



DR. JOANNE GRAF



► HEAD COACH

1214-355-6	26th Season
Florida State 1975	995-302-6 (Fast Pitch)

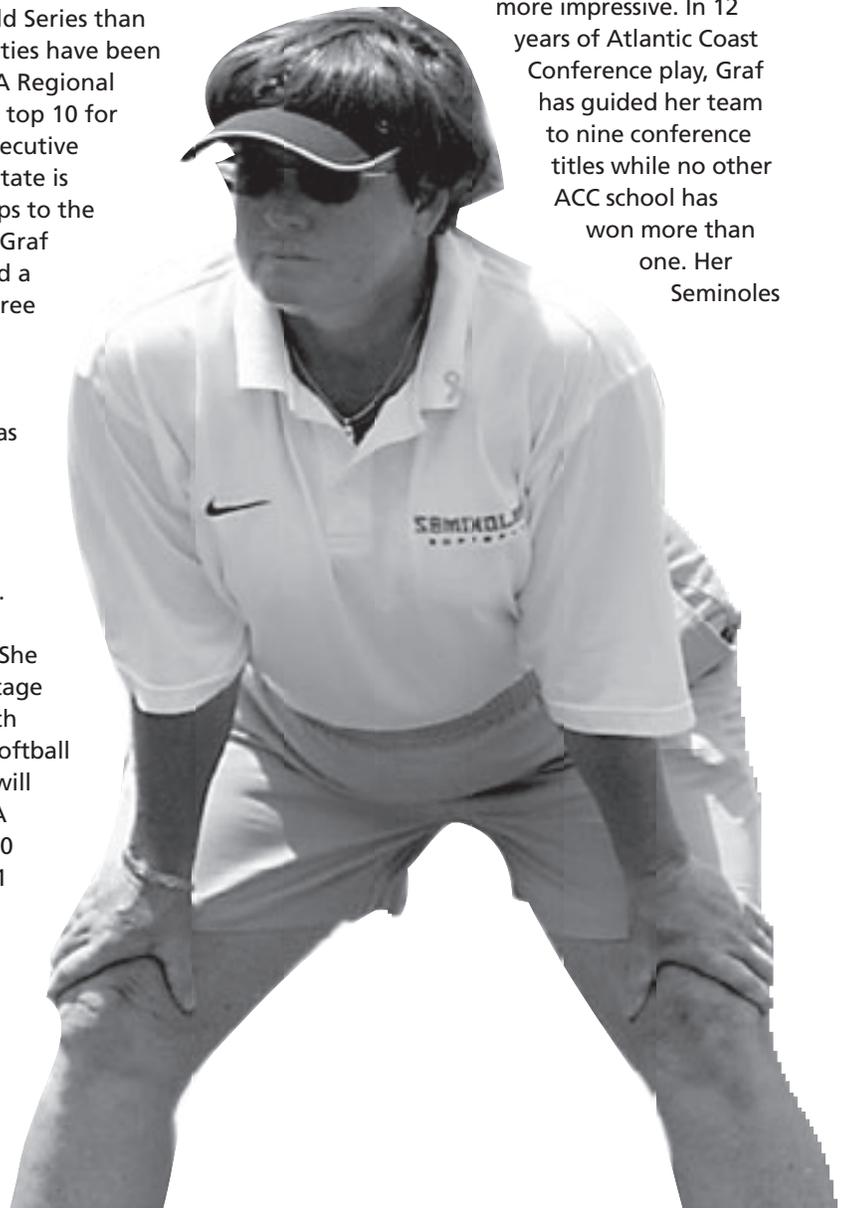
Hall of Fame coach Dr. JoAnne Graf enters her 26th season at the helm of the Florida State softball program. The legendary coach is fresh off leading her team to its 25th straight winning season and 16th NCAA Tournament appearance in 2003. On top of a nation's-best 27-game winning streak, Graf had three players named National Fastpitch Coaches' Association All-Americans, the most in one season in 20 years of fastpitch competition. After the Tribe's 46-11 mark in 2003, Graf now has a lifetime winning percentage of .773 and .766 in fastpitch competition alone.



Graf has built the Florida State softball program into one of the nation's elite. She has had a winning season every year of her career, only four schools in NCAA history have gone to more World Series than Graf's Seminoles and only five universities have been able to surpass Graf's mark of 16 NCAA Regional appearances. Her Seminoles are in the top 10 for all-time NCAA Regional wins and consecutive NCAA Regional appearances. Florida State is also in the top four for consecutive trips to the Women's College World Series. Coach Graf is also one of just three coaches to lead a team to the College World Series in three straight decades.

As dominant as Graf has been on the national stage, her success in the ACC is even more impressive. In 12 years of Atlantic Coast Conference play, Graf has guided her team to nine conference titles while no other ACC school has won more than one. Her Seminoles

When you average almost 50 wins a season in 20 years of fastpitch softball as Graf has, you find your name amongst the greatest to ever coach the game, as is the case for coach Graf. Only two coaches at any level in NCAA softball history have more wins than Graf's 995. In Division I, she is second all-time and amongst active coaches for most wins. She also has the third-best winning percentage among active D1 coaches and the fourth best D1 winning percentage in NCAA softball history. With just five more wins, Graf will become only the second coach in NCAA Division I softball history to record 1,000 fastpitch wins and no other coach in D1 softball has accomplished that feat at only one school. On top of all of those records, Graf has coached 20 All-Americans including her fifth first team NFCA All-American last season.



are the only ACC school to go to the College World Series and she has led FSU to more than five times as many NCAA Regionals as the whole conference combined (16 compared to three). Florida State has amassed 28 more ACC wins than any other conference school and since joining the ACC the Seminoles have more All-American selections than the rest of the conference combined. Five of the ACC's 12 players of the year are Seminoles and 9 of 12 ACC Tournament MVPs also wore Garnet & Gold. The Tribe's 56 All-ACC selections are double that of any other school. The Tribe's conference dominance under Graf was never illustrated more clearly as when 23 Seminoles were named to the ACC's 50th Anniversary softball team. Florida State players comprised 43% of the 53-player roster.



as her Seminoles finished the season ranked fourth in the nation after they advanced to the semifinals of the Women's College World Series, where they recorded an opening round upset over No. 1 UCLA.



In her silver anniversary season, Graf continued to add new chapters to her brilliant career. After twenty-five years in Tallahassee, the one constant has been success. Last season, Graf added another notch on her belt of successes, surpassing the 1,200 wins mark after a 2-0 victory over UCF. After leading the Seminoles to their ninth conference title and first-ever 8-0 conference record in ACC history, Graf was honored as the ACC's Coach of the Year for the fifth time since joining the league 1992.

The Tribe's run at the 2002 WCWS was one of the top moments in program history. The Seminoles entered the WCWS as the eighth seed and used a home run in the top of the ninth inning off first team All-American Keira Goerl to upset the top-ranked and top-seeded Bruins in the first game of the tournament. After a 1-0 loss to eventual national champion Cal and WCWS MOP Jocelyn Forest, Florida State bounced back by eliminating Nebraska 4-3 and advancing to the semis versus No. 2 Arizona. Florida State staged another dramatic comeback tying the game 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth off reigning national player of the year Jennie Finch. Florida State took the Wildcats to 11 innings before seeing their dream run come to a close.

After setting the NFCA's all-time wins record in 2002 with 1,125 victories, Graf was inducted into the organization's Hall of Fame in the fall of 2003. She entered the 2003 season coming off one of her most successful years at the helm of the FSU softball program

Every year Graf seems to surpass another major milestone. From winning her first slow pitch National Championship in 1981 to becoming the all-time winningest coach in NFCA history in 2002, Graf's career has been nothing but remarkable. On May 6, 1999 in a 2-1 victory over South Florida, Graf became the first coach in Division I softball to earn 1,000 wins, including slow and fast pitch competition and in 2001 she picked up her 1,100 win by downing rival Florida. Including slow pitch victories, Graf now has 1,214 wins in her career and probably most amazing of all is that every victory has come as the Seminoles head coach.



▶ TWO-TIME AIAW NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

Before FSU made the switch to fast pitch softball, JoAnne Graf's squads dominated the slow pitch game as evidenced by back-to-back National Titles in 1981 and 1982. Not only did Graf's teams win National Titles, but they went to the national tournament three straight seasons, won five consecutive state titles and saw five players earn All-American honors.





DR. JOANNE GRAF CAREER RECORDS

NFCA COACHING RECORDS WINNINGEST COACHES ALL-TIME (BY VICTORIES) *Active coach

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-2003)	25	1214	355	6	.773
2. Judi Garman (Cal St. Fullerton 1980-99)	28	1124	406	4	.734
3. *Margie Wright (Illinois St. 1980-85; Fresno St. 86-2003)	24	1078	377	3	.741
4. *Gayle Blevins (Indiana 1980-87; Iowa 88-2003)	24	971	448	5	.684
5. *Mike Candrea (Arizona 1986-2003)	18	926	184	0	.834
6. Sandy Fischer (Oklahoma St. 1979-2001)	23	883	358	3	.711
7. Bill Galloway (Texas A&M 1979-81; Louisiana Tech 82-2001)	24	881	390	2	.693
8. *Yvette Girouard (La.-Lafayette 1981-2000; LSU 2001-03)	23	924	290	0	.761
9. *Joyce Compton (Missouri 1983-86; South Carolina 87-2003)	21	891	365	1	.709
10. Sharron Backus (UCLA 1976-96)	21	840	167	3	.832

NCAA DIVISION I COACHING RECORDS WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES (BY VICTORIES)

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Margie Wright, Fresno St.	24	1078	377	3	.741
2. JoAnne Graf, Florida St.	20	995	302	6	.764
3. Mike Candrea, Arizona	18	982	191	0	.837
4. Gayle Blevins, Iowa	24	971	448	5	.684
5. Yvette Girouard, LSU	23	924	290	0	.761
6. Joyce Compton, South Carolina	21	891	365	1	.709
7. Bill Galloway, Louisiana Tech	24	881	390	2	.693
8. Linda Wells, Arizona St.	29	851	622	1	.577
9. Margo Jonker, Central Mich.	24	833	447	5	.648
10. Elaine Sortino, Massachusetts	24	824	355	3	.697

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NCAA DIVISION I COACHING RECORDS WINNINGEST ACTIVE COACHES (BY PERCENTAGE)

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. Sue Enquist, UCLA	15	.750	137	1	.842
2. Mike Candrea	18	982	191	0	.837
3. JoAnne Graf, Florida St.	20	995	302	6	.764
4. Patty Gasso, Oklahoma	9	449	140	0	.762
5. Yvette Girouard, LSU	23	924	290	0	.761
6. Lu Harris-Champer, Georgia	7	358	121	1	.747
7. Margie Wright, Fresno St.	24	1078	377	3	.741
8. Joyce Compton, South Carolina	21	891	365	1	.709
9. Carol Hutchins, Michigan	20	821	336	4	.707
10. Elaine Sortino, Massachusetts	24	824	355	3	.688





NCAA DIVISION I COACHING RECORDS WINNINGEST COACHES ALL-TIME (BY PERCENTAGE) *Active coach

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Sue Enquist (UCLA 1989-2003)	15	750	137	1	.845
2. *Mike Candrea (Arizona 1986-2003)	18	982	191	0	.837
3. Sharron Backus (UCLA 1976-96)	21	840	167	3	.832
4. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-2003)	20	995	302	6	.764
5. *Yvette Girouard (La.-Lafayette 1981-2000; LSU 2001-03)	23	924	290	0	.761
6. *Margie Wright (Illinois St. 1980-85; Fresno St. 86-2003)	23	1,028	343	3	.749
7. Mike McGovern (Ill.-Chicago 1990-2001)	12	582	227	1	.719
8. Sandy Fischer (Oklahoma St. 1979-2001)	23	883	358	3	.711
9. *Joyce Compton (Missouri 1983-86; South Carolina 87-2003)	21	891	365	1	.709
10.*Carol Hutchins (Ferris St. 1982; Michigan 85-2003)	20	821	336	4	.707

NCAA ALL-DIVISION COACHING RECORDS WINNINGEST COACHES ALL-TIME (BY VICTORIES) *Active coach

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Margie Wright (Illinois St. 1980-85; Fresno St. 86-2003)	24	1,078	377	3	.741
2. *Sandy Jerstad (Augustana [S.D.] 1977-2003)	27	1011	359	2	.737
3. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-2003)	20	995	302	6	.764
4. *Gayle Blevins (Indiana 1980-87; Iowa 88-2003)	24	971	448	5	.684
5. *Mike Candrea (Arizona 1986-2002)	18	982	191	0	.837
6.*Yvette Girouard (La.-Lafayette 1981-2000; LSU 2001-03)	23	924	296	0	.761
7. Judi Garman (Cal St. Fullerton 1980-99)	20	913	374	4	.709
8. *Jan Hutchinson (Bloomsburg 1978-2003)	26	894	187	1	.827
9. Sandy Fischer (Oklahoma St. 1979-2001)	23	883	358	3	.711
10. Bill Galloway (Texas A&M 1979-81; Louisiana Tech 82-2001)	24	881	390	2	.693

NCAA ALL-DIVISION COACHING RECORDS WINNINGEST COACHES ALL-TIME (BY PERCENTAGE) *Active coach # Co-head coaches

Coach, Team	Yrs.	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1. *Scott Whitlock (Kennesaw St. 1991-2003)	13	614	100	0	.860
2. *#Sue Enquist (UCLA 1989-2003)	15	750	137	1	.845
3. *Mike Candrea (Arizona 1986-2003)	18	982	191	0	.837
4. #Sharron Backus (UCLA 1975-96)	22	854	173	3	.831
5. June Walker (Col. of New Jersey 1974-95)	22	721	154	0	.824
6. *David Hanna (Coker 1992-2003)	12	470	100	1	.824
7. *Jan Hutchinson (Bloomsburg 1978-2003)	26	930	200	1	.823
8. *Rick Bertagnolli (S.C.-Spartanburg 1992-93; Calif. (Pa.) 1994-2003)	12	479	108	0	.816
9. *Frank Cheek (Humboldt St. 1989-2003)	15	701	192	2	.784
10. *Michele Myslinski (Merrimack 1993-2003)	11	399	119	0	.770
11. *JoAnne Graf (Florida St. 1984-2003)	20	995	302	6	.766





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All-Americans since 1990, including five first team selections in left fielder Danielle Cox (1999), center fielder Shamalene Wilson (1996), second baseman Lisa Davidson (1993), second baseman Brandi Stuart (2002) and pitcher/outfielder Jessica van der Linden (2003).

A 1975 graduate of Florida State, Graf returned to her alma mater after two years at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro where she earned her master's degree in physical education. Graf also worked in the athletic department at UNC-Greensboro as head coach for the university's men's and women's swim teams while also serving as assistant softball coach.

Graf, who serves as director of the FSU softball camp each summer, is a former president of the Florida Collegiate Athletic Association. She has also served as a member of the NCAA Softball Committee and chaired the NCAA Softball Advisory Committee for the South Region.

Graf has been named ACC Coach of the Year five times, including this season, after leading the Seminoles to consecutive conference titles in 1992 and 1993 and co-championship status in 1997. In 2001, the Seminoles won their fourth ACC title. In 2001 and 2002, Graf and her entire staff were named the Southeast Coaching Staff of the Year. In 1995, she was selected the ACC/Metro Conference Coach of the Year after guiding Florida State to a 9-1 league record and an automatic bid to NCAA regional play. She has led FSU to 14 seasons of 50 wins or more, including two seasons when the Seminoles recorded more than 60 victories.

In 1992, Graf added "Dr." to her name after completing her doctorate degree in athletic administration at FSU.



Graf, who was voted the South Region Coach of the Year in 1986, has seen 84 of her players selected to All-Region teams, including 13 players in the last three seasons. Her coaching has produced 18

► WIN NUMBER 1,000

Coach Graf hit a magical milestone May 6, 1999 when she recorded the 1,000th win of her career with a 2-1 victory over South Florida. Not only was the win the 1,000th of her career but she became the only coach to ever win 1,000 games at a single school and only the second coach to ever reach the 1,000 victory plateau. Three years later, only one other coach has joined the elite club. Graf has her sights set on another 1,000 this season as she shoots to become just the second coach in NCAA history to record 1,000 fast pitch softball wins. She is currently 51 wins away from the mark and she has recorded at least 51 victories in each of the last three seasons.





LOUIE BERNDT



▶ ASSISTANT COACH

5th Season

Western Michigan 1983

Louie Berndt, an FSU assistant coach in 1989, returned to Florida State in 1999 to serve as the top assistant for the Seminole softball program. She is a two-time member of the NFCA/Speedline Southeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year, working in large part with the Seminole hitters and outfielders.

Since her return to Tallahassee, Berndt has revitalized the FSU line-up. In her four seasons, she has helped Florida State hitters shatter numerous long-standing records. Berndt led Florida State to top five team batting averages in two of the last three seasons (2001 & 2003), which was the highest average for a Seminole squad in six seasons and the second highest team batting average since 1994. Under her guidance, Seminole squads have established new records for home runs, doubles and walks in a season. Last year, she led FSU to top 20 finishes nationally for team batting average and runs scored.

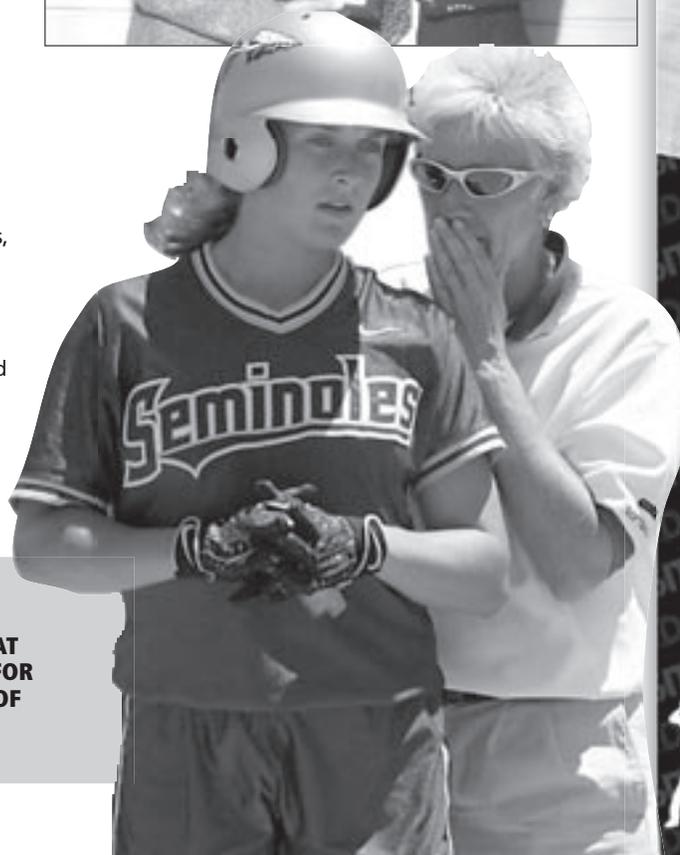
Since Berndt returned to FSU, the Tribe has finished in the top five in every offensive category on at least one occasion. Three of FSU's top five all-time season totals for home runs, doubles and RBIs have come since Berndt returned as well. Since 2000, FSU has hit .283 and slugged .382. Seminole teams have averaged 70 doubles, 23 home runs and 256 RBIs per season since Berndt's return. When compared to the single season numbers put up over the last two decades, that batting average would rank as the fifth highest ever and the seventy doubles and 23 homers would be the third-highest totals in team history.

Berndt came to FSU after serving as the head softball coach at Marshall University for six seasons. She was brought to Marshall to help jumpstart the softball program, which was reinstated in 1993. In 1994, Berndt made her head-coaching debut and guided the Thundering Herd to a 17-21 record. In 1995, just her second season at the helm, Berndt led Marshall to its first-ever Southern Conference Tournament title and to its first NCAA Tournament. She was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1996 after the squad set numerous school records with a 39-23 record. Several of Berndt's players at Marshall received All-Conference accolades, including back-to-back freshman "Player of the Year" honors.

Berndt is a graduate of Western Michigan University, where she was a two-time All-American at second base. She led the Broncos to three NCAA Tournament bids, including two World Series berths where her squad finished fifth in 1982. During her Western Michigan career, Berndt's teams won 132 games during her career. The team leader in hitting three straight seasons, Berndt had a career .321 batting average and .973 fielding percentage and she set the record WMU for hits in a season. An All-Mid American Conference and NCAA All-

Region selection, Berndt was also invited to the Pan American Team tryouts and was selected to play in the Tri-Nation Games in Colorado Springs, Colo., during her senior year. She was also a three-time letterwinner in basketball for the Broncos. In 2003 she was inducted into the Western Michigan Hall of Fame due to her stellar playing career.

In 1985, Berndt turned her efforts to coaching as an assistant at Nicholls State. She helped lead Nicholls to a school-record 47 wins that year. In 1987, the Colonels won the Gulf Star Conference Championship. Berndt joined the FSU staff as a pitching and outfield coach for the 1989 season. She helped the Seminoles to a Top 20 ranking and a second-place finish at the Southwest Regionals. From 1989 to 1993, she helped rebuild a struggling Ohio State softball program. The Buckeyes won the Big Ten Championship in 1990 and advanced to NCAA Regionals.



"I THINK IT IS A CREDIT TO FLORIDA STATE AND LOUIE ACCOMPLISHMENT'S TO HAVE HER IN THE WESTERN MICHIGAN HALL OF FAME. IT SHOWS WHAT A QUALITY PLAYER SHE WAS AND IT IS AN HONOR FOR ANYBODY TO MAKE IT INTO THEIR SCHOOL'S HALL OF FAME. WE ARE EXCITED FOR HER AND FOR FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY."
-DR. JOANNE GRAF





EVE GAW



▶ ASSISTANT COACH

2nd Season

Washington 1998

It didn't take pitching coach Eve Gaw long to establish herself as one of the best rookie coaches in the country. In her first season as a college coach, Gaw led the Seminole pitching staff to the nation's fourth best team ERA (0.86). She was the only pitching coach to mentor two pitchers that finished the year in the top 16 for individual ERA as Casey Hunter finished fifth in the NCAA with a 0.67 ERA and Jessica van der Linden finished 16th with a 1.07 ERA. Last season, her pitchers became the first group in FSU's 20-year history to not surrender one triple all season long and the group also struck out the third-most batters in a single season in FSU history. No pitching staff ever at Florida State posted a better strikeout to walk ratio (better than 4 to 1) than Gaw's staff in 2003.

Gaw came to Florida State after an impressive Pac 10 career as a player. The University of Washington graduate was named a third-team All-American in 1998 and is a four-time All-Pac 10 selection. A four-year letterwinner, Gaw received her Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1998 where she was a member of the Dean's List. From 1998-2000, Gaw was a volunteer assistant coach with the Huskies. She worked with the UW pitching staff and also evaluated players on video along with other office responsibilities.

On top of her coaching experience at UW, Gaw spent the last six years honing her coaching skills. She has worked with children of all ages as a pitching and hitting instructor, a travel softball coach and as a head softball instructor.

Gaw, who had a career record of 69-17 as a Husky, played in three Women's College World Series during her stellar career. She holds UW records for strikeouts in a game (15) and wins in a season (27). She also shares the Washington record for postseason starts (7). Her .909 winning percentage in 1996 is a school record as were her 39 starts and 12 shutouts as a freshman in 1995. She is second all-time at UW for career wins (69), starts (100) and shutouts (27) and she finished her career with four no-hitters.

Gaw, who didn't begin hitting until midway through her junior season, is still third in career slugging percentage (.554), fifth in on base percentage (.410), tied for fifth in homeruns (13) and tied for seventh in batting average (.326).

In her first season in the circle, Gaw had a record-breaking campaign. She won a school-record 27 games and set the single-season mark for starts (39) and shutouts (12). As a sophomore, she went 20-2 and allowed just two earned runs in 12-plus innings at the 1996 WCWS as the Huskies advanced to the championship game. After Washington fell behind Arizona 5-0 in the second frame of the national championship game, Gaw came in and pitched 5.1 innings of relief allowing just one run as the Huskies eventually closed the Wildcats lead to 6-4.

In the 1997 WCWS, Gaw helped Washington to a third-place finish as she picked up double-digit wins for the third consecutive season. She had another strong outing in the World Series giving up just one run over 5.2 innings in a 1-0 loss to UCLA in the semi-finals. As a senior, Gaw switched her focus from the mound to the plate as she earned third-team All-American honors as a utility player. She led the Huskies in batting average (.345), RBIs (37) and home runs (8) while playing first base and she also went 7-1 inside the circle. She captained the Huskies to another third place finish in the WCWS in 1998 as she went 4-for-14, scored two runs, knocked in three RBIs and hit a homerun. She was also named first team All-Pac 10 and second-team All-Pacific Region.

