the whole spectrum of intellectual interests and the practical needs of society.

FSU, a residential campus, places a high priority on its 30,268 students and their needs and interests (of the student population: 45 percent are male; 55 percent are female; 18.5 percent are minorities; and 2.4 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 can 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.



1997 PREVIEW

In 1997, Florida State celebrates 50 years of intercollegiate athletics, and especially the golden anniversary of its men's tennis program.

With its beginning after the post-war era, the Seminoles began play in the long-forgotten Dixie Conference. It was in those early years that FSU men's tennis forged its place among the southeastern schools. Made up of mostly former armed forces soldiers, FSU finished in first place three out of four years associated with the Dixie Conference.

For over 20 years the Seminole tennis program did not have a conference affiliation, but that did not keep the program from excelling. In 1977, Florida State joined the now-defunct Metro Conference and for the next 15 years the Seminoles never placed lower than third, winning five championships along the way. That continuing high standard of excellence can be found in the present as the Tribe have not finished any lower than third in the Atlantic Coast Conference since its affiliation in 1992.

FSU coach David Barron will look to become the third coach in program history to surpass 100 wins this season, not to mention a fourth straight national ranking and post-season berth. Barron currently has 95 wins and should join former FSU tennis coaches, Richard McKee (129 wins from 1984-90) and Randy Jobson (101 wins 1973-75, 80-83), in that elite group who have also coached for seven seasons.

Joining the team, once again, in 1997 will be former FSU standout Antonio Prieto. The senior from Curitiba, Brazil did not participate in competition last year, while improving his academic status and playing overseas. In 1995, Prieto was nationally ranked

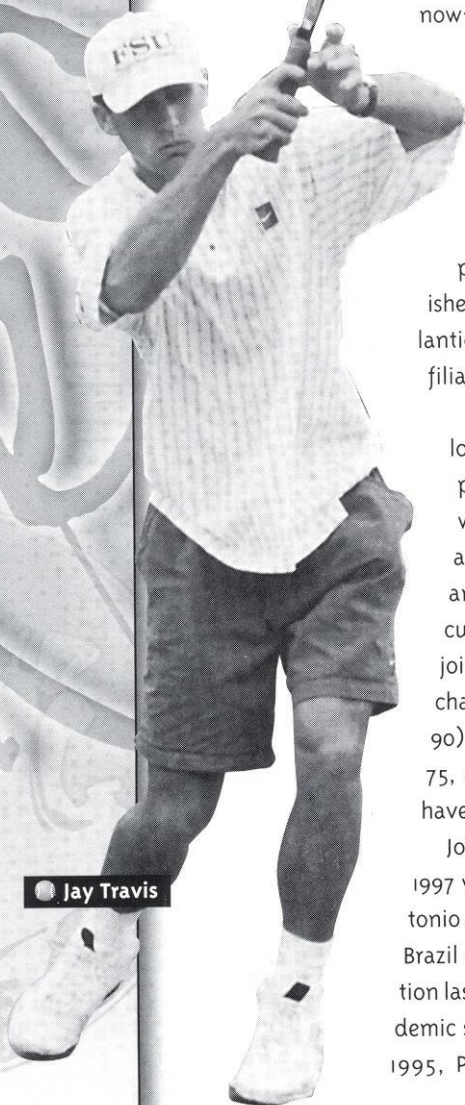
among the nation's Top 25, All-ACC and was invited to the NCAA Championships. With the graduation of 1996's top singles player Jason White, Prieto adds tremendous strength to the upper portion of the Seminole line up.

Also bolstering the depth of the line up will be ACC regular season flight champion Alex Golub. The junior from Miami nearly missed All-ACC honors in 1996, while holding onto a 9-1 conference singles record and a nine-match ACC singles win streak. He was tied for second on the team with sophomore

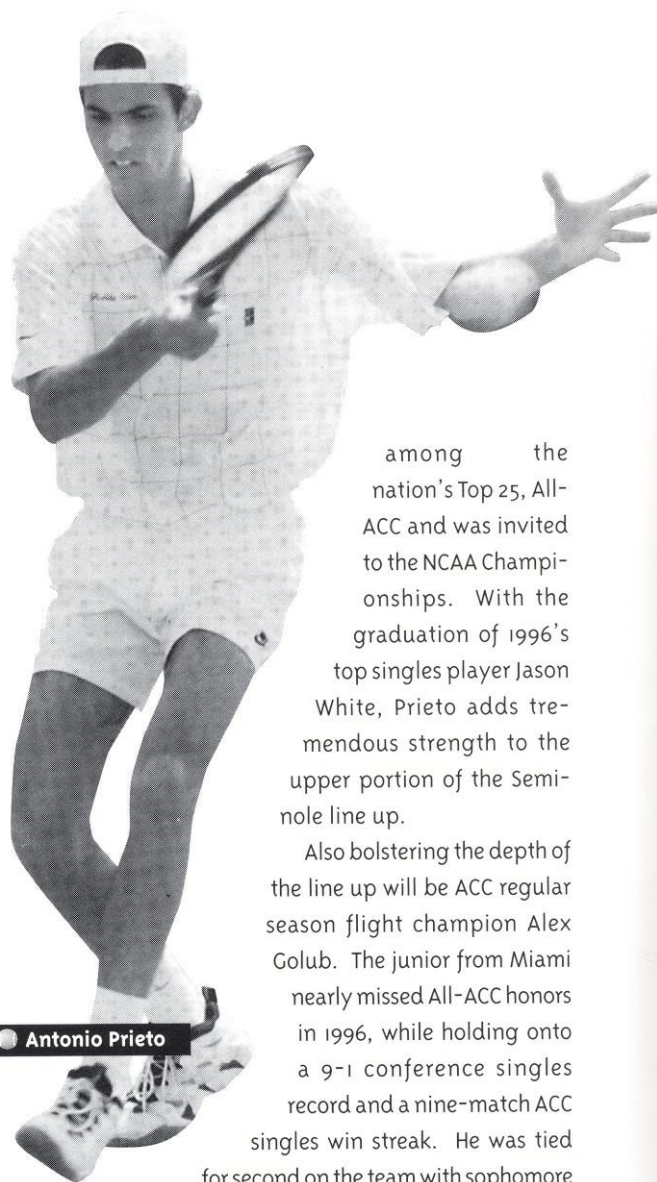
Yvo Niks with 20 singles victories and was tied for the team lead in dual match singles victories with 16.

Niks, a native of Holland, came on strong last season and will look to do the same in '97. He had a six match ACC singles win streak and only lost two matches during the entire dual match season.

Ty Braswell, a sophomore from Umatilla, had a preseason national ranking in '96 and turned in 18 singles victories, not to mention exceptional doubles play. His season was highlighted by his win over Clemson's nationally ranked Bruce Li at the ACC Coaches Indoor tournament and Duke's Top 50-rated Sven Koehler in straight sets that thrust the Seminoles past the 11th-ranked Blue Devils 4-3.



● Jay Travis



● Antonio Prieto

FLORIDA STATE TENNIS



Also returning to the team to add senior leadership is former prep standout Murphy Payne. The senior from Titusville was one of the most celebrated high school tennis players in the state prior to enrolling at FSU. Last season he had the difficult adjustment in playing at a higher singles position than previous seasons. His overall record reflected this adjustment, but a few of his wins did clinch victory for the Seminoles.

Sophomore Steve Weinstein of North Miami Beach did not play much last season, but looks to fortify a singles and doubles position during the Spring. He has spent the greater portion of the offseason training and increasing his skill.

Joining the Seminoles in 1997 are freshman Michael Ingham and Jay Travis and senior transfer Joe Carnley.

Ingham brings a long list of British national titles with him, including the British National Championship in singles and doubles.

Travis, who trains in the offseason at Nick Bolletteiri's Tennis Academy is one of the top junior standouts in the state of Florida.

The 1997 schedule can be looked at as a result of a program rising to the next level of success, highlighted by an invitation to play in the annual Blue/Grey

lahassee and will be looking to avenge.

During the month of March, the Seminoles will face their greatest challenge. This month will be key in seeing just how far Barron has brought the Seminole tennis program. FSU takes on ranked opponents, Florida International, Miami (FL), Virginia, South Florida and prime ACC-rivals Duke and North Carolina. In 1996, the Seminoles garnered their biggest win school history, defeating the then-11th ranked Blue Devils 4-3 at the Speicher Tennis Center.

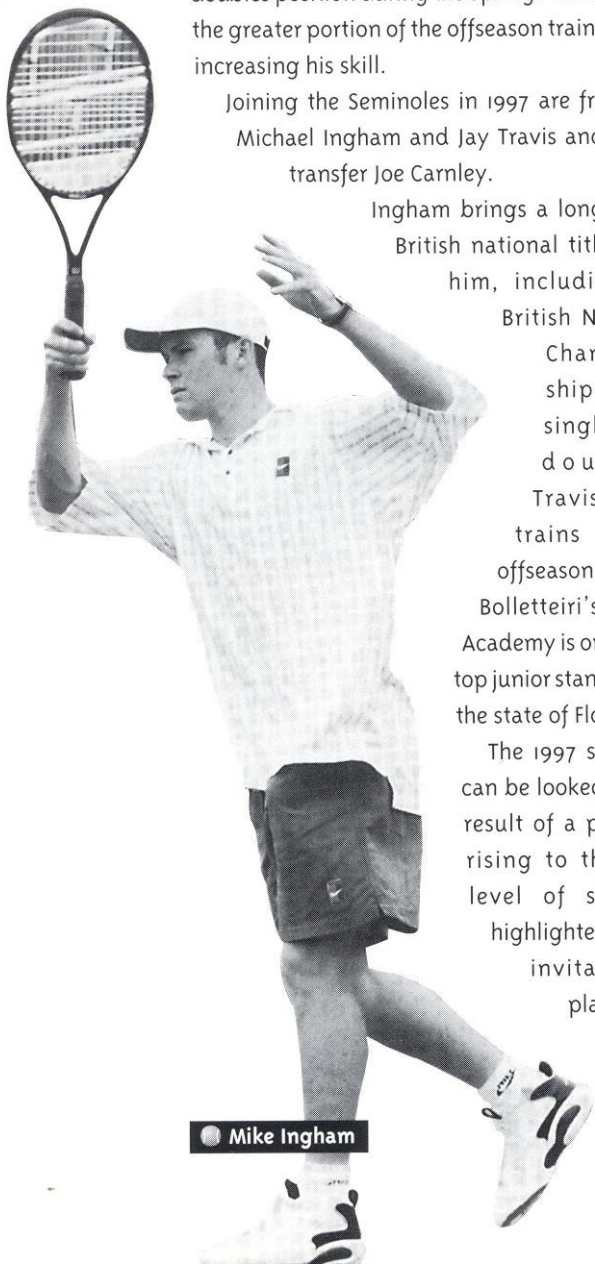
And the month of April doesn't seem to let up on the competition for FSU, as West Coast power New Mexico travels to Tallahassee to meet up with the Tribe. Following the match with the Lobos, FSU has the bulk of their ACC competition playing five schools (Clemson, Georgia Tech, Maryland, Wake Forest and N.C. State) in less than 10 days apart.

With a highly competitive schedule and top talent aboard the Seminoles will look to finish among the top programs in the ACC once again. The Seminoles will also look to repeat on their NCAA regional appearance and better it by advancing to the final site in Los Angeles, CA, May 16-25.

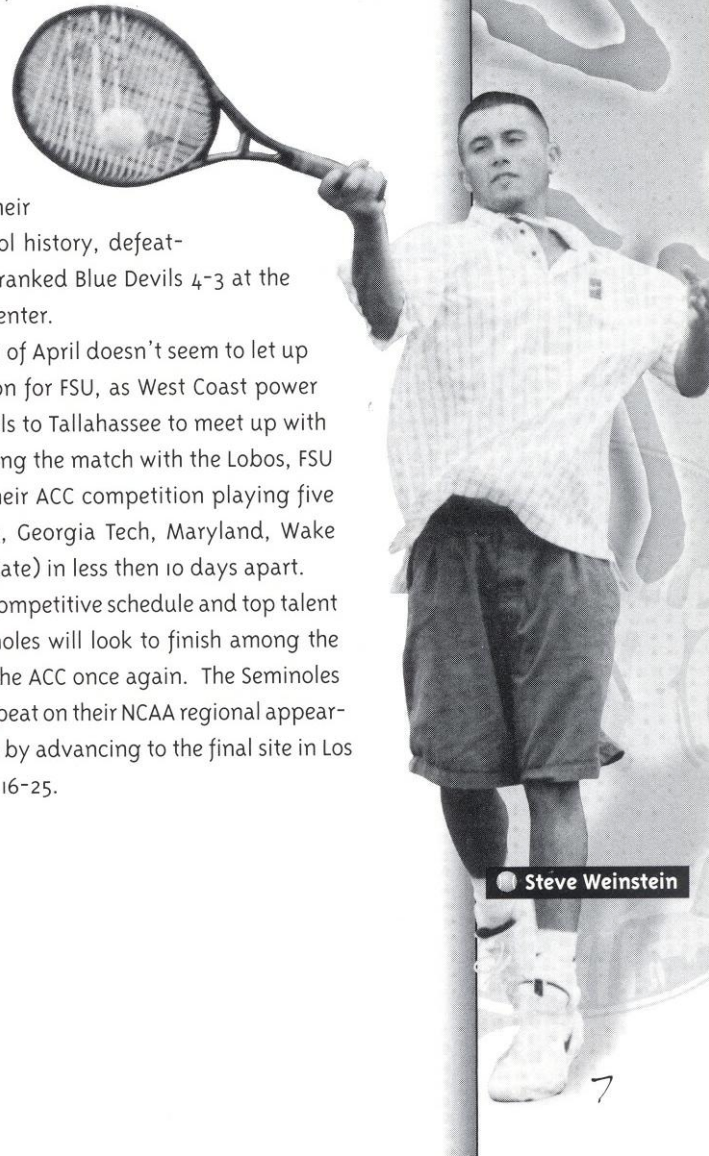
Classic in Montgomery, Alabama in March. This tournament is exclusively limited to the nation's premier college tennis programs.

Besides the Blue/Grey Classic, the Seminoles face other nationally ranked squads in the Rolex National Indoors.

To start off the season the Seminoles face Top 10 talent Mississippi State in Starkville. Last season, the Seminoles were defeated by the Bulldogs in Tal-

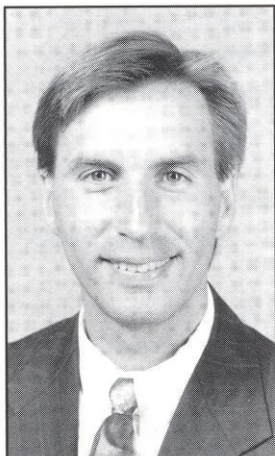


● Mike Ingham



● Steve Weinstein

COACH BIOS



DAVID BARRON

*Head Coach
University of
Evansville*

Seven years ago David Barron made a commitment to elevate the Florida State University men's tennis program to higher levels of competition, achievement and success. Seven years later those goals appear to be accomplished.

Whether in coaching, recruiting, or involved in charitable activities, Barron has brought the FSU program national acclaim.

1997 will be no different as Barron will be busy guiding the Seminoles into one of the nation's toughest schedules. Also in '97, the most successful coach in FSU tennis history will be on track to record his 100th career victory. Despite the difficult schedule, the Seminoles are expected to contend once again for the Atlantic Coast Conference title. Since FSU's inception into the ACC, the Seminoles haven't finished any lower than No. 3 during the regular season, with back to back second place finishes in '95 and '96.

The Florida State men's tennis team has steadily improved with the addition of top players to the program, and much of the team's success can be attributed to the recruiting and coaching abilities of Barron.

Florida State will begin its fourth campaign in the Scott Speicher Tennis Center at the Donald Loucks Courts, the nationally renowned tennis facility. Barron was one of the central figures behind its construction.

Through his vision and lobbying, Barron did much of the leg work to make the center a reality on the Florida State University campus.

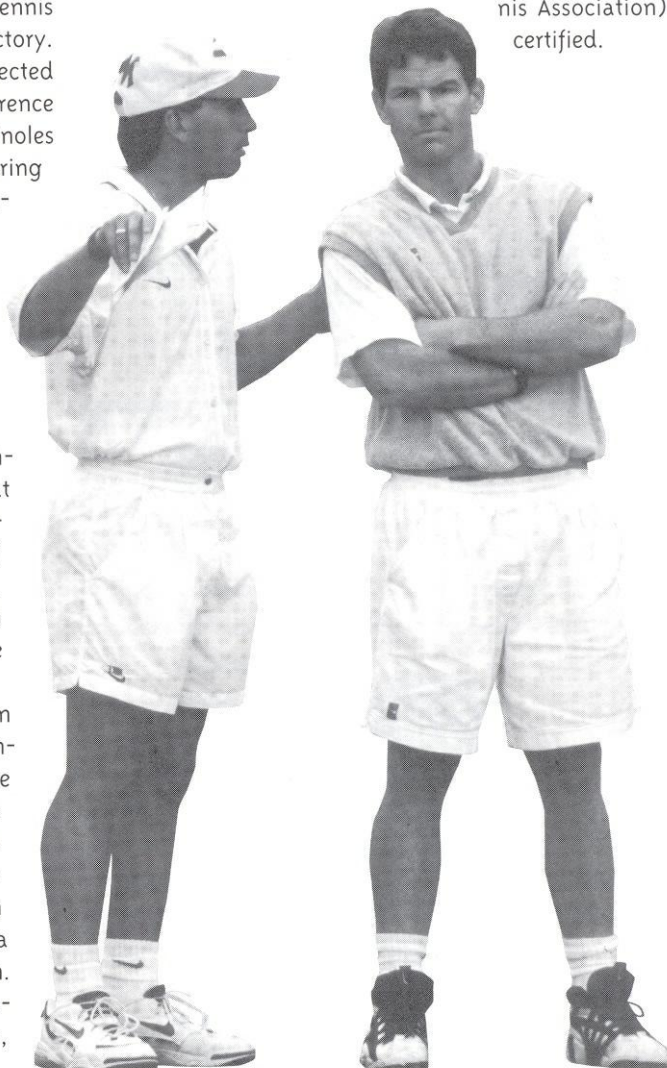
A native of Evansville, Indiana, Barron played on a junior college national championship team at Central Florida Community College in Ocala, before graduating in 1981 with his Associates degree. He then moved on to the University of Evansville where he was the team MVP in 1983, while earning his Bachelor's degree later that same year. Barron then traveled to Nova University where he earned a Master's degree in 1985 for Business Administration.

After Nova, Barron worked at Nick Bollettieri's prestigious Tennis Academy. While at the Academy,

Barron met Andy Brandi, who went on to become the head coach for the University of Florida women's tennis team. Brandi brought Barron to Gainesville in 1985 where they proceeded to lead the Lady Gators into one of the top teams in the country. Although entering just his sixth year as head coach at FSU, Barron is already proving he can produce the same results for the Seminoles.

Recently, other organizations have benefitted from Barron's involvement. He has been heavily involved in a campaign to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Through his organizing of a tennis pro-am tournament this fall at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center, money will be raised for the pediatric programs at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. To date he has raised in excess of \$30,000 for the charity.

Barron, who is married to the former Michelle Sharp, are the proud parents of a son, John David. He is currently working on his Doctorate in Athletic Administration here at Florida State and is USPTA (United States Professional Tennis Association) certified.

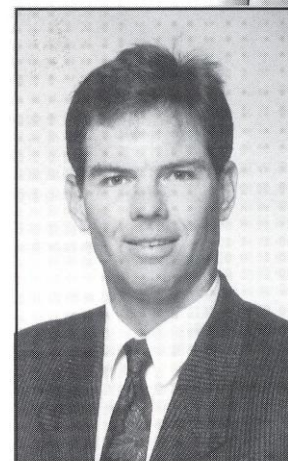


BARRON

YEAR BY YEAR

| | |
|------------|-------|
| 1991 | 16-7 |
| 1992 | 14-9 |
| 1993 | 17-8 |
| 1994 | 15-9 |
| 1995 | 18-9 |
| 1996 | 15-13 |
| Total | 95-55 |

JOHN VINSON
Assistant Coach
Florida State
University



John Vinson, who returns for his fifth year as assistant coach of the Seminoles, will once again hold several on and off court responsibilities for Barron and Florida State. Among Vinson's tasks is to monitor the strength and conditioning of the players. He also works with the team at practices and matches. His role is especially crucial in the fall, as he organizes the annual Seminole Fall Classic, which has become one of the most successful tournaments in the nation.

Besides his valuable assistance to Coach Barron, Vinson is no stranger to Seminole tennis. He was an assistant coach at FSU under Richard McKee from 1986 to 1988. During that period he worked with current ATP No. 1 doubles player Paul Haarhuis.

In addition to Florida State, Vinson has held two other head coaching positions. He was at Louisiana Tech from 1988 to 1990 coaching the Lady Bulldogs while earning his Master's degree in general counseling. For the second semester of the 1990 season Vinson became the head coach for the entire Utah State Utes tennis program until the end of the 1991 season.

Upon returning to Florida in 1991, Vinson was named the Florida Section Director of Player Development for the USTA from 1991 to 1993. His duties for the USTA included coaching the top Florida zonal teams, organizing tournaments for Florida USTA players and coaching at many different training sites around the state. His impact for the USTA helped FSU in this year's recruiting class, as freshmen Ty Braswell and Steve Weinstein both met Vinson during his stay with the amateur association.

Vinson lettered four years in tennis at Wake Forest University and held the number one singles position during his senior season under the legendary Demon Deacon tennis coach Jim Leighton and then Ian Crookenden. He was named the teams MVP his junior year after finishing second at the ACC tournament at No. 3 singles.

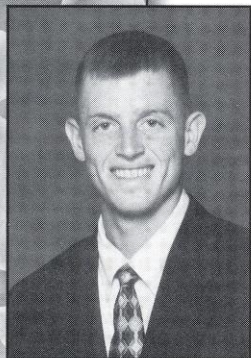
He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from FSU and received his Master's degree in general counseling from Louisiana Tech University. Vinson, who is USPTA certified, is married to the former Kim Schwenbeck. Vinson serves as a tennis pro at various Tallahassee area tennis clubs.

50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

JOEY RIVE, '85

A black and white photograph of a young man, Joey Rive, on a tennis court. He is wearing a white short-sleeved shirt and white shorts. He is in a ready position, looking towards the camera. The background shows a tennis court with a net and some trees.

PLAYER BIOS



DAVID "TY" BRASWELL
 Freshman • Umatilla, Florida (EUSTIS)

1995-96: Played at No. 3, 4 and 5 singles ...had 18-13 overall singles record, third best on the team ...went in .500 in dual match singles play ...was 10-7 at No. 2 and 3 doubles with Alex Golub ...also teamed with Jason White and Murphy Payne in doubles action ...defeated nationally ranked Sven Koehler of Duke in FSU's biggest win of the season, 4-3 over then-11th rated Blue Devils ...had a preseason national ranking of #100 by the ITA ...won the flight 4 singles championship at the 1995 Seminole Fall Classic ...also defeated nationally ranked Bruce Li of Clemson in the Fall season ...after dropping his first match as a Seminole, proceeded in winning his remaining seven matches during the Fall ...earned ACC Academic Honor Roll honors. **High School and other accomplishments:** Four-time team MVP at Eustis High School ...three-time district singles champion ...state finalist at Florida State High School Championship ...three-time district doubles champion ...No. 3 in Florida Boys U-18 singles ...Top 15 in the nation in Boys U-18 singles ...earned fifth place at the 1995 Easter Bowl tournament ...earned two golds and one silver at the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival ...finalist at the 1993 National Clay Courts ...earned fifth place at 1993 National Indoors ...nationally ranked No. 12 in Boys U-16 singles in 1993. **Personal:** Born April 27, 1977 ...majoring in Business ...was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes all four years of high school ...National Honor Roll student all four years in high school ...son of Bobby and Cindy Braswell.

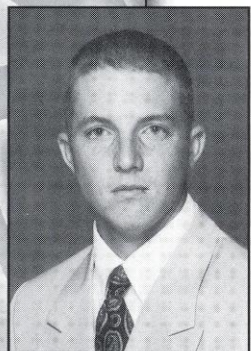
BRASWELL CAREER STATISTICS

Singles

| Year | @1 | @2 | @3 | @4 | @5 | @6 | Duals | Other | Total |
|---------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1995-96 | | | 2-3 | 6-8 | 3-0 | | 11-11 | 7-2 | 18-13 |
| | | | 2-3 | 6-8 | 3-0 | | 11-11 | 7-2 | 18-13 |

Doubles

| Year | @1 | @2 | @3 | Duals | Other | Total | |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|---|
| 1995-96 | 0-3 | 3-3 | 7-4 | 10-7 | 5-3 | 16-14 | w/ Alex Golub, Jason White and Murphy Payne |
| | 0-3 | 3-3 | 7-4 | 10-7 | 5-3 | 16-14 | |



ALEX GOLUB
 Junior • Miami, Florida (COLUMBUS)

1995-96: Won the regular season ACC Flight 5 singles championship ...tied for second on the team with 20 overall singles wins ...tied for the team lead with 16 dual match singles wins ...led the team with an impressive 9-1 ACC singles record ...played at No. 3 through 6 singles ...ended the season on a four-match win streak, winning all his matches at the ACC Championships and NCAA Region II tournament ...went 7-3 in three-setters ...went 10-7 at No. 2 and 3 doubles with Ty Braswell ...also teamed with Nate Turney, Yvo Niks and Stephan Becouarn in doubles action. **1994-95:** Played at No. 5 and 6 singles ...went 12-4 in dual match competition, 18-6 overall ...won his first five matches of the dual match season ...won his final four matches of the regular season ...won all three matches at the 1994 FSU Invitational ...went 2-1 at the 1994 Clemson Invitational ...went 6-2 in fall tournament competition ...played No. 3 doubles with Murphy Payne and went 6-2 in ACC doubles competition ...undefeated in all ACC doubles home matches with Payne ...went 2-0 at No. 3 doubles at the 1995 ACC Championships with Payne ...went 2-1 at the 1994 FSU Invitational with Adam Baron. **High School and other accomplishments:** An All-Dade County selection his junior and senior years ...team MVP his senior year ...ranked No. 4 in Florida Boys U-18 in 1994 ...finished 5th at the Junior Davis Cup tournament. **Personal:** Born August 8, 1976 ...major is Sports Management ...son of Joe and Jasmin Golub.

GOLUB CAREER STATISTICS

Singles

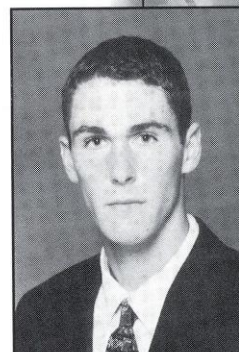
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| 1994-95 | | | | | 6-1 | 6-3 | 12-4 | 6-2 | 18-6 |
| 1995-96 | | | 1-0 | 1-2 | 9-2 | 5-2 | 16-6 | 4-5 | 20-11 |
| | | | 1-0 | 1-2 | 15-3 | 11-5 | 28-10 | 10-7 | 38-17 |

Doubles

| Year | @1 | @2 | @3 | Duals | Other | Total | |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| 1994-95 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 9-11 | 11-13 | 3-4 | 14-17 | w/ Murphy Payne, Adam Baron, Jason White and Ken McKenzie |
| 1995-96 | | 3-5 | 7-4 | 10-9 | | 10-9 | w/ Ty Braswell, Nate Turney and Stephan Becouarn |
| | 0-1 | 5-6 | 16-15 | 21-22 | 3-4 | 24-26 | |

YVO NIKS

Sophomore • Heerhugowaard, Holland (Jan Fortmann College)



1996: Started the Fall season by winning his first five singles matches, including a singles championship at the 1996 Clemson Fall Classic and advancing to the finals at the 1996 Seminole Fall Classic. **1995-96:** Played at No. 4, 5 and 6 singles and No. 2 and 3 doubles during the dual match season ...advanced to the finals of the Seminole Fall Classic Flight 5 bracket ...advanced to the semifinals of the ACC Coaches' Indoor Tournament ...a streaky player who had win streaks of five, six and five during the dual match season ...ended the season on a five match win streak ...was tied for second on the team with 20 overall singles wins, with only two losses ...was tied for the team lead with 16 dual match wins ...had a 7-1 overall ACC singles record, going undefeated at No. 4 and 6 singles ...his ACC singles record tied him for second on the team ...won both his matches at the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic ...also won both matches at the ACC Championships, defeating players from Wake Forest and Duke ...defeated regionally ranked Trent Tucker of Kansas and Francesco Cattini of South Carolina during the season ...teamed with Murphy Payne at No. 2 and 3 doubles for a 6-8 record. **High School and other accomplishments:** Was ranked No. 4 in Holland Juniors in 1993 and 1995 ...finished in second place at the Nationals Under 18 Indoors and Outdoors ...finished in fourth place at the Nationals Under 18 Indoors ...won two international youth tournaments in The Netherlands in 1991 and 1993 ...nationally ranked No. 70 in singles in the Senior division ...named the best youth player in district from 1992 to 1995. **Personal:** Born May 5, 1977 ...is left-handed ...majoring in Business Management ...son of Harry and Judy Niks.

NIKS CAREER STATISTICS

Singles

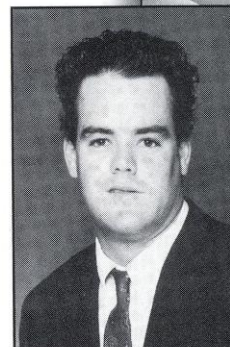
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| 1995-96 | | | | 3-0 | 5-1 | 8-1 | 16-2 | 4-4 | 20-6 |

Doubles

| year | @1 | @2 | @3 | duals | other | total | |
|---------|-----|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 1995-96 | | 6-7 | 3-8 | 9-15 | 2-4 | 11-19 | with Murphy Payne, Nate Turney, Alex Golub and Scott Schuhriemen |
| | 6-7 | 3-8 | 9-15 | 2-4 | 11-19 | | |

MURRAY PAYNE

Senior • Titusville, Florida (Astronaut)



1996: Has a team-leading 10-3 singles record after Fall competition ...advanced to the finals of the 1996 Seminole Fall Classic ...advanced to the quarterfinals of the Rolex Region II Indoor Championships, after advancing through the qualifying rounds. **1995-96:** Won two of three matches at the 1995 Seminole Fall Classic ...competed in seven tournaments during the course of the year, including the Blue-Grey Classic ...defeated regionally ranked Jeremy Sutter of Illinois in the main flight ...played at No. 1, 2, 3, and 5 singles during the course of the dual match season ...went .500 (6-6) in all singles tiebreakers ...went .500 (12-12) in all doubles pro sets ...defeated ACC opponent Karim Emara of Maryland at No. 3 singles. **1994-95:** Played No. 3, 4, and 5 singles ...posted a regular season dual match record of 12-6, 12-9 overall ...began the 1995 dual match season with a four-match win streak ...had a six-match win streak during the month of March ...started off 3-0 in ACC singles competition ...defeated ACC opponents from Virginia, Wake Forest, and N.C. State ...was 3-1 at No. 3 singles ...was 3-1 in three-set matches ...defeated nationally ranked John Roddick of Georgia in straight sets 7-5, 7-5 ...played No. 3 doubles with Alex Golub, was 6-2 in ACC doubles competition ...was undefeated in all ACC doubles home matches ...had a four-match win streak in ACC doubles ...went 2-0 at No. 3 doubles at the 1995 ACC Championships with Golub. **1993-94:** Played at No. 5 and 6 singles ...saw limited action going 1-0 at No. 5 singles and 0-1 at No. 6 ...was 6-2 at No. 2 doubles during dual match competition, 7-4 overall with Jason White ...defeated lone ACC and nationally ranked opponent from North Carolina ...had two win streaks of three matches. **High School and other accomplishments:** Named a 1992 high school All-American ...won the Florida State High School Championship his junior year ...selected as the "All Space Coast Player of the Year" ...nationally ranked No. 10 in Boys U-16 ...Top 5 junior player in Florida ...a three-time state doubles champion. **Personal:** Born October 20, 1974 ...majoring in Sports Management ...son of Howard and Dee Payne ...father played football at the University of Florida.

PAYNE CAREER STATISTICS

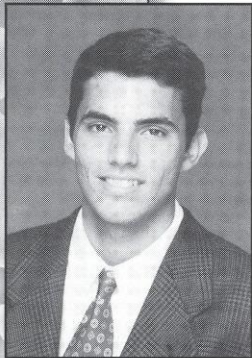
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| 1993-94 | | | | | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-1 | | 1-1 |
| 1994-95 | | | 3-1 | 1-1 | 8-6 | | 12-8 | 0-1 | 12-9 |
| 1995-96 | 1-0 | 1-7 | 2-6 | | 0-1 | | 4-14 | 3-4 | 7-18 |
| | 1-0 | 1-7 | 5-7 | 1-1 | 9-5 | 0-1 | 17-23 | 3-5 | 20-27 |

Doubles

| year | @1 | @2 | @3 | duals | other | total | |
|---------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 1993-94 | | 6-2 | | 6-2 | 1-2 | 7-4 | with Jason White |
| 1994-95 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 9-8 | 12-9 | 0-1 | 12-10 | with Alex Golub |
| 1995-96 | | 8-8 | 0-1 | 6-8 | 4-4 | 6-8 | with Yvo Niks, J.P. Vissepo, Ty Braswell and Jason White |
| | 1-0 | 16-11 | 9-9 | 24-19 | 5-7 | 25-22 | |

PLAYER BIOS CONT'D



ANTONIO PRIETO

Senior • Curitiba, Brazil (Palm Beach C.C./Florida C.C.)

1995-96: Sat out season. **1994-95:** Won 10 out of 12 matches during the 1994 fall tournament season ... Won 10 matches in a row during the fall ... Won all three matches at the 1994 FSU Invitational ... Won all three matches at the 1994 Clemson Invitational ... Advanced to the semifinals of the 1994 Rolex Region II Qualifier ... Defeated three ACC opponents from Duke (2) and North Carolina (1) at the 1994 Rolex Region II Qualifier ... Nationally ranked all season by the Rolex/ITA rankings, and as high as No. 37 ... Defeated three different opponents from Duke during the fall season ... Was 2-1 in three-set matches during the fall ... Began the fall dual match season on a eight-match win streak ... Defeated nationally ranked Jason Appel of Florida during that win streak ... Was 6-4 against ACC singles opponents ... Was 15-6 during the dual match regular season, 27-10 overall ... Invited to the 1995 NCAA Division I Men's Tennis Championship in singles ... Was 5-0 against opponents from the state of Florida ... Was 5-1 during the 1994 fall tournament season in doubles with Jason White ... Won first five matches ... Won all three matches at the 1994 FSU Invitational ... Was 2-1 at the 1994 Clemson Invitational ... Was 20-3 in dual match doubles competition, 26-4 overall ... Had win streaks of 11 and five matches during the 1995 dual match season ... Was undefeated during the month of April ... Was undefeated in ACC doubles play (7-0) at No. 2 doubles ... Won five ACC doubles matches in a row ... Won both matches at the ACC doubles championships ... Won at the 1995 NCAA Region II Qualifier against VCU opponent ... Shut out opponents three times during the regular season. **High School and other accomplishments:** Nationally ranked No. 3 by the ITA/Rolex Junior College rankings ... nationally ranked in the top ten juniors in Brazil ... Played No. 1 singles for Florida Community College in 1993 ... Played No. 1 singles for Palm Beach Community College in 1992 ... Was named team MVP at Palm Beach C.C. in 1992 ... Won the coaches award at Florida C.C. in 1993. **Personal:** Born September 7, 1973 ... Majoring in Multinational Business ... Is the son of Antonio C. and Maria Teresa Prieto

PRIETO CAREER STATISTICS

Singles

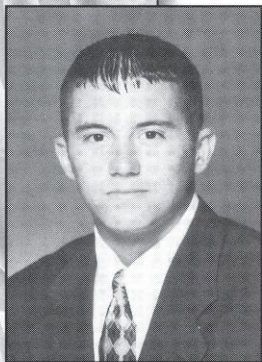
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| 1994-95 | 2-1 | 14-6 | | | | | 16-7 | 11-3 | 27-10 |
| 1995-96 | Sat out season | | | | | | | | |

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|--|-----|------|--|--|--|--|------|------|-------|
| | 2-1 | 14-6 | | | | | 16-7 | 11-3 | 27-10 |
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Doubles

| year | w1 | w2 | w3 | duals | other | total | |
|---------|----------------|------|-----|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 1994-95 | 1-0 | 19-3 | 0-1 | 20-4 | 6-1 | 26-5 | with Jason White and Scott Schuhriemen |
| 1995-96 | Sat out season | | | | | | |

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| | 1-0 | 19-3 | 0-1 | 20-4 | 6-1 | 26-5 | |
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STEVE WEINSTEIN

Sophomore • North Miami Beach, Florida (North Miami Beach Senior)

1996: Won all four of his Fall singles matches, including his flight championship at the 1996 Seminole Fall Classic. **1995-96:** Had an overall singles record of 5-3, 1-0 in dual match play ... four of his five wins came against players from Florida schools ... was 3-1 at the 1995 Seminole Fall Classic ... teamed with Scott Schuhriemen for four doubles matches, all at the Seminole Fall Classic. **High School and other accomplishments:** Three-time team MVP at North Miami Beach Senior High ... ranked No. 6 in Florida Boys U-18 singles ... ranked No. 1 in the state in Boys U-16 doubles ... nationally ranked No. 16 in Boys U-16 doubles ... advanced to the second round of the Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Classic ... finalist at the Florida Boys U-18 singles closed division in 1995 ... played John Roddick of Georgia in the third round of the Kalamazoo Boys U-18 singles (Stadium Court). **Personal:** Born October 27, 1977 ... major is Sports Management ... son of Eva Weinstein.

WEINSTEIN CAREER STATISTICS

Singles

| year | w1 | w2 | w3 | w4 | w5 | w6 | duals | other | total |
|---------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 1995-96 | | | | | | 1-0 | 1-0 | 4-3 | 5-3 |
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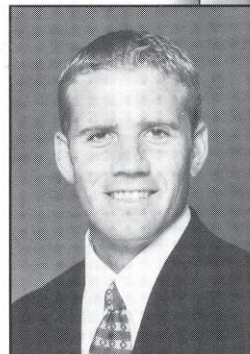
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| 1995-96 | | | | | 1-3 | 1-3 | with Scott Schuhriemen |
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SEMINOLE NEWCOMERS

JOE CARNLEY

Senior • Destin, Florida (Ct. Walton Beach)

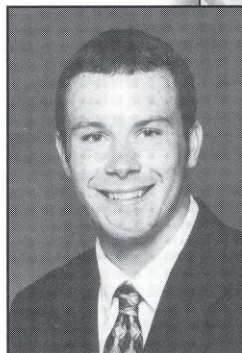
1996: Won three out of four matches at the 1996 Clemson Fall Classic. **High School and other accomplishments:** Held a No. 1 junior ranking for the Northwest Florida region in 1988 ...has played tennis for over 15 years ...won his high school district championship in 1991 and advanced to the finals in 1990 ...competed against Tommy Ho and Vince Spadea ...was ranked No. 16 in the nation in U-12 division ...had a No. 3 Florida U-12 doubles ranking ...ranked No. 9 in Florida U-16 singles, No. 45 in the nation. **Personal:** Born February 24, 1974 ...major is Finance ...son of Joe and Bridget Carnley



MICHAEL INGHAM

Freshman • Rochdale, England (Hulme Grammar School)

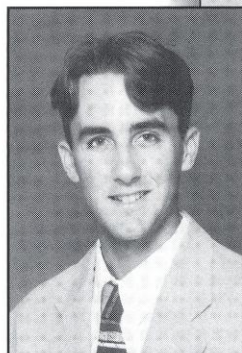
1996: Advanced to his flight's final at the 1996 Seminole Fall Classic ...won two out of three matches at the 1996 Clemson Fall Classic ...participated in the main draw singles at the Rolex Region II Indoor Championships, after advancing through the qualifying rounds. **High School and other accomplishments:** Played No. 1 singles and doubles for the Hulme Grammar School in Heywood, England ...won the U-14 and U-16 singles and doubles titles at the British Nationals ...also picked up the national title for U-18 indoors ...won the championship at the British Winter Series ...represented England in the European Championships and at the European Team Cup competition ...has a world junior ranking of 75 ...competed against 1996 Wimbledon phenom and fellow Britain Tim Henmen. **Personal:** Born July 6, 1976 ...major is Sports Management ...son of Roger and Christine Ingham.



JAY TRAVIS

Freshman • Palmetto, Florida (Bradenton Christian)

1996: Won all four of his Fall singles matches, including his flight championship at the 1996 Clemson Fall Classic. **High School and other accomplishments:** Lettered in tennis all six years at Bradenton Christian ...also named the team's captain and MVP all six years ...defeated ATP players Josean Frontera, Kevin Camp and Oliver Gross ...trained at Nick Bolleteri, Joe Brandi and Steve Seibole tennis schools ...participated in the USTA International Grass and Hardcourt tournaments ...also played in the Orange and Sugar Bowl tournaments ...ranked as high as No. 6 in the state U-16 singles and Top 50 in the nation ...a member of the National Honor Society and F.C.A. **Personal:** Majoring in Sports Management ...son of Ron and Gail Travis ...born October 9, 1977.



1996 REVIEW

The 1996 season saw the Florida State men's tennis team continue their strong stance among the highly competitive Atlantic Coast Conference elite by placing second for the second consecutive season. In fact, the Seminoles have never posted any lower than third since joining the ACC in 1992.

The Tribe finished the 1996 season at 15-11 overall, 7-3 in the ACC and one match short of qualifying for the national championships in Athens, GA.

Also, the top singles player, Jason White, was nationally ranked throughout the season and was the lone Seminole to qualify for the prestigious NCAA Singles Championship. White, who played at No. 4 through 6 singles previously, stepped into the No. 1 role in 1996.

"He played beyond our expectation and led this team," said FSU Head Coach David Barron

With 1995's top singles player Antonio Prieto sitting out the season, the rest of the players were forced to step up a level to meet the higher demand that now rested upon their shoulders.

White earned All-ACC honors while defeating numerous na- tion-

ally ranked opponents. Among the big wins he turned in were over Florida's All-American Damon Henkel, Wake Forest's Daniel Merkert, Kansas' Enrique Abaroa, South Carolina's Maxsy Jimenez and Florida International's Gustavo Lopez.

White, along with senior transfer from the University of Kansas J.P. Vissepo, were nationally

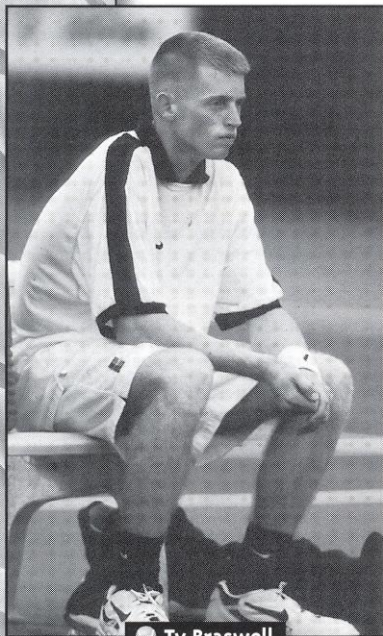
ranked for the final five weeks of the season at No. 1 doubles. They defeated several nationally ranked opponents, including 5th-ranked Ayers and Chess of Duke and Boich and Fitzgerald of Florida.

FSU's No. 5 singles player Alex Golub claimed his regular season flight championship by way of winning nine straight conference matches en route to a 9-1 ACC finish.

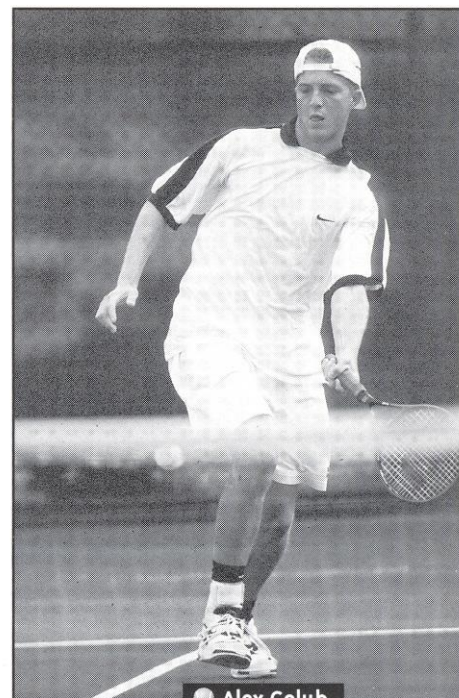
According to Barron, the schedule was one of the toughest in the nation, but in order to grow as a player, a team and a program, the schedule must reflect the team's true caliber of talent.

On March 11, 1996, the Seminoles claimed their biggest victory in program history by defeating ACC-rival and 11th-ranked Duke 4-3. The win against the Blue Devils kept FSU ahead one match, which in turn was the deciding factor in FSU's second place finish.

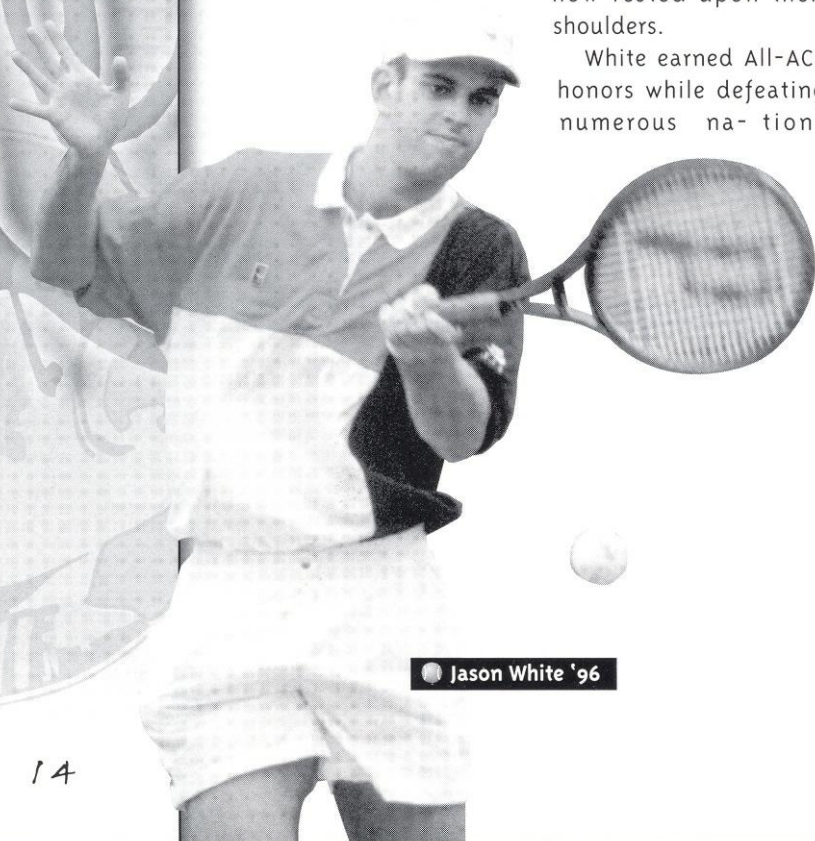
In review of the team's overall performance it is clear to see that the Seminoles were successful on many different levels. The Seminoles were near the top of the ACC all season, nationally ranked the among the top 30 teams throughout the season and invited to play for the third straight season at the NCAA Region II Qualifying tournament.



● Ty Braswell



● Alex Golub



● Jason White '96