



One of the Nation's **PREMIER PROGRAMS**



COMMUNITY SERVICE

FSU's student-athletes contributed over 4,500 volunteer hours in service to the community in 2002-2003. They also helped to raise \$64,000 in direct support to charities.

Florida State student-athletes volunteered their time working with students from every elementary and middle school in Leon County as well as schools in nearby Wakulla and Gadsden counties.



Christina Denny (left) — The Seminole women's tennis team has earned the Golden Torch Award, for highest overall team GPA, seven straight years.

ACADEMICS

Seven of Florida State's 17 athletic teams — that's 41 percent — currently have a 3.0 or better grade point average.

Since joining the ACC in 1991, FSU has had six National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame National Scholar Athlete Award winners — the most among all ACC schools and a figure that ranks second nationally in the past 10 years.

Florida State student-athletes have earned \$232,000 in post-graduate scholarships over the past eight years. They have also received 18 post-graduate scholarships for the ACC since 1992.

ACC Academic Honor Roll

Total — 1,499

Academic All-Americans

Total — 24



*Derrick Brooks
Academic All-American*



*Matt Diaz
Academic All-American*



*Brandi Stuart
Academic All-American*



Football's Chris Hope received the 2002 NACDA Postgraduate Scholarship.



COACHING EXCELLENCE

When it comes to legendary head coaches, it is hard to argue anyone has been as fortunate as Florida State. The Seminoles have three coaches who have established records that rank them with the greatest coaches ever to roam an NCAA sideline.

Florida State is the only NCAA school with three coaches in the top 10 for all-time victories in their sport and in the top five in wins and winning percentage among active coaches. Mike Martin (baseball), Bobby Bowden (football) and JoAnne Graf (softball) have combined for 2,839 wins and each coach appears in the top two for either active winning percentage (Martin), active wins (Graf), or all-time wins (Bowden).

Winningest Active D-I Coaches

Percentage

2. Mike Martin 3. Bobby Bowden 5. JoAnne Graf

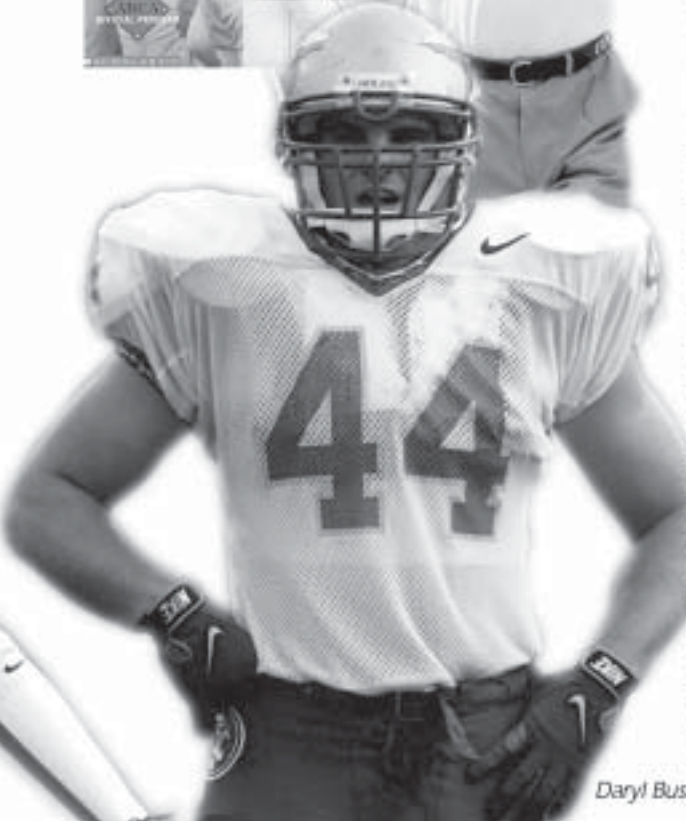
Wins

2. Bobby Bowden 2. JoAnne Graf 5. Mike Martin

Winningest D-I Coaches All-Time

Wins

2. Bobby Bowden 2. JoAnne Graf 8. Mike Martin



Post-Graduate Scholarship Awards

Total — 18

In 1996, Seminole Daryl Bush was the first ever recipient of the State Farm National Scholar Athlete of the Year Award, now given annually.

Florida State boasts two NACDA Post-Graduate Award winners in the last three years. The scholarship, which was originated in 2001, grants \$10,000 scholarships to its recipients.

In 2001, former Seminole Chris Weinke was the recipient of the first ever ACC Scholar Award which is given annually to an excellent athlete and top scholar who is not going on to graduate school. Football's Chris Hope (2002) and baseball's Matt Lynch (2003) have also earned the distinction.

Florida State has more all-time ACC Honor Roll selections (1,499) than all-time All-ACC honorees (1,479). On top of that number, 24 Seminoles have been named Academic All-Americans and 18 Florida State athletes have received post-graduate scholarships.



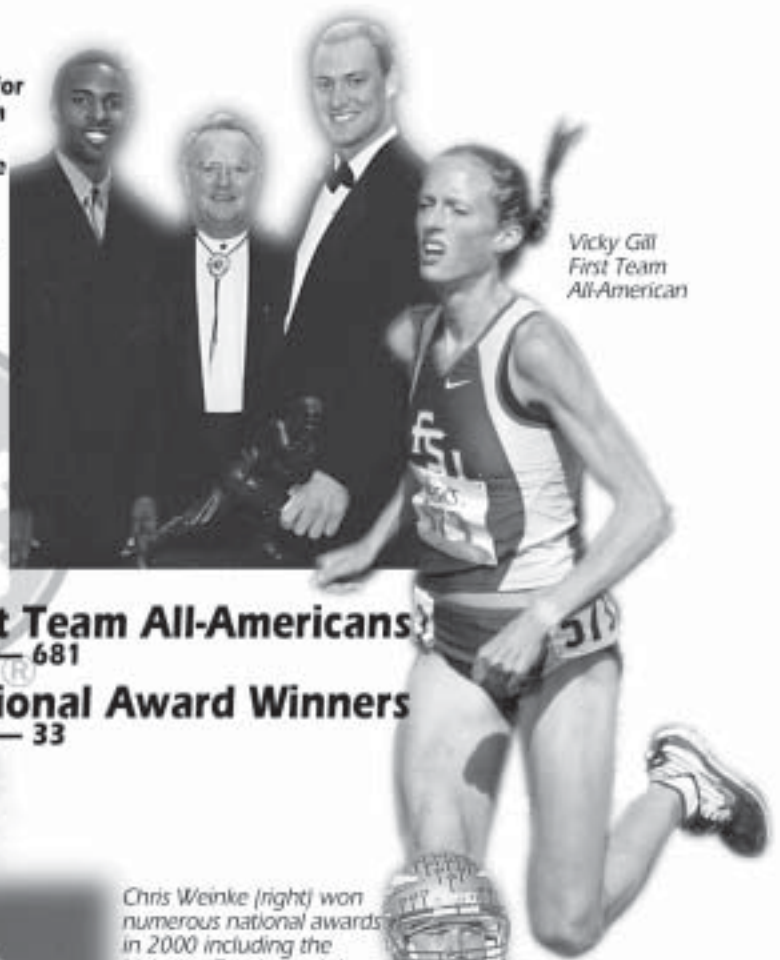
Daryl Bush

Matt Lynch



TOP NATIONAL ATHLETES

Of the 33 national awards for athletic achievement Florida State student-athletes have won, five have garnered the top athlete in the nation award in their respective sport. Florida State boasts two Heisman Trophy winners and three Golden Spikes winners.



Vicky Gill
First Team
All-American



First Team All-Americans
Total — 681

National Award Winners
Total — 33



Helen Jepson
First Team All-American

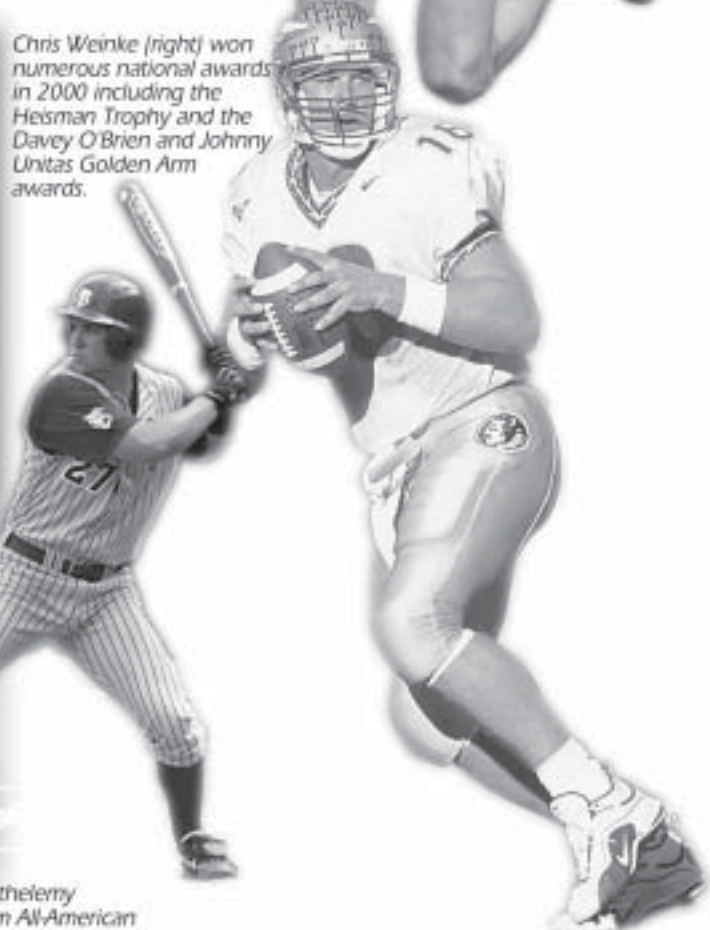
Chris Weinke (right) won numerous national awards in 2000 including the Heisman Trophy and the Davey O'Brien and Johnny Unitas Golden Arm awards.



Jonathan Carter
First Team All-American



Charlie Ward
First Team All-American



Ryan Barthelemy
First Team All-American



Nolan Henke
First Team All-American

All-ACC
Total — 1,476



Corey Simon
All-ACC



Matt Cloer
All-ACC



Norisha Campbell
All-ACC

Cindy Schofield
All-ACC



Bob Sura
All-ACC



NCAA Tournaments (Teams)
Total — 111



Record

Florida State's team sports have a combined .689 winning percentage all-time and have earned 7,549 victories. Eight of Florida State's nine team sports have an all-time winning record.

ACC Team Titles
Total — 28



Coach Bobby Bowden



COACHES OF THE YEAR
National Coach of the Year
Total — 7

Regional Coach of the Year
Total — 20

ACC Coach of the Year
Total — 20

Metro Conference Coach of the Year
Total — 12

Coach Sue Semrau



Coach Lise Gregory

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Florida State teams have earned 11 national championships over the years while 21 student-athletes have been crowned individual national champions in their respective sports.



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SEMINOLE WOMEN'S TENNIS *ACADEMICS*

Written by Anca Dumitrescu

Seldom has a team dominated the rankings for the best academic performance like the women's tennis team at Florida State University. For the past seven years, the Lady Noles have been awarded the Golden Torch Award for the highest grade point average among Florida State's athletic teams and have posted a 3.686 GPA for the second consecutive year. During each of these years, the Seminoles earned a team average that ranges between 3.4 and 3.8. On the conference level, the Tribe has led the ACC, one of the most prestigiously academic leagues in the nation, for seven straight years. The Noles have ended each year with a grade point average far above the average of other universities in and out of the conference. The women's tennis team is an example of high academic performance and sets the standard for academics and athletics not only in intercollegiate tennis but all sports across the board.

While setting an example of excellence in the classroom, the Lady Noles have also had success on the tennis court where they are feared for their feistiness and their willingness to fight up to the last point.

What makes this team so successful is its leader, head coach Lise Gregory. A seven-time All-American and a graduate from the University of Miami, Gregory's previous coaching experience, as well as her deep knowledge of the game polished while playing on the professional tennis circuit, has made a radical impact on the Florida State women's program. Something Gregory and her staff expect from her student-athletes every day is simple - effort. "I do not expect you to

win day in day out, but I do expect you to try your very best," is a motto Gregory is known for using to motivate her players on the court, in the classroom and in life.

The Seminoles have lived up to this expectation by producing results. FSU qualified for seven consecutive NCAA tournaments during the past 10 years, six during Gregory's tenure. The team has ranked consistently among the top 50 teams in the nation reaching as high as No. 19.

For the 2003-04 season, the Tribe looks to set a new standard in terms of athletic and academic performance. The team brings three new players to the lineup. Freshman Roxanne Clarke is a talented freshman from South Africa that has already proven her potential and ambition on and off the court during the fall term and will look to have an immediate impact in how well FSU fairs this season. Senior transfer Nicole Cercone is an experienced student-athlete from Seton Hall who boasts a 4.0



GPA. Lindsay Deason rounds out the newcomers' class. The sophomore transfer from University of Southern California finished the previous year with a 4.0 grade point average in the classroom and will contribute to the lineup on the court this season.

Returning from a lineup that posted a 13-10 overall record are three seniors, two juniors and two sophomores who have experience playing on the court and together as a team. Last season, four players achieved grade point averages higher than 3.5. Mihaela Moldovan, reigning NCAA South Region Rookie of the Year was the Golden Torch recipient for 2003. With a perfect 4.0 GPA and a 20-4 singles record, Moldovan is one of Florida State's leaders for academic and athletic excellence. Anca Dumitrescu, gearing up for her final season in the garnet and gold, has led the team in the previous two years and is looking at another chance to carve her name in the Seminole record books. Dumitrescu, the 2002 Golden Torch Award recipient with a 3.96 GPA, reached the semifinals of the ITA South Region Fall Championships and two weeks later won the Lady Seminole Fall Classic. Senior Christina Denny, who won the second draw at the 2003 Lady Seminole Classic, has constantly maintained a GPA above 3.5 during her three years at Florida State. Alina Mihailescu, a sophomore from Romania, concluded the fall semester with another 4.0.

Commitment and a strong work ethic are required to achieve high academic and athletic performances. The Florida State women's tennis team has prided its program on balancing both at the highest level. What makes this team special is its ability to pursue those values with consistency and discipline. The Seminoles spend their time studying to alleviate missed classes and get the most of their education.

While a great deal of time is dedicated to studying and practicing, the Tribe balances laughter, comradery and togetherness to make their experience in Tallahassee valuable. What distinguishes the Noles is their ability to combine relaxing and entertainment with schoolwork and it is their perfect combination of these two activities that makes them successful.

In the upcoming 2003-04 season, the Florida State women's tennis team looks at another successful season on the tennis court as well as in the class room. Moreover, this year the players are more determined than ever to set even higher performance standards in tennis and in education. If they continue to work with the effort and commitment they have proven so far, they will more than likely succeed.

THIS IS *FLORIDA STATE*

Florida State University, a graduate research institution, stands among the nation's elite in both academics and athletics.

Located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida, the university is situated in the heart of the state's capital city. The university's main campus blends Jacobean Revival and modern styles of architecture with the oaks, pines, dogwoods and azaleas of North Florida.

As the university has progressed and grown from its pre-Civil War beginnings as the Seminary West of the Suwannee, to the Florida State College for Women and, finally, returning to coeducational status as a university in 1947 it has developed into an acclaimed research institution, a top ranked competitor in intercollegiate athletics and a standard-setter in the basic sciences and the performing arts.

The university has entered the 21st century with excellence in all areas of its mission teaching, research and public service, including many noteworthy milestones.

- Beginning in fall 2003, the College of Law will offer its first graduate level law degree program, an LL.M. program for foreign lawyers to gain a better understanding of the United States' legal system.
- In March 2003, the department of dance joined the Association for Dance and Performance Telematics (ADaPT), the nation's only interdisciplinary association that uses video

and digital technology to expand the creative possibilities of dance performance into the virtual world.

- In February 2003, the School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts won the first, second and third place awards in the comedy category of the 24th annual Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation College Television Awards. The sweep was a first in the history of the annual student competition.
- In February 2003, FSU and the city of Pembroke Pines entered into a first of its kind agreement to establish a charter school to open in August 2003 that will serve 550 kindergarten through fifth grade students and 50 autistic students.
- In February 2003, English Professor Mark Winegardner was chosen by Random House Publishers over several authors from around the world to write the sequel to Mario Puzo's *The Godfather*. Winegardner hopes to have the book written by the end of 2004.
- In January 2003, the College of Medicine's Center for Health Equity announced the opening of its Gadsden County office, which will focus on racial and ethnic disparity in maternal and child health issues there.
- During the fall 2002 semester, the Office of Graduate Studies began the pilot phase of the university's Electronic Theses/Dissertations Project that will eventually store all such scholarly work digitally in both the FSU University Libraries and the UMI/ProQuest Dissertation Archive, an offsite Library of Congress repository.
- In October 2002, the College of Medicine became the first new allopathic medical school in the country since 1982 to receive the

approval of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education the nationally recognized accrediting authority for education programs leading to the M.D. degree - by being granted initial provisional accreditation.

- In September 2002, FSU installed the IBM eServer p690, nicknamed Eclipse, which is the second phase of a computing system that can now perform 2.5 teraflops (2.5 trillion calculations per second) and is ranked No. 34 among all government, industry and academic supercomputers in the world (ranked by the University of Tennessee and the University of Mannheim in Germany, www.top500.org).
- During the fall of 2002, FSU had 204 National Merit Scholars, 74 National Achievement Scholars and 203 Hispanic Scholars enrolled.
- In April 2002, the National Weather Service opened its 121st Weather Forecast Office in a four-story addition to the James J. Love Building, home of the FSU department of meteorology. It is the 14th WFO to be collocated on a university campus and will give FSU meteorology students first-hand experience observing and working with professional meteorologists.
- In April 2002, WFSU-TV was among nine public stations praised for their involvement with the PBS Ready to Learn service and early childhood literacy by President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush during a White House ceremony.
- In February 2002, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush announced the creation of a \$2.5 million FSU center that will develop the best methods to teach reading, to be headed by Joseph K. Torgesen, the FSU Robert M. Gagne Professor of Psychology and Education who is the nation's



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leading expert on how children learn to read. The center, which will collaborate with the University of Central Florida, will train teachers in what works.

- In October 2001, FSU began its second capital campaign for private funds. The \$600 million FSU Connect campaign

surpassed the halfway mark with \$306 million in May 2002. The university's first capital campaign, An Investment in Learning, closed in January 1998 with \$301 million, surpassing its original \$200 million goal.

- From October to November 2001, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Robert Olen Butler, an FSU Francis Eppes Professor who holds the Michael Shaara Chair in Creative Writing, was the first author ever to write a short story live on the Internet.

Butler allowed the world to watch him write an original short story, keystroke for keystroke, two hours a day for 19 days.

- In June 2001, NBC Nightly News anchor Tom Brokaw donated more than 5,000 collections of World War II memorabilia that had been sent to him as the result of his three-book series on "The Greatest Generation" to the FSU Institute on World War II and the Human Experience. FSU created the institute in 1998 to "save the memories of those who saved the world" by collecting letters, diaries, memoirs and photos from participants in the war effort, in order to preserve the materials for classroom teaching, scholarly research and public viewing.

- In May 2001, FSU welcomed the charter class of its College of Medicine. • In March 2001, FSU opened the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights that trains undergraduate students from nine FSU colleges and schools to be human rights advocates so they can be placed with international human rights organizations.

- In the blackenterprise.com 2001 "Top Fifty Colleges for African Americans" rankings, FSU was rated 23rd in the nation, up from 26th in

1999.

- In the March-April 2001 issue of National Jurist that rated the nation's "most wired" law schools, the FSU College of Law was ranked 13th.

- At more than \$343.7 million, FSU's endowment has been ranked 127th in the nation by the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the benchmark of higher education fundraising success, in 2001.

- In 1994, the Carnegie Foundation classified FSU as a "Research University I," placing it among the nation's top research universities. In 2000, the distinction was renamed "Doctoral/Research University-Extensive."

Under the leadership of FSU's 13th president, T.K. Wetherell, who took office in January 2003, and its 13-member Board of Trustees, the university continues to build on the foundation of its history of excellence in scholarship, research and service. The trustees are: Chairman John Thrasher of Orange Park; Harold Knowles, J. Stanley Marshall and Jim Smith, all of Tallahassee; Emily "June" Duda of Oveido; David Ford of Rosemont, Pa.; Dr. Jessie Furlow of Quincy; Manuel "Manny" Garcia III of Winter Springs; William "Andy" Haggard of Coral Gables; E. Ann McGee of Winter Springs; Derrick Brooks of Tampa; FSU Faculty Senate President Valliere Richard Auzenne and Student Government Association President Patrick Sullivan.

A senior member of the State University System, FSU was founded as an institution of higher learning in 1851 by legislative act. It began in Tallahassee with its first class of male students in 1857 and added women in 1858.

FSU's operating budget is \$808 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$150 million annually in external funding to supplement state-sponsored research. Three direct-support organizations serve to bolster the university: the Seminole Boosters, the FSU Alumni Association and the FSU

Foundation.

The main campus is spread over 463.4 acres in Tallahassee; FSU, which has one of the smallest campuses in the SUS, has been actively acquiring land in the 1990s. FSU encompasses 1,423.2 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Gadsden and Sarasota counties.

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

For years, FSU has reached far beyond Florida through international programs in Switzerland, France, Panama, Costa Rica, Spain, Russia, Vietnam, the Czech Republic, Greece, Croatia, Ireland, South Africa, Ghana and the Caribbean. FSU's student centers in Florence, Italy, and London, England, are considered by many to be the nation's best in Europe.

Florida State offers 300 graduate and undergraduate degree programs through its nine colleges — Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication; Education; Engineering (operated jointly with Florida A&M University); Human Sciences; Law; Medicine; and Social Sciences (which also incorporates the Reubin O'D Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) — and eight schools — Criminology and Criminal Justice; Information Studies; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Work; Theatre; and Visual Arts and Dance.

With 2,043 members, the FSU faculty has included 10 National Academy of Sciences elected members, four American Academy of Arts and Sciences members and five Nobel laureates. It is backed by 5,262 administrative and support staff members.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.5 million book titles and 6.8 million microforms. The main library facility, the Robert M. Strozier Library, is linked by computer to other state university and national research libraries. The Paul A.M. Dirac Science Library is located at the heart of the university's science research complex. FSU also maintains music, library science and law libraries, and the Mildred and Claude Pepper Library.

FSU's 6,605 graduate students pursue advanced degrees in fields as diverse as business administration and theoretical particle physics. A majority of research done at FSU is the direct result of student effort, culminating in numerous books, monographs and journal articles relating to the whole spectrum of intellectual interests and the practical needs of society.

Of FSU's 36,683-student population, 56 percent are female, 44 percent are male, 23.5 percent are minorities, and 4 percent are foreign students.

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BACKGROUND: The Florida State University is one of eleven 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 coeducational 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 35,563 in the Fall Semester 2001.

ENROLLMENT (FALL, 2002): Total, 36,633...76.5% undergrad, 17.8% grad, 5.7% unclassified...74.7% in-state...93.2% from the United States...students from all 50 states and the District of Columbia are in attendance...19 states contributed over 100 students each...12 foreign countries contributed over 50 students each...male, 44%...female, 56%...minority, 23%...international, 4%.

ACREAGE: Main Campus: 463.4 acres in Tallahassee, Leon County (main campus)...Panama City Branch: 25.6 acres in Panama City, Bay County...The university owns a total of 1,423.2 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin, Sarasota, & Gadsden counties...Sites are leased in Marion and Leon counties in Florida, and other locations overseas.

COLLEGES/PROGRAMS: FSU has 17 major academic divisions: the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Communication, Education, Engineering, Human Sciences, Law, Medicine, and Social Science; and the Schools of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Film (Motion Picture, Television, and Recording Arts), Information Studies, Music, Nursing, Social Work, Theatre, and Visual Arts and Dance.

OPERATING BUDGET (2002-03): \$808,667,563

DEGREE PROGRAMS: As of November 2001, the university offers: 90 degree programs at the Bachelor's degree level; 100 degree programs at the Master's degree level; 30 degree programs at the Advanced Master's/Specialist level; 72 degree programs at the Doctoral degree level; 2 degree programs at the Professional level.

DEGREES AWARDED FOR 2001-02: Bachelor, 5,912...Masters, 1,553...Doctorate, 248...Specialist, 94...Judge Doctorate, 22...Total, 8,034

ENTERING FRESHMAN FACTS (FALL, 2001): The middle 50 percent High School GPA, 3.5-4.0; SAT score 1110-1290, ACT score 23-28.

RETENTION RATE: First year, 100%...second year, 83.5%...third year, 72.9%...fourth year 61.6%.

FACULTY/STAFF: Full time...Part time...Total 2,043...FSU's faculty includes some past graduates, such as former astronaut Dr. Norm Thagard, who teaches Electrical Engineering, and Winston Scott who serves as Vice President of Student Affairs...FSU's faculty has included five dynamic Nobel Laureates: 10 members elected to National Academy of Sciences...four members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGE: 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 researchbased revenues...FSU is the most wired campus in Florida, and has been recently ranked 18th most connected university in the nation by Yahoo! Internet Life...In 1998, IBM hired 29 FSU graduates and not just business graduates but also English majors for help in web development and design...Reylon, which recruits primarily at five schools nationwide, expanded in 1998 to include FSU as its sixth school.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD: FSU is the recognized leader in international education within the State University System of Florida...FSU gives students the opportunity to see the world, while still attaining their college education...FSU's International programs allow students to travel overseas to participate in formal programs in places like Europe, South America, and Asia.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: FSU has nearly 300 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: 23-1...Many of the general education classes are large lecture classes, however, over 80 percent of major classes have less than 40 students.

RESEARCH: Florida State University has built a reputation as a strong research institution in both the sciences and the humanities...Private foundations, industries, and government agencies all provide funding to support research at FSU...In 1994, Florida State was accorded the status of Research I University by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, an elite distinction that recognizes the university's strengths in doctoral programs and federal funding.

SPONSORED RESEARCH (2001-02): \$149,133,787

LIBRARY HOLDINGS: The Libraries of Florida State are: Strozier Library, Dirac Science Library, Warren D. Allen Music Library, Harold Goldstein Teaching Laboratory Library, Pepper Library, and the FSU Law Library...The Number of Volumes, 2,522,954; Current Serials, 19,309 Microforms Held, 6,872,780; Government Documents, 962,265; Computer Files, 14,837; Manuscripts and Archives (linear feet), 4,352.



10 LEADING STATES OF ORIGIN

(Enrollment)	
Florida	27,933
Georgia	977
Virginia	410
Texas	401
New York	313
Pennsylvania	383
North Carolina	263
Illinois	244
Alabama	241
California	203

FSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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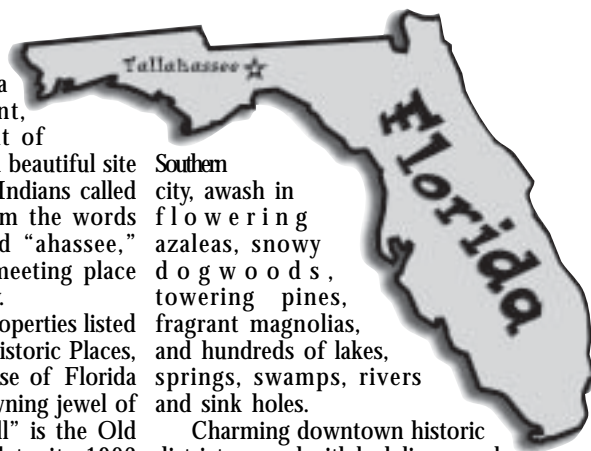
Among low, rolling hills, down mossdraped canopy roads, within picturesque historical districts, and across seas of flowering azaleas lies a magical part of the Sunshine State—Tallahassee, Florida's capital city. With its intriguing combination of power-play politics and classic character splashed with a twist of Southern beauty and charm, Tallahassee is a side of Florida few expect to find.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 25 miles south and the Georgia border only 14 miles north, Tallahassee rests between the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and the juncture of Florida's panhandle and peninsula in an area known as "The Big Bend." Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its Georgia neighbor than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

Like the city itself, the story of how Tallahassee was chosen as the state capital is rich in history. In 1823, two explorers set

out — one on horseback from St. Augustine and the other by boat from Pensacola — to establish a permanent, central location for the seat of government. The two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called "tallahassee" — derived from the words "talwa," meaning town, and "ahassee," meaning old. This historic meeting place remains Florida's capital today.

Boasting more than 145 properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Tallahassee is a living showcase of Florida history and heritage. The crowning jewel of Florida's historic "Capitol Hill" is the Old Capitol, beautifully restored to its 1902 splendor complete with the red-and-white striped awnings, a dome adorned with stained glass, antique furnishings and political memorabilia. The 22nd-floor observatory of the New Capitol Building offers a breathtaking view of this surprising



Southern city, awash in flowering azaleas, snowy dogwoods, towering pines, fragrant magnolias, and hundreds of lakes, springs, swamps, rivers and sink holes.

Charming downtown historic districts graced with lush linear parks lead visitors to the Knott House Museum, The Columns, First Presbyterian Church, John G. Riley House Museum and Old City Cemetery. Free walking tours and replica turn-of-the-century street cars carry passengers to antebellum mansions, picturesque churches and other downtown delights.

Minutes from downtown lies the lush 52-acre natural habitat and 1880s farm of the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, home to the rare Florida panther and other furry "natives."

The area surrounding Tallahassee reveals numerous other historic and archaeological treasures, such as De Soto State Archaeological and Historical Site, Lake Jackson State Archaeological Site, Mission San Luis, Natural Bridge Battlefield and San Marcos de Apalache. Visitors can explore prehistoric Florida at the Museum of Florida



TALLAHASSEE

In 1823, the first civilian governor, William Pope DuVal, desired a central location for the legislature to meet. He sent one explorer on horseback from St. Augustine and another by boat from Pensacola — their rendezvous point was declared Florida's capital. Nestled among the rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and located in a region of the Gulf of Mexico known as the Big Bend, the Capital region is known for its Southern characteristics, gracious hospitality and lush topography.

CLIMATE

Tallahassee has the mild, moist climate characteristics of the Gulf States and experiences a subtropical summer similar to the rest of Florida. In contrast to the Florida peninsula, however, the panhandle, of which Tallahassee is a part, experiences four seasons.

Annual January temperature: 40-63° F

Annual July temperature: 72-91° F

Yearly average maximum temperature:
78.7°

Yearly average minimum temperature:
55.7°

Yearly average days above 90 degrees:
91.0

Yearly average days below 32 degrees:
35.7

POPULATION

City of Tallahassee: 153,658

Leon County: 244,208

TALLAHASSEE LEON COUNTY CIVIC CENTER

The Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center is a multi-purpose convention and entertainment facility featuring a 13,500 seat arena, Luxury Suites and Club Seats and over 52,000 sq. ft. of meeting and exhibition space plus an arena view restaurant, Spotlight Grille. The Civic Center hosts a wide variety of concerts, family shows, Broadway shows, ice shows and sporting events including FSU basketball.

It is easy to understand why over one million people a year flock to the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, what with the varied array of attractions it offers. Some people go to the Civic Center to enjoy the sounds of rock, country, pop and urban concerts. Some go for the thrills of basketball, rodeos and threeering spectaculars. While others come for conventions, banquets, expositions, or consumer and trade shows.

Located downtown on Pensacola Street, the Civic Center is only two blocks from the Capitol building and right across the street from Florida State University's Center for Professional Development/The Turnbull Center and the FSU Law School.



"Annie Get your Gun"



"Rent"



"Titanic"



PHYSIOGRAPHY

Tallahassee's rolling landscape, typical of regions further north, is unique among the major cities of Florida. Some areas of the county, including the downtown ridge encompassing the Capitol complex, City Hall and the County Courthouse, exceed elevations of 200 feet. The highest elevation in Leon County is 288 feet, found in the northern part of the county. To the south of the city, the hills yield to the flat terrain that is typical throughout the peninsula of Florida.



History, where they are greeted by a giant 12,000-year-old mastodon pulled from nearby Wakulla Springs.

On the shores of Wakulla Springs, alligators still laze under the watchful eyes of "snake birds" perched on twisted cypress trees. The site of many underwater scenes in "Tarzan" movies, it's one of the world's deepest freshwater springs. Glass-bottomed boat tours across these mystical waters are available.

Other sightseeing favorites include the floral masterpiece of Alfred B. Maclay State Gardens; Bradley's Country Store; FAMU Black Archives;

and the Tallahassee Antique Car Museum. Nearby small towns offer fascinating excursions to places such as Pebble Hill Plantation, Florida Caverns State Park, Monticello Opera House and St. George Island.

Tallahassee is almost as rich in cultural treasures as it is in history. A widely-acclaimed collection of art, science and history museums and galleries, year-round festivals and non-stop entertainment at the 14,000-seat Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, feed a variety of cultural appetites.

Visitors with a hunger for the great outdoors

will find Tallahassee ideal for all types of outdoor recreation—from canoeing down dark, cypress-lined rivers and biking up steep slopes to exploring backcountry wildernesses and hunting for bobwhite quail. Area lakes, rivers, ponds and the Gulf — just 30 minutes away — offer a paradise for boating and fishing. Lakes Jackson and Talquin are renowned in the bass fishing world for yielding the “big ones.” Local wildlife areas, such as the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge and Apalachicola National Forest, are perfect spots for camping, picnicking, swimming, biking and exploring.

And while Tallahassee also features eight golf courses and plenty of places to raise a

racquet, it's a wild array of spectator sports that leave the crowds screaming for more. The Florida State Seminoles and Florida A&M Rattlers provide collegiate action. And always a sure bet are the nearby greyhound races.

For another favorite “sport” — shopping — two large regional malls and many specialty centers offer an array of “playing options,” from popular chains to curiosity and antique shops. Unique shopping locales include downtown parks, lakeside cottages and small Southern towns. Tallahassee serves a scrumptious selection of tantalizing restaurants ranging from fast food to five-star. Local specialties include homemade country sausage, melt-in-yourmouth

steaks, wild game and succulent seafood fresh from the Gulf.

From luxury to economy, accommodations are plentiful and include restored bed and breakfast's, rustic “gentlemen” lodges, beachside escapes and comfortable chain hotels. For those who choose to follow in the footsteps of early travelers, Tallahassee also boasts 15 beautiful campsites. Continuous air service, Amtrak and four major highways make it easy for visitors to get to Tallahassee. But no matter how you arrive, the history and hospitality of Tallahassee make it difficult to ever leave for long.



Above: The Challenger Learning Center;
Far Right: The Black Archives at Carnegie Library;
Right: The Tallahassee Museum



MUSEUMS AND CULTURE

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) named the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science as one of the nation's exemplary museums on September 19, 2000. The Tallahassee Museum, along with 176 other museums, was selected out of a field of 823 applications from museums throughout the nation in a highly competitive competition. The museum features a 52-acre natural habitat zoo, nature trails, authentic 1880s farmstead, hands-on Discovery Center, birds of prey aviary, reptile exhibits, annual events and more!

Other points of interest include:

The Capitol

One of 5 tower Capitols in the U.S. features panoramic view from 22-floor observatory/art gallery, House and Senate viewing galleries.

Challenger Learning Center

The Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee is a 32,000 square foot facility located on beautiful Kleman Plaza in downtown Tallahassee. The Challenger Learning Center is the K-12 outreach facility of the Florida A&M University — Florida State University College of Engineering and a visitor destination. The Center features a state-of-the-art Space Mission Simulator and utilizes the immersiveness of an IMAX theatre and a digital domed planetarium to create an unforgettable experience for all.

Maclay State Gardens

Enchanting floral architecture surrounds 1930s home of NY financier Alfred B. Maclay. Impressive grounds feature 200+ floral varieties plus hiking, biking and nature trails, swimming, fishing and boating.

Mary Brogan Museum of Art & Science

Interactive hands-on science center and national traveling art and science exhibitions.

Mission San Luis

Site of Spanish/Indian village settled from 1656-1704. Ongoing excavations/ exhibits/reconstructions.

Museum of Florida History

Permanent exhibits include a nine-foot mastodon, Spanish galleon treasures, Civil War memorabilia, reconstructed steamboat and Prehistoric Florida plus traveling exhibits.

Old Capitol Museum

Restored to 1902 appearance featuring red candy-striped awnings, stained glass dome, House and Senate Chambers, Supreme Court and Governor's office.

Tallahassee Antique Car Museum

Impressive showroom features award winning Chevys, one-of-a-kind Ford Roadster, 1913 CarNation Tourer, 1931 Duesenberg, 1956 T-Bird, Delorean, Cadillacs, Corvettes and more. Plus two original Bat Mobiles.

THIS IS THE ACC

THE TRADITION

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

Yet the Atlantic Coast Conference has defied the odds. Having celebrated its 50th year of competition a year ago, the ACC has long enjoyed the reputation as one of the strongest and most competitive intercollegiate conferences in the nation. And that is not mere conjecture; the numbers support it.

Since the league's inception in 1953, ACC schools have captured 88 national championships, including 44 in women's competition and 44 in men's. In addition, NCAA individual titles have gone to ACC student-athletes 115 times in men's competition and 51 times in women's action.

2002-03 IN REVIEW

The 2002-03 academic year concluded with the league pocketing three more national team titles and nine individual NCAA crowns. In all, the ACC has won 45 national team titles over the last 13 years.

The ACC's 2002-03 national champions were Wake Forest in field hockey, Virginia in men's lacrosse and Clemson in men's golf. Overall, 95 ACC teams took part in post-season play compiling a 84-64 (.568) record. A total of 167 student-athletes from the ACC earned first, second or third-team All-America honors this past year. In addition, the ACC produced three national Players of the Year, one national Rookie of the Year and four national Coach of the Year recipients.

The ACC placed at least one team in the top 10 nationally in 16 of the 21 sports sponsored by the league for which polls were available. In all, 28 ACC teams finished their season with a top 10 ranking.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The conference will conduct championship competition in 25 sports during the 2003-2004 academic year —

12 for men and 13 for women.

The first ACC championship was held in swimming on February 25, 1954. The conference did not conduct championships in cross country, wrestling or tennis during the first year. The 12 sports for men include football, cross country, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and outdoor track, wrestling, baseball, tennis, golf and lacrosse. Fencing, which was started in 1971, was discontinued in 1981.

SCHOOL AFFILIATIONS

CLEMSON - Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, a charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, a charter member of the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) in 1953.

DUKE - Joined Southern Conference in December 1928, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

FLORIDA STATE - Charter member of the Dixie Conference in 1948, joined the Metro Conference in July 1976; joined the ACC in July of 1991.

GEORGIA TECH - Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the SEC in 1932, joined the ACC in April, 1978.

MARYLAND - Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

NORTH CAROLINA - Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

N.C. STATE - Charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, charter member of the ACC in 1953.

VIRGINIA - Charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association in 1894, charter member of the Southern Conference in 1921, resigned from Southern Conference in December 1936, joined the ACC in December, 1953.

WAKE FOREST - Joined the Southern

Women's sports were initiated in 1977 with the first championship meet being held in tennis at Wake Forest University. Championships for women are currently conducted in cross country, volleyball, field hockey, soccer, basketball, swimming, indoor and

outdoor track, tennis, golf, lacrosse, softball and rowing.

A HISTORY

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

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

Suggestions from fans for the name of the new conference appeared in the region's newspapers prior to the meeting in Raleigh. Some of the names suggested were: Dixie, Mid South, Mid Atlantic, East Coast, Seaboard, Colonial, Tobacco, Blue-Gray, Piedmont, Southern Seven and the Shoreline.

Duke's Eddie Cameron recommended that the name of the conference be the Atlantic Coast Conference, and the motion was passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with each member institution assessed \$200.00 to pay for conference expenses.

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

The ACC operated with seven members until April 3, 1978, when the Georgia Institute of Technology was admitted. The Atlanta school had withdrawn from the Southeastern Conference in January of 1964.

The ACC expanded to nine members on July 1, 1991, with the addition of Florida State University.

SEMINOLE SUPPORT *STAFF*

Strength/Conditioning

Michael Bradley is in his second season as an assistant director of strength and conditioning at Florida State University. He coordinates the training efforts of the Seminoles' women's tennis and men's basketball teams.

Bradley came to Florida State from Stanford University where he worked directly with the men's basketball, men's swimming and field hockey teams. In addition, he assisted with the strength and conditioning efforts for the nationally ranked football, women's basketball, women's swimming and softball teams.

Bradley also worked at the University of Miami from 1995-98, assisting eight teams, which included one NCAA tournament, and one NIT men's basketball team coached by current FSU head coach Leonard Hamilton.




Bradley has also worked at the U.S. Military Academy (1994-95), South Carolina (1993-94), Southern Methodist (1990-93) and was an assistant football coach at UC Santa Barbara (1989-90).

Bradley earned a B.S. in chemistry from San Diego State in 1989 and a M.A. in chemistry from UC Santa Barbara in 1990.

Weight Room

The Seminoles train in one of the best facilities in the country. In the summer of 2003, Seminole Athletics moved into the state-of-the-art, 20,000 square foot Champions Training Center located at Doak Walker Stadium. The facility includes 24 self-contained Powerlift work stations, 12 Olympic



Women's Tennis Support Staff		
		
Michael Bradley Strength Training	Diana Caruso Athletic Trainer	Stuart Pearce Facility Management

lifting platforms and more than 50 machines for specific training of any and every body part.

Florida State also utilizes the Tully Gymnasium weight room. In 1996, the weight room was completely renovated and every year since additional improvements have been made to the facility. The weight room went from 1,500 square feet to 3,500 square feet in size in 1996 and most recently 4,500 in addition to a new stereo system, drop ceiling, lighting, mondo rubber flooring and over \$140,000 worth of new exercise equipment.

Medical Care and Treatment

An athlete can expect to receive the best care and treatment possible from the athletic training staff at Florida State University. Prior to competition, all FSU student-athletes undergo screening in order to detect any potential injuries. If a problem is detected, the athlete may be placed on a prevention care system which may include any kind of treatment from icing to exercising.

Diana Caruso joined the Florida State Athletic Training staff in July of 2002 and is in her second season of handling the athletic training duties for the men's and women's tennis teams.

Caruso is a 2002 graduate of West Virginia University where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training. While at West Virginia, Caruso served as a student athletic trainer for

three years while working with women's basketball, track, soccer and tennis teams.

Caruso is continuing her education at Florida State serving as a Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer while earning her master's degree in Sport Administration. Some of Caruso's responsibilities include designing, implementing and supervising the rehabilitation programs for the men's and women's tennis teams and assisting with other sports where needed.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Caruso is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and is also Red Cross CPR and First Aid certified.

Facility Management

Stuart Pearce is entering his third year as the assistant director of event management with the facilities department working with the Mike Long Track Complex, Tully Gymnasium (Volleyball) and the Scott Speicher Tennis Center. Pearce coordinates home events for women's tennis, soccer and cross country while supervising the maintenance and upkeep of the track facility on a daily basis.

The Tallahassee, Fla., native started his tenure at Florida State as an undergraduate seeking a bachelor's degree in Sport Management. Pearce went on to earn his master's in Sport Administration from Florida State while working with the event management department as well as facilities. Upon graduation, Pearce spent a year working part time before being hired as the assistant director of event management.

Pearce has been married to his wife Kerri for two years.

The following information is provided by the Florida State Office of Compliance for prospective student athletes. It is intended as a guideline to introduce some of the rules governing NCAA athletic involvement.

Who Is Permitted to Recruit for FSU?

Only Florida State University coaches who have successfully completed the NCAA Recruiting Rules Examination on an annual basis may be involved in the recruitment process. Representatives of our athletics interests may not make any recruiting contacts. This includes letters, telephone calls or face-to-face contact on or off campus with a prospect or the prospect's parents.

Key Terms You Should Know

You become a prospective student-athlete if you have started classes for the ninth grade. Before the ninth grade, you become a prospective student-athlete if the college provides you (or your relatives or friends) any financial aid or other benefits that the college does not provide to prospective students generally.

A contact is any face-to-face encoun-

ter between a prospect or the prospect's legal guardian and an institutional staff member or athletic representative during which any dialogue occurs in excess of an exchange of greeting. NOTE: At the Division I level, athletic representatives (boosters) may not contact you for the purpose of recruiting. A college coach may contact you in person off the college campus beginning July 1 after completion of your junior year in high school.

An evaluation is any off-campus activity designed to access your academic qualifications or athletic ability, including any visit to your high school (during which no contact occurs) or the observation of any practice or competition in which you participate.

During your senior year, you can have one expense-paid official visit to a particular campus. You may receive no more than five visits. During your official visit, which may not exceed 48 hours, you may receive round-trip transportation between your home and the campus, and you (and your parents) may receive meals, lodging and complimentary admission to campus athletics events.

Phone Calls and Letters

Phone calls from faculty members and coaches (but not boosters) are permitted beginning July 1 after completion of your junior year. A college coach or faculty member is limited to one telephone call per week except when it is:

- During the five days immediately before your official visit to the university
- On the day of a coach's off-campus contact with you
- During the time beginning with the initial National Letter of Intent signing date in your sport through the two days after signing date

Letters from coaches and faculty members (but not boosters) are not permitted until September 1 at the beginning of your junior year in high school. A Division I university may provide you with the following printed materials:

- General correspondence, including letters, U.S. Postal Service post cards and institutional note cards
- Game programs, which may not include posters and one Student Athlete Handbook, can be provided only during official or unofficial visits to the university's campus
 - NCAA educational information
 - Pre-enrollment information subsequent to signing a National Letter of Intent with the university
 - One athletic publication which may include only one color of printing inside the covers
 - Official academic, admissions and stu-

dent services publications published or videotapes produced by the institution and available to all students

- Schedule cards
- Questionnaires that may be provided prior to your junior year
- Summer camp brochures, which may be provided prior to your junior year.

Alumni Boosters Do's And Don'ts

You may forward information about prospective student-athletes to the appropriate coaches.

You may have contact with a prospect regarding permissible pre-enrollment activities such as summer employment, provided the prospect has already signed a National Letter of Intent and the Compliance Office is aware that you are making these contacts in regard to employment.

You may have a telephone conversation with a prospect only if the prospect initiates the call. Such a call may not be prearranged by an institutional staff member and you are not permitted to have a recruiting conversation, but may exhibit normal civility. You must refer any questions about our athletics programs to an athletics department staff member/coach.

You may view a prospect's contest at your own initiative provided you do not contact the prospect or his/her parents. In addition, you may not contact a prospect's coach, principal, or counselor in an attempt to evaluate the prospect.

You may continue established family relationships with friends and neighbors. Contacts with sons and daughters of these families are permitted as long as they are not made for recruiting purposes or encouraged by Florida State University coaches.

You may not become involved in making arrangements to receive money or financial aid of any kind for a prospect or the prospect's family and friends.

You may not make contact with a prospective, student-athlete and his/her parents when the prospect is on campus for an official or unofficial recruiting visit.

You may not transport, pay or arrange for payment of transportation costs for a prospect, and his/her relatives or friends to visit campus (or elsewhere).

You may not pay or arrange for payment of summer camp registration fees for a prospect.

You may not provide anything to a prospect, the prospect's family or friends without prior approval from the athletics' Compliance Office.



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STUDENT SERVICES

THE N.O.L.E.S. PROGRAM

New Opportunity for Leadership, Education and Service

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

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Fostering the development of personal growth is a fundamental component of the NOLES program. These support programs ensure that the student-athlete will be provided opportunities to focus on personal growth issues such as values clarification, goal setting, fiscal planning, decision-making and personal responsibility. Programming focuses on helping student-athletes develop a healthy lifestyle while they are at Florida State and habits that will benefit them for life.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Preparing for life after college sports is a major focus of the NOLES Career Development program. The program is designed to work cooperatively with the University's Career Services to acquaint students with the job search process, provide networking opportunities and ultimately assist with job placement. This program places a priority on the development of the total person, with the goal of developing individuals who will have rewarding careers and productive lifestyles after they leave Florida State.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Serving the community is the focus of our Seminole Spirit program. Student-athletes are challenged to give service to our community and individuals who are in need. With a clearly defined program of service, student-athletes are given the opportunity to develop the foundation for a lifelong commitment

to volunteerism. The Seminole Spirit Student-Athlete Speakers' Bureau enables student-athletes to improve their speaking skills, develop effective communication and impact the lives of others through their service as role models in our community.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Florida State University Department of Athletics is committed to developing programs of excellence that foster leadership development. The foundation of the leadership development program is the Seminole Leadership Institutes that are held four times a year. These Institutes offer student-athletes the opportunity to learn skills that will benefit them as students, as athletes, and as they pursue their goals after leaving Florida State. The Institutes are based on building communication skills. Students have the opportunity to use the values and work ethic taught by athletic participation as the framework for their leadership development. The Institutes attract outstanding guest speakers who challenge Seminole student-athletes to achieve their greatest potential and use their leadership skills to positively influence others.

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



Pam Overton
Assoc. Athletic Director for Student Services



John Lata
Coordinator

THE STUDENT ATHLETE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Jennifer Anderson	Volleyball
Shawn Allen	Track
Mike Averett	Swimming
Kristin Boyce	Soccer
Lauren Bradley	Basketball
Carly Brieske	Softball
Tamara Campbell	Track
Aaron Cheesman	Baseball
Anne Clinton	Cross Country
Matthew Cloer	Tennis
Alison Curdt	Golf
Lindsay Deason	Tennis
Emma Dutton	Swimming
Tatiana George	Softball
Amy Harris	Golf
Natalie Hughes	Cross County
Paul-Alvin Irons	Football
Garrett Johnson	Track
Michael Joiner	Basketball
Latoya Legree	Track
Amy Lo	Swimming
Brandon Manasa	Baseball
Ashley Meyer	Volleyball
LaQuinta Neely	Basketball
Jeze Ratliff	Soccer
Dominic Robinson	Football
Lorne Sam	Football
Mark Sestillo	Golf
Amberly Tantee	Tennis
Jim Van Veen	Cross Country
Adam Waleskowski	Basketball
Adam Wallace	Golf
Matthew Wheeler	Swimming

Academic Overview

Academic, personal and professional support are essential to college success. At The Florida State University, we have developed an outstanding support program that enables student-athletes to reach their full potential. Director, Mark Meleney states, "Our philosophy is to offer an academic support program integrated with the total University that will assist all student-athletes with the transition into college and provide continued support in all phases of academic and professional development, culminating with graduation, job placement or graduate school." Our program operates on a "proactive" rather than "reactive" approach. Our academic staff does not wait for crises to occur. We gather important background information on each entering student-athlete, build an academic profile, and develop individualized support programs which are tailored to the unique needs of each student-athlete. We also stay informed on the daily progress of the student-athletes through consistent communication with our faculty. The academic support unit is housed in the \$126 million dollar, state-of-the-art University Center Complex. It includes private study carrels, a tutorial study area, and a computer lab outfitted with 20 IBM compatible computers and laser jet printers. In addition, the athletic skyboxes are used for group and individualized tutorial instruction. The academic support staff is comprised of a Director, an Administrative Assistant, five Academic Counselors, several graduate assistants, individualized learning specialists and a cadre of approximately 50 tutors and mentors. Mark Meleney was named the program's Director in 1997 and brings 12 years of advising experience to the position. Over the past eight years, Meleney has played an integral role in the development of a comprehensive program of student-athlete support, which in 1996 won the "Program of Excellence" award from Athletic Management Magazine.



Mark Meleney is in his eighth year as the Director of the Athletic Academic Support Program. He brings to the position 18 years of advising experience at FSU. Over the past eight years, Meleney has played an integral role in the development of a comprehensive program of student athlete support, which in 1996 won an "Award of Excellence" (from Athletic Management Magazine). Meleney directs a staff of six professional counselors, two graduate assistants, and an administrative assistant.

In addition to his duties directing the Academic Support Program, Meleney evaluates all recruits for their academic potential, monitors academic progress and eligibility for student athletes and serves as a liaison to the academic com-munity. He also serves as a member of the administrative team for both the Ath-letic Department and the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

A native of Iowa, Meleney began his college education at Buena Vista College, where he earned varsity letters in football and baseball. Upon transferring to Florida State University, he earned bachelor's degrees in management and finance in 1986 and received his M.S. degree in athletic administration in April 1997. A member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A), Meleney is married to the former Sarah Cawthon and they have a ten-year-old daughter, Montana Shea.



Kevin White is in his seventh year as a member of the Florida State Athletic Academic Support staff and in his sixth year as the academic counselor for the women's tennis team.

White's duties include coordinating support services for the student-athletes including assigning tutors, assisting in course and major selection, teaching study skills and advising about eligibility requirements while monitoring their day-to-day academic responsibilities in an effort to ensure they maintain proper progress toward their degrees. In addition, he assists the department in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes when they make visits to campus. White also

serves as the academic advisor for the Seminole men's and women's basketball teams and the men's tennis teams.

A native of Seat Pleasant, Md., White attended James Madison University on a football scholarship. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology and communication in 1991 and his master's degree in higher education in 1995 from JMU. White is currently working towards his Ph.D. in athletic administration from Florida State. White was the Life Skills Coordinator for the Academic Support Unit at James Madison for five years following his graduation.

White is a member of the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletes (N4A). He is married to the former Nora Maquire. The couple has two sons, Anthony Covet (four) and Austin Mathew (two).

Women's Tennis Academic Overview

- Eight Seminoles were selected to the 2002-03 All-ACC Academic Team.
- Under White's guidance, the 2003 Golden Spear Award Winner for best overall GPA in FSU Athletics was current Seminole tennis standout Mihaela Moldovan.
- In White's five years, women's tennis has won the Team Golden Spear Award every time.