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Regarded as an architect of championship programs, an advocate for academic success and a skilled administrator, Athletics Director Eric Hyman began his duties at South Carolina on July 1, 2005.

Hyman has developed an outstanding reputation as a leader among his peers. He was named the 2003-04 Street and Smith's Business Journal National Athletics Director of the Year and was also selected as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of

Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). In September 2008, he assumed the duties as President of the Division 1A Athletic Directors' Association. More recently, he was named to the NCAA Division I Baseball Committee and was selected as the 2010-11 Under Armour Southeast Region Athletics Director of the Year by NACDA.

Hyman has been a featured speaker at numerous conventions, including the NCAA Champions Forum, to speak on diversity issues in athletics, and the American Football Coaches' Association, guiding young assistant coaches on how to become a head coach. He is also a regular presenter at the I-A Athletics Directors' Institute.

Under Hyman's leadership, the South Carolina Athletics Department has made tremendous strides in becoming a nationally prominent program with the goal of competing for championships in all sports, as exhibited by the school's first men's national championship with the baseball team's title in June 2010. During the 2010-11 academic year, the football team captured its first SEC Eastern Division title, the men's and women's soccer teams advanced in the NCAA Championships, the women's golf team participated in the national championships and the baseball team made it back-to-back National Championships. In addition, women's indoor track & field crowned an individual national champion. Since January 2010, Carolina has posted wins over six top-ranked teams in three sports - Alabama in football, Kentucky in men's basketball, and Arizona State, Florida, Vanderbilt and Virginia in baseball.

His hiring of successful head coaches, the development of a \$200 million master plan of facilities, and the school's first athletics capital campaign have taken South Carolina athletics to new heights. Hyman has successfully guided the department through a football seat donation initiative, which, along with philanthropic gifts and money guaranteed through the television agreement, has provided the financial resources to begin bringing the Gamecock facilities up to the standards of their SEC rivals.

Under Hyman's tenure, the Carolina Stadium state-of-the-art baseball facility opened in the spring of 2009, and the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center opened its doors in February 2010, with an adjacent parking garage and tennis complex set to open in 2011. The new Coaches' Support Building is expected to open its doors in 2012. In addition, the athletic training room, locker room, coaches' locker room, players' lounge and entryway at Williams-Brice Stadium have all received major upgrades. Men's and women's basketball locker rooms have been renovated along with the coaches' offices. Major suite renovations are taking place at Williams-Brice following the successful addition of the Champion Club suites. Upon Hyman's arrival the stadium was dressed up with graphics and recognition of record-holding players.

Over the next couple of years, Hyman's master plan includes converting the Farmers' Market into a football parking lot and tailgate area for the fans, further improvements to Williams-Brice Stadium including a new state-of-the-art videoboard, and renovating the softball and track facilities at the new Athletics Village.

Off the field, South Carolina student-athletes have combined to surpass the 3.0 grade point average plateau for nine consecutive semesters and are regularly among the leaders in the SEC Academic Honor Roll. In Spring 2009, a record 15 of 17 athletic teams topped the 3.0 standard. South

Carolina APR scores have continually improved under Hyman's watch, with 15 of 19 sports either matching or surpassing its previous highest mark in the 2011 statistics.

Hyman came to South Carolina from TCU, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. Under his direction, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheading the effort for the Horned Frogs to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program from the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived. During Hyman's tenure, the TCU football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, boasted a Heisman Trophy candidate in LaDainian Tomlinson and was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls. The women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments, the baseball team earned back-to-back NCAA regional appearances for the first time in school history, and the men's indoor and outdoor track and field and men's tennis teams finished its seasons ranked among the top five in the nation.

As TCU's athletics director, Hyman worked diligently to improve athletic facilities. He helped raise over \$30 million in facility improvements and directed a three-phase building plan that completely renovated the athletic department's facilities.

Prior to his stint in Fort Worth, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and VMI in Lexington, Va.; Executive Associate Athletics Director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C.; and Associate Athletics Director at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. He also coached football at Furman University for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan.

Hyman graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in education where he was an All-ACC football player, on the Dean's list and selected for the Hula Bowl and signed with the New Orleans Saints.

Hyman earned a master's degree in educational administration from Furman in 1975. He and his wife, Pauline, together coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville University in Tigerville, S.C., leading the team to national rankings in the 1970s.

Pauline is a native of North Carolina and also has her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She did some post-graduate work at South Carolina in the early eighties, played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology and served as a college administrator. She developed and taught the NCAA Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU. Since coming to South Carolina, she has taught the Etiquette Seminar in the Gamecocks' Life Skills course and assists with other seminars in preparing the student-athletes for their futures, such as the Dress for Success and Networking seminars.

The Hymans have a daughter and son-in-law, Corrine and Michael Quast, and a son and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Carolyn Hyman. Corrine is a real estate agent; Michael is a financial analyst; Ryan is in the property and casualty insurance business; and Carolyn is an attorney. They all reside in Fort Worth, Texas.





With eight national championships, 10 runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 34 Final Four appearances and 110 first-team All-America honors, the Southeastern Conference stands firmly as the nation's premier intercollegiate women's basketball conference.

NCAA Tournament Rich

SEC teams lead the nation with 180 NCAA Tournament appearances (40 ahead of the second-place conference), 335 NCAA Tournament game wins (135 more than the nearest league), 34 NCAA Final Four appearances (more than two times any other conference) and eight national titles. League teams have earned appearances in 25 of the 30 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. The SEC has placed 18 teams in a record 16 NCAA Championship games with the league providing both national finalists in 1996 and 1989.

In 1999, the SEC became the first league to have eight teams invited to the NCAA Tournament and repeated the feat in 2002. The league has put more teams in the NCAA Tournament than any other conference 21 times in the 30-year history of the event. And once they are in the tournament, SEC teams fare well with a 335-172 (.661) record in the event.

All-Americans Abound

In the 36 years that All-Americans have been named in women's basketball, the SEC has had 66 student-athletes named first team a total of 110 times. Since the league began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83, 58 student-athletes have earned a total of 85 selections to the All-America first team. Seven Naismith Player of the Year winners have come from the SEC as have six Honda Sports Awards winners. The SEC boasts nine NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners and 28 Academic All-Americans as well.

On a World Stage

SEC schools have produced 35 United States Olympians since 1976, with 31 coming since the SEC began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982-83. In addition, 49 players have been part of a Women's National Team and 30 have been on a Women's World Championship Team roster.

Professional Push

Since the inaugural WNBA draft in 1997, the SEC has had 113 former players drafted for the professional league. In 2011, 28 former SEC players were on opening day rosters.

Power in the Polls

Since it began sponsoring women's basketball in 1982, the SEC has had at least four members in each of the final polls in all but three seasons. League teams have been ranked a record 2,694 times, including 1,306 Top-10 appearances and 743 Top-5 showings. SEC teams boast 136 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.



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12 Dear Alumni, Fans and Friends,

11 As a University of South Carolina season ticket holder, alumnus, Gamecock Club member or fan, you are, by NCAA definition, a representative of University of South Carolina's athletics interests. Those who actively support Gamecock Athletics are an integral part of our program. Your support enables our student-athletes to train and prepare in quality facilities, compete for championships in the nation's top conference and pursue a college degree. Your level of support is vital to their overall success.

10 We value your interest and support, but we must remind you that an inappropriate action on your part can jeopardize the eligibility of a student-athlete, prospect and/or the compliance of the University with Southeastern Conference and NCAA regulations.

09 The NCAA has strictly limited the role you, as a Gamecock fan, may assume with regard to prospects and student-athletes. The following information is intended to provide you with a basic understanding of NCAA rules and regulations that you should know as someone who cares about intercollegiate athletics.

08 **Prospective Student-Athletes**

- A prospective student-athlete (prospect) is a student who has:
- Started classes for the ninth grade (seventh grade in the sport of men's basketball), or
 - Ever received any financial assistance or other benefit prospective students do not generally receive.

07 An individual remains a prospect until one of the following occurs (whichever is earlier):

- The individual officially registers and enrolls in a minimum full-time program of studies and attends classes in any term (including summer) of a four-year collegiate institution's regular academic year.
- The individual participates in a regular squad practice or competition at a four-year collegiate institution that occurs before the beginning of any term.

05 Remember a prospect remains a prospect even after signing a National Letter of Intent with the University of South Carolina.

04 **Extra Benefits**

The NCAA defines an extra benefit as any special arrangement by an institutional employee or a representative of the institution's athletics interests to provide a student-athlete or the student-athlete's relative or friend a benefit not expressly authorized by NCAA legislation.

03 Specifically prohibited financial aid, benefits and arrangements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- An employment arrangement for a prospect's relatives
- A gift of clothing or equipment
- The cosigning of loans
- Providing loans to a prospect's relatives or friends
- Cash or like items
- Any tangible items, including merchandise

Employment

Boosters may contact a prospect to discuss a summer job ONLY after the prospect has signed a National Letter of Intent to attend the University of South Carolina. In addition, boosters MAY NOT employ or arrange employment of a high school prospective student-athlete until the prospect has completed all classes and graduated from high school.

Enrolled student-athletes are permitted to be employed during the regular academic year as well as during official vacation periods. PRIOR TO the student-athlete's employment, he/she must receive written approval from the Office of Compliance Services and complete the required paperwork.

Student-Athletes and/or employers may be asked to provide records related to employment. This information may include, but is not limited to, payroll records, tax documents and benefit statements.

Please note all employers are subject to NCAA regulations and penalties for any violations.

Compliance with NCAA rules is of the highest priority for our athletics program and institution. As a member of the NCAA, University of South Carolina is responsible for the actions of its alumni, supporters and fans. Even the best-intentioned action on your part may be a violation of NCAA rules.

The University of South Carolina appreciates its alumni and friends who strive for the highest level of ethical conduct while supporting the student-athlete's goals for both academic and athletic success.

Please contact the Office of Compliance Services at 803-777-1519 if you have any questions regarding what is permissible. Additional information can be found on the Office of Compliance Services web page at: www.gamecocksonline.com. Remember, "Ask Before You Act!"

