

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY & BANQUET

September 8, 2006

Honoring

Wanda Burns

Jonathan Johnson

Rhett Dawson

Herb Wills

"Skip" Young

MOORE-STONE AWARD

Billy Smith









































Florida State Athletics Hall of Fame 2006 Induction Ceremony

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On behalf of the FSU Athletics Hall of Fame and Recognition Committee, welcome to our annual induction of "the best of the best" in intercollegiate athletics.

We are very fortunate to enjoy an athletics program which reflects the integrity achieved by an academic institution with over 150 years of success.

Tonight we welcome six outstanding new members to our Hall of Fame. It is always a thrill to see so many of our earlier inductees return to honor those who continue the tradition of Seminole excellence.

Special thanks is due to Athletics Director Dave Hart and his staff, our Varsity Club, and to Seminole Boosters. They work each day to provide the support and resources which give our student-athletes the chance to succeed.

We hope you enjoy your Hall of Fame/Varsity Club Weekend. It's a wonderful part of the year-long celebration that is Seminole athletics!

> Sincerely, Doug Mannheimer

Chair, FSU Athletics Hall of Fame and Recognition Committee



MOORE-STONE AWARD BILLY SMITH

When Bobby Bowden and the Seminoles take the field for the 2006 season, a familiar face will be right beside the FSU head coach as he has been for 42 seasons. This year Billy Smith will carry an extra title in addition to his state trooper rank of major – he will be an FSU Hall of Fame selection as the 2006 Moore-Stone Award winner.

In 1964, Smith was asked by then FSU coach Bill Peterson if he would be interested in traveling with the team, which was totally unique at the time. Peterson was looking to add credibility to a team still earning respect in its home state. The Governor of Florida agreed to the unique arrangement and they negotiated a salary of "zero", which has been doubled every year since as Smith jokes.

Since that day, Smith has escorted the head coach and provided team security for FSU head coaches Bill Peterson, Larry Jones, Darrell Mudra and, of course, Bobby Bowden.

In 1992, he was presented with the Bobby Bowden Appreciation Award. He has also received a special award by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club and has been awarded the Circle of Gold by the FSU Alumni Association. Though never an athlete at FSU, Smith has also been given an honorary Varsity Letter.

Very few in the history of college athletics have been as close to a football program for so many years and even fewer garnered the respect and genuine affection that Smith has with his Florida State teams.

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WANDA BURNS Basketball

Wanda Burns was a highlytouted guard from Macon, Georgia when new FSU head coach Marynell Meadors signed her at Florida State in 1987.

Though she carried a 3.0 GPA in high school, she had to sit out her freshman season by NCAA rule. Burns used the year to hit the books and get acclimated to campus life. She took the court in 1988-89 with something to prove. She averaged 11 points per game and led the team with 92 assists, helping FSU to its first winning season since 1983. She electrified the team as a junior in 1989-90 setting an FSU record for free throw percentage and leading the team in scoring, three pointers and steals. She sparked FSU to a 21-9 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

In 1990-91, her final season, Burns led the Metro Conference in scoring with an average of 18.5 points per game on her way to being named the 1991 Metro Conference Player of the Year. She set an FSU single game record with 10 steals in a game, led the team in three-point shooting and scored in double figures in 38 consecutive games. Her exceptional play led FSU to one of its most successful seasons with a record of 25-7. She was also named MVP of the Metro Conference Tournament and earned Hanes Her Way NCAA Woman of the Year and Second Team All-American honors.

Burns still ranks among FSU's top 10 in four career and 11 single-season statistical categories.



RHETT DAWSON Football

Rhett Dawson starred at Valdosta (Ga.) High School and was heavily recruited by most of the top programs in the south after earning all-state honors as both a junior and senior. FSU head coach Bill Peterson convinced him to come to Florida State where his older brother, Red, had a Hall of Fame career.

Dawson suffered injuries over his freshman and sophomore seasons at FSU that cost him early playing time. He came on strong as a junior in 1970 leading the Seminoles with 54 catches for 946 yards and five touchdowns. He averaged 17.5 yards per catch and had a season-long 46-yard reception and five touchdowns.

He followed his outstanding junior season by being named third team All-America as a senior with 62 receptions for 817 yards and seven touchdowns. The touchdown totals do not include one of Dawson's most. memorable games. In the inaugural Fiesta Bowl against Arizona State in 1971, he scored three touchdowns and a twopoint conversion setting a bowl scoring record that stood for 32 vears. His name is still prominent in FSU's record book 35 years later as he ranked 12th in all-time season receiving yardage, 10th in career receiving, 9th in total receptions for a season, 10th in catches per game, and 5th in career catches per game as the 2006 season kicked off.

Drafted by the Houston Oilers, he played for both Houston (1971-72) and Minnesota (1973) of the NFL before two all-pro seasons with the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the Canadian Football League.

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JONATHAN JOHNSON Baseball

Jonathan Johnson combined a great pitching arm with a love for competition that would eventually place him among the finest pitchers in the storied history of the Florida State baseball program.

Johnson signed with Florida State out of Forest High in Ocala, Florida, and made an immediate impact on the Seminole program. As a true freshman in 1993, Johnson was named ACC Rookie of the Year, placed in the top 10 in eight of 11 ACC pitching categories and culminated the year with a place on the Baseball America All-Freshman team.

He followed his rookie campaign with a 12-1 record and 137 strikeouts as a sophomore earning second team All-ACC and third team All-America honors. He was selected to Team USA that summer and finished with a 6-3 record. He overcame a broken ankle in his third and final season at Florida State to finish with a 12-3 record, leading Florida State to the ACC Championship in 1995 and a berth in the College World Series. He was a finalist for the 1995 Golden Spikes Award and was a Baseball America first team All-American.

Johnson would win 34 of the 39 games he started at Florida State with a 2.62 ERA and 391 career strikeouts, which ranked fourth on the all-time ACC career list. He was selected by the Texas Rangers with the seventh overall pick of the 1995 draft. He went on to debut in the big leagues with the Rangers in 1998 and enjoyed a six-year professional career.



HERB WILLS
Track & Field

Homegrown track star Herb Wills was one of the most accomplished distance runners in Florida State high school history and he wasted no time in getting his Seminole career started. Wills won four individual Metro Conference Championships as a freshman in 1978 in one of the most dominating performances in Metro track history. He followed that by winning FSU's Outstanding Distance Runner honors in 1979 along with the title of U.S. Junior 10,000 meter cross country champion.

Wills would go on to set schools records in the 5,000 and 10,000 meters outdoors and 3,000 meters, 5,000 meters, and 2 mile indoors. He placed fourth in the 10,000 meters at the NCAA national championships in 1980 and followed that with a 16th place individual finish at the NCAA cross country championships in 1981.

He finished his FSU career having earned All-America honors four times over the span of three years. However, his competitive career was not over as he became one of the top amateur distance runners in the country. He just missed making the U.S. Olympic Team as a marathoner in 1984, but bounced back at age 28 in 1989 to become the first American finisher at the Boston Marathon.

Wills' name can still be found throughout the FSU record books including his school records in the indoor 3,000 meters (8:04.10) and 5,000 meters (14:00.10) that have stood for over 25 years.

He has continued his close connection to both Florida State and Tallahassee over the years by combining his passion for mathematics and athletics as a tutorial specialist to current FSU student-athletes.

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ED "SKIP" YOUNG
Basketball

Skip Young was a high school star in the basketball-rich state of Ohio who, despite being heavily recruited by nearby Ohio State, decided to become a part of the program Hugh Durham was building at Florida State. Durham had brought the first African American player, Lenny Hall, to FSU only one year before. Due to Hall's early season injury, Young faced the challenges of being effectively the first starting varsity African American athlete at FSU and one of the first in the Deep South at a predominantly white university.

Young led the Seminoles to an 18-8 record in his first season as starting point guard for the varsity team in 1968--1969. He helped lead Florida State to its most successful season in school history as a junior playing with future FSU and NBA Hall-of-Famer Dave Cowens on the

Seminoles' 1970 team that finished 23-3. During his three-year career, the Seminoles had an overall record of 58-20 and he became the school's all-time assist leader.

Drafted in the seventh round of the 1970 NBA Draft by the Boston Celtics, Young played one year with the Celtics before he returned to earn his degree in criminology and social work from FSU. He is currently the head coach at FAMU High and led the Lady Rattlers to their first state championship in 2004.

Young's ability to achieve success on the basketball court and in the classroom during a period of significant and often difficult social change was remarkable. It gained him the admiration of teammates, opponents, and the University community.

MOORE-STONE AWARD WINNERS

1980 Bill McGrotha

1981 LeRoy Collins

1982 Daisy Parker Flory

1983 J. Edwin White

1984 F. Wilson Carraway

1985 George Langford

1986 Godfrey Smith

1987 Rainey Cawthon

1988 Herb Morgan

1989 Louis Hill

1990 Billy Parker

1991 T.K. Wetherell

1992 Dr. Bernard Sliger

1993 Syde Patrick Deeb

1994 Weldon "Babe" Starry

1995 James P. Jones

1997 Richard Baker

1998 Dr. Grace Fox

1999 Dr. Gregg Phifer

2000 Dr. Joe Camps

2001 Bill Durham

2002 Gene Deckerhoff

2003 Jim King

2003 John Thrasher

2004 Jim Smith

2005 The Seminole Tribe

Class of 1977

Fred Biletnikoff
Phil Boggs
Dr. Doak Campbell
Adrian Catarzi
Dave Cowens
Hubert Green
Dick Howser
J.K. "Bud" Kennedy
Ken Misner
Miss Katie Montgomery
Dr. Coyle Moore, Sr.
Buddy Reynolds
Bill Roetzheim
Ron Sellers
Dr. Mode Stone, Sr.

Class of 1978

Lee Corso Kim Hammond Ron Harris Mike Long Dr. Hartley Price Bim Stults

Class of 1979

Curt Genders
A. Downing Gray
Jack Haskin
Mike Kelly
Jimmy Oler
Bill Peterson
Barry Smith
James "J.T." Thomas

Class of 1980

Hugh Adams Mike Conley Hugh Durham Buck Hiles Jeff Hogan Buddy Strauss

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Class of 1981

Dave Fedor Ron Fraser Danny Litwhiler Danny Smith Steve Tensi Bud Whitehead Woody Woodward

Class of 1982

Bobby Crenshaw
Don Holder
Terry Kennedy
Vaughn Mancha
Fred Pickard
Walt Sumner
Paul "Ham" Wernke
Del Williams
Alexander T. "Lex"
Wood

Class of 1983

Bill Dawkins Jesse Forbes John Grubb Dick Gutting Gary Huff Tom Nugent Jack Veghte

Class of 1984

Dick Artmeirer Bill Cappleman Bradley Cooper Larry Key Jim Lyttle Dale McCullers Jack Miles Bobby Renn Don Veller

Class of 1985

Dick Hermann
Jimmy Jordan
Donald Loucks
Gene McDowell
James McFatter
Bill Odeneal
Mike Roberson
Mac Scarce
Gary Schull
Wally Woodham

Class of 1986

Ralph Chaudron Don Fauls Rowland Garrett Walter McCoy Ron Simmons Rohn Stark

Class of 1987

Bobby Butler Mike Fuentes Bob Harbison Ed Williamson Ken Lanier Lee Nelson Wyatt "Red" Parish

Class of 1988

Paul Azinger Jane Geddes Willie Jones Ron King Vic Prinzi Bill Proctor Tony Romeo Margie Wessel Scott Darby Cottle Veazey

Class of 1989

Winfred Bailey Charles Durbin Sue Galkantas Randy Givens Reggie Herring Paul Piurowski Dick Roberts Jeff Sluman

Class of 1990

Greg Allen
John D. Bridgers
Bill Capece
Alphonso Carreker
Michelle Finn
Patrick W. Hogan
Kenny Knox
Don Merrick
Barbara Jo Palmer
Lisa Young-Walters

Class of 1991

Gene Ammann Tony Avitable John Crowe Jamie Dukes Jeff Ledbetter Kenneth Miller Marita Payne Reggie Royals Mike Shumann Colleen Walker

Class of 1992

Dr. Ray Bellamy Chic Cicio Jeff Gray Billy Rhodes Patti Henderson Otto Petty Jody Reed

Class of 1993

Luis Alicea Bill "Red" Dawson Carlos Fraundorfer Al Makowiecki Paul Haarhuis Bobby Jackson Mike Loynd

Class of 1994

Charlie Armstrong Barbara Bundowsky George McCloud Paul McGowan Deion Sanders Ron Schomburger Roger Slater Mitchell Wiggins

Class of 1995

Julie Larsen-Baker Monk Bonasorte Dave Cappelen Jim Casteel, Jr. Mike Kowalski Richie Lewis Danny McManus

Class of 1997

Buffy Baker Kim Batten Dee Frye-Davis Lawrence Dawsey Ronald O. Harrison Nolan Henke Gabrielle Reece Derek Schmidt Jack Sharp Paul Sorrento Scott Warren

Class of 1998

Jay Ashmore Harry Davis Michelle Guilbault Dr. Billie Jo Jones Jerry McDaniel Wayne McDuffie Maggie Philgence Mike Tschirret Peter Tom Willis

Class of 1999

Fred Hatfield Tia Paschal Dr. Gregg Phifer Joey Rive Charlie Ward Casey Weldon Allen Williams

Class of 2000

Derrick Brooks Dr. Joe Camps Marvin Jones Susan Painter Paul Wilson

Class of 2001

LeRoy Butler Bob Clem Bill Durham Clay Shiver Angela Wright

Class of 2002

Gene Deckerhoff Warrick Dunn Doug Mientkiewicz Leander McKenzie Shamalene Wilson

Class of 2003

Terrell Buckley J. D. Drew Jim King Lori Sowell Bobby Sura John Thrasher

Class of 2004

Peter Boulware Sam Cassell Brenden Dedekind Holly Kelly Thompson Andre Wadsworth Jim Smith

Class of 2005

Edgar Bennett Lisa Davidson Duran Terry Long Kez McCorvey Ken Suarez The Seminole Tribe

