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### QUICK FACTS

<b>UNIVERSITY</b>	
Location:.....	Tallahassee, Fla.
Enrollment:.....	39,136
Founded:.....	1851
Symbol:.....	Seminoles
Colors:.....	Garnet & Gold
President:.....	T.K. Wetherell

<b>FSU ATHLETICS</b>	
Affiliation:.....	NCAA Division I
Conference:.....	Atlantic Coast
Athletics Director:.....	Randy Spetman
Associate AD (Swimming):.....	Monk Bonasorte

<b>SWIMMING &amp; DIVING</b>	
Head Coach:.....	Neil Harper (Louisiana State '90)
Men's Record at FSU/Yrs.:.....	85-35/10 (.708)
Men's Career Record/Yrs.:.....	85-35/10 (.708)
Women's Record at FSU/Yrs.:.....	117-32/10 (.785)
Women's Career Record/Yrs.:.....	132-43/12 (.754)
Associate Head Coach:.....	Andy Robins (William & Mary '83)
Diving Coach:.....	Patrick Jeffrey (Ohio State '88)
Assistant Coaches:.....	Katy Peterson (Virginia Tech '05) Gary Taylor (Minnesota '01)

<b>2008-2009 TEAM</b>	
Men's Record:.....	7-4 (2-1 ACC)
2009 ACC Championships:.....	2 <sup>nd</sup> (640 Points)
2009 NCAA Championships:.....	20 <sup>th</sup> (36 Points)
Final CSCAA Ranking:.....	21
Men's Letterwinners R/L:.....	19/6
Men's Newcomers:.....	16
Women's Record:.....	7-7 (2-2 ACC)
2009 ACC Championships:.....	4 <sup>th</sup> (270 Points)
2009 NCAA Championship:.....	N/A
Final CSCAA Ranking:.....	N/A
Women's Letterwinners R/L:.....	18/6
Newcomers:.....	10

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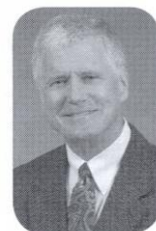
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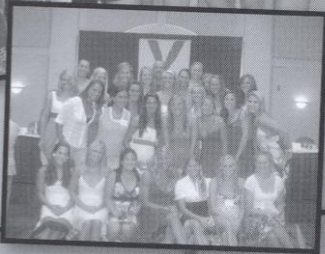


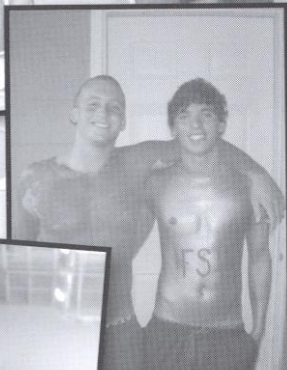
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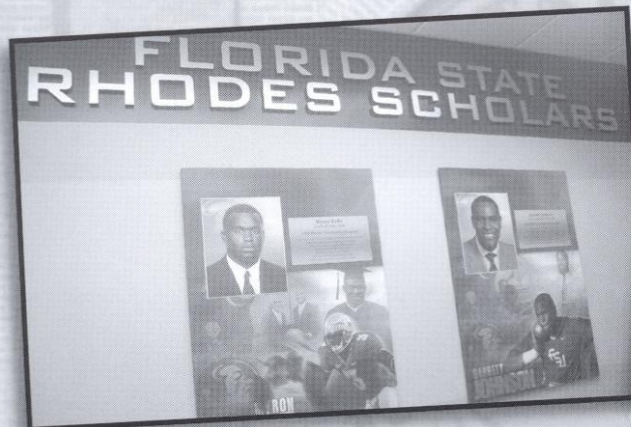
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# THIS IS FSU SWIMMING & DIVING





# STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS



## Because at Florida State... **Academics & Athletics** Go Hand in Hand

### FSU SWIMMING & DIVING TOUTS...

#### All-Time

- Five ACC Postgraduate Scholarship recipients
- Three CoSIDA Academic All-America honors

#### 2008/2009 Season

- 27 ACC Academic Honor Roll honorees
- Nine All-ACC Academic Team honorees
- Seven CSCAA Division I Scholar All-America honorees



### SEMINOLE ATHLETICS TOUTS...

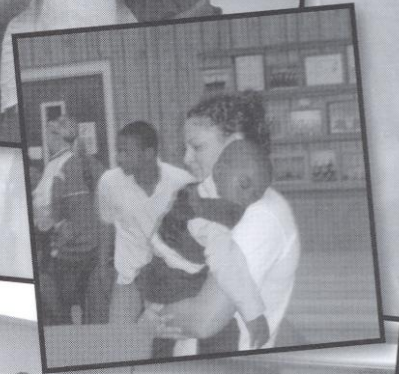
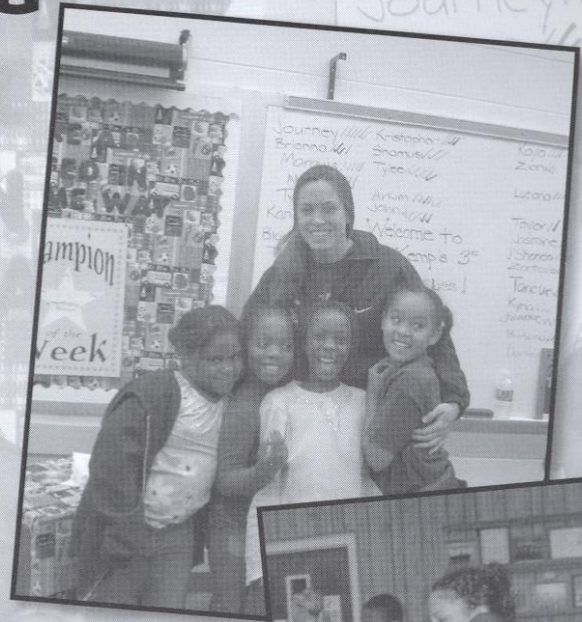
- Football's Myron Rolle became the second Seminole student-athlete in the past four years to earn the Rhodes Scholarship - one of the oldest and most prestigious awards for international study. It was the first time in nearly 25 years they awarded the scholarship to a prominent college football player.
- Over the past 15 years, more than \$450,000 in Postgraduate Scholarship money has been granted to FSU student-athletes, as well as numerous other academic honors and awards.
- During the 2008-09 academic year, five Seminoles earned CoSIDA Academic All-American honors, 15 Seminole student-athletes were named District Academic All-Americans, 175 Seminole student-athletes were named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll and seven of Florida State's athletic teams had a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average.
- In the spring 2009 semester, 202 Seminoles achieved a 3.0 GPA or better, 10 athletic teams had a 3.0 or better GPA and the average team semester GPA was a 2.8. Ten student-athletes made the spring 2009 President's List with a perfect 4.0 GPA while 62 student-athletes earned Dean's List status with a GPA of 3.5 or better.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE

Giving back to the community is a priority for all of Florida State University's student-athletes and the Seminole swimming and diving team makes a strong effort through the year to perform countless hours of community service in the Big Bend area.

During the 2009 season, the Seminole women's athletics programs will join forces to help support a great cause as each team hosts individual "Paint it Pink" games. All the proceeds from donations and online auctions will go to the Tallahassee Memorial Sharon Ewing Walker Breast Health Center and the Kay Yow Foundation.

The swimming and diving team's "Paint it Pink" meet will take place Oct. 3 against Florida International.



# MORCOM AQUATICS CENTER

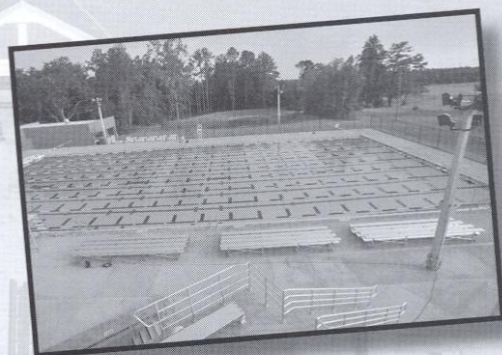
(2008-Present)

In 2008, Florida State opened its new \$10.5 million Morcom Aquatic Center. The state-of-the-art facility is located off-campus next to the Don Veller Seminole Golf Course. The main pool features up to 30 practice lanes and maintains a water temperature of 80 degrees. FSU will be swimming in the same pool that hosted the 2005 FINA World Championships in Montreal, Canada. During those World Championships, nine world records were broken. Included in the record breaking performances were American's Aaron Peirsol (200m back), Ian Crocker (100m fly) and Jessica Hardy (100m breast).

The diving well features two one-meter and two three-meter springboards as well as one, three, five, seven-and-a-half and 10 meter platforms. The platforms are 10 feet wide making them the widest in the nation. The diving pool is kept temperature controlled at 82 degrees and also features a compression bubble used to soften a diver's impact during entry while practicing platform dives. Divers will also be able to practice their dives using the dryland equipment which includes two springboards attached to an intricate rope and pulley system and a trampoline.

Spacious locker rooms and coach's offices are located in the adjoined 10,000 square-foot building, which house the athlete's equipment and coaching staff.

In the summer of 2009, Morcom Aquatic Center earned national recognition for hosting two highly regarded diving events. In July 2009, the U.S. National Diving team used the facility to train for the World Championships in Rome, Italy. In August of 2009, the Morcom Aquatic Center hosted the USA Diving National Championships. Over 100 of the nation's best divers competed on Florida State's boards for the honor of becoming a U.S. National Champion.

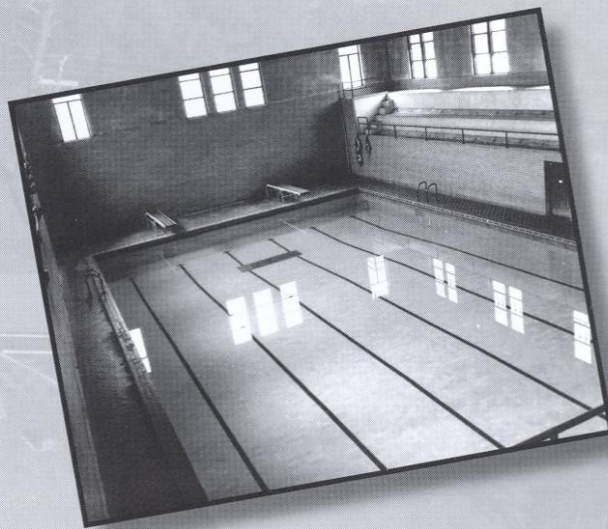


# PAST FACILITIES

## MONTGOMERY GYM

(1947-1963)

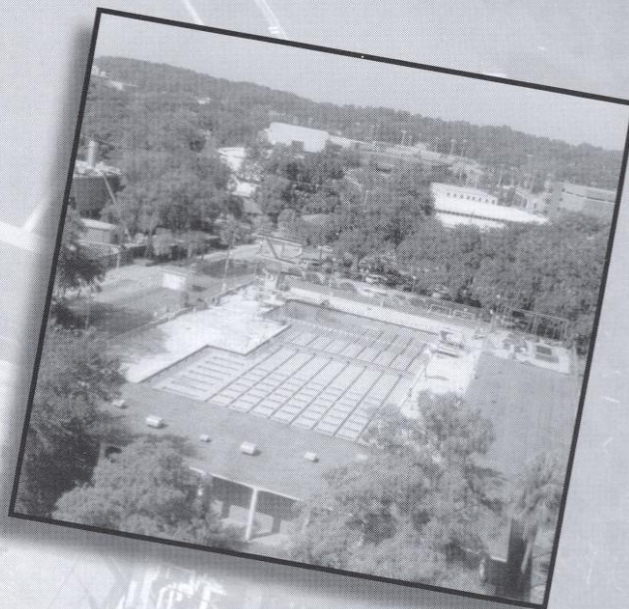
The Florida State Seminoles first home for swimming and diving was the pool located inside Montgomery Gym. The Seminoles trained and competed in the Montgomery pool full-time from their inception in 1947 until 1963 (the team still used the pool for two more years after the opening of the Stults Aquatic Center). The Montgomery pool had five lanes and featured two diving boards.



## BIM STULTS AQUATIC CENTER

(1963-1994)

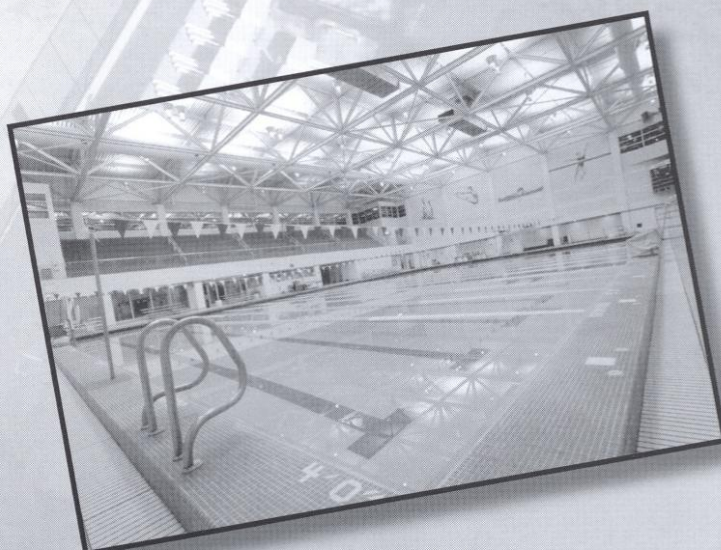
The Seminoles moved to their first outdoor facility in 1963 with the opening of the Union Pool in the center of Florida State's campus. The pool was later renamed the N.B. "Bim" Stults Aquatic Center to honor FSU's legendary swimming coach from 1949 to 1973. The Stults Aquatic Center had eight lanes for both 25 yard and 50 meter races and included two one-meter and two three-meter springboards as well as a five, seven-and-a-half and 10 meter platforms for the divers. The most unique feature of the facility was the three underwater windows for filming and stroke analysis.



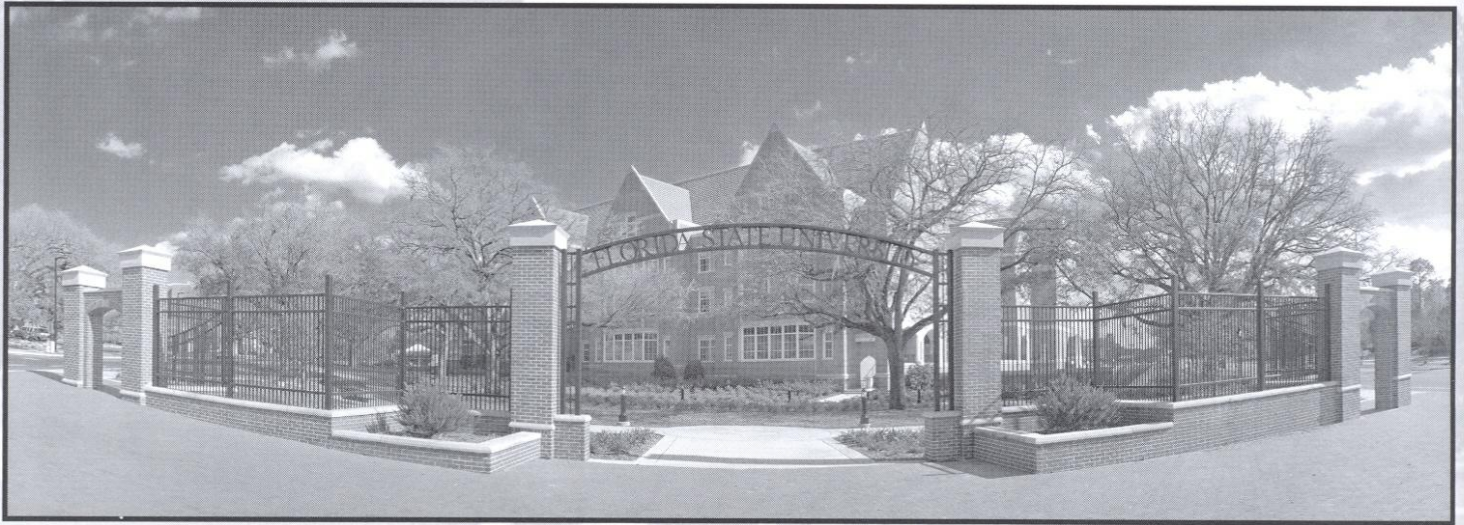
## BOBBY E. LEACH CENTER POOL

(1991-Present)

After nearly 30 years of swimming at the Stults Aquatic Center, Florida State made the move indoors to the Bobby E. Leach Center in 1991. The Leach Pool is a 16-lane by 25-yd indoor swimming facility with two one-meter and two three-meter diving boards. FSU split time between the two pools for several years, but after the closing of the Bim Stults Aquatics Center in the Fall of 2003, the Seminoles moved permanently to the Leach Center Pool. Florida State hosted dual meets at the Leach Center for 16 years including the 1993 ACC Championships and will continue to host the Seminole Swimming and Diving team during inclement weather.



# THIS IS FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY



## TOP NATIONAL RANKINGS

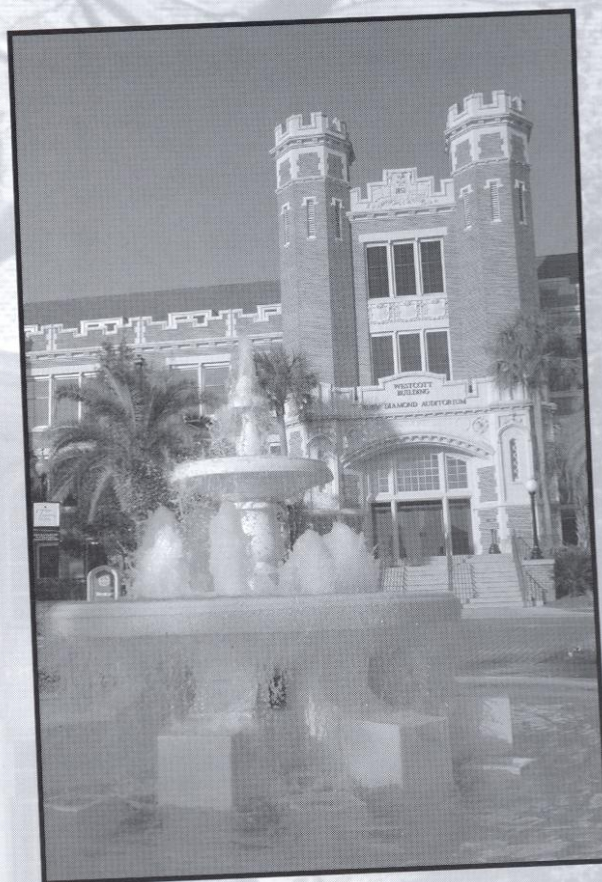
- Florida State consistently ranks in the top 10 universities nationally in physical sciences grants awarded by the National Science Foundation.
- U.S. News & World Report ranks Florida State in the nation's top 50 public universities.
- The Meteorology and Oceanography departments are ranked among the nation's top 10 by the National Research Council.
- Florida State's graduate program in nuclear physics was ranked eighth among public universities by U.S. News & World Report.
- The College of Business is ranked 8th among public universities by U.S. News & World Report. U.S. News also ranks the business school's Real Estate Program 11th in the country and its Risk Management/Insurance Program fourth.
- The College of Information's graduate program ranks in the top 10 nationally by U.S. News & World Report. The college's Children and Youth Services Program is first in the nation.
- The College of Law's Environmental Law Program is ranked 10th best in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, which also ranks the law school in the nation's top tier in terms of academic reputation.
- The College of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts, recognized in 2004 by the Directors Guild of America for distinguished contributions to American culture, has won 24 College Television Awards in 17 years.
- The College of Music graduate program was named fifth best in the nation and its Opera Program third among public universities by U.S. News & World Report.





## NATIONALLY RENOWNED FACULTY

- Nobel Prize winner Sir Harold Kroto, of the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, is a recipient of the Copley Medal, the highest award of the Royal Society in Britain.
- College of Music Professor Ellen Taaffe Zwilich, also a Florida State graduate, is the first woman to win the Pulitzer in music. She also is a four-time Grammy nominee, is the first woman to earn a doctorate in composition at the Julliard School and is the first-ever occupant of Carnegie Hall's Composer's Chair.
- Pulitzer Prize-winning author and Florida State English Professor Robert Olen Butler has won two National Magazine Awards in Fiction from the American Association of Magazine Editors.
- Academy Award winner Richard Portman, of the College of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts, has received 11 Academy Award nominations for sound work in feature films.
- Our Department of Dance faculty — one of the largest and most accomplished dance faculties in the country — includes legendary ballerina and 2006 Kennedy Honors recipient Suzanne Farrell.
- New York Times bestselling author Mark Winegardner, a Creative Writing professor, was selected by Random House and the Mario Puzo Estate to write the sequel to *The Godfather*.



## STRONG STUDENTS

- Florida State University has garnered three Rhodes Scholars in the past four years, including two student-athletes — track & field's Garrett Johnson (2005), Joe O'Shea (2007) and football's Myron Rolle (2008). Student have also received numerous other prestigious national scholarships and fellowships, including Truman Scholarships, Fulbright Fellowships, a Goldwater Scholarship, a Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship, a Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship, a Fulbright Hays Award and Rotary International Ambassador Scholarship.
- In 2008, the students entering as freshmen in the fall had an average SAT score of 1265 and an average ACT score of 28.
- Florida State graduates find employment with major employers including Ernst & Young, GEICO, Merrill Lynch, PricewaterhouseCoopers and Target.



# UNIVERSITY FACTS



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*Senior Associate*  
*Athletics Director*  
 Gary Huff

**BACKGROUND:** The Florida State University is one of 11 units of the Division of Colleges and Universities of the Florida Board of Education...It was established as the Seminary West of the Suwannee by an act of the Florida Legislature in 1851 and first offered instruction at the postsecondary level in 1857...Its Tallahassee campus has been the site of an institution of higher education longer than any other site in the state...In 1905, the Buckman Act reorganized higher education in the state and designated the Tallahassee school as the Florida Female College...In 1909, it was renamed Florida State College for Women...In 1947, the school returned to co-educational status, and the name was changed to The Florida State University...It has grown from an enrollment of 2,583 in 1946 to an enrollment of 39,136 in the Fall Semester 2008.

**ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2008):** Total, 39,136...75.7% undergrad, 21.4% grad, 2.9% unclassified...81.5% in-state...93.6% from the United States... students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are in attendance...18 states contributed over 100 students each...19 foreign countries contributed over 25 students each...female, 55.7%...male, 44.3%...minority, 25.3%...international, 3.3%.

**ACREAGE:** Main Campus: 451.6 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)...Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County...The university owns a total of 1,545.5 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota, & Gadsden counties...Sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida and other locations overseas.

**COLLEGES/DEGREE PROGRAMS:** With 16 colleges and schools, students may take courses of study leading to the baccalaureate degree in 100 degree programs, to the master's degree in 114 degree programs, to the advanced master's degree in one program, to the specialist degree in 26 degree programs, to the doctorate degree in 74 degree programs, and to the professional degree in two degree programs. The academic divisions are the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Information, Law, Medicine, Motion Picture, Television & Recording Arts, Music, Nursing, Social Sciences & Public Policy, Social Work & Visual Arts, Theatre and Dance.

**OPERATING BUDGET (2008-09):** \$1,111,706,391

**DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2008-09:** Bachelor, 7,615...Masters, 2,075...Doctorate, 368...Medical Doctorate, 57...Specialist, 62...Judge Doctorate, 305... Total, 10,482

**ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (FALL, 2008):** The middle 50 percent High School GPA, 3.4-4.0; SAT score 1120-1280, ACT score 24-28. There were 51 National Merit Scholars, 8 National Achievement Scholars and 13 Hispanic Scholars enrolled as undergraduate students during the Fall 2008 term.

**RETENTION RATE:** First year, 100%...second year, 89.2%...third year, 81.0%...fourth year, 78.3%.

**FACULTY/STAFF:** Total 2,414...FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronauts Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches Electrical Engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as Vice President of Student Affairs...FSU's faculty has included six dynamic Nobel Laureates: 12 members elected to National Academy of Sciences...11 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences...and two Pulitzer Prize winners Ellen T. Zwilich and Robert Olen Butler.

**EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES:** Florida State University has a uniqueness in providing programs that are consistent in excellence across the board, from fine arts and humanities to the hard sciences...The balance of programs is based on FSU's long tradition as a leading liberal arts institution combined with its position as one of

the top 10 universities in generating research-based revenues...FSU was ranked 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life.

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD:** FSU offers a variety of overseas study opportunities for students during the regular academic year. FSU has study centers located in Florence, Italy; Panama City, Republic of Panama; Valencia, Spain; and London, England. Courses at the study centers are offered each semester and cover a wide range of subject areas perfect for meeting general and liberal studies requirements. International Programs also offers study programs, some general and some major specific, in: Cairns, Australia; Salvador, Brazil; Tianjin, China; San Jose, Costa Rica; Dubrovnik, Croatia; Prague, Czech Republic; Napo, Ecuador; London, England; Paris, France; Dublin, Ireland; Tokyo, Japan; Moscow, Russia; and Leysin, Switzerland. A summer Law program is offered in Oxford, England. There is one Linkage Institute, FLORICA, in Costa Rica, and Beyond Borders programs in Turrialba, Costa Rica, Kingston, Jamaica, and Dresden, Germany.

**EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:** FSU has over 400 student organizations that allow students to find their own niche.

**FINANCIAL AID:** FSU offers two types of financial assistance: need-based and merit-based...Over \$160 million is given away for financial assistance each year.

**STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO:** 16-1... Many of the general education classes are large, lecture classes; however, over 80% of major classes have less than 50 students.

**RESEARCH:** The Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research center in both the sciences and the humanities. It is expected that more than \$100 million in external funds will be generated this year by the university faculty and administration as supplements to state funds used for research. These external funds are in the form of contracts and grants from private foundations, industries and government agencies, and are used to support research, improve research facilities and provide stipends for graduate students.

**SPONSORED RESEARCH (2008-09):** \$195,787,449

**LIBRARY HOLDINGS:** The University Library System contains over 3.4 million volumes, of which more than 477,000 are available electronically as e-books. The libraries subscribe to more than 107,000 current serials including academic journals, professional and trade journals, and major newspapers from around the country and the globe in both paper and electronic formats. The libraries also subscribe to more than 425 databases. The FSU Libraries include 8 libraries on campus: The Robert Manning Strozier Library, Paul A. M. Dirac Science Library, Mildred and Claude Pepper Library, Warren Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Library and Information Science Library, College of Law Library, College of Medicine Medical Library, and the College of Engineering Library. Library materials and services are also available at the FSU Panama City Campus, as well as International Programs study centers in London, Florence, and Panama, and a collection of art and related materials at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, Florida.

### 10 LEADING STATES OF ORIGIN

Florida.....	31,861
Georgia.....	786
Virginia.....	384
New York.....	256
North Carolina.....	243
Texas.....	238
Pennsylvania.....	206
Alabama.....	188
New Jersey.....	180
California.....	172

# FAMOUS ALUMNI

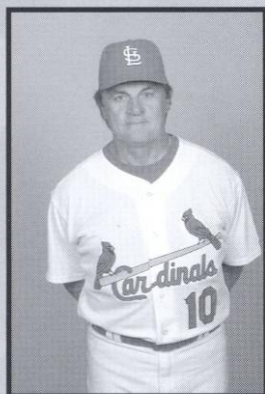


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Magazine Editor

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ESPN Analyst

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National Football League

**BURT REYNOLDS**  
Actor



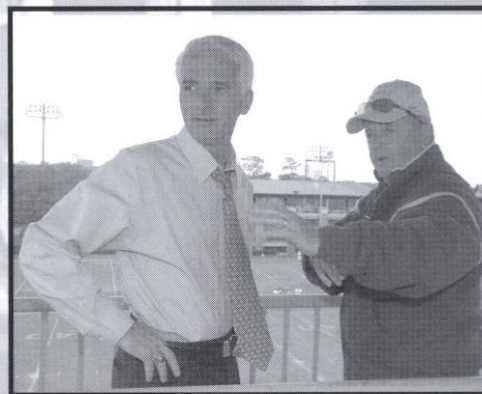
**TONY LARUSSA**  
Major League Baseball



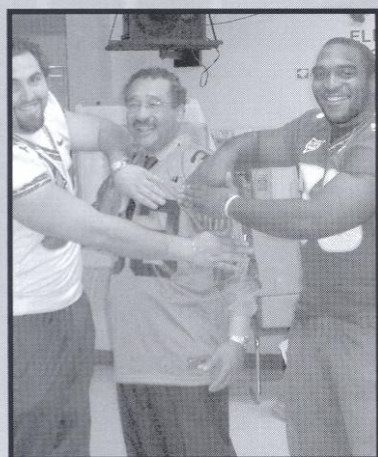
**NORM THAGARD**  
Astronaut



**TRAYLOR HOWARD**  
Actress



**CHARLIE CRIST**  
Florida Governor



**JOHN MARKS**  
Tallahassee Mayor

## OTHER DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

### ASTRONAUTS

Carolyn S. Griner  
Winston Scott

### ENTERTAINERS

Daniel Bakkedahl  
Faye Dunaway  
Davis Gaines  
Sonny Shroyer  
Dr. Tonea Stewart

### FITNESS EXPERT

Richard Simmons

### JUDICIARY

Kenneth B. Bell  
Susan H. Black  
Raoul G. Cantero III

### MILITARY LEADERS

Ron J. Friedman  
Jay Garner

Franklin L. Hagenbeck

Paul David Miller  
Kenneth Minihan

### MISS AMERICA

Tara Dawn Holland  
Christensen

### MUSICIANS

Rita Coolidge  
Ray Key  
Sean Mackin  
Jim Morrison  
Charles G. Rex  
Claudia Waite  
David Ward-Steinman  
Dr. Valint Vazsonyi

### OCEANOGRAPHER

Sylvia Earle

### POLITICAL LEADERS

Jason Altmire  
Reubin Askew  
Jim Bacchus  
Allen Boyd, Jr.  
Kathy Castor  
Parris Glendening  
Jeff Kottkamp  
Mel Martinez  
Dina Titus

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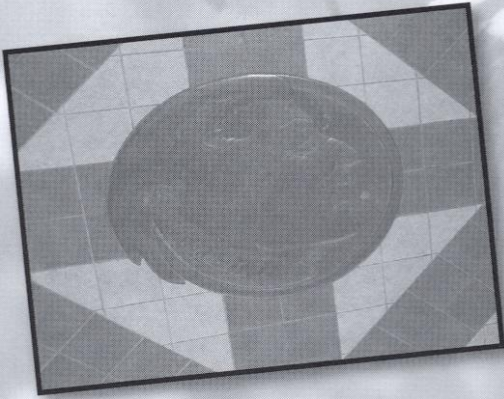
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### WRITERS

Jeff Shaara

# SEMINOLE SPIRIT



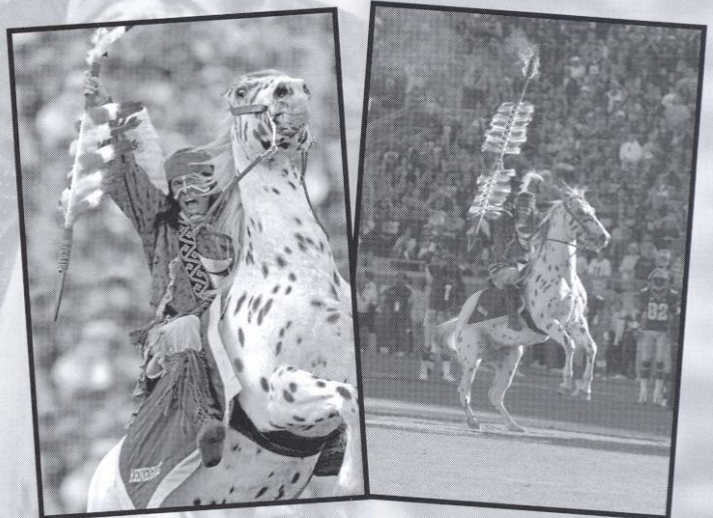
## THE SYMBOL: SEMINOLES

Florida State played only two football games in 1947 before students demanded the school to acquire a symbol. While details conflict, most believe the account of a poll of the student body is accurate. The Florida Flambeau reported that Seminoles won by 110 votes over the Statesmen. The other top contenders (in order) were Rebels, Tarpons, Fighting Warriors and Crackers.

In the 1950s, a pair of students dressed in Native American costumes and joined the cheerleaders on the field, which eventually evolved into the majestic symbol of Osceola and Renegade that FSU now enjoys. Today, the Seminole Tribe participates in many campus activities. Florida State University is proud of its longstanding cooperative relationship with the Seminole Tribe of Florida. The Seminole people have suffered many hardships and injustices, but they have remained brave, dignified and proud. The Seminoles are unconquered. They symbolize what Florida State hopes will be the traits of all of its graduates, including student-athletes.

## OSCEOLA AND RENEGADE

Perhaps the most spectacular tradition in all of college football occurs in Doak Campbell Stadium when Osceola charges down the field riding an Appaloosa horse named Renegade and plants a flaming spear at midfield to begin every home game. The tradition was born on Sept. 16, 1978 against Oklahoma State when a student led the team from the tunnel riding a horse. Since the beginning of the FSU tradition, three different horses and 10 different riders have actually appeared at a game. However, there have been a total of 16 horses trained in the Renegade program. The original Osceola and Renegade were Jim Kidder and Reo. In 2003, local businessman Bill Durham, who had trained the riders and horses for 20 years, passed the honor and responsibility to his son Allen, who was a former rider in the 1990s. The clothing and rigging that Osceola and Renegade use were designed and approved by the Seminole Indian Tribe of Florida.



## FLORIDA STATE FIGHT SONG

YOU GOT TO FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT, FOR FSU  
YOU GOT TO SCALP 'EM SEM-I-NOLES  
YOU GOT TO WIN, WIN, WIN, WIN  
WIN THIS GAME AND ROLL ON DOWN  
AND MAKE THOSE GOALS.  
FOR FSU IS ON THE WAR PATH NOW  
AND AT THE BATTLE'S END SHE'S GREAT;  
SO FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT TO VICTORY  
OUR SEM-I-NOLES FROM FLORIDA STATE.

## GARNET AND GOLD

Florida State's school colors of garnet and gold date back to the Florida State College championship football teams of 1904 and 1905. In those championship seasons, FSC donned purple and gold uniforms. When Florida State College became Florida Female College in 1905, the football team was forced to attend the University of Florida. The following year the FFC student body selected crimson as the official school color of 1905. The administration in 1905 took crimson and combined it with the recognizable purple of the championship football teams to achieve the color garnet. The now-famous garnet and gold colors were first used on an FSU uniform in a 14-6 football loss to Stetson on October 18, 1947.

## FLORIDA'S SEMINOLES: THE UNCONQUERED PEOPLE

As a people, few have prevailed over more trying circumstances than the Seminole Indians of Florida. Over the course of almost two centuries, Florida's Seminoles endured three wars with the U.S. government, resisted numerous efforts to relocate them to federal reservations in the West, and ultimately made their home in one of the world's most inhospitable environments, the Florida Everglades. That they have not only survived, but thrived — all while maintaining their fierce independence and rich culture — is a tribute to their courage and perseverance.

Having persevered through two centuries of adversity, the Seminole Indians of Florida have earned the right to call themselves "the unconquered people." Their indomitable spirit is one that Florida State University proudly seeks to emulate in all of its endeavors.



## WAR CHANT

Florida State's "war chant" appears to have begun with a random occurrence that took place during a 1984 football game against Auburn, but in the 1960's, the Marching Chiefs band would chant the melody of a popular FSU cheer. In a sense, that chant was the long-version of FSU's current "war chant." During a thrilling game with Auburn in 1984, the Marching Chiefs began to perform the dormant melody. Some students behind the band joined in and continued the "war chant" portion after the band had ceased. Most agree the chant came from the fraternity section, but many spirited Seminole fans added the hand motion to symbolize the brandishing of a tomahawk. The chant continued among the student body during the 1985 season, and by the 1986 season, it was a stadium-wide phenomenon. Of course, the Marching Chiefs refined the chant, plus put their own special brand of accompaniment to the "war chant," for the sound we hear today.

## THE UNCONQUERED STATUE

Dedicated on Oct. 10, 2003, Fritz White's bronze statue "Unconquered" was designed to capture the indomitable spirit of the Seminole people and those who have adopted that spirit as a symbol for their university. The massive structure, including its granite-covered pedestal base, stands approximately 31 feet in the air and depicts a spear-brandishing Seminole astride a rearing horse. At sunset the night before each home game, the spear is ignited and burns until sunrise on the next morning after the game. George Langford's endowment of the project for up to \$1 million helped make the statue a reality. Fifty-one artists were then considered before White eventually saw the statue dedicated 10 years after the concept was inspired by attorney and FSU graduate Stephen Reilly.



# THIS IS TALLAHASSEE

Closer to Atlanta than Miami, Tallahassee is “The Other Florida” in attitude, climate and lifestyle.

## FACTS & FIGURES

- America’s largest concentration of original plantations — 300,000 acres, 71 plantations — exists between Tallahassee and Thomasville, Georgia, just 28 miles away.
- Nearly 60 percent of Tallahassee’s population is between the ages of 18-44.
- Average Low – High Temperatures in Tallahassee are 40 to 63 degrees in January and 72 to 91 degrees in July.
- There are over 150,000 people living in Tallahassee and over 300,000 in the metropolitan area.
- The capitol of the State of Florida has been located in Tallahassee since 1823.
- The Gulf of Mexico is just 20 miles south of Tallahassee and the Georgia border is just 14 miles to the north.



## WHAT TO DO

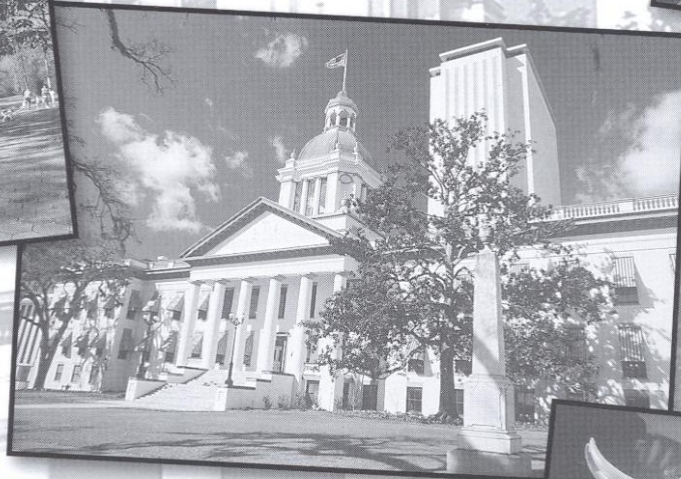
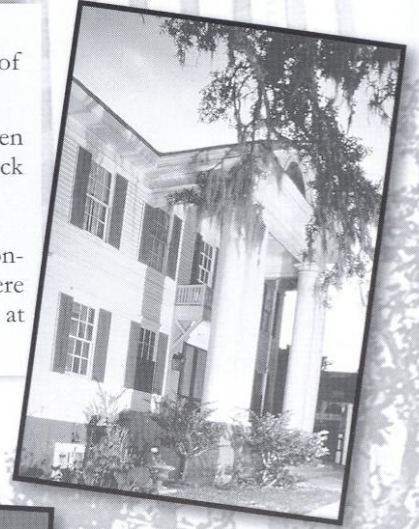
- From fast food to five-star, Tallahassee serves up an excellent selection of tantalizing restaurants. Tickling the taste buds are specialties ranging from homemade country sausage and melt-in-your-mouth steaks to wild game and succulent seafood fresh from the Gulf.
- With over 5,900 rooms in more than 58 hotels and motels, Tallahassee offers a blend of Southern-style inns, rustic campsites, family-owned economy lodges and impressive corporate hotels. There are also 13 bed & breakfasts and 13 inns in the Tallahassee area.
- There are 306.5 miles of hiking/biking & walking trails in and around the Tallahassee area.
- There are eight public pools and 63 recreational parks in Tallahassee/Leon County -- incredible weather, lush gardens, lakes and more.
- The Donald L. Tucker Center, a multi-purpose convention and entertainment facility, is home to the Florida State men’s and women’s basketball teams and a wide variety of concerts, family shows, Broadway shows and other sporting events.



# Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida's panhandle and peninsula in an area known as the "The Big Bend."

## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

- The first Christmas celebrated in the United States was in Tallahassee at the encampment of Spanish Explorer Hernando de Soto in 1539.
- Lights, Camera, Action ... Early "Tarzan" movies featuring Johnny Weissmuller and Maureen O'Sullivan were filmed at nearby Wakulla Springs. Also filmed, were "Creature from the Black Lagoon" and "Airport 77."
- George Washington's great grandniece, Catharine Daingerfield-Willis-Gray and Napoleon Bonaparte's nephew, Prince Achille Murat, provided the social event of the season when they were married in Tallahassee in 1826. The plantation home of widowed Princess Murat is on exhibit at the Tallahassee Museum.



## SITES TO BEHOLD

- Tallahassee lists 122 properties on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Tallahassee offers more than 28 museums, galleries, public art sculptures, monuments and historic sites.
- Sightseeing favorites in the city of Tallahassee include the Museum of Florida History, the Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science, the floral masterpiece of Alfred B. Maclay State Gardens, Bradley's Country Store, FAMU Black Archives, the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum, Challenger Learning Center and IMAX Theater.