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## WOMEN'S TENNIS



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# FLORIDA STATE'S INDOOR TENNIS FACILITY

THE NEXT STEP TOWARDS BUILDING AN ELITE PROGRAM

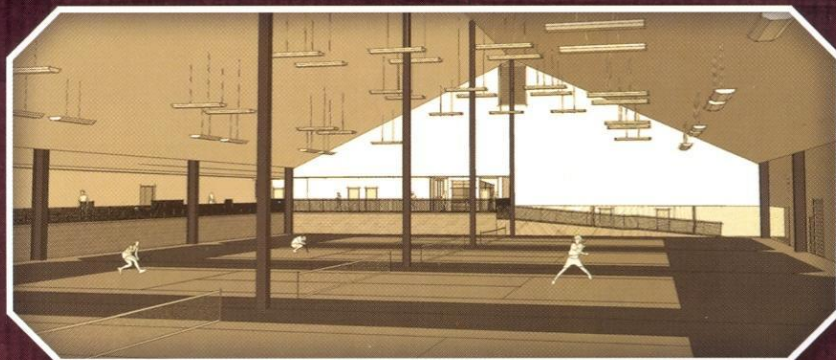
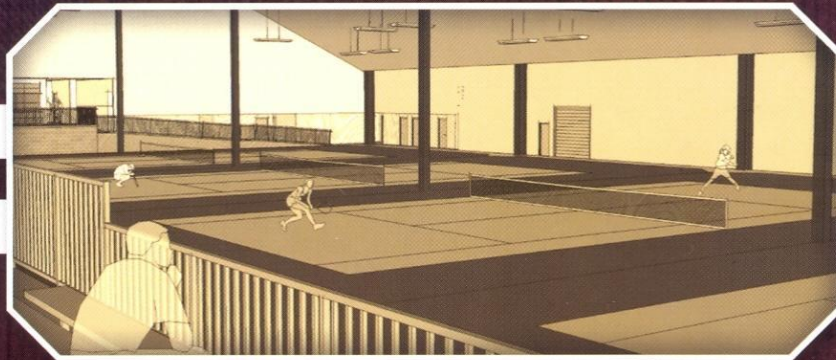


**6 INDOOR COURTS**

**TEAM LOUNGE**

**TEAM LOCKER ROOMS**

**SEATING FOR ~500**



"We are very excited about the indoor facility that is being built for the tennis programs. This facility will ensure a consistent training program, with weather never being an issue affecting our practice schedules and training regime. It will allow us to host conference, regional and national championships in the future, which will only bring about more positive attention to our program. This facility highlights the continued support for our Women's Tennis Program demonstrated by the Administration at Florida State. We are very excited for the completion on this project."

- Head Coach Jennifer Hyde





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## 2009-10 WOMEN'S TENNIS QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Tallahassee, Fla.  
 Symbol.....Seminole  
 Colors.....Garnet and Gold  
 Enrollment.....39,136  
 President.....Dr. T.K. Wetherell  
 Athletic Director.....Randy Spetman  
 Assistant AD (Women's Tennis).....Brandi Stuart  
 Conference.....Atlantic Coast  
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I

### WOMEN'S TENNIS INFORMATION

Head Coach.....Jennifer Hyde (FSU '95)  
 Record at FSU/Years.....72-49/6  
 Career Record/Years.....127-105/12  
 Associate Head Coach...Oliver Foreman (MTSU '02)  
 Tennis Office Phone.....850.644.1893  
 Office Fax.....850.644.3451  
 Home Facility.....Scott Speicher Tennis Center

### 2008-09 SEASON IN REVIEW

2008 Record.....17-8  
 2008 ACC Record/Finish.....7-4/5<sup>th</sup>  
 Final ITA Ranking.....18<sup>th</sup>  
 Letterwinners R/L.....7/1  
 Newcomers.....2

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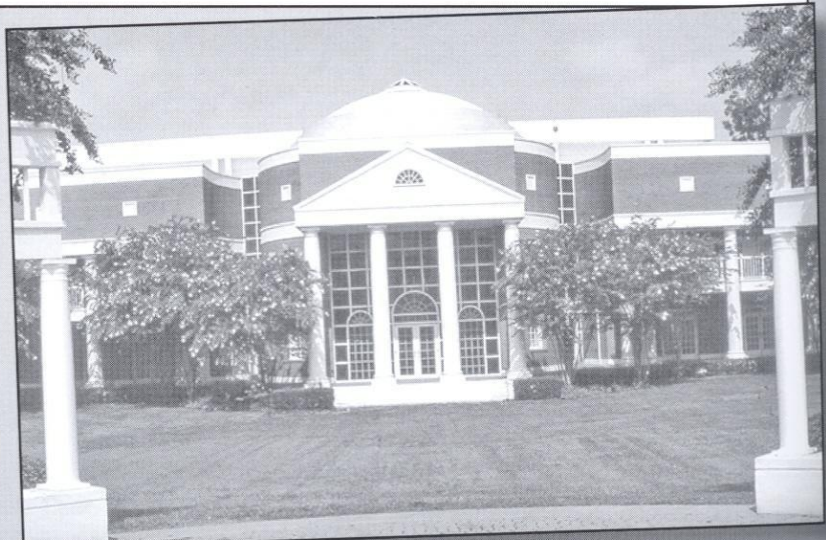
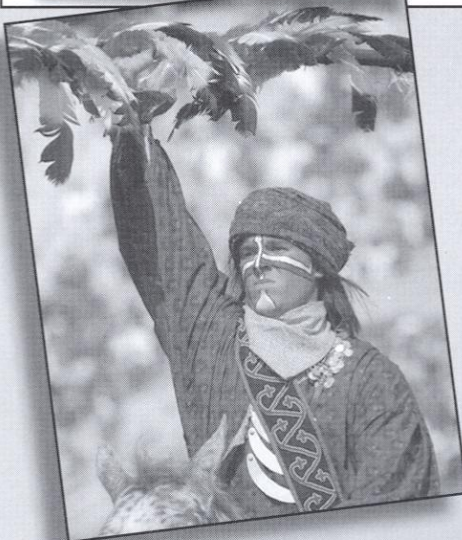


## TOP NATIONAL RANKINGS

- Florida State consistently ranks in the top 10 universities nationally in physical science grants awarded by the National Science Foundation.
- U.S. News & World Report ranks Florida State in the nation's top 50 public universities.
- The Meteorology and Oceanography departments are ranked among the nation's top 10 by the National Research Council.
- Florida State's graduate program in nuclear physics was ranked eighth among public universities by U.S. News & World Report.



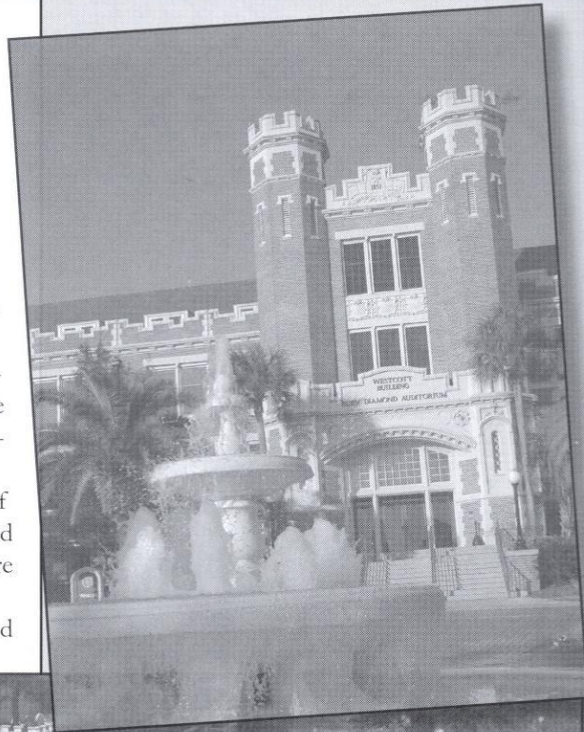
- The College of Business is ranked 8th among public universities by U.S. News & World Report. U.S. News also ranks the business school's Real Estate Program 11th in the country and its Risk Management/Insurance Program fourth.
- The College of Information's graduate program ranks in the top 10 nationally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





**NATIONALLY RENOWNED FACULTY**

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



**STRONG STUDENTS**

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

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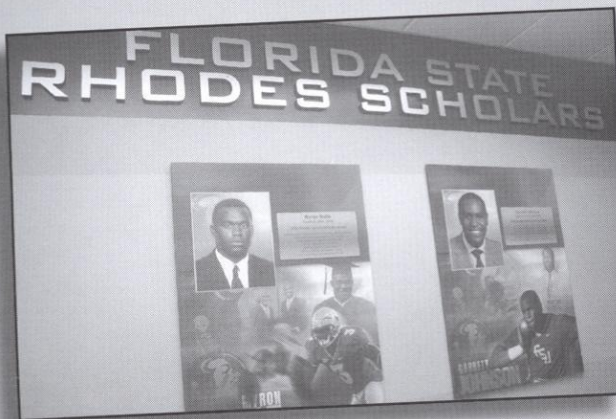
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# STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS

ACADEMIC SUCCESS



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

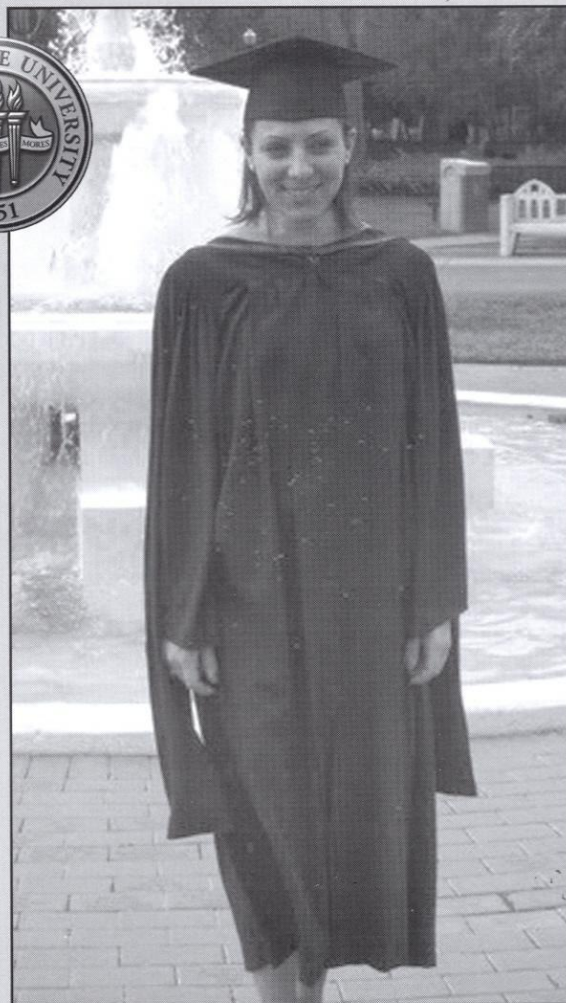
### FSU WOMEN'S TENNIS TOUTS...

- One CoSIDA Academic All-District III Team honor
- Four ITA All-Academic Team honors
- Five ACC All-Academic Team honors since 2006
- 45 ACC Academic Honor Roll honorees since 1992
- One ACC Postgraduate Scholarship recipient
- 13 Consecutive Golden Torch Awards



### SEMINOLE ATHLETICS TOUTS...

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





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**ACC Academic Honor Roll**

Kia Asberg 1998-00  
 Buffy Baker 1992  
 Jessica Balbuena 1999-01  
 Natalie Carratalá 1998-99, 01  
 Nicole Cercone 2004  
 Brooke Cordell 2002-04  
 Lindsay Deason 2004  
 Ashley Delaney 1994-97  
 Christina Denny 2000-04  
 Anca Dumitrescu 2001-04  
 Nanette Duxin 1999-02  
 Sandi Ecclestone 1994  
 Meredith Fish 2001-02  
 Alida Gallovits 1999, 01; 02  
 Amy Hanby 1992-93  
 Sasha Hanna 1997, 98  
 Nicki Ivy 1992  
 Elke Juul 1996  
 Lori Junker 1995-97  
 Helena Karlsson 1998  
 Beth Lawrence 2000-03  
 Lauren Macfarlane 2007  
 Tapiwa Marobela 2008

Alina Mihailescu 2002-04  
 Mihaela Moldovan 2002-04  
 Ann Olsson 1997  
 Rakina Payne 1997-98  
 Marina Raic 1999-01  
 Laura Randmaa 1994  
 Katie Rybakova 2008-09  
 Ania Rynarzewska 2006-08  
 Noemie Scharle 2009  
 Nicola Slater 2007  
 Lori Sowell 1994-97  
 Jessica Sucupira (Wente) 2008  
 Federica Suess 2008  
 Amberly Tantee 2004  
 Chrissie Tee 1992  
 Kylie Thompson 1996-99  
 Natalie Tirapelli 2002-04  
 Christy Travis 1998-99, 01  
 Lauren Walker 2001-02  
 Caroline Walter 2008  
 Ali Weber 1997-00  
 Brittany Veal 2001-03

**All-ACC Academic Team**

Ania Rynarzewska 2006, 2008, 2009  
 Lauren Macfarlane 2007  
 Nicola Slater 2007  
 Katie Rybakova 2008, 2009  
 Noemie Scharle 2009



ACADEMIC SUCCESS

**Jim McKay Scholarship**

Ania Rynarzewska 2009



**FSU's Golden Torch Award (Highest Team GPA)**

1985, 1986,  
 1987, 1988,  
 1989, 1997,  
 1998, 1999,  
 2000, 2001,  
 2002, 2003,  
 2004, 2005,  
 2006, 2007,  
 2008, 2009

**FSU's Golden Torch Award (Highest Individual GPA)**

Nicki Ivy 1991  
 Ashley Delaney 1994  
 Kia Asberg 2000  
 Alida Gallovits 2000  
 Marina Raic 2000  
 Mihaela Moldovan 2003  
 Lisa Nystrom Skold 2006  
 Katie Rybakova 2009

**ITA All-Academic Team**

2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008

**CoSIDA Academic All-District III Team**

Mihaela Moldovan 2004, 2005

**ITA Scholar-Athletes**

Brooke Cordell 2004  
 Lindsay Deason 2004  
 Christina Denny 2004  
 Anca Dumitrescu 2004  
 Miranda Foley 2006  
 Alida Gallovits 2002  
 Elizabeth Lawrence 2002  
 Alina Mihailescu 2004, 2006

Mihaela Moldovan 2004  
 Lisa Nystrom-Skold 2006  
 Ania Rynarzewska 2006, 2008  
 Amber Tantee 2004  
 Tapiwa Marobela 2008  
 Katie Rybakova 2008  
 Federica Suess 2008

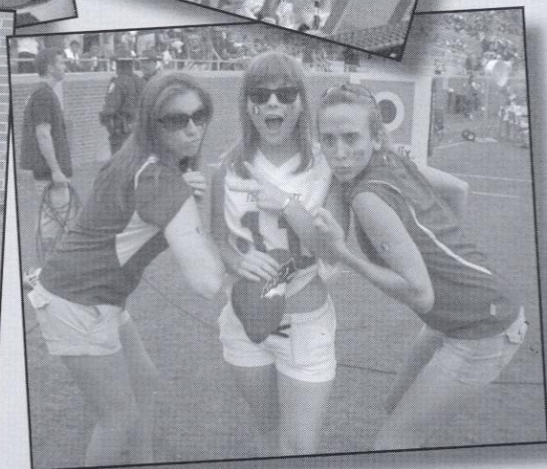
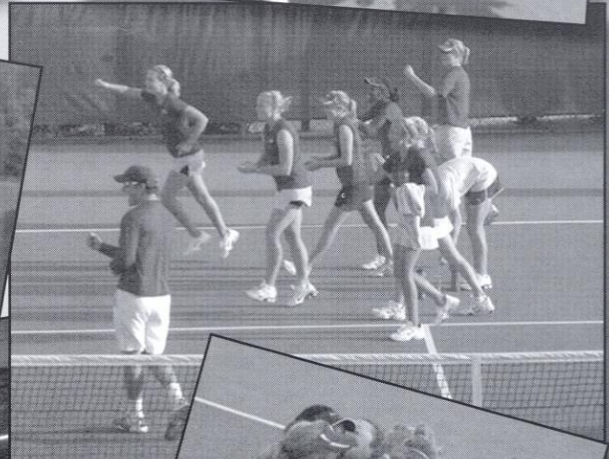


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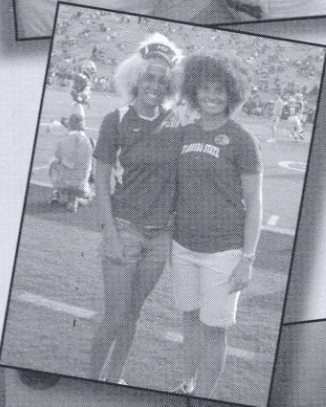


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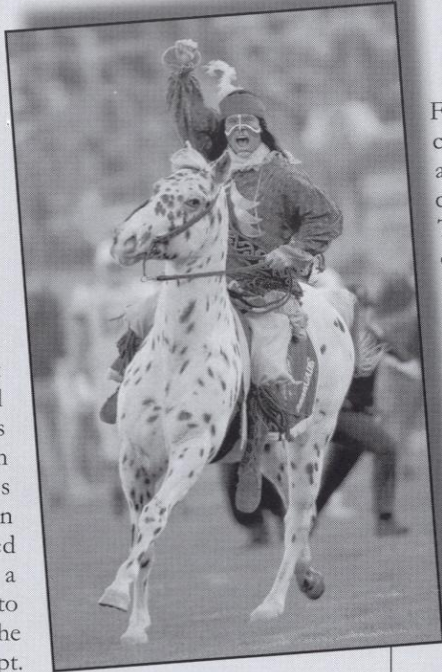
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# SEMINOLE SPIRIT

## THE SYMBOL: SEMINOLES

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

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

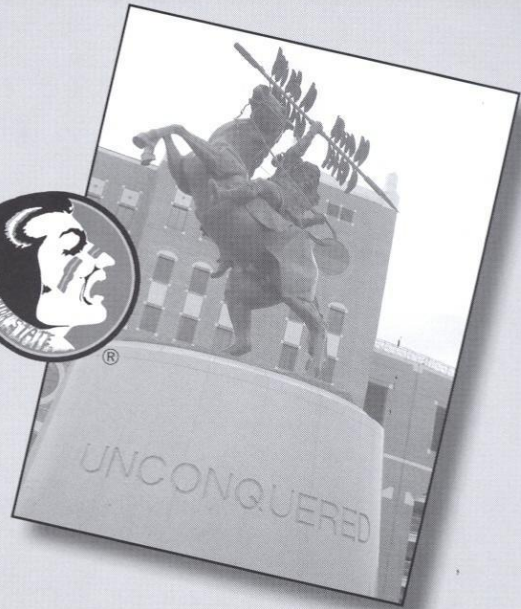


## OSCEOLA AND RENEGADE

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

## GARNET AND GOLD

Florida State's school colors of garnet and gold date back to the Florida State College championship football teams of 1904 and 1905. In those championship seasons, FSC donned purple and gold uniforms. When Florida State College became Florida Female College in 1905, the football team was forced to attend the University of Florida. The following year the



FFC student body selected crimson as the official school color of 1905. The administration in 1905 took crimson and combined it with the recognizable purple of the championship football teams to achieve the color garnet. The now-famous garnet and gold colors were first used on an FSU uniform in a 14-6 football loss to Stetson on October 18, 1947.

## WAR CHANT

Florida State's "war chant" appears to have begun with a random occurrence that took place during a 1984 football game against Auburn, but in the 1960's, the Marching Chiefs band would chant the melody of a popular FSU cheer. In a sense, that chant was the long-version of FSU's current "war chant." During a thrilling game with Auburn in 1984, the Marching Chiefs began to perform the dormant melody. Some students behind the band joined in and continued the "war chant" portion after the band had ceased. Most agree the chant came from the fraternity section, but many spirited

Seminole fans added the hand motion to symbolize the brandishing of a tomahawk. The chant continued among the student body during the 1985 season, and by the 1986 season, it was a stadium-wide phenomenon. Of course, the Marching Chiefs refined the chant, plus put their own special brand of accompaniment to the "war chant," for the sound we hear today.





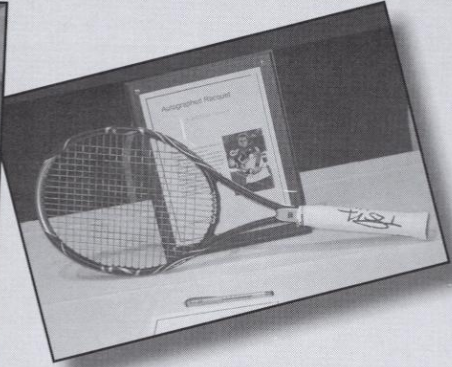
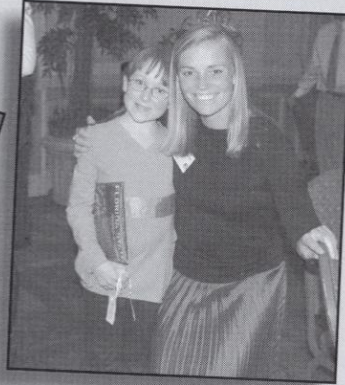
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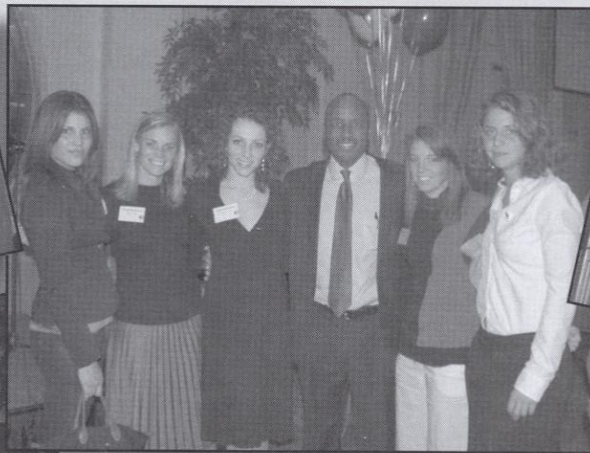
# SEMINOLE TENNIS ANNUAL KICK-OFF BANQUET

COMMUNITY SUPPORT



Each year, the Florida State men's and women's tennis programs serve up the Seminole Tennis Kick-Off Banquet to ring in the new season and get fans and supporters fired up for the season. Boosters, local supporters, former coaches and athletes and many other faces come together annually to celebrate Florida State's success and recognize the accomplishments of the student-athletes on and off the court and in academics and community service. The banquet gives the Florida State tennis programs the opportunity to show their appreciation to all the supporters for their continued efforts to keep Florida State among the elite tennis programs in the nation.

The event is held on the eve of the home opener and usually draws more than 500 people. Past special guests have included NFL quarterback and former Seminole Brad Johnson and Tony Trabert, a five time Grand Slam winner and the 2009 speaker Malavai Washington who won 14 singles titles.



*"This event gives the seniors from both the men's and women's teams the chance to say a few words to their teams, coaches and the community about their experience as a tennis player and student of Florida State."*

**-FSU Head Coach Jennifer Hyde**



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# FIRST-CLASS FACILITIES

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### Scott Speicher Tennis Center

- Houses 12 lighted hard courts and more than 1,000 court level seats
- Played host to the 2007, 2008 and 2009 NCAA Regionals



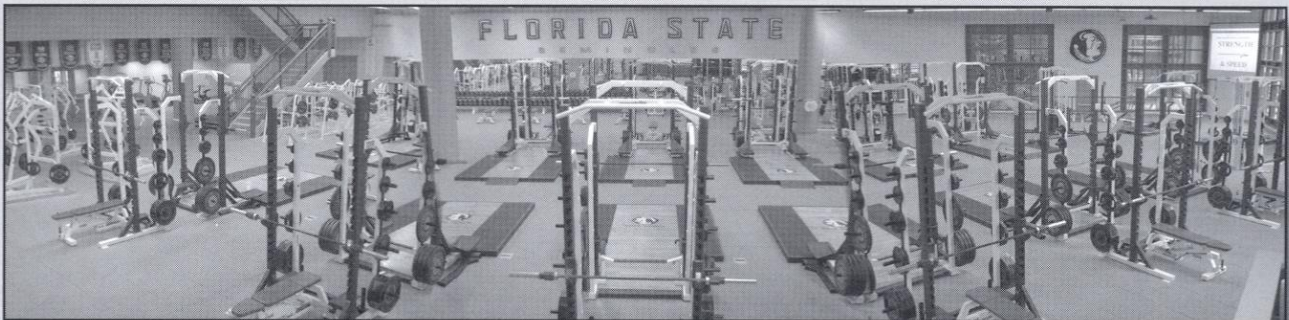
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- 24 Treatment Tables
- Three Separate Rehab Rooms
- Aquatic Rehab Center With Hot and Cold Jacuzzi
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**FSU Qualifies In Doubles**  
Florida State's Lauren McCraless (MacFarlane) and Federica Suesc posted two doubles victories Sunday, October 4, to advance to the qualifying round of the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships.

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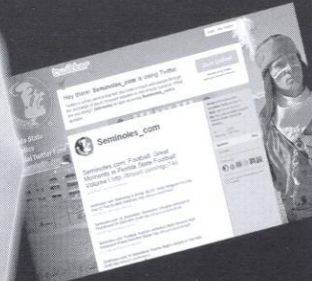
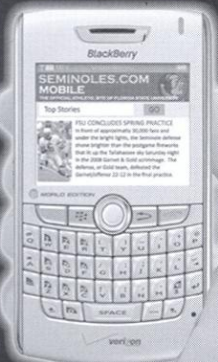
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## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

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



## FACTS & FIGURES

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

## WHAT TO DO

- With over 5,900 rooms in more than 58 hotels and motels, Tallahassee offers a blend of Southern-style inns, rustic campsites, family-owned economy lodges and impressive corporate hotels. There are also 13 bed & breakfasts and 13 inns in the Tallahassee area.
- From fast food to five-star, Tallahassee serves up an excellent selection of tantalizing restaurants. Tickling the taste buds are specialties ranging from homemade country sausage and melt-in-your-mouth steaks to wild game and succulent seafood fresh from the Gulf.
- Tallahassee lists 122 properties on the National Register of Historic Places. Tallahassee offers more than 28 museums, galleries, public art sculptures, monuments and historic sites. There are 306.5 miles of hiking/biking & walking trails in and around the Tallahassee area.
- There are eight public pools and 63 recreational parks in Tallahassee/Leon County -- incredible weather, lush gardens, lakes and more.





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2009-10 OUTLOOK WITH HEAD COACH JENNIFER HYDE

*You led the team to the third round of the ACC Championships in 2009 for just the third time in FSU history. What will it take for this team to have the same success?*

I think we are at the point now where making it to the third round of the ACC Championships (the semifinals) is not quite good enough. There's not one person on this team who doesn't dream of having an ACC Conference Championship ring on their finger. Regardless of who wins the ACC title each year, it's never an easy route to get there and you really have to play your best tennis at the end of the season for that to happen. We are looking to go beyond what we've done in the ACC Tournament these last few years, especially with the new additions to our roster this season, along with the maturity of our upperclassman-heavy team. This team has the potential to be the best to ever play at FSU.

*What are the team goals this season?*

The team goals include an ACC Championship, hosting the first and second rounds of the NCAA Championships and an Elite 8 appearance in the NCAA Championships. Individually, we have 4 players ranked inside of the top 100 right now, more than any other team in the ACC. Our goal is to have a few more of our players in the rankings this year. If we can make that happen, it would greatly affect our ability to have an ACC Conference and NCAA Championship contending team.

*Who will be the team leaders this season?*

Very quickly our two freshmen, Francesca Segarelli and Amy Sargeant, have already stepped up into leadership roles. They are extremely vocal, driven and passionate about their work and the work the team puts in on a daily basis. They have already found their voices in such a short time at FSU, and that kind of leadership from the youth on our team will only make us better. We have five upperclassman that will also provide great leadership for our program. This team has a very narrow vision towards what they want to accomplish. They have a very professional approach to their entire college experience, and they do not waste one day of work. Everyone is on the same page with regards to where we are heading this season, and each player realizes how crucial it is that they do their part to keep this team as strong as we can be. I expect leadership to come from different people at different times, and I know there is not one person on this team who isn't capable of providing that during this season.

*You have guided the team the past three years to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. What coaching tactics will you use this season in order to lead your team to another post season appearance?*

At the end of the day, it's all about the girls getting out there and battling their way through matches. I think the fact we have been so close to making it to the Sweet 16 and falling short will really help us in the long run as we strive to get back to that point again this year. The feeling you have after a close loss in the second round of the NCAA's is not something that fades quickly, and that feeling will remain a constant reminder for these young ladies. They know this team is more talented and deeper than any other team that has represented FSU for many years, and

having that belief up and down the lineup is crucial as we make our way into ACC and NCAA play in the spring.

*What are the team's strengths and some things you would like to improve on this year?*

One of the biggest strengths on this year's team has to be balance and chemistry. In a very short period of time, these young ladies have really meshed. This process usually takes some time, but this year, for whatever reason, is different. They are very level headed girls, and they really seem to want to get after things. I continue to be proud of the teams we have produced, and this team is no different. I'm actually more excited than ever to see how far we can go. One thing I know we will improve upon from last year is our doubles success. We were able to win some very big matches last year without winning the doubles point. That takes its toll on girls over time, and we have already seen great improvements in this area. That doubles point is crucial come dual-match time, and we will spend a great deal of time in the fall focusing on our doubles combinations and strategy.

*How will this year's schedule prepare you for the post season?*

Each year our schedule is among one of the most difficult schedules in the country. This is a byproduct of being in the ACC (the strongest tennis conference in the nation), along with the other teams we include on our schedule regionally and nationally. We will make two trips out west this season to face some very good competition in California with Fresno State and Pepperdine. We will play Northwestern University up in Chicago, who has spent the better part of the last two seasons ranked No.1 in the nation. We always look forward to our rivalry with Florida, who we beat last year for the first time in program history. It's important we play a very tough schedule throughout the season to make sure we get to see some of the best teams in the country. This is the best way to prepare for post season play at the ACC and NCAA Championships.

*What is it like to play in one of the hardest conferences in the country?*

We love being a part of the ACC. It is by far and large the strongest and deepest tennis conference in the country, and having a built-in schedule with so much depth only makes our program better. There are no easy matches, home or away, and you really have to be on your game each time you step on the court for competition in this league. That makes each player better on our team and in the league as well. Being able to play with and against the best players in the nation is one of the great things about college tennis and playing in the ACC.

*Talk about the two incoming freshmen and what to expect from them.*

Francesca Segarelli and Amy Sargeant have already had a wonderful impact on this team. They both are natural leaders who have easily transitioned into college tennis and into the college life. They will help provide a tremendous amount of depth on the team this season and are already challenging their teammates and making this team better. I couldn't ask for more from a freshman class. They love FSU. They love the team and being a part of something so special, and I look forward to continuing to watch their growth in their freshman campaigns. They both have the potential to be impact players for us.





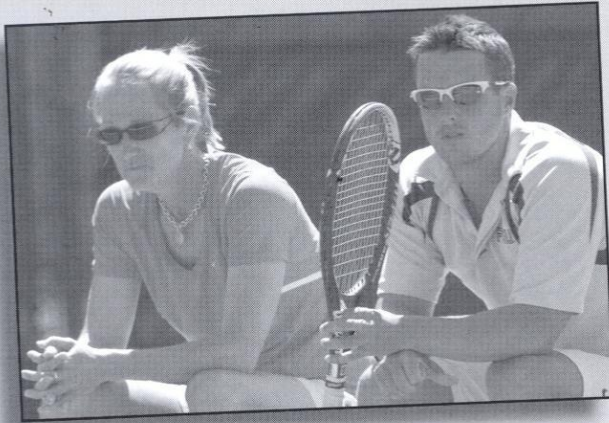


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2009-10 OUTLOOK  
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*Last season you were promoted to associate head coach and were named the ITA National Assistant Coach of the Year. With this new title comes more responsibility. What do you look to accomplish in the 2009-10 season?*

I feel extremely honored to receive those accolades. Ever since I stepped on campus here at Florida State in 2005 those were some of the few goals I had set for myself, and in achieving those goals I was inevitably helping the team achieve their goals. My priorities will remain the same and that is to the team and to Florida State. Jennifer Hyde and I have built an incredible program with some amazing student-athletes and I believe we still have so much to improve upon. Each year we are getting better, but at the elite level we are at now so too are the few programs that lie ahead of us. It comes down to those little details that when added up will be the difference in being No. 1 or being No. 15. I see a National Championship on the horizon for the FSU Women's Tennis Team and I will continue to give as much as I possibly can to make that happen and finally make it a reality.

*Talk about the teams leaders?*

This year we have a more mature team and an older more experienced team. We are now in a position where I think a few of the younger girls from last year have seen the importance of leadership in a team, holding each other accountable for their decisions and making good choices. Learning from last year will give them an opportunity to step up into a more significant role and take this team to a whole new level. I don't think there is one individual in particular I can choose because the group of student-athletes we now have in this program are starting to understand what it takes to be the very best. Everyone on this team has a voice and I want them to be heard and make this team their own.

*With the tough schedule that lies ahead for the Seminoles, how will it prepare the team for another post season appearance?*

From a coaches' standpoint all we can do is to continue to find ways to improve our players as individuals and as a team on the court. I think after what we accomplished last season the belief is we can achieve more success and we should. Playing in the ACC (the

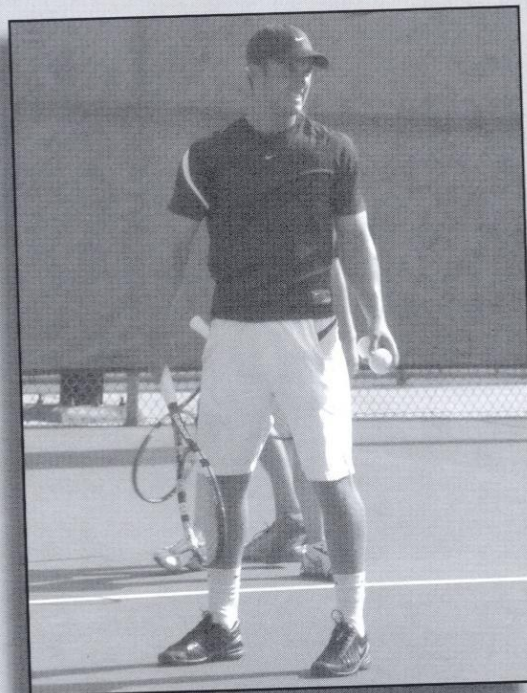
toughest conference in the nation) allows us to compete against the very best players and teams in the country every week, and gives us every opportunity to become National Champions. Our focus has to be on consistently performing every week, because at this level you can't afford to drift off and expect to outperform opponents of this caliber. In essence on any given day, life can be rough out on the court, but those that find the way to win and fight through adversity will in the end find success, or even success will find them.

*What will it take this year to keep the Florida State women's tennis program among the nation's elite?*

As a team I have always felt we compete very hard and we as coaches have made that priority number one. When you step foot on the court and walk through those gates, the only thing that matters is out competing your opponent and finding a way to get the job done no matter how good or how bad it is out there; you scratch and claw your way to get the win. We have certainly proven over the past couple of years that we have done exactly that. I have stressed the importance of this characteristic as an athlete and that it breeds winners. It's a positive energy that runs through from player to player and the more you see it the more it becomes second nature. I think as individuals we need to focus on continuing to learn from every match we play, whether we win convincingly or lose ugly. We can always learn from a performance. Try to do a better job of identifying the things that went right and the things that went wrong and adapting. Having that philosophy that no matter how a match goes, you can always get better will inevitably lead to further success.

*Alongside Coach Hyde, you led the women to a back-to-back third round appearance in the ACC Championships and a second-round NCAA Tournament appearance. What will it take for the team to have the same success this season?*

Each year we have achieved more success than the previous year. Our team is now deeper than it ever has been before, and that is evident from the four players we currently have ranked in the pre-season polls. In my opinion we could easily have six players ranked by the time the spring season rolls around. We lead the ACC with most players ranked this year in the pre-season rankings and probably join only a few teams with the most ranked players in the country. Our freshmen have added a whole new dimension to our team allowing us to be more flexible with our line-up, and added a higher level of competitiveness during practices which will toughen us for our dual matches in the spring. I don't think the team is interested in the same success as last year; they want to improve upon that. They want to continue to add to the history breaking at FSU. The fact that we are another year older and a more mature team I honestly believe this may very well be the most successful women's tennis team in Florida State history.





## 2009-10 Seminoles

Name	Height	Class	Hometown
Bonny Davidson	5-4	JR	Johannesburg, South Africa
Lauren McCreless (Macfarlane)	5-8	SR	Ogden, Utah
Katie Rybakova	5-7	JR	Coral Springs, Florida
Amy Sargeant	5-3	FR	Walsall, England
Noemie Scharle	5-9	SO	Colmar-Berg, Luxembourg
Francesca Segarelli	5-4	FR	Rome, Italy
Jessica Sucupira (Wente)	5-8	SR	Whitehouse, Texas
Federica Suess	5-8	JR	Ludwigshafen, Germany

**Head Coach:** Jennifer Hyde (6th Season)

**Associate Head Coach:** Oliver Foreman (5th Season)



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### HOW YOU SAY THEM

**Katie Rybakova**  
RY-ba-ko-va

**Noemie Scharle**  
Na-o-mie Shar-lay

**Francesca Segarelli**  
Si-gar-ell-ee

**Jessica Sucupira**  
Su-ku-pir-a

**Federica Suess**  
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### 2009-10 Florida State Seminoles

*From left:* Associate Head Coach Oliver Foreman, Federica Suess, Lauren McCreless, Katie Rybakova, Amy Sargeant, Bonny Davidson, Francesca Segarelli, Noemie Scharle, Jessica Sucupira, Head Coach Jennifer Hyde

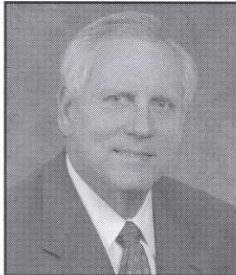


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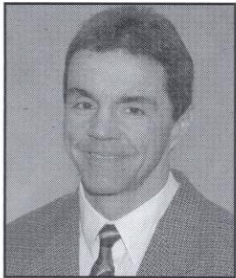
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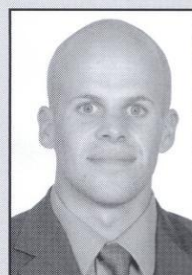
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