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If the end of Sue Semrau's first decade as the Florida State head women's basketball coach is any indication, year No. 11 should be the best yet.

The year-long celebration of Semrau's 10th season in Tallahassee culminated with Florida State reaching the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 for the first time in school history. In addition, the Seminoles had another "first" as they ended the year ranked 19th in the USA Today/ESPN women's coaches poll. It was the highest FSU has ever been ranked at the conclusion of the season and matched the highest ranking at any point in the year.

Last season the Seminoles strung together their third-straight 20-win season, posting a 24-10 overall mark while finishing fourth in the ACC at 10-4 for the second year in a row. The last three years have been the best three-year run in school history as the Seminoles have amassed 68 victories. In addition, FSU has won 29 ACC games during that stretch which is also the most in a three-year span. Since 2004-05, only Duke, Maryland and North Carolina have won more overall and ACC games than FSU.

The winningest coach in school history, Semrau starts her 11th season with a career record of 160-138 while her 68 ACC triumphs are 10th in league history. She needs three more conference victories to move up to eighth on the league list.

There was an early indication that the 2006-07 campaign was going to be a special one for the Seminoles as they started the year by winning 10 of their first 11 games, including a 22-point throttling of in-state rival Florida. A two-game setback at the end of the calendar year only refocused Florida State as it started the ACC slate by winning its first-four games. The four conference losses came to 2006 National Champion Maryland, 2007 Final Four participant North Carolina, regular season champion Duke and ACC Tournament finalist NC State.

A third-straight trip to the NCAA Tournament awaited the Seminoles as they were matched up with Old Dominion in the first round of the Fresno Regional. The Seminoles earned their third-straight opening round victory by dispensing the Lady Monarch, 85-75, and set up a second round match up against Stanford on its home court.

Looking to get back at the Cardinal after it knocked FSU out of the 2006 tournament, the Seminoles played their best down the stretch and pulled away for the 68-61 triumph and the school's first spot in the Sweet 16. Unfortunately, the magical run ended in Fresno as Florida State ran into a hot LSU team on its way to Final Four. The Tigers ended the Seminoles season with the 55-43 decision.

Numerous individual awards were bestowed upon the Seminoles in 2007. Senior



Education:

University of California-San Diego, 1985 Bachelor's degree in communications

University of Southern California, 1988 Master's degree in athletic administration

Coaching Experience:

Occidental College, 1987-90 Head Coach/Assistant Athletic Director

Northern Illinois University, 1990-93 Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

University of Wisconsin, 1994-97
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Florida State University, 1997-present Head Coach

Playing Experience:

University of Puget Sound, 1982-83 University of California-San Diego, 1984-85

Alicia Gladden was named Third-Team All-ACC and for the third time in four years FSU was represented on the ACC All-Freshman Team with Jacinta Monroe's selection. In addition, Gladden was chosen for the ACC All-Defensive Team for the third year in a row.

Those accolades are nothing new for Semrau's players as FSU has been bringing home some series hardware over the last 10 years. Gladden and Monroe's honors gave FSU 19 All-ACC awards during Semrau's tenure to go along with a pair of ACC Coach of the Year accolades (2001 & 2005).









Florida State players have garnered national attention under Semrau's watch. Following the start of FSU's current three-year NCAA run in 2005, Roneeka Hodges was named All-American. The first Semrau prodigy to earn All-America honors was Brooke Wyckoff with her Second-Team selection in 2001. Both players are currently playing professionally in the WNBA and are two of FSU's four players to be drafted into the WNBA.

As well as Florida State has done on the court during Semrau's 10 years, the student-athletes have been even more successful in the classroom. The Seminoles led all conference schools with three players on the 2007 All-ACC Academic Women's Basketball Team, but leading the way academically has been nothing new for Florida State.

Since its inception in 1998, Florida State has had 23 members on the All-ACC Academic Women's Basketball Team, which is eight more than the next closest school. In addition, since Semrau took over the program, FSU has had 63 ACC Academic Honor Roll selections, which also leads the conference.

Local basketball enthusiasts are taking note as home attendance continues to grow. In 2006-07, a record 1,119 season tickets were sold (increase of 104.6%). The average home attendance last season was 2,010 (increase of 48.2%), which included six games that made the Top 10 Attendance List for FSU women's basketball. Topping the chart was the record 4,732 fans that attended the FSU-Maryland game on February 15th. More than 26,100 fans attended women's games in 2006-07, which shows the tremendous progress of this program.

While Semrau notes the courage of the players she's had in her program, perhaps she should realize that those players were just following in her footsteps because Semrau will do just about anything for her women's basketball program.

She proved just that when she camped outside of the Donald L. Tucker Center for two days and two nights in an effort to sell

3,000 tickets for the last home game of the 2005-06 season. It's not like Semrau likes the great outdoors, but when she puts her mind to something, there's usually no stopping her.

"The thing I love most about Florida State is the people who support us," Semrau said. "It's unbelievable to be at an FSU football game with 80,000 awesome fans. I want my players, who have done so much to elevate our women's basketball program, to experience that special atmosphere," Semrau said the week of her Tents for Tickets campaign.

An area outside of the Tucker Center ticket window became a home away from home for Semrau following the Seminoles' win over Wake Forest on February 23rd. Just shortly after 2 p.m. that Saturday, Semrau and her "Tent for Tickets" campaign became victorious when she sold the 3,000th ticket. In fact, a total of 3,125 tickets were sold for the women's basketball season finale vs. nationally ranked Boston College and by game time, a then-record 3,781 fans were in attendance.

With a 20-10 record in 2005-06, FSU earned back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time under Semrau's direction and just the second time in program history. The season started earlier than usual for the Seminoles when the squad, including the six incoming freshmen, gathered in early August for 10 days of practice in preparation for Florida State's trip to Italy later that month. During those 10 days, the Seminoles would realize their task ahead. Not only would they have to replace the explosiveness and leadership of departing seniors Roneeka Hodges and Linnea Liljestrand, they would have to figure out a way to mesh six newcomers with nine returning Seminoles. Unfortunately, due to NCAA rules, the incoming freshmen were not allowed to travel to Italy but they were never far from the Seminoles' thoughts.

On the court in Italy, the nine returning Seminoles went 4-0 and averaged 97.8 points per game and held opponents to 47.8 points per game. There were also several strong individual performances but for Semrau and her team, off of the court proved to be just

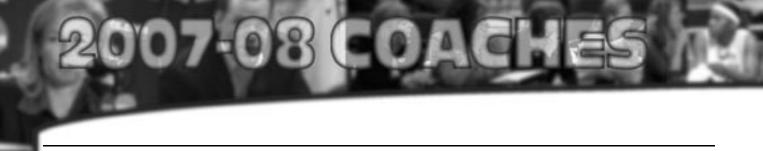
as successful. The Seminoles created memories to last a lifetime with visits to cities like Rome, Venice and Lake Como and places like The Coliseum, The Vatican and The Leaning Tower of Pisa. After 10 days of experiencing new culture together, the Seminoles had built a bond with one another and they couldn't wait share it with the freshmen at home.

While the Seminoles felt some growing pains early in the season, they pulled together and Semrau guided them to eight wins in the final 10 regular-season games. While a fourth-place finish in the nation's No. I rated conference was a feat in itself, the fact that the league's top three teams were ranked in the top five in the nation and advanced to the Final Four made it even more impressive.

The success of 2005-06 was just a continuation of the process by which Semrau has built the Florida State program. Prior to the 2004-05 season, Semrau introduced Phase Two of the program. While the foundation and the strength of the program would remain an unwavering commitment to the total collegiate experience, Semrau made significant changes including an attitudinal shift within the program, which was geared toward a higher level of personal responsibility, selflessness and the development of a championship mentality.

"When I arrived at Florida State seven years ago, we were winless in the ACC and had been a cellar dweller for quite sometime," Semrau explained at the time. "We had to do some things to jumpstart our program. We had a lot of courageous young people that stepped into our program who were







very talented but maybe didn't have that elite level work ethic that you would hope in a contender that was year-in and year-out in the Top 20. With Phase Two, we've taken a major shift in our program to commit to a

little different way of doing things."

She asked the players to "believe" in Phase Two in 2004-05 and in 2005-06, it was time for them to totally "commit" themselves

Semrau also altered her own coaching style with Phase Two in order to move the program a step closer to its goals. Beginning with the 2004-05 season, Semrau made associate head coach Cori Close the offensive coordinator, assistant coach Lance White the defensive coordinator and assistant coach Angie Johnson the recruiting coordinator. The previous seven years, Semrau involved herself in every move and every decision of her program and she felt it was time to allow her assistants to take ownership and have authority with responsibility.

"I needed to make some changes for the program's and my development's sake," Semrau said.

The results were immediate and have proven successful over the long haul with back-to-back 20-win seasons. With a 24-8 record and an NCAA Tournament second round appearance in 2004-05, Semrau and her staff guided the Seminoles to one of the program's most successful seasons, which earned Semrau

Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year accolades for the second time in her career. The honor was very deserving for not only what the team accomplished on the court, but for how Semrau helped her squad overcome a great deal of adversity.

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Heading into the 2004-05 season, the team was dealing with devastating circumstances with the death of promising sophomore Ronalda Pierce, a projected starter who died suddenly in early June 2004. FSU would also be without two other projected starters so entering preseason conditioning, an already fragile team was without its top six scorers from the previous season. The roster was comprised of 10 players and of the 10, only five played the season before, one was coming back from a medical redshirt season and four others had never played a single minute as a Seminole.

"There are a lot of different ways that I think this team could have gone as a result of such a tragedy occurring in our program," Semrau said. "It's been incredible to watch the strength and the character that has been built into a group of people as a result of losing someone we all loved dearly. I really believe that it's going to make a difference for us this year, not only on the basketball court as we enter into Phase Two of our program, but also as we continue on with our lives outside of basketball."

FSU defied the odds in 2004-05 and for the first time in program history, the Seminoles made a national postseason tournament appearance for a third-straight season. FSU's fourth-place ACC finish in the expanded league race was no where near what the media had predicted. At ACC Media Day, the media picked FSU to finish eighth in the 12-team league which proved to be four spots too low. The Seminoles began the season on a mission and with a perfect 12-0 record. It was not only the best start in program history, but the most consecutive wins an FSU women's basketball team has ever strung together.

But that was just the beginning of the "firsts" Semrau would lead FSU to in 2004-05. Once the ACC season began, the Seminoles won three-straight overtime games in the same week over ranked league teams. FSU broke into the national rankings in January and spent five weeks there. It was the first time FSU had been ranked in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches Poll since December 2001 and the Seminoles earned their highest ranking ever in the poll at No. 19. When the team broke into the Associated Press rankings, it was the first time since 1990-91. In February, the team earned its 20th victory of the season. It was the first time since 1990-91 that FSU had earned 20 or more wins and just the fifth time ever in the program's history.

Semrau, herself, admits that over the years, she has grown in many ways as a head coach and in that process, she has tried to pattern her coaching philosophies after coaches that she admires and respects. One of those coaches is Florida State's very own Bobby Bowden. Sure, who wouldn't want to imitate



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the actions of a coaching legend? But what people may not realize is that when Coach Bowden arrived in Tallahassee in 1976, he was facing a situation that was very similar to what Semrau faced when she came to FSU in 1997. The Seminole football team had won just four games combined in the two years before Bowden arrived. The Seminole women's basketball team had won just five games and had gone 0-16 in the ACC the season prior to Semrau's arrival. Both had huge challenges ahead of them and both committed themselves to revitalizing their respective programs. Bowden's success speaks for itself. He took a football program that FSU was considering discontinuing and turned it into a national power. In 10 seasons, Semrau, has taken a program from the cellar of the ACC and turned it into a program that is respected not only in the state of Florida and in the ACC, but in the nation as well.

The daunting task that faced Semrau in 1997 when she was named Florida State's third head coach in as many years certainly would have persuaded others to run the other way, but not Semrau. She had a passion and a desire to build and she wasn't going to let anything get in her way. Now, Florida State is reaping the benefits of Semrau's determination and Florida State women's basketball is definitely back on the map. Under Semrau's direction, the Seminoles have made six postseason appearances in the past seven years, including a program-best five straight, have been nationally-ranked and have finished in the ACC top four five times.

Over the years, Semrau has guided the program to many milestones, including defeating Clemson at Clemson in 2005 for the first time in FSU history. In fact, FSU had beaten Clemson just once in 24 tries, and not since 1992, and has now won 10-straight games over the Tigers. In 2003-04, the Seminoles earned their first victory at Virginia. Having never beaten the Cavaliers until the 2000-01 season, FSU now has eight victories over the ACC-foe, including the program's first sweep of the Cavaliers in 2005-06. The Tribe has also become somewhat of a thorn in Duke's side over the past few years. When Semrau guided the Seminoles to an 80-74 win over the No. 2-ranked Blue Devils on February 4, 2004, it was not only the highest ranked opponent FSU had ever beaten, but it snapped Duke's 51-ACC game winning streak. In 2004-05, the Seminoles took down rival Florida, in Gainesville, snapping a 16-game losing skid to the Gators and split the series that season.

It was evident that Semrau was gaining ground on turning the program around in 2000-01 when she led the Seminoles to a No. 25 final ranking with a 19-12 record, a fourth-place finish in the ACC and its first NCAA Tournament since 1990-91. It was Florida State's first winning season since 1991-92 as well as the school's best league finish since joining the ACC in 1991. The Seminoles were the only team in the nation to defeat Duke on its home court in 2000-01, and earned their highest-ever seed in the ACC Tourney at No. 4 and advanced to the tournament's semifinals

for the first time. Other firsts included defeating Virginia for the first time and FSU took two of three from the Cavaliers, including a win in the ACC Tournament. The Seminoles' win over Tulane in the NCAA Tournament marked the first time that FSU has recorded a postseason victory away from Tallahassee.

Semrau received her first Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year honor by the Atlantic Coast Sports Writers Association in 2001 after Florida State's vast improvement. Semrau's philosophy in rebuilding the Florida State program has been a simple one. Semrau runs her program in such a way where players are treated as people first, students second and athletes third. It is this respect for her players that has gotten the program where it is today.

Semrau's style has been embraced by all who have come in contact with her. She has won the hearts of the Florida State media, fans and most importantly, the student-athletes, which has become very evident in her recruiting success. Semrau and her staff have brought in five of the nation's top recruiting classes since their arrival. Four players have also been drafted to the WNBA since Semrau's arrival, with Hodges becoming FSU's highest draft pick, going No. 15 overall to the Houston Comets in 2005. Former Seminole standout Wyckoff, who was drafted in 2001, just finished her seventh season in the league and helped guide the Connecticut Sun to the WNBA finals in 2005. She has spent the last two seasons with the Chicago Sky.

Her commitment to community service has also been a priority for the program. The Seminoles have performed a variety of services throughout the Tallahassee area and have been known to extend a helping hand when on the road, making visits to the Boys and Girls Club at the Coalition for the Homeless in Orlando and elementary schools in Harlem, West Chester and Wadsworth, Ohio and Martinsville, Indiana.

"Anytime we can do something to help people when we're on the road, it sinks in a little deeper than even when we are in our own community," Semrau said. "It's not only important when we are in Tallahassee, but anywhere we go, there's a need."

Prior to coming to FSU, Semrau served three years as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Wisconsin, under Jane Albright, where she contributed to the Badgers' three-straight winning seasons and two NCAA tournament appearances, including the program's first ever back-to-back 20-win seasons. Semrau was also noted for her recruiting efforts at Wisconsin with a 1995 recruiting class that ranked eighth in the country by Blue Star Index. Semrau first joined Albright at Northern Illinois in 1991 where she assisted in leading NIU to three consecutive NCAA tournament appearances.

Prior to her hiring at Northern Illinois, Semrau served as head women's basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Occidental College in Los Angeles for four years where she compiled a 51-47 overall record. She also coached soccer for two seasons and was responsible for the administrative duties of fundraising and promotions at the Division III institution. At Occidental, Semrau was a member of the NCAA regional selection committee and chaired the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference for women's basketball.

Semrau also worked as the public relations and promotions director for the L.A. Heat professional soccer team from 1986-87, and the public relations director for the Seattle Storm soccer team in the previous year.

A native of Seattle, Wash., Semrau is a graduate of Shorecrest High School where she earned all-conference honors in her senior year. She went on to attend the University of Puget Sound for two years. Semrau transferred to the University of California-San Diego in 1984 where she finished her career ranking 13th in all-time scoring and fourth in all-time assists. She graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in communications and received her master's degree in athletic administration from the University of Southern California in 1988.

An accomplished speaker, Semrau is a very popular guest speaker in the community as well as with alumni groups around the state. She is also active as a volunteer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Currently she serves on the Board of Directors for the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.





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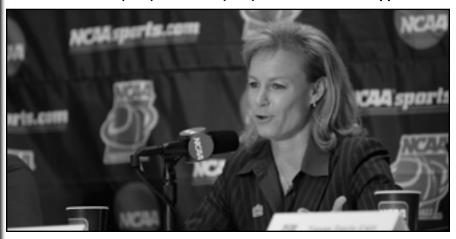
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Sue Semrau Year-by-Year

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1998-99	7-20	2-14	(9th)		
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2000-01	19-12	9-7 ((4 th)	NCAA	Second Round
2001-02	13-15	4-12	(9th)		
2002-03	17-13	8-8 ((À th)	WNIT	Second Round
2003-04	15-15	7-9 (Sth'	WNIT	Second Round
2004-05	24-8	9-5 (4th)	NCAA	Second Round
2005-06	20-10	10-4	(4th)	NCAA	Second Round
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SUE SEMRAU is hired as Florida State's head coach — the program's third new coach in three years. The program is coming off of a 5-22 season, including a winless season in ACC play at 0-16. In her first season at the helm of the program, Sue Semrau leads Florida State to its most victories since 1992-93 (9-18) and its best ACC record (5-11) and finish since 1992-93, including its largest victory by margin over an ACC opponent (88-53 over Georgia Tech). Latavia Coleman was named Second Team All-ACC while Brooke Wyckoff was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team.



THE SEMINOLES were 5-5 when leading scorer Latavia Coleman was lost for the season with a torn ACL and the team won just two more games the rest of the season and finished 7-20. Sue Semrau and her staff signed the No. 8 ranked recruiting class in the nation. Brooke Wyckoff was named Third Team All-ACC while April Traylor was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team.



SUE SEMRAU LED FSU to an 12-18 record while the Seminoles played 12 games against NCAA Tournament teams and eight nationally-ranked teams. The Seminoles were competitive as seven of the team's ACC losses were by five points or less. FSU won its first round game at the ACC Tournament with a 65-60 victory over Maryland marking the first time the Seminoles had won a game in the actual tournament. Latavia Coleman scored 31 points in that game and became the first Seminole since 1993 to earn ACC Tournament First Team honors. For the season, Coleman was named Second Team All-ACC, Brooke Wyckoff was named Third Team All-ACC and to the All-Defensive Team while April Traylor earned Honorable Mention honors. Coleman became the first Seminole to be drafted to the WNBA as a third round selection and the 48th pick overall.



IN SUE SEMRAU'S fourth year, she led Florida State to the program's best season in a decade. What a year it was and it started early as the Seminoles practiced 10 days in August before embarking on a 10-day European adventure to France and Switzerland where they played four games and won them by an average of 47 points. The Seminoles went on to record the program's most wins (19-12) in 10 years, advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1990-91 season and had their first winning season since 1991-92. FSU's 9-7 ACC

record was the program's best record and finish (tied for 3"d) in league play. FSU finished ranked No. 25 nationally, the program's first national ranking since 1991. Semrau was named ACC Coach of the Year. Brooke Wyckoff was named a First Team All-ACC selection and was the first FSU player since 1992-93 to garner such status. She also earned ACC All-Defensive Team honors for the second straight season. LevysTorres and April Traylor were named Third Team All-ACC. Wyckoff was selected in the second round as the 26th overall pick in the WNBA Draft while Torres was a third round selection (37th pick).



THE SEMINOLES once again played some of the nation's toughest opponents with five games against Top 10 opponents, 11 games total against Top 25 teams and 12 games against NCAA Tournament teams. Six of FSU's losses (13-15) were by four points or less. Tasheika Morris earned Third Team All-ACC honors. April Traylor was Honorable Mention All-ACC while Genesis Choice was named to the ACC All-Freshman Team.



FLORIDA STATE made its second post-season tournament appearance in three years, playing in the WNIT and advancing to the second round. Sue Semrau guided the Seminoles to another winning season (17-13), the second in three years, and to a fourth-place finish in the ACC, which was rated No. 2 among 32 conferences in RPI rankings. Tasheika Morris earned Second Team All-ACC honors while Ganiyat Adeduntan garnered Honorable Mention ACC All-Freshman Team honors.



DESPITE THE LOSS of starter LaQuinta Neely just six games into the season, Sue Semrau led the Seminoles to another WNIT appearance, marking the third postseason tournament appearance in four years and to a 15-15 record. Tasheika (Morris) Allen was named Second Team All-ACC while rookie Shante Williams earned Honorable Mention All-ACC honors and All-Freshman Team accolades.



THE FLORIDA STATE women's basketball program suffered a tragedy with the sudden death of rising sophomore Ronalda Pierce in June 2004. Sue Semrau provided the strength and leadership to pull her team through the devastation and introduced Phase Two of the program which was about personal responsibility, selflessness and a championship mentality. The Seminoles flourished in the new system and established the best start in school

history (12-0) on their way to the program's first 20-win season (24-8) since 1990-91. With a second round appearance in the NCAA Tournament, FSU made its third straight postseason tournament appearance and fourth in a five-year stretch. FSU spent five weeks nationally-ranked and earned its first Associated Press ranking since 1991. Semrau, who guided FSU to another fourth-place ACC finish, was recognized with her second ACC Coach of the Year award while Roneeka Hodges became the third Seminole to earn First Team All-ACC honors. Ganiyat Adeduntan and Alicia Gladden earned Honorable Mention All-ACC recognition while Gladden was also named to the ACC All-Defensive Team. Hodges earned Kodak Region All-American honors, was a WBCA All Star and became FSU's highest WNBA Draft pick as the first player called in the second round and the 15th pick overall.

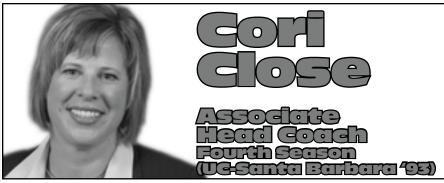


FOLLOWING A 10-DAY tour of Italy in August in which the Seminoles went 4-0 and averaged 97.8 points per game while holding opponents to 47.8 points per game, FSU continued the success it enjoyed in 2004-05. For just the second time in program history, and first since 1990 and 1991, Florida State participated in back-to-back NCAA Tournaments as Sue Semrau guided the Seminoles to a 20-10 and a second round NCAA Tourney appearance. The Seminoles also enjoyed back-to-back 20-win seasons for just the second time in program history. The Seminoles earned their most ACC wins with a 10-4 record and another fourth-place finish. Semrau became FSU women's basketball's winningest coach by victories. Alicia Gladden earned Third Team All-ACC honors and was named to the ACC All-Defensive Team for the second straight season. Britany Miller garnered ACC All-Freshman Team honors. FSU had a lot to celebrate with the Class of 2006. The first class to lead FSU to seven or more ACC victories in four consecutive seasons, this group led the team to a record fourth-straight postseason appearance and averaged 19 wins per season which is the most in the Semrau era and second most in FSU history.



THE 10TH SEASON under Sue Semrau couldn't have been any sweeter as her 2006-07 squad made school history. A 68-61 victory over Stanford in the second round of the NCAA Tournament sent the Seminoles to their first NCAA Tournament Sweet 16. Florida State had its magical run cut short 55-43 by LSU in the semifinals of the Fresno Regional. The Seminoles ended the season with a 24-10 record to mark the first time in school history that the program put together three-straight 20-win seasons and went to the NCAA Tournament three years in a row. Florida State cracked the top 20 of the final USA Today/Coaches Poll as its No. 19 ranking is the highest end-of-year ranking and matched the highest rating ever at any point in the season. Senior Alicia Gladden finished her career as the Seminoles' all-time leader in steals at 275 swipes on her way to her second Third-Team All-ACC selection. Rookie forward Jacinta Monroe swatted 63 balls – the third-highest total in school history – to earn her a spot on the ACC All-Freshman team. Within the league ranks, Florida State matched a program-best by finish the league ledger at 10-4.

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During her first seven years as Florida State's head coach, Sue Semrau assembled all the pieces necessary to turn the Seminoles into a perennial NCAA Tournament team. However, there was one piece that was missing. Three years ago, Semrau found the corner piece that anchors the whole puzzle together when she hired Cori Close as her associate head coach in May of 2004.

The easiest correlation between Close's arrival and Florida State's success has come in the form of an unprecedented run of three-straight trips to the NCAA Tournament and four postseason victories during that stretch. In the 21 years prior to her arrival, Florida State had only been to the Big Dance four times and won a pair of games.

One of the best offensive minds in the country, Close hasn't turned Florida State into an offensive juggernaut that strives to put triple figures on the scoreboard, but rather she has fine tuned the Seminoles into a more productive team on the offensive end of the floor. One area that has seen a dramatic improvement is the point guard position as FSU's floor leaders have dished out 1,317 assists in the last year years, which is the best three-year production in over 20 years.

A more efficient offense has allowed for more open shots and a higher shooting percentage. Florida State has shot at least .422 the last three seasons, something it hasn't done since the 1990-93 campaigns. Behind the three-point line the Seminoles have done something they have



Education:

University of California-Santa Barbara, 1993 Bachelor's degree in sociology

University of California-Los Angeles, 1995 Master's degree in educational administration

Coaching Experience:

University of California-Los Angeles, 1993-95 Assistant Coach

University of California-Santa Barbara, 1996-2004 Assistant Coach (1996-2001) Associate Head Coach (2001-04)

Florida State University, 2004-present Associate Head Coach/Recruiting Coordinator

Playing Experience:

University of California-Santa Barbara, 1990-93 First-Team All-Big West Conference BWC Tournament MVP





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never accomplished as for the first time in school history, they have shot .308 or better for three years in a row.

Florida State's 2005-06 squad was one of the best offensive teams in Seminole lore. FSU scored at an impressive 71.3 points per game, which is the second-highest rate by any Seminole team since 1991-92. The team reduced its turnovers to just 471, which is the third-lowest total in school history.

As offensive coordinator, Close is responsible for developing the offensive schemes that best suit FSU's personnel. Her ability to prepare information and disseminate it to the players has been a perfect recipe for success. It's no coincidence that Roneeka Hodges was the second leading scorer in the ACC in 2004-05 with a rate of 19.2 points per game that was the highest scoring average at Florida State in over a decade. It's also probably not by chance that every player on last year's roster upped their scoring average either.

In addition to her coaching responsibilities, Close is instrumental in recruiting and coordinates the efforts of the Seminole Girls Basketball Camps. She also works closely with the Seminole Sports Marketing department in their efforts to promote the program.

Close, a lifelong resident of California, took a leap of faith when she moved across country to Florida to join the FSU program. She was content at UC-Santa Barbara, where she had spent nine seasons with the Gauchos' program, including three years as associate head coach, but there was something drawing her to Florida State and it didn't take long for her to feel right at home. Close's coaching style made an immediate impact. A demanding, detail-oriented and offen-

sive-minded coach, she proved to be the perfect compliment to Semrau and her staff.

While at UCSB, Close had the opportunity to expand her knowledge with a wide variety of responsibilities throughout her tenure. Some of her duties included overseeing the skill development of the players, on-court offensive coaching, recruiting and scheduling for the program. Under Close's coordination, UCSB's non-conference slate turned into one of the nation's most challenging each year.

As UCSB's player development coordinator, Close significantly contributed to the mentoring, nurturing and motivating of the student-athletes which led to such achievements as a 98 percent graduation rate, seven WNBA players, 15 professional players overseas, 12 Big West Conference MVPs, nine district All-Americans and one national second team All-American. Close was also responsible

for all offensive tactics, offensive instruction and game-time decisions leading to eight NCAA appearances, including three second round appearances and a trip to the Sweet 16, one NIT championship and 10 Big West regular season or tournament championships. Close also helped UCSB achieve three Top 10 recruiting classes.

Close was also instrumental in fostering support and increasing revenue for the UCSB basketball program. She developed and implemented a comprehensive marking plan, designed fundraising initiatives, coordinated speaking, community service and radio/television appearances and created the Fastbreakers booster program. Her efforts resulted in a substantial attendance increase, which made UCSB women's basketball the largest revenue-producing program in the department of athletics.

As a player, Close was a four-year starting point guard and captained Santa Barbara's two NCAA Tournament teams in 1992 and 1993, leading both to the second round. The Milpitas, Calif., native was an All-Big West first team selection and the MVP of the conference tournament in 1993. The first player in UC-Santa Barbara history to record more than 1,000 points and 500 assists in a career, Close ranked among the top 10 in seven Gaucho career statistical categories.

Close graduated from UCSB in 1993 after majoring in sociology and was the recipient of UCSB's Distinguished Senior Award. She was a member of the Bruins' coaching staff for two seasons (1993-95) while earning a master's degree in educational administration from UCLA. On April 30, 2005, Close was inducted into the UCSB Athletics Hall of Fame.



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The Johnson File

Education:

University of Louisville, 1991 Bachelor's degree in biology

Coaching Experience:

Paul G Blazer High School, 1991-94 Assistant Coach

University of Wisconsin, 1994-97 Assistant Coach

Florida State University, 1997-present Assistant Coach

Playing Experience:

University of Louisville, 1987-91

One of the most important jobs in Florida State women's basketball program lies squarely on the shoulders of assistant coach Angie Johnson. Entering her 11th season with the Seminoles, Johnson's "get it done" personality has made her the perfect person to head up the Seminoles' recruiting efforts. Her work over the last few seasons has brought some of the best talent in the country to Tallahassee.

Johnson has seen her role with Seminole women's basketball expand with each season. She has literally been in the mix in every aspect of the program and it's her attention to detail and creativity that have made her a perfect candidate for these responsibilities. Prior to the start of the 2004-05 season, head coach Sue Semrau made some changes with the responsibilities of her staff and entrusted Johnson with a vital component of the program when she put her in charge of the recruiting efforts.



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As FSU's recruiting coordinator, Johnson organizes all correspondence with prospective student-athletes, coordinates recruiting visits and travel and scours the country evaluating talent and finding those student-athletes who best fit the Seminole program. Johnson's ability in this effort is obvious as Florida State signed six freshmen for the 2005-06 season, marking the largest recruiting class in the Semrau era.

The last three seasons have seen some of the most fruitful recruitment in school history. Each of the last three years, Florida State has brought in at least two players that were ranked in Top 100 nationally. Incoming freshman Antionette Howard was ranked No. 41 in last year's class while junior center Brittany Miller was rated as the number two center in the country when she signed with the Seminoles. Alysha Harvin was ranked the 13th-best shooting guard in the country, Jacinta Monroe was the nations' 29th-best center prospect and Courtney Ward comes in this season as the 59thbest player overall and the No. 32 point guard.

Another aspect of the team that has flourished under Johnson's watch is the Seminoles' work in the classroom. Over the years, she has worked closely with Florida State's athletic academic support staff in monitoring the academic progress of the Seminoles.

Over the past several seasons, FSU women's basketball has carved its place as one of the most successful ACC schools in the classroom. The Seminoles led all conference schools with three players on the 2007 All-ACC Academic Women's

Basketball Team, but leading the way academically has been nothing new for Florida State.

Since its inception in 1998, Florida State has had 23 members of the All-ACC Academic Women's Basketball Team, which is eight more than the next closest school. In addition, since 1998, FSU has had 63 ACC Academic Honor Roll selections, which also leads the conference.

During her tenure at FSU, Johnson has worked closely with the women's basketball support club, the Hoop Troop, had oversight of the team managers and has also assisted with the design and ordering of equipment. She is also active with the Seminole Girls Basketball Camps each summer.

Johnson, like Semrau, came to Florida State in 1997 from the University of Wisconsin, where she served as the Badgers' third assistant for three years. Some of her responsibilities at UW included opponent scouting, coordinating video

exchange and arranging student-athletes community service. Johnson helped coach and recruit a pair of players who made it to the WNBA, two All-Americans and four All-Big Ten selections.

In her final season at UW, she also served as the team's academic liaison. Johnson was also active with the BadgerBall Booster Club, the Jane's Gem kids club and was co-director of the BadgerBall Girls Hoops Camp for two summers.

Prior to joining the Badger staff, Johnson was the assistant basketball coach at Paul G. Blazer High School in her hometown of Ashland, Kentucky. She was a four-year letter winner at the University of Louisville from 1987-91. A 6-0 center, she ranked among the top 10 in career rebounds (621) and games played (120). Johnson, who earned her degree in biology, was the recipient of the Ed Kallay Senior Award in 1991 and was a Woodford R. Porter Scholar.



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To say that fifth-year assistant coach Lance White has had a profound impact on Florida State's defense may be one of the understatements of the decade. Considered by head coach Sue Semrau as one of the rising stars of the coaching profession when she hired him in June of 2003, White has helped Florida State rise to new heights and has brought an energy to the program that has become contagious.

Three years ago, Semrau appointed White as defensive coordinator and in this role he facilitates all aspects of the team's defensive effort, including teaching, reviewing and implementing the defensive philosophy for the program. Additional responsibilities include recruiting, film and opponent breakdown and assisting with the Seminole girls basketball camp each summer. He also works closely with

Coach Close on individual skill development.

Last season Florida State had perhaps the best defensive efforts in school history as it limited opponents to 61.3 points per game — the lowest average ever by an opponent. In addition, opposing teams only shot 39.3% from the floor and 27.8% from three-point range, which are the second-lowest rates in school history. The 292 team steals were the highest total in seven years.

Since the 2004-05 season, Florida State's opponent's scoring average, field goal percentage and three-point percentage have rated as three of the four lowest in school history. The 2006-07 campaign was the first time in a while that the Seminoles cracked the top half of the ACC in scoring defense, field goal percentage defense and three-point field goal percentage.

The White File

Education:

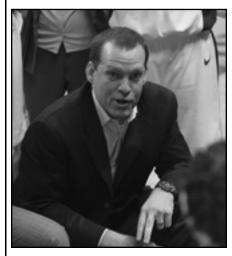
Texas Tech University, 1996 Bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science

Texas Tech University, 1998 Master's degree in sports administration

Coaching Experience:

Texas Tech University, 1996-2003 Graduate Assistant (1996-98) Assistant Coach (1998-2003)

Florida State University, 2003-present Assistant Coach







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White's star pupil on defense the last three seasons was guard Alicia Gladden. In his first year as defensive coordinator, she set a single-season school record with 101 steals. Last year she completed her Seminole tenure as the program's all-time leader at 275 swipes and became the first player in school history to earn a trio of ACC All-Defensive Team awards.

A rising star in the White defensive system is sophomore forward Jacinta Monroe. Last year she ranked sixth in the country amongst freshmen with 63 blocked shots, which is the third-highest single-season total in Seminole lore. Monroe, along with junior center Britany Miller, helped FSU pull down 41.2 rebounds per game last year – the best rate since the 1987-88 campaign.

White was well prepared when he arrived at Florida State. He came from Texas Tech where he spent 10 seasons, including seven years as an assistant coach, with the Lady Raiders' top 10 program. Some of White's responsibilities at Texas Tech included individual workouts, scouting reports, perimeter and post player development and all aspects of recruiting, including mail correspondence and recruiting visits. White also served as the academic liaison for the women's basketball team, directing study hall and monitoring academic progress while also handling player relations.

During White's tenure Texas Tech won three Big XII championships and advanced to seven-straight NCAA Tournaments, including five Sweet Sixteen and two Elite Eight appearances. He was a student assistant on Tech's 1993 National Championship team and a graduate assistant coach for two seasons before being elevated to a full-time coach.

While in Lubbock White worked with some of the best players the game has ever seen. Among the players he influenced was National Player of the Year and three Time WNBA Player of the Year Sheryl Swoopes. Another one of his pupils, Plenette Pierson, was recently named 2007 WNBA Sixth Woman of the Year.

White was active in summer basket-

ball camps while at Tech and also coached the AAU Lubbock Lady Bulls who advanced to the National Tournament in Ogden, Utah in 1994 and in 1996, was again an AAU coach for the Lady Cardinal team. White was the co-director of the annual Wyatt/White Basketball Camp in Spur, Tex., in 1995-96. He oversaw a varsity camp, a day camp and a mini camp designed especially for kindergarten through third graders.

A 1996 graduate of Texas Tech, White earned his Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He went on to receive a Master's degree in Sports Administration in August of 1998. He attended Lubbock Christian University for three semesters before transferring to Tech in January of 1993. As a high school athlete in Spur, he was a three-time All-District selection, twice All-Region, and twice third team all-state choice in basketball. His high school basketball and football teams advanced to the regional round both his junior and senior years. As a basketball player, he was listed in the Spalding Top 100 basketball players in 1991.

White is an NCAA certified recruiter and member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. He is married to the former Melanie Smith, who added "Dr." to her name in the spring of 2004. She is a professor at Florida A&M University. The couple are the proud parents of Quentin and Vivian.



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In order to ensure that everything is running smoothly away from the basket-ball court, Florida State needs a "coach" behind the scenes. Now in her second season with the Seminole women's basketball program, Director of Basketball Operations Melissa Bruner has the daunting task of keeping everyone on the same page.

As the Director of Basketball Operations, Bruner has a wide range of responsibilities in all facets of the program. She coordinates all areas of team travel and is also in charge of facility usage and game management of all practices and games. She assists Head Coach Sue Semrau with scheduling and serves as the program's liaison with the athletics department's administration. Bruner oversees the equipment operations for the program and assists with the Seminole girls' summer camps.

Bruner came to Florida State after serving four seasons as Assistant Athletics Director and Head Women's Basketball Coach at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Kohawks reached the IIAC Tournament all four years of her tenure and advanced to the quarterfinals her final seasons. Bruner's players earned six all-conference honors.

Bruner and Semrau previously worked together for two seasons at the University of Wisconsin-Madison while Semrau was an assistant coach. Bruner was Director of Women's Basketball Operations for the Badgers for seven years where she assisted in public relations, team travel and practice arrangements.

Prior to her duties at Wisconsin, Bruner earned a master's degree in physical education, with a concentration in athletic administration, from Ohio University in June 1995. She received her business administration and accounting degree with a minor in physical education from Coe in 1994.

As a Kohawk, Bruner earned Academic All-Midwest Conference honors in softball, basketball, tennis and volleyball. In recognition for her athletic and academic achievements, she was named a national GTE Academic All-American her senior year.

The Bruner File

Education:

Coe College, 1994
Bachelor's degree in business
administration and accounting

Ohio University, 1995 Master's degree in physical education

Coaching Experience:

University of Wisconsin, 1995-2002 Director of Basketball Operations

Coe College, 2002-06 Head Coach/Assistant Athletic Director

Florida State University, 2006-present Director of Basketball Operations

Playing Experience:

Coé College, 1990-94





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Joanna Reitz has been a familiar face around the Florida State women's basketball program, but this year she steps into a bigger role for the Seminoles. This season she joins Florida State full time as one of the team's graduate assistants.

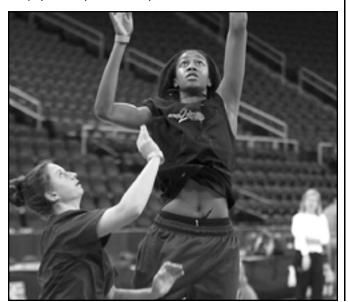
In her new role, Reitz assists the coaches in every facet of the game from practice, player development, scouting, recruiting and community relations. In addition, Reitz oversees the team managers as well as the spring league. She is currently pursuing her master's degree in sport management.

Last spring, Reitz joined the Seminoles as a student manager where she was greatly involved in practice and game-day operations. In addition, she coordinated the Seminole Spring League and directed the Future Noles Day Camp. The last two years she has dipped into the coaching realm as a coach for the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation leagues as well as the Sykhawks summer camps.

Since the fall of 2006, Reitz has been actively involved with the Florida State athletics department. She worked as a volunteer with the FSU event and facility management staff as well as a tutor in the academic support department. Reitz also taught three classes, including Theory and Practice of Coaching Basketball. Excelling in the classroom is nothing new for Reitz as she earned First-Team Academic All-State honors in high school and was student body president.

Reitz played four seasons collegiately at Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Ga. Her coach on the Lady Scots squad was Roy Heintz, who was an assistant coach at Florida State for Sue Semrau for two seasons. Reitz's single-game career high was 33 points. She graduated from Covenant in 2006 with a degree in natural science as well as minors in biblical studies and physical education.

During her prep days, Reitz was a standout player at Denver Christian High School. The Crusaders qualified for the state tournament all four years of her career and placed as high as third in 2001. A four-year starter, Reitz earned First-Team All-State honors her senior year and was a two-year all-conference selection. In addition, she played four years of volleyball and soccer.





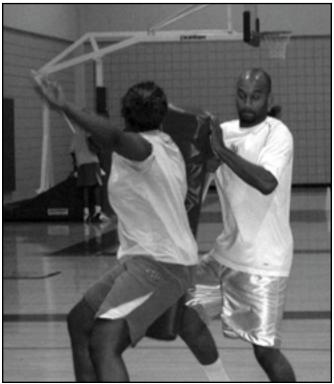
As a former member of the scout team, Rapheal Harris has seen first-hand the progress the Florida State women's basketball team has made over the last few years. Now he takes over increased responsibilities as the Seminoles' newest graduate assistant.

As a graduate assistant, Harris assists the coaches in every facet of the game from practice, player development, scouting, recruiting and community relations. Given his experience with the scout team, Harris is a natural to oversee that group while also working with video coordinator Tyler Cleverly on film exchange.

For the past five seasons, Harris has been the captain of the Florida State scout team, which provides the players with a tough match-up everyday in practice. Harris honed his skills as a three-year starter for the varsity team at Osborne High School. He has gained valuable coaching experience in the Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department as well as with an FSU club team.

In addition to his basketball duties, Harris spent this last year as an amateur sports intern for the Florida Sports Foundation. One of his biggest projects was being a logistics crew leader during the Sunshine State Games, which has approximately 6,000 participants. He was responsibility for the set-up and breakdown of six competition areas as well as their operations during the event. During the summer of 2005, he gained valuable experience as an intern for the Cobb County Parks & Recreation Department.

In summer of 2007, Harris graduated from Florida State with his bachelor's degree in recreation and leisure service administration. He is currently pursing his master's degree in sport management.



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Given his work over the last three seasons with a pair of professional basketball teams and his enthusiasm for the sport, Tyler Cleverly was an easy selection for Florida State head women's basketball coach Sue Semrau as she hired him to be the program's new video coordinator.

In his new role with the Seminoles, Cleverly is responsible for the entire film breakdown for both Florida State and its opponents. Through his work with the XOS video editing software, coaches and players will be able to review games and practices almost immediately after their conclusion.

For the last three years Cleverly has been a video intern for both the Indiana Pacers and Indiana Fever. With both organizations he provided breakdowns of teams' games for coaches, players and scouts as well as opponent video for the use in scouting reports.

In addition, he compiled statistical information and wrote personnel reports on opponents. To go along with his video acumen, Cleverly has hands-on experience from the coach's vantage point having coached two years while working on his undergrad and graduate degrees.

Cleverly earned both of his degrees from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He graduated in May of 2006 with a bachelor's degree in sport administration with a minor in foundations of management. A year later he received his master's degree in physical education with an emphasis on sport administration. In addition to his work with the Ball State athletic department and sport administration programs he worked the 2004 Big Ten men's basketball tournament.

A native of Auburn, Ind., Cleverly is married to the former Courtney Oliver. The two were wed in July of 2007.



Tyler & Courtney Cleverly





Erick Casto is in his first season as the equipment manager for the basketball program at Florida State. He has been a valued member of the team since 2004 when he began a two-year tenure as the Seminoles' men's basketball head manager - a post which prepared him well to move into his current position in 2007. He oversees the equipment operations for both the men's and women's basketball teams at Florida State.

Casto performs numerous tasks that range from distribution of all team equipment to the Seminole players and coaches to set-up and organization of the highly successful Leonard Hamilton Boy's Basketball camps during the summer.

Before coming to Florida State in 2004 Casto was the head basketball manager at Mississippi State University. Casto's responsibilities included overseeing the managerial staff and completing tasks for the coaching staff and member of the department of athletics. During his career at Mississippi State, Casto helped the Bulldogs earn the SEC Western Division Championship in 2003 and the SEC Championship in 2004. Mississippi State advanced to the NCAA Tournament in both seasons.

Casto was the Head Student Basketball Manager from 2000-2002 for the nationally recognized Okaloosa-Walton Community College men's basketball team. In 2002 the Raiders finished sixth in the nation at the NJCAA Tourney. While at O-W, Casto was responsible for tracking of all the inventory and equipment for the men's basketball program. In addition, Casto worked with the visiting teams and served as the team's videographer at home and on the road.

Casto earned his bachelor's degree in sport management from Florida State in 2006. Casto earned Dean's List recognition and was a member of the National Honor Society throughout his academic career.

In August of 2004 Casto and his wife, Amy, were married.





Vanessa Kaye is in her second year as graduate assistant equipment manager at Florida State. She will work with the Seminole basketball programs while working towards a master's degree in Sports Management.

A native of Naples, Fla., where she attended John Neumann High School, Kaye began her athletics career in her junior year as a manager for her high school girls' basketball team. While attending Wake Forest University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Sociology with a minor in Spanish in 2006, Kaye served as an equipment manager for four years and was the head manager for the women's basketball and field hockey teams for three seasons while also working with several other sports.

While Kaye worked at Wake Forest, the Demon Deacons made two field hockey final four appearances and won a national championship in 2004. Her duties at Wake included filming home and away games, helping out at practices with the clock and stats, arranging the equipment for travel and helping with all other equipment needs.





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Chris Grosse Seminole Athletics Marketing Assistant



Bianca Simmonds Program Assistant



Patrick Martin Ticket Manager



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Back Row (left to right):
Antoya Shuler, Kyle Miller, Amanda Foster,
Reece Miller, Tania Fernandez

