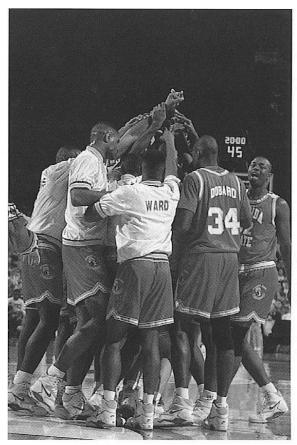


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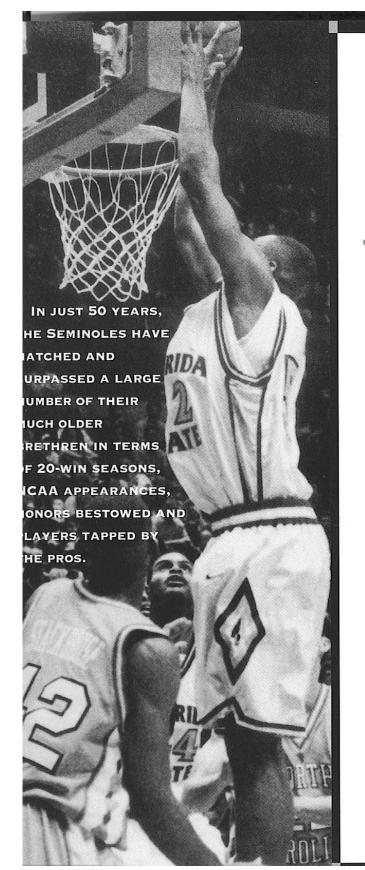
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50 Years of Seminole Basketball Tradition





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when it comes to years of tradition. But not when it comes to year matched and surpassed many of their older brethren in victories, honors and awards picked up by Florida State alumni. Florid saw the Seminoles play John Wooden's UCLA squad for the nation with remarkable ease losing just five times before beginning the h Kentucky, Minnesota, Kentucky, and North Carolina in its wake or into the half with the lead, UCLA and all-everything center Bill Wa a second place finish.

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Florida State is one of the most popular and successful overall athletic programs in college sports. In fact, FSU apparel is among the top three in national sales.

themselves regular visitors to the NCAA Tourn helm. In 1993, Florida State had its second melight, just one win shy of a return to the Fina a growing number of trophies. All-ACC James Jackson are listed among everyone's players to FSU's all-time leading scorer Bob Sura (1995) round of the NBA Draft over the last four year York Knicks), Doug Edwards (Atlanta Hawks) (Houston Rockets). Yes, Florida State Ur in college basketball when it comes to years. If excellence — its All-Americans, its many champits national award winners — Seminole baskett



of Success on the Court

year of college basketball in the 1990s, Florida State remains a virtual baby of excellence. In just 49 years of basketball, the Seminoles have 20-win seasons, in NCAA tournament games and wins, and in the individual State's most successful season to date remains the 1971-72 season which championship. FSU breezed through the 1971-72 regular season oric trip to the Final Four. The Seminoles would leave Eastern he way to the national championship showdown. After going n managed to top the Tribe leaving FSU fans to celebrate

essive for Florida State. The Seminoles have made ent with five trips in Pat Kennedy's 10 years at the successful season ever with a trip to the Elite our. Individual Seminoles are also receiving ollins, junior Corey Louis and sophomore Randell vatch this season. Meanwhile, All-American and came the fourth Seminole chosen in the first joining former teammates Charlie Ward (New d two-time NBA champion Sam Cassell ersity may have one of the shorter traditions when it comes to quality, success and iship teams, its Hall of Fame selections, and has a tradition few schools can match.

first basketball season was in 1947 But It didn't take long for the Seminoles to start attracting attention. Four Seminoles have been first-round NBA draft picks in the last four years.

Among the many others to enjoy careers in the NBA was all-time great Dave Cowens.

FSU ioined the antic Coast oference in 1993 limmediately made presence felt, shing in second ce each of their first years in the iference.

Florida State has become a regular visitor at the NCAA's end-ofseason party, including the final game of the 1972 season against Bill Walton and the UCLA Bruins for the NCAA Championship.

Defeat North Carolina to make Final Round:

Seminoles Head for NCAA Championship Against UC

ing through the first four rounds of the NCAA tournament, the Florida State Seminoles tonight face their toughest challenge yet, going up against the UCLA Bruins for the collegiate national champsionship. The Bruins have won the last

five national titles and seven of the last eight, but John Wooden and his UCLA squad aren't taking the Seminoles lightly. And for good

Florida State shocked North Carolina in the semifinals, cruising to a 23-point lead enroute to a 79-75

victory over the Tar Heels, who had been called the "best team to come out of the east in years."

Earlier, in the quarterfinals, FSU had already dealt legendary coach Adolph Rupp a stinging 73-54 defeat in his final game as head coach of the Kentucky Wildcats

Thousands of Fanatic Fans

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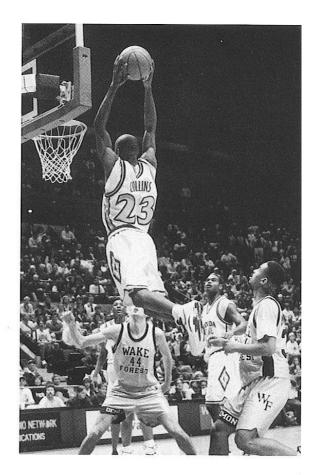
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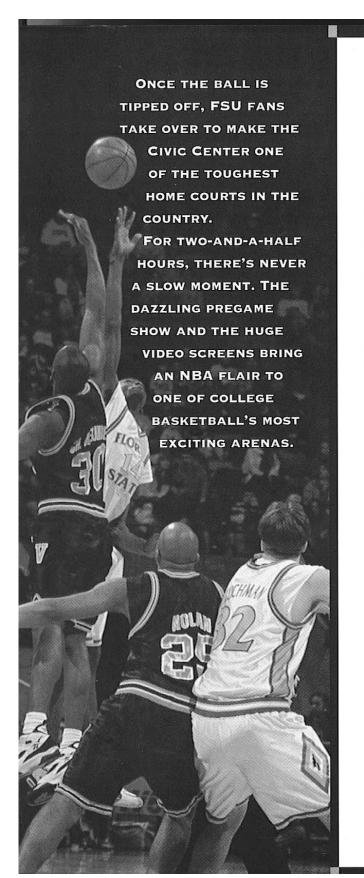
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FSU Basketball: Simply The Best!





Electrifyin

he constant beat of the flashy pep band fills the Civic and gold clad fans, some with war paint smudged on excited face excitement as the glistening wooden floor seems to invite the Ser crescendo. The crowd rises with anticipation as every light in the crowd. The beat of the music moves the fans to a fever pitch who of one of college basketball's most enthusiastic crowds.

Bas courtside or in the upper deck as FSU's arena is equipped with Da house as close as the press table and brings an NBA flair to one of animation, highlight tapes and replays of great FSU moments. FS arenas with big-screen capability.

The Seminole Warrior lead award-winning Florida State cheerleaders raise garnet and gold of teams, get the crowd fired up while dancing to the pre-game must the Civic Center one of the toughest home courts in the country, under coach Pat Kennedy which means the Tribe wins nearly 80

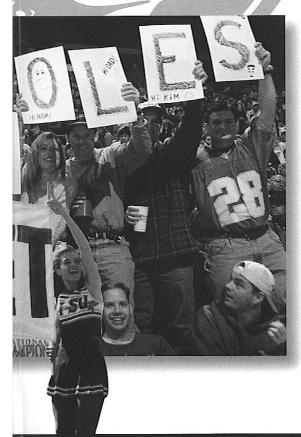


ing Excitement of FSU Basketball

ivic Center with the familiar sound of the Florida State fight song. 12,500 garnet faces, slash the air with the familiar cheer. The building nearly shakes with Seminoles from the tunnel. Soon, the War Chant begins to reach a deafening the house is extinguished. Music fills the dark arena as spotlights dance around the when suddenly the Seminoles pour from the dark tunnel into the lights and cheers Basketball is hot at Florida State. And it doesn't matter whether your seat is Daktronics Video Projection Screens. The huge screens make every seat in the e of college basketball's most exciting arenas. The screens feature game action, FSU is one of only three schools in the country that play their home games in leads Florida State onto the floor amid a dazzling array of floodlights, while the d colored pom-poms. The Golden Girls, one of the nation's most heralded dance music. Once the ball is tipped off, FSU fans take over to make ry. The Seminoles have won 113 of their 147 games in Tallahassee 30 percent of the time at home.



The FSU Golden Girls are one of the best-known collegiate dance teams and regularly place among the top squads at national competitions.

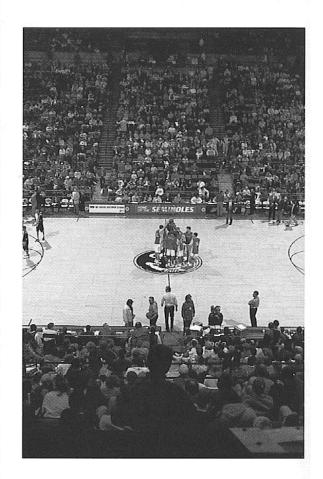


Few programs rival Florida State basketball when it comes to the atmosphere created at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center for each Seminole home game.

One World-Class Arena

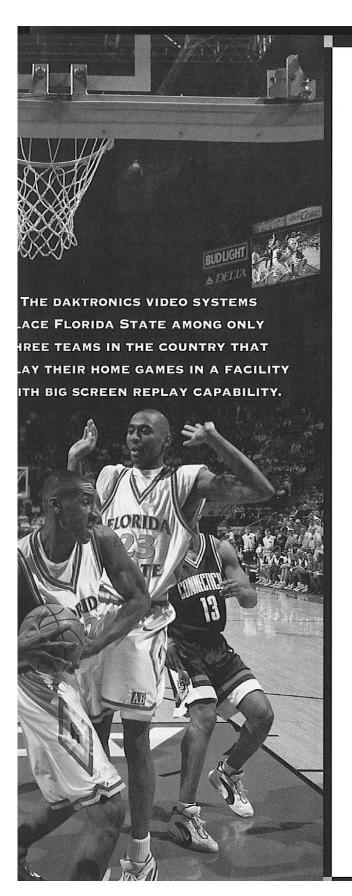
1996-97 Home Schedule:

HOME SCHEDULE:			
Nov. 22	SW LOUISIANA	7:00	
Nov. 29	RICE	7:00	
DEC. 2	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	7:00	
DEC. 17	TENNESSEE STATE	7:00	
DEC. 28	MARIST	12:00	
DEC. 30	BUTLER	7:00	
Jan. 4	N.C. STATE	1:00	
Jan. 8	VIRGINIA	8:00	
JAN. 11	CLEMSON	3:00	
Jan. 22	North Carolina	9:00	
Jan. 29	MARYLAND	7:00	
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FEB. 15	DUKE	7:30	
FEB. 19	ALABAMA STATE	7:00	
MARCH 1	WAKE FOREST	1:30	



The
Tallahassee-Leon County
Civic Center





Plorida State basketball game is as exciting playing in the nation's finest conference; they also get to watch to Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center is the home for Seminole be 12,500 seats are available for fans of FSU basketball who screen video systems are mounted in the corners of the arena oppolay and catch the replays during timeouts. Also, when there is a games and other crowd-pleasing bits. The screens place Florida Spacility with big screen capability. The multi-purpose facility Tallahassee's thriving downtown district. The Civic Center is only from FSU's Center for Professional Development and nationally-affect with 119-foot ceilings in the main arena. The Civic Center is arena, where FSU hosts its home games, is also the center for Ea Sharks, some of the nation's top musical concerts as well as broad

main arena via a spatial hallway, can seat 5,000 for an event or sterrace which is popular for outdoor hosting. So impressive basketball game that the Civic Center and Florida State Universit

Basketball Tournament.

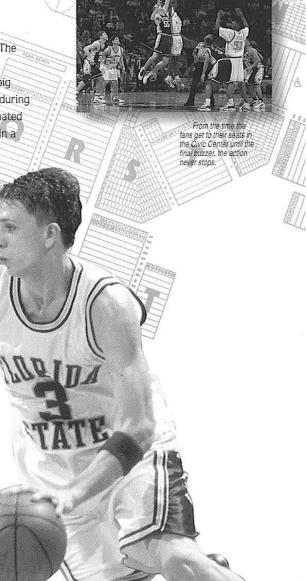
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as it gets. FSU fans are spoiled by more than just a great basketball team the game in surroundings that are as modern as any in the country. The basketball, and the multi-purpose facility comes alive on game day. are treated to one of the most spectacular shows in college hoops. Two big posite the state-of-the-art scoreboards, where fans can enjoy game action during a break in the action, the big screens come alive with highlight tapes, animated State among only three teams in the country that play their home games in a y, which opened its doors in 1981, covers over 22 acres in the heart of y two blocks from the Capitol building and is just across the street acclaimed Law School. The complex covers over 18,000 square is actually three different areas combined under one roof. The main East Coast Hockey League contests featuring the Tallahassee Tiger adway plays and even a circus. The Exhibition Hall, which joins the serve as an indoor display area. The complex also features a e is the facility and the general atmosphere of an FSU ty hosted the first two rounds of the 1995 NCAA



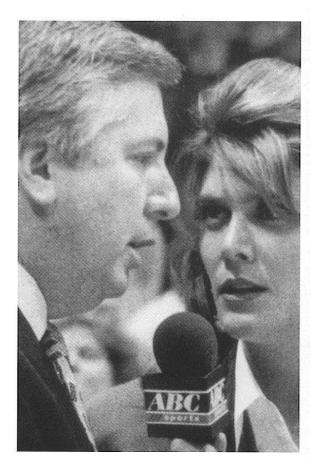


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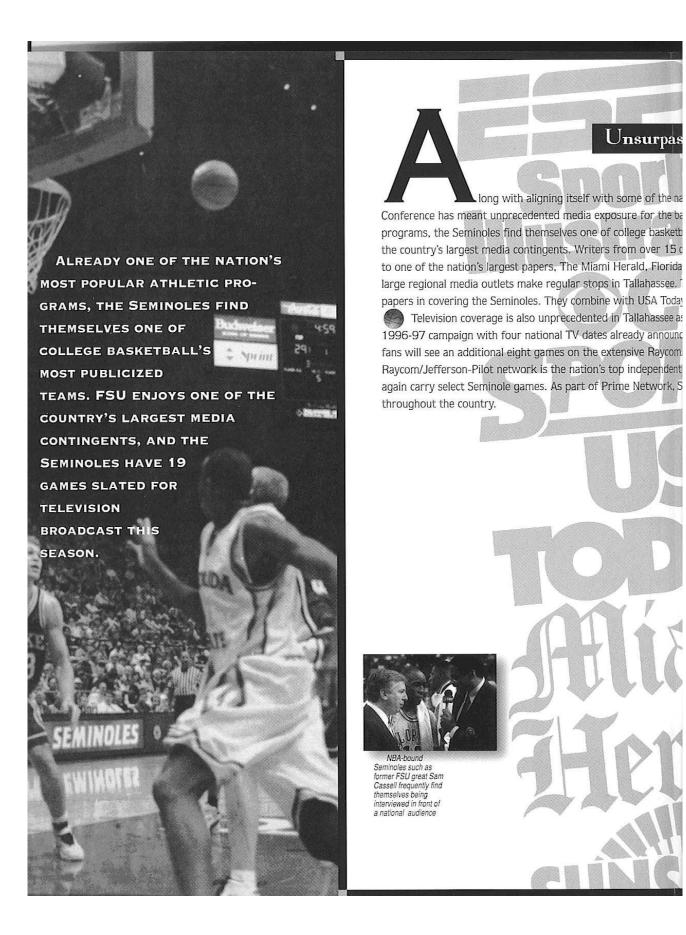
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DEC. 14	JACKSONVILLE	7:30	(SUN)
DEC. 21	FLORIDA	7:00	(SUN)
DEC. 28	MARIST	12:00	(SUN)
DEC. 30	BUTLER	7:00	(SUN)
Jan. 4	N.C. STATE	1:00	(R/JP)
JAN. 11	CLEMSON	3:00	(RSN)
Jan. 18	SETON HALL	12:00	(SCF)
JAN. 22	NORTH CAROLINA	9:00	(ESPN)
Jan. 25	WAKE FOREST	4:00	(R/JP)(ESPN2)
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National Focus on Florida State

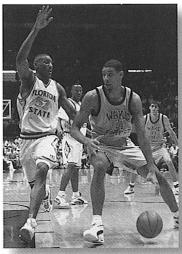




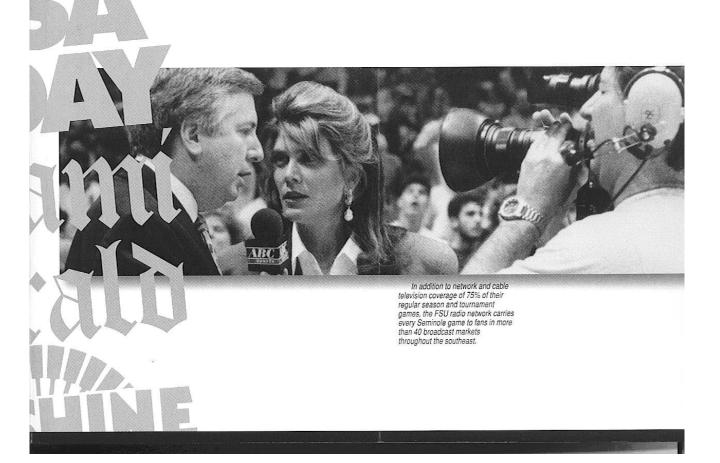
Unsurpas

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nation's finest academic institutions, Florida State's entrance into the Atlantic Coast pasketball program. Already one of the nation's most popular athletic ball's most publicized teams. Within the state of Florida alone, FSU enjoys one of daily newspapers regularly cover the Tribe. From the local Tallahassee Democrat a State athletics is covered like few others. In addition to the in-state coverage, The Atlanta Constitution and Charlotte Observer join most of the South's major ay and The Sporting News to keep the entire country informed on FSU sports. as the Seminoles have 19 games slated for broadcast this season. FSU opens the iced. In addition to the interest from the national networks, Florida State n/Jefferson-Pilot Television Network. The host of ACC basketball since 1982, the it sports programmer. The state's largest sports cable network, Sunshine will once Sunshine will bring Florida State basketball into tens-of-millions of homes

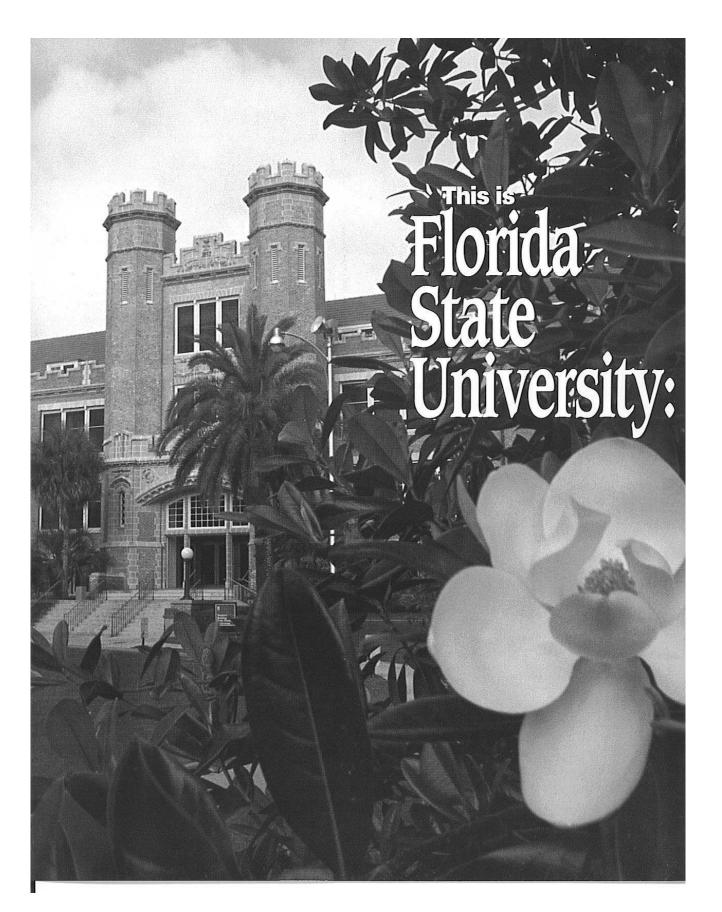


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Florida State will celebrate its 50th anniversary as a coeducational graduate research institute in 1997.

1996-97 SEMINOLE BASKETBALL THE UNIVERSITY

Located on the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida and building rapidly on the framework of a highly regarded liberal arts college for women, Florida State has emerged over the past 49 years as an institution of national and international esteem.

The University, which will celebrate its golden anniversary as a coeducational graduate research institution in 1997, has joined the nation's elite in both academics and athletics. Its stature is evidenced by a number of additions to its record of excellence in the 1990s:

- In 1994, Florida State was classified a "Research University I" by the Carnegie Foundation, placing it among the nation's top research universities.
- In 1994, the college referral service, "Who's Who Among American High School Students," placed FSU among its top 10 with such universities as Harvard, Duke, Stanford, North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Michigan-Ann Arbor and Yale of most frequent choices of more than 100,000 of the nation's best and brightest high school students who asked that a specific college be notified of their recognition in "Who's Who."
- Vice President of the United States Al Gore spoke at the dedication of the National High Magnetic Field

Laboratory at Florida State in 1994. The National Science Foundation established the \$100 million magnet lab at FSU, which is partnered in research with the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the University of Florida, in 1990. A Nobel laureate in physics and a top Russian physicist were among the first scholars drawn to the facility. The world's largest magnet – two stories high and capable of generating 45 tesla or 1 million times the Earth's magnetic field – was installed in 1995 at the NHMFL, located in the off-campus research complex, Innovation Park.

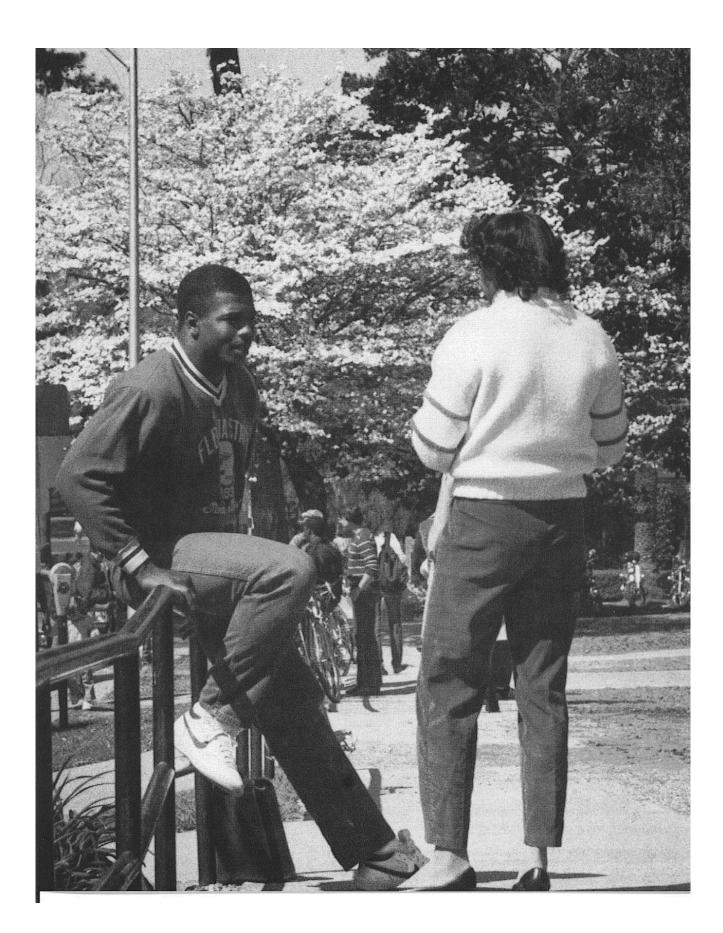
In 1996, the NSF renewed and increased by 50 percent the NHMFL's funding for another five years.

FSU created the first multipurpose student identification/banking card. The Card Application Technology Center is a national

leader in "smart card" systems.





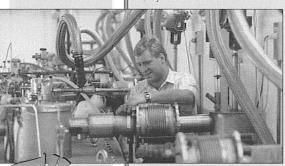


Florida State World-Class Academics

AND ATHLETICS

1996-97 SEMINOLE BASKETBALL THE UNIVERSITY

 At the forefront of supercomputing since obtaining its first high speed computer in 1985, FSU took yet another step in ultrafast and parallel computing in 1990 when it acquired two supercomputers, the Thinking Machine Corp. Connection Machine and the Cray Y-MP.



 In fall 1994, the first tenants moved into the east side of the \$100 million University Center, a classroom-and-office facility at Doak Campbell Stadium; the stadium's south end zone was also enclosed

- Capping more than a decade of national prominence in intercollegiate athletics, Florida State's athletic teams, nicknamed "Seminoles," joined the Atlantic Coast Conference as its ninth member in 1990. The FSU football team won the 1993 National Championship and its quarterback, Charlie Ward, won the University's first Heisman Trophy.
- To better understand the world's cultural diversity, FSU undergraduate students are required to complete at least two courses that focus on diverse traditions beyond Western civilization. The multicultural study requirement, in effect since 1991, complements a longestablished liberal studies program at Florida State.
- The Dr. Bobby E. Leach Center, a state-of-the-art student recreation facility, with a pool, saunas, basketball and racquet-sport courts, was completed in 1991.
- The Appleton Museum of Art in Ocala, its vast art collection and an eminent scholar chair were donated to FSU and Central Florida Community College in 1990.
- FSU ranked 20th in the nation for 1990-91 in the num-

s the list of highlights attests, Florida State is excelling in the 1990s with exceptional strength, energy and vision for the future.



The \$100 million University Center

(above), a state-of-the-art classroom and office facility built around the outside of Doak Campbell Stadium, opened in the fall of 1994. The east side of the facility is complete and is home to the university's School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts, among other things. The south and west sides of the facility should be finished within a year.

and the adjacent Moore Athletic Center expanded. When the west side is completed in 1996, University Center will provide 550,000 square feet of much needed academic space and a centralized location for student services.

- One of the first academic areas to make its home in University Center, was the FSU School of Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts. Offering training for one of Florida's fastest growing industries, FSU conferred its first master's degree in film in 1991 and it's first bachelor's in film in 1993. The film school's students have already produced national and international award-winning films.
- The Center for Civic Education and Service was established in 1994 aimed at promoting community involvement and civic responsibility as integral elements of a liberal arts education at FSU. The center supports such service-learning programs as Project Amistades, which provides educational services to migrant farmworkers. Through ServScript, student's service may be recorded on their official academic transcript.
- In 1990, Florida State ranked second in popularity nationwide among high school seniors, based on the number of students who request that their Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores be sent to an institution. FSU was the only institution listed among the top 10 choices of both black and white college-bound students.
- FSU's high-tech program in structural biology in 1991 received the University's largest single foundation grant, \$4 million.

ber of black Ph.D. students it graduates. Over the five years, 1986 to 1990, FSU ranked eighth nationally by granting doctorates to 70 African-Americans.

 FSU acquired the Asolo Performing Arts Center in Sarasota, home to the graduate theater program, the FSU/Asolo Conservatory of Professional Actor Training.

As this list of highlights attests, Florida State is excelling in the 1990's with exceptional strength, energy and vision for the future. Under the leadership of the University's 12th president, Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte, who took office in January 1994, FSU will continue to build on the foundation of its history of excellence in scholarship, research and service.

A senior member of the 10-member State University System, FSU was founded as an institution of higher learning in 1851 by legislative act and began in Tallahassee with its first students in 1857.

Today, FSU's operating budget is \$452.5 million. Faculty and administrators generate more than \$99.9 million annually in external funding to supplement state-sponsored research. Three direct-support organizations serve to bolster the University; FSU Foundation, which raises millions in private gifts to support academics, Seminole Boosters and FSU Alumni Association.

The main campus is spread over 450.6 acres in Tallahassee. FSU, which has one of the smallest campuses in the SUS, has been actively acquiring land in the 1990s after years of being landlocked at 847 acres. FSU owns 1,303 acres in Leon, Bay, Franklin and Sarasota counties.

Within the state, the University maintains facilities at its 25-acre campus in Panama City, its Marine Laboratory 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 State 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 and the Caribbean. FSU's study centers in Florence, Italy and London, England are considered by many to be the nation's best in Europe.

Florida State offers 283 graduate and undergraduate degree programs through its eight colleges – Arts and Sciences; Business; Communication: Education; Engineering (operated jointly with Florida A&M University, a historically black institution); Human Sciences; Law; and Social Sciences (which also incorporates the Reubin Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) – and eight schools – Criminology and Criminal Justice; Library and Information Studies; Motion Picture, Television and Recording Arts; Music; Nursing; Social Work; Theatre; and Visual Arts and Dance.

With 1,671 members, the FSU faculty has five National Academy of Sciences members and eight American Academy of Arts and Sciences members, and has included five Nobel laureates. It is backed by 2,990 administrative/professional and support staff.

Library holdings at Florida State include 2.1

million book titles, 18,296 serials and 4.4 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 Center Library is located at the heart of the University's science research complex. FSU also maintains extensive music, library science and law libraries. On the top floor of the Dirac Library is the headquarters of the Supercomputer Computations Research Institute, a

multidisciplinary, multina-

tional program

established in 1984 that brings together some 50 scientists, engineers and technicians.

Also providing research opportunities is the tandem Van de Graff Superconducting Accelerator Laboratory, which houses two powerful atom smashers and has been ranked among the top four nuclear research centers in the nation by the National Science Foundation.

Graduate students, who number more than 5,856, 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.

FSU, a residential campus, places a high priority on its 30,268 students and their needs and interests (of the student population: 45 percent are male; 55 percent are female; 18.5 percent are morities; and 2.4 percent are foreign

students). The University Honors Program, Disabled Student Services, International Student Center, Student Government, Flying High Circus and intramural sports are among more than 200 organizations and activities in which students can participate.

Situated in the heart of the state's thriving capital city, Florida State's main campus blends Gothic and modern styles of architecture with the oaks, pines, dogwoods, palms and azaleas of North Florida.

Florida State continues to progress and grow – from its pre-Civil War foundation as the Seminary West of the Suwannee, through the early 20th century as the academically respected Florida State College for Women, returning to coeducational status as a university in 1947, to its modern development as an acclaimed research institution, a top-ranked competitor in intercollegiate athletics and as a standard-setter in the basic sciences and the performing arts.

In all areas of its mission – excellence in teaching, research and public service – Florida State University is advancing boldly toward the 21st century.





FSU students have vast research facilities available to explore subjects as varied as can be imagined. Florida State has been recognized as producing some of the nation's top scholars in a wide range of fields.



OUTSTANDING support program enabling student-athletes to reach their full OCENTIAL

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Graduation day at Florida State is one of the most exciting and rewarding as an FSU student. The Athletic Academic Support team at Florida State provides student-athletes an environment for success in the classroom and after graduation.

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Athletic Academic Support Mission Statement

The primary focus of the Athletic Academic Unit is to provide an environment which facilitates the academic success of the student-athlete. Student success is encouraged through competent academic counseling, study skills development, and additional academic assistance through the tutorial program.

An Overview of an Academic Support Program on the Rise

Academic, personal and professional support are essential to college success. At Florida State University, we have developed an outstanding support program which enables student-athletes to reach their full potential.

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."

To accomplish this goal we have developed an academic environment which facilitates the academic success of student-athletes. Student success is encouraged

through competent academic counseling, career exploration, planning and placement and academic assistance through tutorial programs.

Our program operates on a "proactive" rather than "reactive" approach. At Florida State, our academic staff does not wait for academic crises to occur. We gather important background information and build an academic profile on all student-athletes to assess their needs in advance. We also stay informed on the daily progress of each student-athlete.

Our academic support staff includes a director, five counselors, and three graduate interns forming a group of professionals serving the needs of all our student-athlets.

In 1994, the academic programs moved to the state-of-the-art University Center and are located on the 6th floor of the \$126,000,000 facili-





ty. It includes private study carrels, a tutorial study area and a computer lab outfitted with 16 new IBM computers and laser printers. In addition, athletic sky boxes are utilized for group and individualized tutorial instruction.

Personal Support

Orientation

The goal of our orientation program is to make freshmen and transfer student-athletes' transition to Florida State University as smooth as possible. Student-athletes attend the University's Orientation to learn about University policies and procedures and campus life, and to get acquainted with University administration and faculty. Student-athletes also attend the Athletic Academic Support Orientation which is designed to cover a variety of topics. Before classes begin, student-athletes meet with their academic counselor to discuss potential academic majors and select fall classes. An extensive career exploration program is initiated in the fall semester and continues until the student-athlete selects an appropriate career path and academic major. In addition, NCAA and ACC rules are outlined by the Athletic Compliance Office. After classes begin, academic tutors provide individualized instruction on study skills and time management. Small group seminars are also scheduled to address personal health and social development issues.

Mentoring Program: Athlete 2 Athlete (A2A):

Florida State University's Athlete 2 Athlete program provides assistance and support to freshmen and transfer students to help make their transfer to Florida State as smooth as possible. The project pairs volunteer upper class FSU student-athletes with incoming athletes. Although they are not professional counselors, these peer mentors are trained to provide support and information to their fellow student-athletes. And, since they themselves have been successful both academically and athletically at FSU, they can help new student-athletes "learn the ropes" during their crucial first year. Programming includes seminars on topics such as balancing academics and athletics, as well as one-on-one rap sessions.

Social Development

This program is designed to give student-athletes an opportunity to participate in a variety of on and off-campus activities that will help them build social skills. The focus is on helping participants identify and use university resources, and expanding the scope of their educational experience. Throughout the program, students are exposed to issues that will help prepare them for life after graduation.

Cultural Development

A campus environment that reflects both diversity and inclusiveness is critical to the success of all student, and especially those who are members of minority groups. The cultural development program provides

minority student-athletes with social and cultural experiences designed to encourage a positive multicultural setting within the university. The program offers an array of workshops and enrichment activities that stress the importance of both diversity and cohesiveness. Athletic department staff receive information and training about cultural diversity and sensitivity.

Academic Support

Tutorial Program

The Athletic Department at Florida State University has made a commitment to providing our student-athletes with one of the finest and most comprehensive tutorial programs in the nation. The tutorial program is just one of several key support programs that are available to all student-athletes as they progress towards their ultimate goal of obtaining a college degree.

The Academic Support Program has a staff of between 80 and 90 tutors each semester who are committed to providing a proactive and individualized approach to insure academic success. The tutors are usually seniors or graduate students who have outstanding academic backgrounds. Through an orientation session provided each semester by the Tutorial Coordinator, they acquaint themselves with the purposes, objectives, and responsibilities involved with the tutorial program.

Tutorial assistance is available for all academic coursework that is offered by the university and it is the responsibility of the Tutorial Coordinator to provide each student-athlete with this assistance in a timely fashion. Student-athletes may request a tutor or one may be assigned to them depending upon the circumstances.

Academic Mentors

Mentors are academic role models who have demonstrated the ability to teach and give guidance in areas of academic developmental skills.

Each semester mentors begin the process by sitting down with their assigned student-athletes and assist them in identifying their academic responsibilities. A calendar is developed which becomes a visual blueprint of each course's academic requirements. This tool introduces the student-athlete to the concept of time management. Students learn to plan projects days and weeks in advance. Such planning aids them in developing strong study habits.

Mentors are also responsible for providing assistance in the development of skills such as note taking, test preparation, and communication with faculty. In essence, mentors become an extension of the academic counselor as they keep the academic performance of their student-athletes under close observation.

A mentor will spend two or three hours per week during the first few weeks of the semester and normally one or two hours a week with their assigned student-athlete thereafter. In ideal relationships, by mid semester, the mentor becomes a strong study partner, there to assist the student-athlete through the learning process.





Irv Thomas is one of many Pat Kennedy-coached players at Florida State to play in the NBA and then return to FSU to complete their degree. Thomas played with the Los Angeles Lakers in 1990 and 1991.



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Study Hall

In an effort to help ensure academic success of the student-athletes, professionally supervised study sessions for each of its athletic teams are required. The main focus of the study hall program is to help students developed.

op consistent and appropriate study patterns by providing a structured setting to work on class assignments, and to provide tutorial assistance before academic problems arise.

Although the criteria for mandatory study hall is left to the discretion of the academic counselor for their respective sport, typically, all freshmen, first year transfers, and upperclassmen who have not achieved a satisfactory cumulative grade point average will be required to attend. Additionally, each coach is regularly notified of any absences, tardiness,

of options, matching personal and academic interests, skills, values and goals with career possibilities. In addition, student-athletes have the opportunity to enroll in SDS 3340 - Intro to Career Development, a course that introduces principles of career planning using self-assessment and Career Center resources.

Career Exploration

Student-athletes are given assistance with career clarification and selection. Each semester students are encouraged to attend monthly Career Nights which give them the opportunity to gather career information and discuss internship opportunities with area professionals from a variety of career fields. Career Expositions, sponsored by the Career Center's Office of Career Placement Services, are also held each semester, giving student-athletes the opportunity to talk with many different employers in a single setting. Through shadowing experiences FSU student-athletes are able to receive a first hand look at career, through arrangements made by pro-

ur 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."



Al Gore (top) made a visit to Florida State during his first term as Vice President of the United States.

FSU alumnus Dr.
Norman Thaggard (above)
ended the longest space flight
in U.S. history in July of 1993
after an historic mission on the
Russian space station Mir.

or inappropriate use of study time of student-athletes who are attending study hall.

Career Counseling/Professional Development

Florida State student-athletes are provided with the opportunity to explore career interests and enhance employability skills through the Career Counseling/Professional Development Program offered through the office of Athletic Academic Support Services. This program, in conjunction with the University Career Center, utilizes various resources geared toward career orientation and planning, exploration, implementation and placement.

Career Orientation and Planning

Many student-athletes enter college undecided about an academic major or interest. Through career orientation and planning, student-athletes are introduced to resources which help identify career interests and develop career opportunities. Florida State student-athletes are oriented to the University Career Center through tours and individual appointments and have access to advising and counseling from Career Center counselors and academic support staff members. Computerized career exploration programs such as Discover, Sigi Plus and Choices, along with interest inventories, are provided to give students the opportunity to discover a variety

fessional staff members, to visit and observe various corporations and the tasks performed within them. With assistance from the Career Center's Career Experience Opportunities office and the Seminole Career Network, student-athletes can acquire internships which offer valuable experience and enhance marketability for the future.

Career Implementation

An important facet of the Career Counseling/ Professional Development Program is teaching job development skills to enhance employment opportunities. Student-athletes are encouraged to attend resume writing, cover letter writing and interviewing workshops, offered by the University Career Center and may also work individually with Academic Support personnel. Through oncampus presentations students can gain information as to where and how to find employment. Assistance is also provided in preparing for Graduate. Law and Professional School placement.



Career Placement

Searching for a job after graduation can be challenging and intimidating. The Career Placement phase provides Florida State student-athletes assistance in securing full-time employment once they complete their degrees. Student-athletes are educated in using the Career Placement Services office, located with the University Career Center, which matches potential employers with FSU graduates. Access to the Seminole Career Network, a networking system comprised of Florida State boosters nationwide who have agreed to facilitate career goals of student-athletes in various capacities, provides yet another vehicle for employment opportunities.

It is the goal of the office of Athletic Academic Support Services, through this comprehensive Career Counseling/Professional Development Program, to provide all student-athletes with the opportunities to prepare for a meaningful education and career.

Academic Honors & Awards

Florida State University student-athletes have achieved great success in obtaining recognition for academic excellence throughout the past year. Over \$40,000 in postgraduate award monies have been granted to FSU's student-athletes through the 1994-95 academic year, in addition to various other academic honors and awards.

Florida State had 109 student-athletes recognized to the 1993-94 ACC Honor Roll, boasted a G.T.E. Academic All-American and had two ACC postgraduate award winners and one NCAA postgraduate winner. In addition, two Florida State student-athletes received \$6,000 in scholarship monies through the Department of Undergraduate Studies to be used in their pursuit of graduate degrees from FSU.

The Academic Support Program is committed to recognizing academic success of all student-athletes. Florida State University's Golden Torch Gala is an annual black tie banquet, given to honor top GPA winners in each sport throughout an academic year, ACC Honor Roll members and top male and female GPA winners.

The academic support staff assists all studentathletes in obtaining recognition and awards for academic success. Team meetings are held each year, during which time student-athletes are notified of potential honors and awards and criteria for each. Individual sport counselors encourage student-athletes to compete for awards and participate in the nomination process.

Combining a strong GPA with athletic accomplishments and community service activities, creates a student-athlete capable of attaining unlimited academic honors, awards and postgraduate opportunities.

FSU Personal Support Program for Student Athletes CHAMPS/Life Skills Program

The NCAA CHAMPS/Life Skills Program, developed

by the NCAA Foundation, helps student-athletes prepare for life.

The challenges that today's college student-athletes face, both on and off the playing field, are unparalleled in the history of education. Unfortunately, many collegiate student-athletes are unprepared to face the biggest challenge of all, life after graduation, or what is called "real life."

The NCAA Foundation has developed the Life Skills Program for student-athletes to help students not only bridge the gap from college life to professional life in the business world, but to make meaningful contributions to their communities in the process.

While the program is entitled "Life Skills" and will be available for all NCAA divisions, the Division I-A Athletics Directors Association has emphasized promotion of the program among its members. Because of this focus, it has chosen to give the program for Division I-A institutions its own name, "Champs."

A portion of the program materials will be developed by noted professionals in each program discipline area, and the rest of the program information consists of existing material presently being used on university campuses across the country.

The Life Skills Program is designed to help student-athletes realize higher academic achievement, increased likelihood of retention, graduation and entering a chosen profession, a higher level of maturity, self-responsibility and greater overall success.

Developing Skills for Life: A Five-Point Program of Learning

The focus of the program is on five commitments viewed as critical to personal growth: academic excellence; athletics excellence; personal development; service: and career development.

Each commitment addresses specific topic areas in depth. For instance, the academic commitment focuses on topics such as study skills, goal-setting, and time management, while the personal development commitment highlights topics including values, clarification, fiscal responsibility, stress management and sports nutrition.

Program materials have been developed by nationally recognized providers of customized training, professional organizations and/or associations. Several components include model programs from institutions with a proven success record in a particular component topic. Models are included so that participating institutions can choose the model that best fits their campus environment. Institutions are encouraged to use the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program in cooperation with preexisting programming on their campus in an effort to create stronger alliances between the athletics department and the campus, and greater involvement of the studentathlete in the campus community.





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Building on the east side of the Florida State campus is home to the university's worldrenowned College of Communication. The building also houses FSU's student radio station WVFS.



Athletic Athletic



Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte



Dave Hart

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President

Talbot ("Sandy") D'Alemberte was appointed president of The Florida State University on November 29, 1993, by the Florida Board of Regents, took office on January 3, 1994, and was officially installed as president at a December 17, 1994, investiture.

D'Alemberte served as the fourth dean of the FSU College of Law from 1984 to 1989 and continues to teach as a member of the University faculty.

In a special "Profiles in Power" section, the April 15, 1985 edition of the National Law Journal listed D'Alemberte as one of the 100 most powerful lawyers in the United States. He was the only law school dean listed and one of only ten members of law school faculties.

He is an active member of many legal and higher educational committees and boards, including numerous American Bar Association committees, state and regional bar associations, the American College of Trial Lawyers, the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law, the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Florida Council of 100, the Business-Higher Education Forum, the Campus Compact, the Mildred and Claude Pepper Foundation Board of Directors, and several FSU committees and boards including the FSU Foundation, the FSU Alumni Association, the Collins Center for Public Policy, the Caribbean Law Institute and the Seminole Boosters. Inc.

D'Alemberte practiced law with the Steel Hector & Davis law firm in Miami and Tallahassee where he first began his legal career in 1962 and was named partner in 1965.

D'Alemberte was the 1991-1992 president of the American Bar Association and the 1982-1984 president of the American Judicature Society. He represented Dade County in the Florida House of Representatives from 1966 to 1972 and chaired several

legislative committees. After leaving the Florida Legislature he chaired the Florida Constitution Revision Commission in 1977-1978 and the Florida Commission on Ethics in 1974-1975.

D'Alemberte's book, *The Florida Constitution*, was published by Greenwood Press in 1991. He co-edited the 1990 four-volume work, *The Florida Civil Trial Guide*, and has authored over twenty published articles.

The numerous awards D'Alemberte has won include

the 1996 National Council of Jewish Women's Hannah G. Soloman Award for women's issues advocacy, the 1993 Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers "Perry Nichols" Award, the 1993 Florida Academy of Criminal Defense Lawyers Annual Criminal Justice Award, the 1990 Jurisprudence Award from the Anti-defamation League of South Florida, the 1986 National Sigma Delta Chi First Amendment Award, the 1987 Florida Bar Foundation Medal of Honor, the 1984 Florida Civil Liberties Union "Nelson Poynter" Award, an American Academy of Television Arts and Sciences "Emmy" in 1985 for his work in open government, particularly in the opening of court proceedings to electronic journalists, and, most recently, the 1996 American Judicature Society's Justice Award for his efforts to improve the administration of justice in the United States.

D'Alemberte holds honorary degrees from Cleveland State University, Hofstra University, Nova Southeastern University, Stetson University, the Universities of the South (Sewanee), of Bridgeport, and of Denver.

Born June 1, 1933, in Tallahassee, D'Alemberte was educated in public schools in Tallahassee and Chattahoochee, Florida. In 1955 he earned his bachelor of arts degree with honors in political science from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee and also attended summer school at FSU and the University of Virginia. After military service as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, D'Alemberte studied on a Rotary Foundation fellowship at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 1962 he received his juris doctor with honors from the University of Florida where he was named to the Order of the Coif and served as president of the Student Bar Association and articles editor of the University of Florida Law Review.

He is the father of two grown children, Gabrielle Lyn, a graduate of the University of Denver Law School, and Joshua Talbot, a graduate of his father's alma mater, the University of the South, and a public school teacher in Homestead, Florida. D'Alemberte is married to Patsy Palmer, former children's policy coordinator in Florida Governor Lawton Chiles' office. She has been a journalist, legislative aide and White House staff member; she holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri in journalism and a master's degree from the Harvard Divinity School. D'Alemberte's personal interests include racquetball, tennis, sailing, reading, and flying.

Dave Hart

Dave Hart, Jr., became Florida State's 10th athletics director after a national search selected the former East Carolina athletics director in February, 1995. Hart, 46, has gained national recognition for his skills in the areas of athletics management, public relations, marketing and fund-raising. He brought to Florida State an outstanding



The FSU Law School has built a reputation in less than 30 years as one of the nation's finest. Florida State President Sandy D'Alemberte served as the dean of the College of Law from 1984 to 1989.



reputation as one of the country's most respected athletic directors after leading the ECU program since 1987.

East Carolina University athletics enjoyed an enhanced image and reputation under Hart's leadership and he structured several programs of significance within the department. The most notable is ECU's comprehensive Student Development Program for all student-athletes.

While at East Carolina, the athletic department made great strides in revenue growth and facility enhancement. The athletics budget doubled during Hart's tenure and he initiated programs that tripled the budget for women's athletics. He planned and managed growth in the Pirates' athletic facilities totaling nearly \$30 million.

Hart served on several prestigious committees during his tenure at East Carolina. He was appointed in January, 1993, to the NCAA Council. He also served on the NCAA's Special Events/Post Season Bowls Committee and chaired Colonial Athletic Association committees on marketing and gender equity. He currently serves as Chairman for the Missions and Values Committee of the I-A Athletic Directors' Association in conjunction with the NCAA Foundation and is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Athletics Directors' Executive Committee.

A popular speaker at the national level and the author of a number of articles for national publications, Hart has made numerous speaking presentations to conventions and seminars on program management, marketing, fund-raising and personnel transition. For the past eight years, he has been an instructor at the National Association of College Directors of Athletics' Management Institute.

Just the 10th athletic director in FSU history, Hart officially began his duties at Florida State on March 20, 1995, succeeding Wayne Hogan, who served as interim athletic director following Bob Goin's departure after five years at the helm.

During his first year at FSU, Hart has restructured the administrative staff, negotiated four major contracts totaling more than 19 million dollars, overseen the planning of a women's soccer/softball complex which is a priority within the development of a broad athletic facilities master plan, initiated plans for an expansive Life Skills program for all student-athletes and set a stated department goal for comprehensive excellence through pursuit of improvement toward the Sears Directors' Cup, which is emblematic of total program success in intercollegiate athletics.

A 1971 graduate of Alabama, Hart played basketball for the Crimson Tide and earned a master's degree in 1972 while serving as a graduate assistant basketball coach. He coached and taught at the high school level before joining the Pirates' athletic program.

Hart met his wife, the former Pam Humble, while at Alabama and they have three children - Rick (24), Jamie (22) and Kelly (19).

Charles W. Ehrhardt

Faculty Athletic Committee Chairman

As the Chairman of the FSU Athletic Committee, Professor of Law Charles Ehrhardt is an important link for Florida State with the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

He is a member of the NCAA President's Commission Liaison Committee, the NCAA Special Committee which reviewed the Association's Enforcement and Infractions process, and the NCAA Eligibility Committee.

During his tenure as the athletic committee chair, Ehrhardt twice served as president of the Metro Conference and at one time was the chair of the Faculty Athletics Representative Association. He currently serves as the president of the Atlantic Coast Conference. This is Ehrhardt's second stint on FSU's Athletic Committee. A professor of Law at Florida State since 1967, he first served as a member of the committee from 1969-71. He was reappointed to the board in 1983 and succeeded Dr. James Jones as chairman in 1984, thus becoming Florida State's representative to the NCAA.

A highly-respected expert in the field of Evidence, Ehrhardt is the Ladd Professor Evidence in the Florida State College of Law. He wrote the Florida Evidence Code, passed by the state legislature in 1976, which deals with the admissibility of evidence in court trials. Ehrhardt has written a book on evidence, which is now in its third edition.

Ehrhardt is in demand as a lecturer and speaker. He works with lawyers and judges nationwide as a private consultant on evidence matters. He currently teaches in the areas of torts, evidence, trial advocacy and sports law. He has been honored four times as the outstanding professor in FSU's College of Law and was the recipient of a University Teaching Award in 1989.

A native of Elkader, Iowa, Ehrhardt received a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University in 1962. He went on to the University of Iowa, where he earned his law degree two years later. He became an Assistant United States Attorney in Iowa before coming to Tallahassee.

Ehrhardt and his wife, the former Judy Sutton, have three children.

Charlie Carr

Senior Associate Athletics Director

Charlie Carr is in his second year as senior associate athletics director at Florida State in 1996-97. FSU athletics director Dave Hart named his longtime associate to the number two spot on his staff when he accepted the job last year.

Prior to coming to FSU, Carr served under Hart as an associate athletics director at East Carolina University for four years and was executive director of ECU's educa-





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tional foundation from 1988 until his elevation to associate AD.

Carr's responsibilities at Florida State include assisting in managing all phases of the department's daily operation. He serves as the department's spokesman in the AD's absence and acts as the athletics department's contact and liaison for campus and community organizations. Carr also is charged with overseeing departmental personnel in addition to the administration of the Seminole baseball, cross country, golf, track and volleyball programs.

A well-known member of the college athletics scene in North Carolina as a player, coach and administrator, Carr was athletics director at Mississippi State from 1985-87.

Carr played football and baseball at North Carolina where he earned his master's degree in 1970. He played two years of professional baseball in the N.Y. Mets organization before becoming an assistant football coach at his alma mater from 1971-75 under Bill Dooley. He then coached at Rice University from 1975-78.

He returned to UNC in 1978 to begin administrative work as senior associate athletics director where he worked until his appointment at Mississippi State.

Carr and his wife, Dee, have one daughter Caitlin (12).

Charles Hurst

Executive Associate Director of Athletics for Internal Affairs

Charles Hurst is in his 10th year with the Florida State athletic department and his first as executive associate director of athletics for internal affairs.

Hurst was elevated to his new post after three years as an associate athletic director where he oversaw all of the department's financial and business affairs. During his first five years at FSU, Hurst served as assistant athletic director for business.

In addition to assisting in the daily management of the department, Hurst's duties include supervision of the annual budget, business and ticket office operation, facilities management, personnel records, departmental contracts and negotiations.

The Talladega, AL, native came to Tallahassee after a stint at the University of Florida, where he was Director of Internal Management Auditing from 1983-87. He was Manager of Internal Auditing at the University of South Alabama from 1981-83.

Hurst received his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville State (AL) University with a major in accounting and a minor in economics. He earned CPA status in 1975 while employed by the private firm of Brook and Freeman in Anniston, AL.

He and his wife, Juanita, have one daughter, Maria (18).

Kim Record

Associate Director of Athletics/Senior Women's Administrator

Kim Record joined Florida State's staff in August of 1995 when she was named to the newly created position of associate athletic director and senior women's administrator at Florida State.

Although new to FSU, Record is a veteran of Atlantic Coast Conference circles. She served as associate athletic director for administration at her alma mater, the University of Virginia, for three years. Prior to that, she spent four years as associate director for marketing and promotions at UVa and two years as director of athletic promotions for the Cavaliers from 1986-88.

Record's responsibilities at Florida State include coordination and oversight of all multi-media contracts, supervising Title IX and gender equity compliance with the department, and overseeing the areas of sports marketing and sports information. She is also the primary administrator over the Seminole soccer, softball, swimming and tennis programs.

A native of Troy, VA, Record received her bachelor's degree in sociology in 1984. She and her husband, Kevin, have two sons, Kyle (8) and Joshua (3).

Bob Minnix

Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and Legal Affairs

News spread quickly in August of 1995 when Bob Minnix, a director of enforcement at the NCAA since 1975 and a former star running back at Notre Dame, announced he would leave his post to accept the newly created position of associate athletics director for compliance and legal affairs at Florida State University.

In his role at the NCAA, Minnix oversaw enforcement issues with regard to the NCAA and its member institutions including the preparation and presentation of cases to be heard by the committee of infractions. He has served on a number of NCAA committees including, the Leadership and Development Training Committee, Special Events Committee, Post-Season Football Subcommittee, and staff task forces that concentrated on public relations, compensation, and employment opportunities for women and ethnic minorities.

At Florida State, Minnix is charged with overseeing all departmental compliance issues, implementing and directing FSU's rules education programs, and serving as the department's liaison and contact with university General Counsel as well as other legal interests. He is directly involved in the strategic planning of long range departmental goals regarding student-athlete welfare and life skills training.



Minnix has continued FSU's stance as a pro-active leader in addressing NCAA and ACC issues, and in educating coaches, staff, student-athletes and donors to the serious nature and ramifications of non-compliance.

A native of Spokane, WA, Minnix attended Notre Dame where he played in back-to-back Cotton Bowls in 1970 and '71. He led the Fighting Irish in rushing as a senior in 1971. He graduated from Notre Dame in 1972 and entered law school at the University of Washington where he received his Juris Doctorate degree in 1975.

Minnix and his wife, Genny, have two sons, Brennan (17) and Blair (12).

Andy Urbanic Assistant Director of Athletics for Football Operations and Special Projects

Andy Urbanic is in his seventh season in charge of football operations at Florida State. He recently added the responsibility of coordinating special projects within the athletics department.

He is directly responsible for all aspects of football operations, including team travel and home game operations. He also coordinates post-season logistics and travel for all Seminole teams and supervises the equipment, strength and conditioning, and training room staffs.

A member of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Urbanic came to Tallahassee with more than 20 years experience in collegiate athletics most of which came

as an assistant coach at the Division 1 level. Prior to taking the administrative post at FSU, he was at the University of Akron as offensive backfield coach and recruiting coordinator from 1986-87, and as assistant head football coach and offensive coordinator from 1987-88. From 1980-86, Urbanic was the offensive backfield coach at the University of Pittsburgh. Urbanic is a legendary figure in high school coaching in Pennsylvania where he coached six undefeated teams and earned eight state championships.

Urbanic is a past president and member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania State High School Coaches Association and remains active in the American Football Coaches Association.

He and his wife, Dorothy, have two daughters.

GUY MORGAN Assistant Director of Athletics for Basketball Operations

Guy Morgan is in his third year as assistant athletic director at Florida State University. He is responsible for the coordination and administration of the men's and women's basketball programs.

Morgan's duties include coordinating team travel, dormitory supervision, practice and facility scheduling, along with the planning and coordination of game operations. He is involved in matters related to opponent scheduling and budgets as well. He also assists in an enrichment program for all FSU student-athletes.

A graduate of Wake Forest, Morgan was the Most Valuable Player for the Demon Deacon basketball team as a junior and senior. He co-captained the team in his senior year (1981-82).

Morgan played professional basketball with the Indiana Pacers during the 1982-83 season. After his playing career, he worked in the furniture industry as a national sales consultant for four years.

From 1988-94, Morgan worked for Sports Marketing Enterprises, Inc., a division of RJR Nabisco Co. In that position, he served as a liaison between the RJR Nabisco Co., and the PGA Tour for the Vantage Golf Tour sponsorship.

Morgan and his wife, Tonya, are the proud parents of one-year-old Guy II.



Greg Phillips
Asst. Athletics Director
Business & Systems
Management



Patrick Martin Athletics Ticket Manager



Kim McWilliams Director of Sports Marketing



Bernie Waxman Director of Facilities & Operations



Rob Wilson Sports Information Director



Pam Overton Life Skills Coordinator





Andy Urbanic



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1996-97 SEMINOLE BASKETBALL THE UNIVERSITY

Near, but far from the glaring strips of neon amusement, and the castles and crowds of Disney, lies another magical place in the Sunshine State – one of pow-wows, plantations, politics and great pride. Often described as "The Other Florida" with its deep-rooted history, rolling hills, canopy roads of moss-draped oaks, cool climate

and Southern-style hospitality; it is a Florida few have seen. It is Tallahassee – Florida with a Southern accent.

Best known as Florida's capital, Tallahassee is an intimate neo-metro-

politan city where the power of state government, the academic and the artistic are complemented by subtle, old-fashioned charm. It is the perfect two- or three-day diversion for the more than 41 million annual visitors to Florida and 13 million residents.

Tallahassee touts a menagerie of sights including one of the world's deepest freshwater springs, site of

America's first Christmas, a wildlife habitat, Capitol buildings, fascinating museums of history, sprawling plantations, highly acclaimed fishing and hunting adventures and nearby beaches. Spirited area festivals range from celebrations of Tallahassee's spectacular spring and swamp stomps to genuine rattlesnake roundups and seafood festivals.

With the Gulf of Mexico just 20 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. Nearer in miles to Atlanta than to Miami, Tallahassee more closely resembles its Southern neighbors than Florida in topography, climate and lifestyle.

Accentuating Tallahassee's Southern persona are lush rolling hills, likened to the seven hills of Rome, and five "official" canopy roads of patriarch oaks. The fertile, rich soil and four distinct, yet pleasant, seasons breed floral brilliance and natural vitality year-round.

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 find a permanent, central location for the Legislature to convene. The





two met at a beautiful site that the Creek and Seminole Indians called "tallahassee" – derived from the words "talwa" meaning town and "ahasee" meaning old. The rendezvous point remains Florida's capital.

The "old town" has undergone many changes, but one thing remains the same – it is still a government town fiercely proud and dedicated to preserving its heritage. The Capitol buildings, both old and new, epitomize Tallahassee's perseverance.

The 22nd floor of the New Capitol provides a panoramic scope of a sophisticated Southern city awash in a sea of flowering azaleas, snowy dogwoods, towering pines, fragrant magnolias, and hundreds of shimmering lakes, springs, swamps, rivers and sink holes. Special legislative viewing galleries are open during the legislative session.

Minutes from downtown lies the Governor's Mansion, which resembles the home of Florida's military hero Andrew Jackson; and the 52-acre natural animal habitat and 1880s farm of the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, which provide the rare

which provide the ra chance to walk and talk with native Florida animals.

Tallahassee remains firmly linked with the past as evidenced by the unearthed 1539 winter encampment of Spanish Hernando de Soto, the site of the first Christmas celebration in America. Visitors travel back through time as

they stand in the shadow of a giant 12,000-yearold American Mastodon at the Museum of Florida History or explore other historical spots including The Knott House that Rhymes, The Columns, San Luis Mission, Lake Jackson State Archaeological Site, Natural Bridge Battlefield, First Presbyterian Church, Brokaw-McDougall House, Goodwood Plantation and Adams Street Commons.





Appealing to the strokes of different folks, Tallahassee also features 99 holes of golf on six courses and a proliferation of tennis centers. Sideline athletes cheer the nationally-ranked Florida State Seminoles, Florida A&M Rattlers and the Tallahassee Tiger Sharks, of the East Coast Hockey League. And always a sure bet are the nearby greyhound races.

Cultural interests are sparked by widely-acclaimed museums and galleries and elaborate entertainment at the 14,000-seat Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center.

Tallahassee is a collaboration of power-play politics and classical character splashed with a twist of Southern beauty and charm. Tallahassee is Florida with a Southern accent.



While retaining its Southern charm,

Tallahassee has grown into a metropolitan center. A perfect example of its charm are the city's 'canopy roads' (top).

Tallahassee's Winter Festival and Celebration of Lights (above) turn the downtown area into one of Florida's biggest block parties.

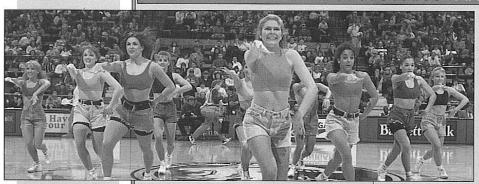
As the capital city of Florida, Tallahassee serves as home to the capital building (inset).





At Seminole home games, the players are only part of the show.

1996-97 SEMINOLE BASKETBALL THE UNIVERSITY



From the pregame ritual when the house lights are turned off and music and sirens blare, whipping the

timeout routines have become legendary. The FSU cheerleaders promote Seminole athletics wherever they go, which has included the National Cheerleading Championships. The Florida State Cheerleaders have had more All-Americans than any school in the country and last year featured America's No. 1 cheerleader. The team also makes appearances and does community service work throughout the year. This makes them one of

the most popular groups for Seminole fans.

Unique to Florida State basketball, the Golden Girls

Tom the pregame ritual when Chief Osceola along with the FSU cheerleaders and Golden Girls lead the Seminoles onto the court, to the final tick of the clock, nothing compares to the pageantry and excitement of Seminole basketball.

Florida State's Golden Girls (above) and cheerleaders regularly rank among the nation's top dance teams and cheer squads, respectively. Both teams will vie for the country's top honors again this year. crowd to a frenzied pitch under roving spotlights, Chief Osceola along with the FSU cheerleaders and Golden Girls lead the Seminoles onto the court, to the final tick of the clock when confetti and streamers are launched from the Civic Center rafters in celebration of another Florida State win, nothing compares to the pageantry and excitement of Seminole basketball.

Two of Florida State's most visible basketball ambassadors are the cheerleaders and Golden Girls, Fans anxiously await their performances as their halftime and have become one of the top collegiate dance troops in the country. Their choreographed routines are Seminole basketball hallmarks. Since 1991, the squad has placed among the Top-10 dance teams in the country. In addition to basketball, the Golden Girls perform at many community events. They have established a top-notch reputation that has enabled many former members to dance professionally. Golden Girl alumni have gone on to become performers at Disney Theme Parks, as well as dancing/cheering for NFL and NBA teams.

