

why south carolina



In addition to success on the court, the South Carolina women's basketball program has been filled with excellent students. The Gamecocks led all SEC schools with eight players earning a spot on the 2006 SEC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll. Carolina has averaged 7.67 women's basketball players on the SEC Honor Roll per year during the last three seasons, which matches Florida for the highest total in the league during that time.



The University of South Carolina

South Carolina is the only SEC school and one of just 11 across the country that had its football, men's basketball, women's basketball and baseball teams compete in the postseason in 2005-06.

:: Hall-of-Fame Coach Joyce Compton has led the South Carolina softball team to 12 NCAA Championship appearances and two trips to the Women's College World Series. With 33 years in existence, South Carolina has the oldest softball program in the Southeastern Conference.

:: In 2005, USC claimed its first Equestrian national title. The team also won back-to-back Hunt Seat National titles in 2005 and 2006.

:: All-American Allison Brennan won the title on the 1-meter and 3-meter boards at the 2006 SEC Championships, and finished second on the 1-meter at NAAs. The women's swimming and diving team recorded a team GPA of 3.5 which ranked them third among all Division I women's swim programs.

:: The Carolina women's basketball team advanced to the Elite Eight at the 2002 NCAA Tournament and has made three trips to the postseason in the last five seasons.

:: South Carolina is one of only four schools who has had a player selected among the first 25 picks in each of the last three NFL Drafts and is home of the 1980 Heisman Trophy winner, George Rogers.

:: The baseball team has reached the NCAA Super Regional in six of the last seven years and made three trips to the College World Series in that span. Coach Ray Tanner holds the second-highest winning percentage in SEC all-time history with a .695 winning percentage in 10 seasons at Carolina. Current Major Leaguers Brian Roberts and Adam Everett attended USC.

:: The women's soccer program boasts a strong young crop of talent entering the 2006 season including two-time All-SEC midfield performer Ashley Kirk. The Gamecocks finished strong in the classroom this past semester with a team cumulative GPA of 3.263 with senior Kimmy Criss earning CoSIDA Academic All-America honors and Amanda Thurber finishing her second straight season as a CoSIDA Academic All-District recipient.

:: The women's tennis team has competed in 12 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, which is tied for the 11th longest active streak in the country. Gira Schofield was named the SEC Freshman of the Year and the ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year in 2006.

A Total Program

Home of the Gamecocks

South Carolina offers a total athletics program that has achieved success across the board. The Gamecock staff features some of nation's best coaches and they have made a home at Carolina. Of the 16 head coaches, 11 of have been at South Carolina 10 or more seasons.

:: The South Carolina volleyball team has posted eight 20-win seasons in the past 12 years. Senior Shonda Cole has been involved with USA Volleyball each of the last two years.

:: The women's golf team has made eight consecutive trips to the post-season. Erica Battle was the 2006 recipient of the prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy, which honors the top golfer in the country who combines success on the golf course with success in the classroom, service to the community and extraordinary leadership. She is the second Gamecock in the last three years to win the award. Carolina was recognized as the 2004-05 NGCA All-Scholar Team of the Year and Whitney Simons was honored as the 2006 SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

:: The women's track and field team has placed in the top-10 11 straight years, joining only the Texas women and Arkansas men in accomplishing this outstanding feat. In addition, they have been in the top five, five of the last six years. The women's program, started in 1991, has also had unprecedented success on the professional circuit with its alums including Olympic gold medalists Tonique Williams-Darling (400m), Aleen Bailey (4x100m relay) and Charmaine Howell (4x400m relay).

:: The men's track and field team, which has won 14 NCAA titles over 12 years, finished in the top 30 seven of the last eight years. USC track alums include two-time Olympic silver medalist Terrence Trammell, two-time Olympic medalist Otis Harris (gold, silver), three-time Olympian Brad Snyder and five-time NCAA champion and National Scholar Athlete of the Year Otukile Lekote.

:: The men's basketball team, which has won 20 plus games in four of the last four years, has won the last two NIT post-season titles, an honor only accomplished by one other team (St. John's, 1943-44). The team won the season series with 2006 NCAA champion Florida, making the SEC Tournament finals.

:: The men's soccer team has competed in 18 NCAA Tournaments, including two trips to the final four. USC has produced MLS stars Brad Guzan, Clint Mathis and Josh Wolff, who also played on the U.S. World Cup team in Germany in 2006.

:: The men's tennis team has advanced to the NCAA Championship for the last 13 years, a streak that ranks as the sixth-longest active streak nationally. Tom Eklund was selected the USC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2005-06.

:: The men's golf team has made 11 straight trips to the NCAA postseason under Hall-of-Fame coach Puggy Blackmon and competed in the NCAA Championship a total of 14 times. Eirik Johansen earned honorable mention All-America honors in 2006.



The University of South Carolina

The Carolina Academic Resources and Enrichment Services program employs a team of dedicated staff and tutors to work in a collaborative effort to assist student-athletes with day-to-day activities. It is the mission of the C.A.R.E.S. staff help all student-athletes realize their personal, academic, and athletics potential.



Developing the total student-athlete



:: Seniors Kimmy Criss (Women's Soccer) and Ashley Smith (Softball) were named to the CoSIDA ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America team.

:: Six USC student-athletes were named to CoSIDA's ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District III team, including Ashley Smith (Softball), Kimmy Criss (Women's Soccer), Neil Giesler (Baseball), Erica Battle (Women's Golf), Tom Eklund (Men's Tennis) and Eirik Johansen (Men's Golf).

:: Seniors Tom Eklund (Men's Tennis) and Tracey Richardson (Women's Diving) were South Carolina's recipients of the SEC H. Boyd McWhorter Postgraduate Scholarships.

:: South Carolina student-athletes set a record with a 2.978 cumulative GPA for the Fall, 2005 semester and then bettered that mark with a 2.992 GPA for the Spring, 2006 semester.

:: Twelve of 17 programs achieved a GPA of 3.0 or higher in both semesters during the 2005-06 school year. Seventy two student-athletes made the President's List with a perfect 4.0 GPA and 238 were named to the Dean's List.

:: Tom Eklund (Men's Tennis) was chosen the USC Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and Ashley Smith (Softball) and Amanda Thurber (Women's Soccer) shared the Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. Erica Battle (Women's Golf) was presented the President's Award, the highest honor for a USC student-athlete.

CHAMPS/LIFE SKILLS

USC was selected to begin a CHAMPS/Life Skills Program by the NCAA in 2000. CHAMPS is an acronym meaning CHallenging Athletes' Minds for Personal Success. The Life Skills program addresses commitment to five areas: Academic Excellence, Athletic Excellence, Personal Development, Career Development and Service.

ETIQUETTE SEMINARS: "MANNERS MATTER"

The Etiquette Seminar prepares student-athletes for internships and job hunting by emphasizing table manners and other etiquette appropriate for interview situations in an interactive, formal dinner setting.

GAMECOCK ATHLETICS CAREER NETWORK

The Gamecock Athletics Career Network has resources available for identifying practicum and internship experiences. Other programs include: mentoring, assistance with resume development and job interviewing skills, networking seminars and collaborations with the University Career Center.

UNIVERSITY 101

Each freshman student-athlete enrolls in University 101, an internationally renowned seminar course dedicated to helping new students succeed, during their first semester.

THE STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

USC has a Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) made up of student-athlete representatives from each sport team within the Athletics Department. SAAC has been active in promoting department-wide community service projects and student-athlete camaraderie, and is a means for student-athletes to communicate with administration about issues that affect student-athletes.

ALL-SPORTS BANQUET

The Athletics Department gives special recognition to all student-athletes each spring at the All-Sports Banquet by honoring athletic and academic accomplishments of student-athletes and teams.



Home of the Gamecocks

The athletics department's community service program, "Team Gamecocks," represents a continuing commitment by Gamecock student-athletes, coaches and staff to respond with both time and effort to the needs of their local communities.

Team Gamecocks: Student-Athletes who care

CAROLINA IN THE COMMUNITY:

: In 2005-2006, South Carolina student-athletes participated in over 125 community service projects, logging more than 3,000 hours of service.

: : The Equestrian team won the athletic department's 2005-06 Team Community Service Award.

: : Kris Clark, a senior on the football team, received the Male SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship while senior track and field athlete Kemesha Whitmire received the Female SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship for 2005-06.

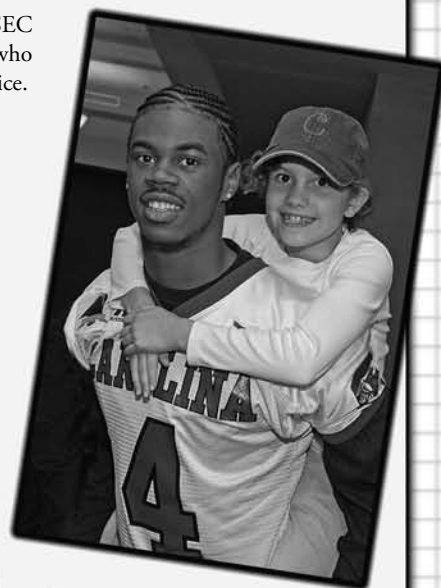
: : Team Gamecocks annually participated in a variety of service projects, including Pigskin Poets, Camp Kemo, Children's Chance, hospital and elementary school visits and food drives.

SEC GOOD WORKS TEAMS

The team consists of a student-athlete from each SEC institution, nominated by his school's personnel, who has devoted himself or herself to community service.

South Carolina's 2005-2006 Recipients

Baseball – Ian Paxton
Football – Kris Clark
Men's Golf – David Kite
Women's Golf – Erica Battle
Women's Soccer – Kimmy Gillespie
Softball – Melanie Henkes
Men's Swimming – Justin Kata
Women's Swimming – Stephanie Margalis
Men's Tennis – Tom Eklund
Women's Tennis – Justine Walsh
Men's Track & Field – Shawn Cunningham
Women's Track & Field – Cheryl Terrio
Volleyball – Nicole Miller



The University of South Carolina

Gamecock Athletics Facilities



Williams-Brice Stadium

Football • Capacity: 80,250

Largest Crowd: 85,000 (vs. Clemson, Nov. 17, 2001)



The Colonial Center

Men's and Women's Basketball • Capacity: 18,000

Largest Crowd: 18,000 (MBB vs. Kentucky, March 3, 2004)



Sarge Frye Field

Baseball • Capacity: 6,000

Largest Crowd: 6,811 (vs. Clemson, April 24, 2004)



Eugene E. Stone III Stadium

Men's and Women's Soccer • Capacity: 5,700

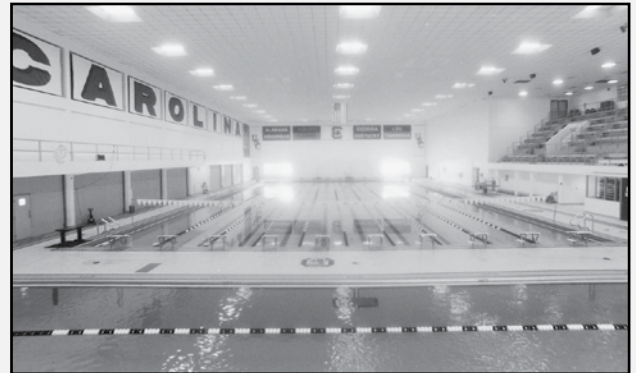
Largest Crowd: 6,025 (MSOC vs. Clemson, Oct. 14, 1990)



Beckham Field

Softball • Capacity: 1,500

Largest Crowd: 2,250 (vs. Kansas, May 18, 1997)



Carolina Natatorium

Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving • Capacity: 1,200

Home of the Gamecocks

Gamecock Athletics Facilities



University Club
Men's and Women's Golf



Sam Daniel Tennis Center
Men's Tennis • Capacity: 1,500



Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center
Women's Tennis • Capacity: 700



Weems Baskin Track
Men's and Women's Track and Field • Capacity: 2,200



One Wood Farm
Equestrian



Volleyball Competition Facility
Volleyball • Capacity: 2,000
Largest Crowd: 1,793 (vs. Florida, Sept. 21, 2001)

The University of South Carolina

Alumni and fans hold a deep love for the Gamecocks. You won't find more passionate and loyal fans any place in the country.

You're a Gamecock for life.

2001

The University of South Carolina features perhaps the most unique and electrifying pregame entrance in all of college football. The Gamecocks assemble in the southwest corner of Williams-Brice Stadium, and as more than 80,000 fans begin to roar in anticipation, the theme song from "2001 - A Space Odyssey" begins to blare over the stadium sound system. As the music continues, the excitement builds and the sound of the crowd grows deafening. At the precise moment, in perfect coordination with the music, the Gamecocks storm onto the field.

The theme "2001" corresponds with the University's Bicentennial, which was celebrated in 2001.

Cocky

South Carolina's official mascot, Cocky, appears at many Gamecock Athletics events. Known for his zany antics and widely-recognized around the country, Cocky has been a member of Capital One's Mascot All-America team for three straight years.

Alma Mater

"We Hail Thee Carolina"

We hail thee, Carolina, and sing thy high praise
With loyal devotion, remembering the days
When proudly we sought thee, thy children
to be: Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Since pilgrims of learning, we entered thy walls
And found dearest comrades in thy classic halls
We've honored and loved thee as sons faithfully;
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Generations of sons have rejoiced to proclaim
Thy watchword of service, thy beauty and fame;
For ages to come shall their rallying cry be:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fair shrine of high honor and truth, thou shalt still
Blaze forth as a beacon, thy mission fulfill,
And crowned by all hearts in a new jubilee:
Here's a health, Carolina, forever to thee!

Fight Song

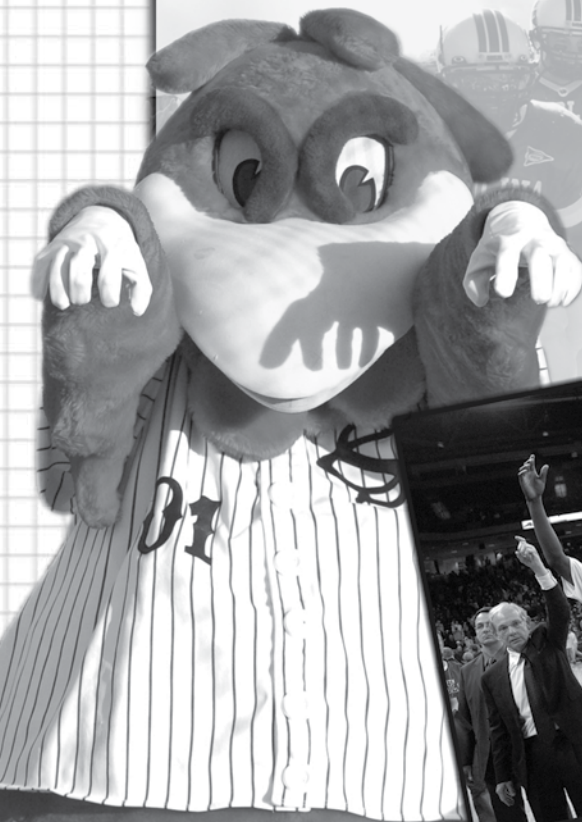
"The Fighting Gamecocks Lead the Way"

Hey, Let's give a cheer, Carolina is here,
The Fighting Gamecocks lead the way.

Who gives a care, If the going gets tough, And
when it is rough, that's when the 'Cocks get going.

Hail to our colors of garnet and black, In Carolina
pride have we.

So, Go Gamecocks Go - FIGHT! Drive for the goal -
FIGHT! USC will win today - GO COCKS!
So, let's give a cheer, Carolina is here. The Fighting
Gamecocks All The Way!



The University of South Carolina

Founded in 1801, the University of South Carolina campus offers the best of both worlds -- a scenic academic oasis situated in the midst of a vibrant capital city.

More than 200 years of history and tradition

:: The University of South Carolina's graduate program in international business is the top-ranked public university program in the country and No. 2 among all institutions, according to U.S. News & World Report. The ranking marks the 17th consecutive year that the program at the Moore School of Business has been ranked either No. 1 or 2.

:: USC's minority retention and graduation rates are higher than 60 percent, and minority enrollment is 20 percent, which is the highest figure among major athletic conference institutions.

:: A 2004 study by The Chronicle of Higher Education showed that the University of South Carolina, with a student body that was 14.7 percent black, had the highest percentage of black students among the 50 flagship state universities in the country.

:: USC has been designated a research institution of "very high research activity" by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. It is the foundation's rating and places USC in the same research category with Harvard, Duke, Emory, Johns Hopkins and Vanderbilt universities, as well as the universities of North Carolina and California at Berkeley. USC is the only university in South Carolina to have this designation, granted to 62 public and 32 private research institutions.



Home of the Gamecocks

The *Princeton Review*'s 2005 ranking of institutions of higher education -- The 357 Best Colleges -- names the University of South Carolina as the top public university for academics in the Southeastern Conference.

: : A \$6 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will support a program at USC's Arnold School of Public Health to tackle the growing HIV/AIDS epidemic among minorities. The award to Dr. Donna Richter, USC's dean of public health and a leading HIV/AIDS educator, will support the Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership (IHPL).

: : The university libraries house many comprehensive, valuable collections, including the papers and letters of Ernest Hemingway and related materials, Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the world's most comprehensive collection of F. Scott Fitzgerald research materials, the literary archive of writer Joseph Heller, the archive of James Ellroy and a collection of books, stamps, letters and material associated with the Italian patriot Giuseppe Garibaldi. Most recently, the university broke ground on the South Carolina Political Collection wing, which will house the papers and memorabilia of more than 70 leading South Carolinian political leaders.

: : The Strom Thurmond Wellness & Fitness Center is a world-class facility dedicated to healthy lifestyles and physical fitness and is one of the most comprehensive in the United States.

: : The College of Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management has received a gift of \$250,000 from the Coca-Cola Foundation to fund approximately 30 individual scholarships in 2006 - 07 for students interested in careers in event management.

: : The Wachovia Foundation presented a gift of \$1 million to help under-represented students earn degrees in business at USC's Moore School of Business.

: : The economic impact of USC's eight campuses and its alumni on the state of South Carolina is more than \$4 billion, according to a report compiled by a USC economist.

Degree Programs

College of Arts & Sciences

Arts:

African-American Studies
Anthropology
Art Education
Art History
Art Studio
Classics
Comparative Literature
Criminology & Criminal Justice
Dance
Economics
English
European Studies
Film Studies
French
Geography
German
History
International Studies
Italian
Latin American Studies
Media Arts
Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Religious Studies
Russian
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre & Speech
Women's Studies

Sciences:

Biological Sciences
Cardiovascular Technology
Chemistry
Geology
Geophysics
Marine Science
Mathematics
Physics
Statistics

Moore School of Business

Accounting
Business Economics
Finance
Insurance & Risk Management
International Business
Management
Management Science
Marketing
Real Estate

College of Education

Early Childhood Education
Elementary Education
Middle Level Education
Physical Education

College of Engineering and Information Technology

Biomedical Engineering
Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Information Systems
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

School of the Environment

Environmental Studies minor

College of Hospitality, Retail and Sports Management

Business & Technology Education
Hotel, Restaurant & Tourism Management
Interdisciplinary Studies
Retailing (emphasis in Retail Management or Fashion Merchandising)
Sport & Entertainment Management
Technology Support & Training Management

School of Journalism & Mass Communication

Advertising
Broadcast Journalism
Journalism (Print)
Public Relations
Visual Communications

School of Music

Music
or
Music with emphasis in choice of one of the following: Composition, Jazz Studies, Education (Band, Strings, or Vocal), Theory, Performance (Brass, Guitar, Organ, Percussion, Piano, Strings, Voice, or Woodwinds); Piano Accompaniment; Piano Pedagogy

College of Nursing

Nursing

South Carolina College of Pharmacy

Pre-Pharmacy
Pharmacy Doctorate

Arnold School of Public Health

Exercise Science

The South Carolina Honors College

- Relevant to all undergraduate majors
- Graduate with honors and major in any other undergraduate major, or pursue the Honors College degree

The University of South Carolina

University of South Carolina President

Dr. Andrew Sorensen



Scholarships and Research Productivity

With every new class, USC's student body grows in academic excellence. This year's freshman class promises to be the most talented academically in the history of the university. And they're joining an impressive group of students. Last year, University students won 41 national awards, earning more than 1.3 million for advanced academic study. Winners included a Truman Scholar and Truman Scholar Finalist, four Fulbright Fellows, a Udall Scholar, three National Science Foundation Research Fellows, a U.S. Department of Homeland Security Scholar, two Goldwater Scholars and a Honorable Mention, a Knowles Science Teaching Fellow, a National Physical Science Consortium Scholar, five Rotary International Scholars, three National Security Education Program Scholars, eight Gilman Scholars, a Freeman-Asia Scholar, a NOAA Hollings Scholar and three Tau Beta Pi Scholars among others.

Carolina has received the Carnegie Foundations highest designation for its superior research activity and is the only university in the state to be designated for very high research activity. As Carolina builds its research campus, faculty are garnering prestigious grants to conduct research in areas that have real world applications for our state and our nation. Most recently, USC signed agreements with two leading research institutes in Korea and in Germany to share research and faculty in an area of immense importance to the world — next energy, specifically hydrogen fuel cells and other alternative energy sources. USC researchers also are directing their efforts toward the environment, biomedical sciences, and nanotechnology.

Selected Program Rankings

The University of South Carolina's capstone program for seniors and the undergraduate international business program at the Moore School of Business are among the nation's best, according to the 2006 "American's Best Colleges Guide," published by U.S. News and World Report. USC's Moore School of Business is ranked No. 1 for undergraduate international business education—a ranking that USC has held since 1995. USC's programs in library and media and health librarianship captured the No. 2 and No. 8 spot in their respective ratings categories. USC's programs for first-year and senior students are cited among the nation's best by the magazine in its "Programs to Look For" section, which list colleges and universities with outstanding programs that lead to student success.

USC's successful University 101 program began in 1972 to introduce first-year students to life at Carolina and increase retention. This year's listing of top first-year programs places USC among the successful programs.

Dr. Andrew A. Sorensen

Andrew A. Sorensen came to USC after serving as president of the University of Alabama (1996-2002) and provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University of Florida (1990-1996). Dr. Sorensen also has been executive director of the AIDS Institute at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and director of the School of Public Health at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He was a faculty member at Lincoln University, the University of Rochester, and Cornell University, and has been visiting faculty member at the Harvard University School of Medicine and the University of Cambridge School of Medicine.

Author or editor of seven books and more than 138 articles, he is professor of epidemiology and biostatistics in USC's Arnold School of Public Health. He holds a bachelor's degree in ethics and master's and doctoral degrees in medical sociology from Yale University. He also earned a B.A. in history from the University of Illinois and a master of public health from the University of Michigan.

Currently, he is president of the Southeastern Conference, past president of the Southern University Conference, past chair of the Southern Universities Research Association Council of Presidents, and a trustee of the Universities Research Association. He was a member of the Education Advisory Committee for President Bush's Transition Team during 2000-2001, and was appointed in 2005 to the NIH National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity. He is active in community affairs, serving as Honorary Chairman of the Board of Big Brothers/Big Sisters.



Home of the Gamecocks

University of South Carolina Athletics Director

Eric Hyman



Former National Athletics Director of the Year Eric Hyman is in his second year as the Director of Athletics at the University of South Carolina. Hyman officially began his duties at Carolina on July 1, 2005.

During the 2005-06 academic year, Carolina was one of only 11 schools in the country and the only school in the Southeastern Conference to have its football team participate in a bowl game, have both its men's and women's basketball programs compete in post-season tournaments and have its baseball squad reach regional play. In addition, the women's outdoor track & field team finished third in the country while crowning a pair of individual national champions and the equestrian hunt seat squad claimed a national title. Men's soccer earned a conference title while both men's and women's golf and tennis teams advanced to post-season action.

Hyman came to South Carolina from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, where he served as the athletics director for over seven years. At TCU, Hyman worked to solidify a national reputation as an architect of championship programs, as an advocate for academic success and as a skilled administrator. For his success, Hyman was named the 2003-2004 Street and Smith's Business Journal National Athletics Director of the Year and was also chosen as the Division I-A West Regional Athletics Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). In his final year at TCU, the university produced three conference championships, seven second-place finishes and the C-USA Male and Female Athlete of the Year.

Under his leadership, TCU teams recorded 32 conference titles and consistently posted a graduation percentage rate higher than that of the overall TCU student body. Hyman was instrumental in orchestrating TCU's invitation to join Conference USA in July 2001 and spearheaded the effort for TCU to join the Mountain West Conference in July 2005, moving the program from the Western Athletic Conference it was in when Hyman arrived.

In the 2000-2001 school year, TCU teams turned in the best athletics record in school history when the Horned Frogs registered a school record eight WAC championships and had seven teams nationally ranked. TCU was one of only four schools to record 10 victories in football and 20 wins in both men's and women's basketball, while setting a school record for football season tickets sold.

TCU turned in the most successful overall season of any Conference USA member in 2001-02. The Horned Frogs' debut campaign in the league featured nine NCAA appearances, five tournament championships and one regular season title. In 2003-04, TCU captured four Conference USA crowns along with nine second-place finishes. The conference titles in women's swimming and women's indoor track & field were the first in school history for those programs, while the baseball team reached the NCAA Tournament for just the third time ever. In addition, the football team was ranked as high as sixth in the BCS polls during the season.

During Hyman's tenure, the football team went to six bowl games in seven seasons, the women's basketball team went to five straight NCAA Tournaments and the baseball team earned back-to-back regional appearances for the first time in school history.

As TCU's Athletics Director, Hyman worked diligently to improve ath-

letic facilities. He directed a three-phase building plan that included the construction of a soccer stadium, a track complex and football practice fields during the first phase, renovations to the coliseum and the construction of an athletics center housing the football offices and meeting rooms, an academic center, athletic administration offices and an athletics heritage area in the second phase, and the construction of a baseball stadium, basketball practice complex, tennis offices and locker room building, an all-weather football practice field and a volleyball gymnasium in the final phase.

Before joining TCU, Hyman was the athletics director at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. During his tenure, Miami had the fifth-highest student-athlete graduation rate among all NCAA Division I schools in the country. His last two years at Miami brought home 10 conference championships. Hyman also served as athletics director at VMI in Lexington, Virginia, in the 1980s.

No stranger to the Carolinas, Hyman coached football for nine years under Art Baker and Dick Sheridan, and was an associate athletics director for two years at Furman University, where he earned a master's degree in educational administration (1975). He and his wife, Pauline, coached the women's basketball team at North Greenville College in Tigerville, S.C., leading the team to national rankings in the '70s.

Hyman played football at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was an all-ACC football player, on the Dean's list and selected for the Hula Bowl. He also served as the Executive Associate Athletics Director at North Carolina State University in Raleigh in the early 1990s.

His wife, Pauline, is a native of North Carolina and also graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Prior to her arrival at UNC, she played and later coached women's college basketball, taught sociology and psychology as well as serving as a college administrator. Pauline developed and taught the NCAA CHAMPS Life Skills course and various seminars for student-athletes at both Miami University and TCU. This past year she taught the Etiquette Seminar as part of South Carolina's Life Skills course and will lead other seminars to help prepare the student-athletes for their futures after Carolina athletics.

The Hymans have two adult children: Ryan, who graduated from TCU in 2001 and Corrine, a 2004 graduate of TCU. Ryan works for L.T. Barton Insurance Company in Fort Worth and Corrine is a realtor with Williams Trew Real Estate in Fort Worth.



The Hyman Family: Eric, Pauline, Corrine and Ryan

The University of South Carolina



Faculty Athletics Representative *Dr. Bill Bearden*

William O. Bearden is in his first year as the University of South Carolina's Faculty Athletics Representative. Bearden is The Bank of America Chaired Professor of Marketing in USC's Moore School of Business.

As Faculty Athletics Representative, Bearden's duties include advising University President Andrew Sorensen on matters related to the athletics program and working with Dr. Sorensen to determine the university's position on NCAA legislation. Bearden will also review the eligibility, admission and progress of student-athletes. He also assists in evaluating compliance with NCAA regulations and attends SEC and NCAA meet-

ings, serving as the university's voting delegate at the NCAA's annual meeting and participates in the organization's certification program.

Bearden received his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in 1975. Before returning to South Carolina, he served on the faculties of Western Kentucky and the University of Alabama from 1976-1978.

Dr. Bearden is currently on the editorial review boards of the *Journal of Consumer Research*, the *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, the *Journal of Retailing* and the *Marketing Education Review*. He served for six years on the Board of Directors for the American Marketing Association. He has been President of the Academic Division of the American Marketing Association and President of the Southern Marketing Association. Dr. Bearden received the University of South Carolina Amoco Teaching

Award and the USC Mungo Award for Teaching Excellence that are presented annually to one faculty member and, as well as the Outstanding MBA Teacher Award, and twice has been awarded the Alfred G. Smith Darla Moore School of Business Teacher of the Year Award. He has been recognized as a faculty initiate in Mortar Board, ODK and Golden Key, and received the 2004 University of South Carolina Educational Foundation Research Award for Professional Schools and the 2005 USC Trustee Professorship Award.

His teaching and research interests include consumer behavior, marketing research, and the evaluation of marketing promotions. He was faculty co-director for the University Lilly Teaching Fellows from 1992-1995.

Carolina Head Coaches



Mark Berson
Men's Soccer



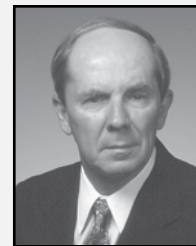
Puggy Blackmon
Men's Golf



Kristi Coggins
Women's Golf



Joyce Compton
Softball



Kent DeMars
Men's Tennis



Boo Duncan
Equestrian



Arlo Elkins
Women's Tennis



Curtis Frye
Track & Cross Country



Don Gibb
Swimming



Dave Odom
Men's Basketball



Todd Sherritt
Diving



Nancy Somera
Volleyball



Steve Spurrier
Football



Shelley Smith
Women's Soccer



Ray Tanner
Baseball



Susan Walvius
Women's Basketball

Home of the Gamecocks

2005-06 Highlights

:: The football team set a school-record with five consecutive SEC victories with wins over Kentucky, Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida. The Gamecocks also played in the Independence Bowl in coach Steve Spurrier's inaugural season. Wide receiver Sidney Rice earned National Freshman of the Year honors from Rivals.com.

:: The men's soccer team claimed the Conference USA Championship and an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, the 18th in school history, in its first season competing in the league.

:: For the second straight season, the men's basketball team made an impressive run to the National Invitation Tournament Championship. Renaldo Balkman was named NIT MVP.

:: The women's basketball team advanced to the postseason in 2006, competing in the Women's NIT. The Gamecocks set new school records for blocked shots, scoring defense and field goal percentage defense.

:: For the eighth consecutive year, the women's golf team advanced to the NCAA Regional in 2006. Senior Erica Battle was the recipient of the prestigious Dinah Shore Trophy and sophomore Whitney Simons was recognized as the 2006 SEC Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

:: The Gamecock women's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the 12th year in a row, and freshman Gira Schofield made the field of 64 at the NCAA Singles Championship.

:: The volleyball team completed its first season under head coach Nancy Somera in 2005. The Gamecocks ended the year with three consecutive wins and knocked off two teams during the year that advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

:: The equestrian team won its second consecutive Hunt Seat national title and captured the 2006 Co-Reserve Championship at the Varsity National Equestrian Championships.

:: Senior catcher Ashley Smith was named SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year for the third consecutive season and earned CoSIDA/ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America honors for the third straight year.

:: Senior diver Allison Brennan finished second on the one-meter board at the NCAA Championships and won the SEC title on both the 1-meter and 3-meter boards. The women's swim team posted a team GPA of 3.523, the third-best GPA among Division I schools.

:: The men's golf team finished in the top 25 at the NCAA Championship and senior Eirik Johansen earned honorable mention All-America honors.

:: The men's tennis team competed in the NCAA Championship for the 13th-straight year. Senior Tom Eklund was named USC's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

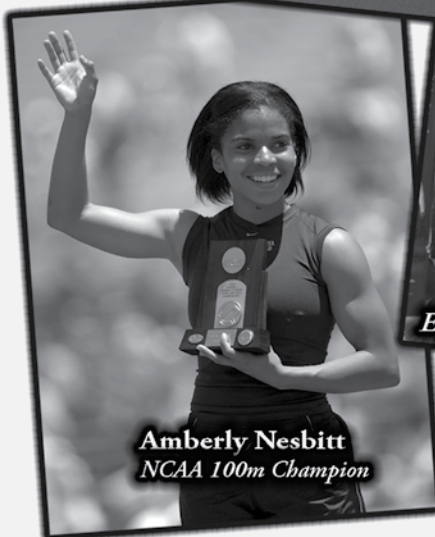
:: The women's track and field team captured its second straight NCAA East Regional title and placed third the NCAA Outdoor Championship. Amberly Nesbitt won the 100 meter outdoor crown and Shalonda Solomon swept the 200 meter titles, indoors and outdoors. The Gamecock men's team placed third at the NCAA East Regional and finished in the top 30 at the NCAA Outdoor Meet.

:: The baseball team competed in an NCAA Super Regional for the sixth time in the last seven years and finished one game shy of the College World Series. In a 15-6 win over Georgia in the Super Regional, the team tied an NCAA record by hitting five consecutive home runs.

:: Women's soccer senior Kimmy Criss was selected a CoSIDA Academic All-American while sophomore Ashley Kirk made the All-SEC second team.



Men's Soccer: Conference USA Champions



Amberly Nesbitt
NCAA 100m Champion



Equestrian: National Hunt Seat Champs

Shalonda Solomon
*NCAA 200m Champion
Indoors & Outdoors*



Erica Battle
Dinah Shore Trophy Winner

Renaldo Balkman
NIT MVP

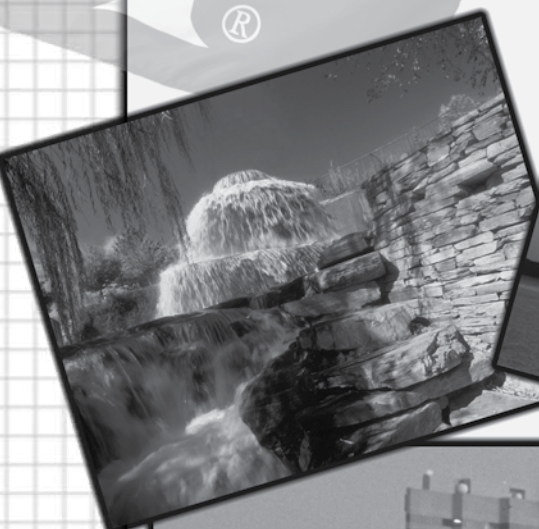
The University of South Carolina

Located in the heart of South Carolina, Columbia combines the graces of a rich past with the vibrance of the emerging Southeast.

The city serves as center for education and government.

Columbia offers something for everyone

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South Carolina's Capital City

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia's Population: 121, 395

Metro Area Population: 689,878

:: Columbia is the largest city in the state of South Carolina which provides USC student-athletes with an array of opportunities for internships and networking while in college.

:: Entrepreneur.com listed Columbia 8th of 50 mid-sized metropolitan areas nationwide in its 2005 Hot Cities for Entrepreneurs rankings. In addition, Expansion Management ranked Columbia 21st in its "America's 50 Hottest Cities" list for business expansions and relocations

:: Columbia was recently listed among "America's 30 Most Livable Communities" by Partners for Liveable Communities. In June of 2006, Richland County, which encompasses the majority of Columbia, was one of 10 cities to earn an All-America City award from the National Civic League.

:: The area is often cited for its high quality of life offerings, with its many cultural amenities, parks, and recreational features. The city is at the confluence of two major rivers, which makes it one of the best destinations in the country for kayak and canoe enthusiasts.

Columbia Climate

(Average Monthly Temperatures)

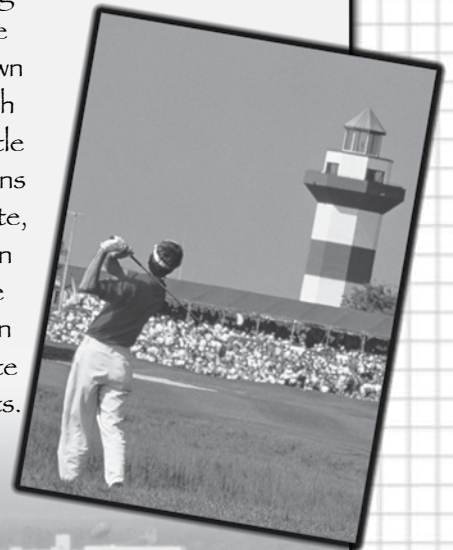
Month	High	Low
January	55	32
February	59	34
March	68	42
April	77	49
May	84	58
June	89	66
July	92	70
August	90	69
September	85	63
October	76	50
November	68	42
December	59	35

Home of the Gamecocks

Known for its friendly people and hospitality, The Palmetto State is also filled with beauty and history. South Carolina is one of the most scenic and thriving states in all of America.

The State of South Carolina

South Carolina features everything - more than 60 miles of wide, white beaches stretching from Georgetown to the North Carolina border, which includes the popular resort of Myrtle Beach, to the foothills and mountains of the northwestern part of the state, to historic Charleston and vacation hot spot Hilton Head Island in the Lowcountry. Columbia is located in the geographical center of the state and is just short drive from all points.



The Palmetto State
Smiling Faces. Beautiful Places.



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Injuries are part of sports, but recovery time can be accelerated if players have access to good health care. Women's basketball players at South Carolina are cared for by Jenn Herod, who has more than 14 years of experience in the field of rehabilitation. The Gamecocks also have access to a talented staff of team physicians.

Keeping athletes healthy with an experienced staff.

: : South Carolina's student-athletes are offered excellent medical care, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This includes daily medical clinics in the training room by team physicians specializing in Family and Preventative Medicine with additional certification in Sports Medicine. USC physicians include specialists in family medicine, orthopedics, optometry, and dentistry. The Gamecock training room features a full rehab facility along with a complete x-ray service. Under the direction of Dr. Rod Walters, head athletic trainer, there are nine full-time certified athletic trainers who serve the student-athletes during the year.

: : When players get injured or aren't feeling well, they want to know that they will be taken care of by an experienced and dedicated training staff. Assistant Athletic Director for Sports Medicine Dr. Rod Walters spearheads the sports medicine program at South Carolina. He is in his 17th year at Carolina and was inducted into the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame in 2005, which is the highest honor presented by the Association.

: : Assistant Athletic Trainer Jenn Herod works directly with the women's basketball team. She has worked in the field of rehabilitation for more than 14 years.

South Carolina Sports Medicine Staff



Dr. Rod Walters
Asst. AD for Sports
Medicine



Brainard Cooper
Associate Athletic
Trainer



Tara Chase
Assistant Athletic
Trainer



Jenn Herod
Assistant Athletic
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Bill Martin
Head Football Trainer



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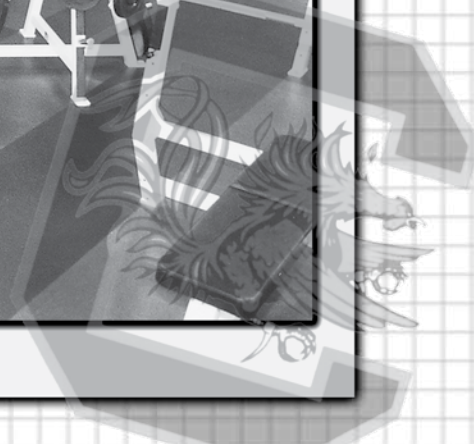


Dr. Jason Stacy
Team Physician

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South Carolina's Pat Moorer is a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach, which is the highest honor that can be achieved in the coaching profession of Strength and Conditioning. He works directly with the Gamecock women's basketball team.

Realize your athletic potential.



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Women's basketball players at South Carolina participate in the Mentoring Program, which provides the Gamecocks with personal relationships with successful businesswomen in Columbia. These relationships lead to lifetime connections and an opportunity for players to earn a high-profile job after college.

Women helping women achieve.

Coaches of all sports have drawn parallels between success in athletic arenas and success in the business world and life. Success is achieved by honing talents through hard work and perseverance. Female athletes that compete at the University of South Carolina on the SEC level understand the value of this formula. They have achieved the opportunity to compete at the highest level of Division I athletics in earning a full athletic scholarship. These athletes understand that they can choose to be successful in all areas of their lives. The objective of the "Women Helping Women Achieve" Program is to provide role models or mentors to the female athletes at South Carolina. A mentoring relationship exposes our athletes to the real world and teaches them to apply the life skills they have learned in athletics to their professional lives.

The female athletes at South Carolina are focused on achieving their high athletic goals. They get up early in the morning to train and they understand what it means to make sacrifices. They believe in the value of outworking their opponents and know it's the only way for them to have success. They also know that achievement is not only measured in wins and losses but in giving their absolute best. They know not to quit when things aren't going as planned but have learned to adjust the plan, work harder and find a way to achieve. They understand the value of communication and teamwork. The female athletes at South Carolina are winners, outstanding people and good students.

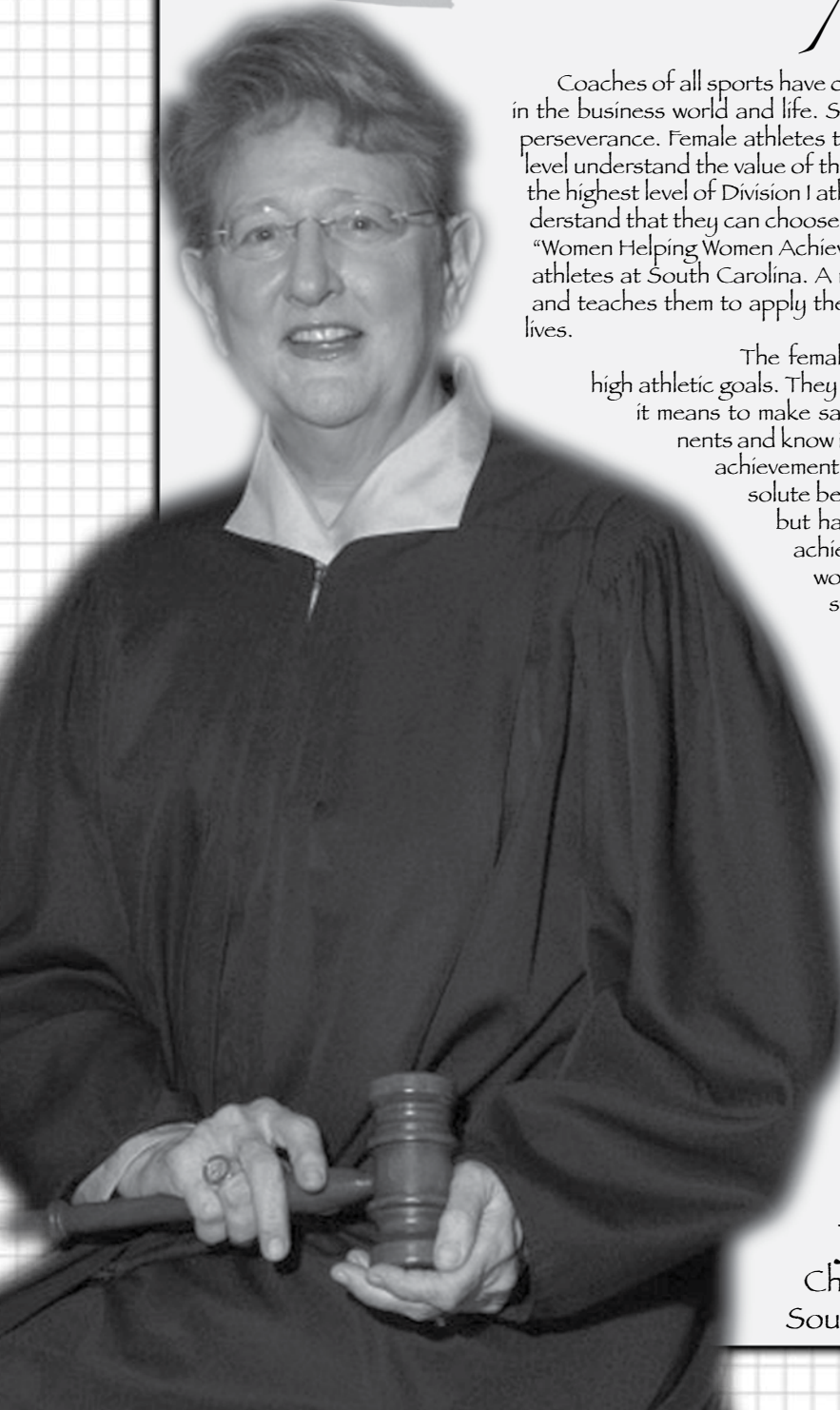
The formula for success both within and outside of the athletic arena requires a goal and a plan. The exceptional young women at South Carolina need guidance to help identify their career goals and to formulate a plan in attaining it. Mentoring provides that guidance.

The mentoring relationship allows the Gamecock athletes to witness first-hand women in professional leadership roles and the social norms and mores of professional women in the workplace. Such relationships help decrease the gap between students and their prospective working environments. The relationships expose students to people, places and things that may not have been accessible otherwise.

The Carolina women's basketball team is very visible in the community and participates in numerous community projects. The Gamecocks are excellent role models to the youth through the Team Gamecocks program in the Columbia community and are frequently involved in outreach activities. The mentoring impact on them trickles down to others.

Jean Toal

Chief Justice, South Carolina Supreme Court
South Carolina Women's Basketball Mentor



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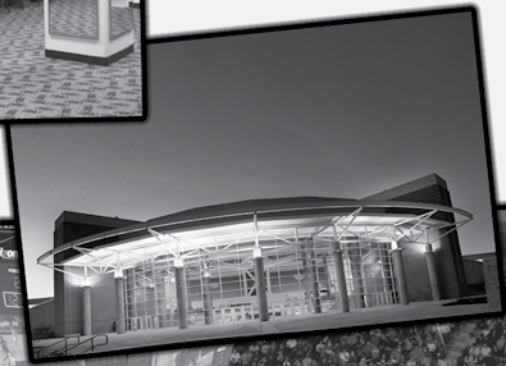
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Home to the Gamecocks is the sparkling 18,000-seat Colonial Center. Built in 2002, the arena is the newest in the SEC and can stake a legitimate claim to being one of the nation's finest arenas.

A modern, state-of-the-art arena built to meet the needs of today's players and fans.



Home of the Gamecocks

Along with serving as the home of the South Carolina men's and women's basketball teams, the \$65 million Colonial Center is one of the finest sports and entertainment venues in the Southeast, hosting a variety of concerts, family shows and Class A entertainment.

Among the performers who have taken the Colonial Center stage are Kanye West, Prince, Nelly, Bruce Springsteen, Jimmy Buffett, Rascal Flatts, LL Cool J, Kenny Chesney and Shania Twain.



The newest arena in the SEC.



The University of South Carolina

Women's basketball players at South Carolina have the luxury of having their own separate practice facility independent of the Colonial Center. The Gamecock basketball offices are located at the practice facility, as is one of the Carolina women's basketball team's two spacious locker rooms, complete with a lounge.

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Basketball facilities that are second to none.

Opened in 1997, the USC Basketball Facility is a state-of-the-art center built especially for the South Carolina basketball teams to have a place to play year-round.

The facility features eight-to-ten baskets, two full courts and offices for the women and men's coaching staffs.

The Basketball Practice Facility is located adjacent to the new Strom Thurmond Fitness Center and just a short walk from the campus and The Colonial Center.



Home of the Gamecocks

Gamecock basketball players are provided with the finest in on-campus living, as they call South Quad home.

Living a comfortable life off the court.

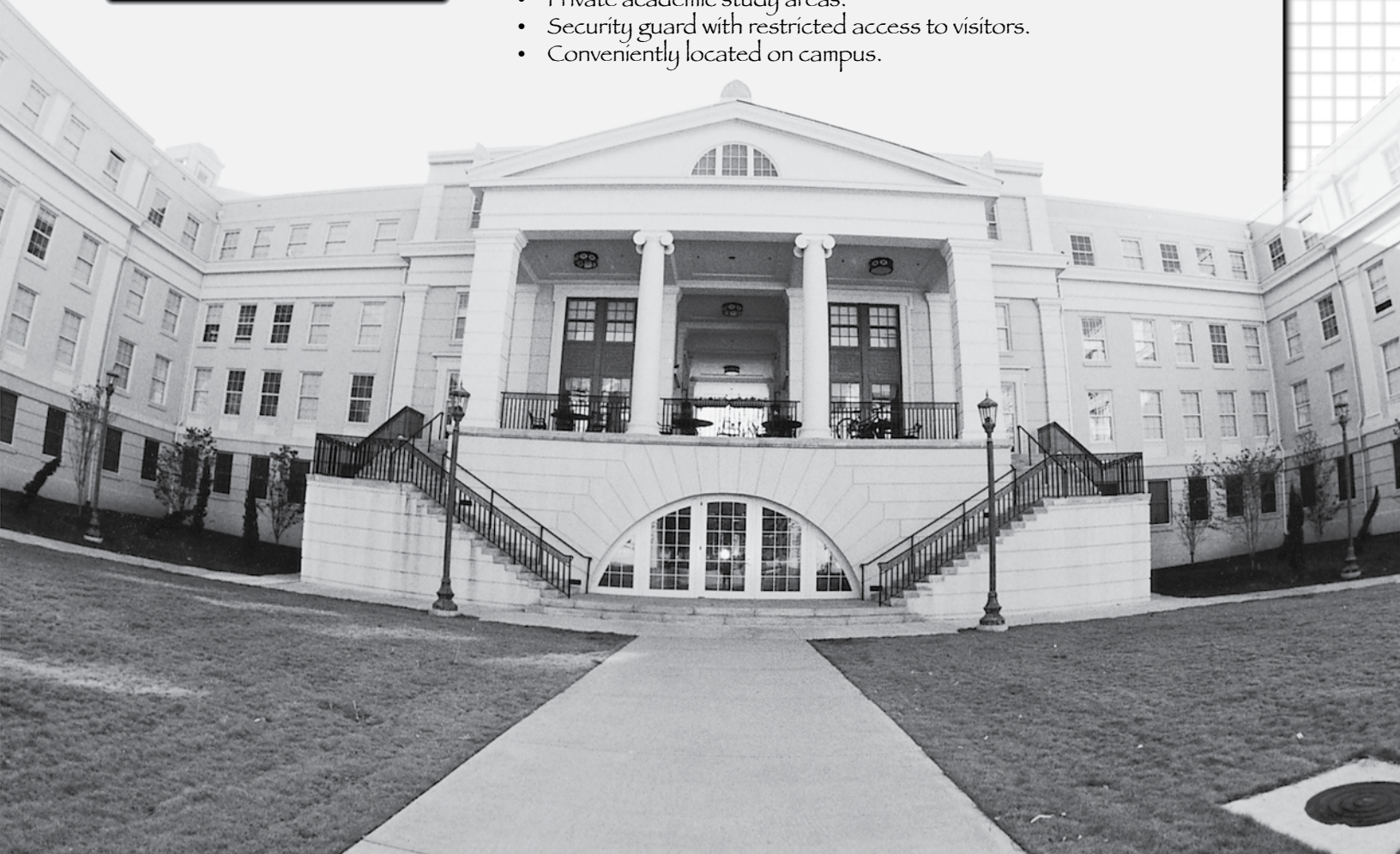


USC students enjoy the "suite life" in the South Quad. Opened in 1997, the South Quad gives each student more room and privacy with suites featuring private bedrooms, a living room, full kitchen, private bathrooms and many more amenities.

Larger than many apartments, the South Quad has multiple floor plans with the smallest suite starting at 800 square feet.

Here are just a few of the South Quad amenities:

- Suites shared by two or three people.
- Each student enjoys own bedroom and private phone line.
- Suite mates share a private bathroom.
- Spacious living room for friends to relax and study.
- Suites offer cable t.v. and are wired for computers and the Internet.
- All suites enjoy maid service.
- Spacious lobby and patios overlooking the courtyard.
- Private coin-operated laundry facilities.
- Private academic study areas.
- Security guard with restricted access to visitors.
- Conveniently located on campus.



The University of South Carolina

Directly across the street from the basketball offices is the spectacular Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center, which is one of the premier campus workout facilities in the country.

A great place for working out and hanging out.



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First Floor

- An indoor pool
- Racquetball and Squash Courts
- Climbing Wall
- Multipurpose Rooms
- Auxiliary Basketball Gym

Second Floor

- Main Basketball Gyms
- Strength and Conditioning Room
- At more than 18,000 square feet, it is one of the largest strength and conditioning rooms on a college campus in the country.

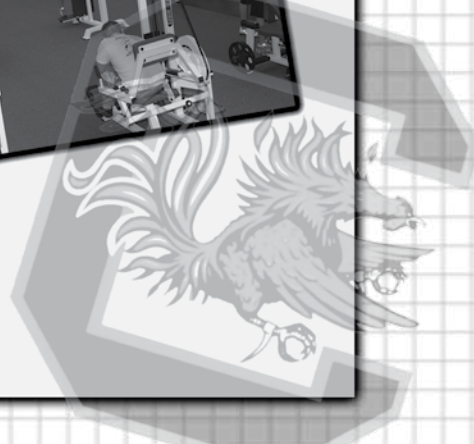
Third Floor

- Cardiovascular Deck
- Indoor Track

The Outdoor Pool Complex

The pool has four lanes for lap swimming and a large area that allows for a large variety of recreational activities. Lounge chairs, tables, umbrellas and grills are on the adjacent pool deck and surrounding grassy areas. Two sand volleyball courts are also adjacent to the pool.

The Strom Thurmond Wellness and Fitness Center



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South Carolina plays in the Southeastern Conference, which is widely regarded as the top conference in the nation for women's basketball. Professional scouts can be found at nearly every SEC contest, evidenced by the fact that seven SEC players were chosen in the 2006 WNBA Draft, with four of those players going in the first round, including the No. 1 pick.

The SEC is America's top conference.

: : With six national championships, ten runner-up finishes, a nation-leading 30 Final Four appearances and 82 first-team All-America honorees, the SEC stands firmly as the nation's premier intercollegiate women's basketball conference.

SEC By The Numbers

* The SEC has posted impressive non-conference records in the last decade. The SEC compiled a 129-48 (.728) non-conference record during the 2005-06 season. Since the 1990 season, the SEC has compiled a 2,307-641 (.783) record against other conferences. The league has recorded 150+ wins during seven seasons and had never recorded a non-conference winning percentage below .728.

* SEC teams have earned appearances in 23 of 25 NCAA Final Fours, an accomplishment unmatched by any other league. Overall, SEC squads have filled 30 of the 100 Final Four berths, including having two Final Four teams in 1988 (Auburn, Tennessee), 1989 (Auburn, Tennessee), 1995 (Georgia, Tennessee), 1996 (Georgia, Tennessee), 1998 (Arkansas, Tennessee),



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2004 (LSU, Tennessee) and 2005 (LSU, Tennessee).

* SEC teams have made 16 appearances in a nation-high 14 NCAA Championship games, winning six national championships (Tennessee: 1987, 1989, 1991, 1996, 1997 and 1998). The league had the distinction of providing both national finalists twice in its history in 1996 (Tennessee 83, Georgia 65) and in 1989 (Tennessee 76, Auburn 60).

* The SEC has paced the pack in NCAA tournament bids 21 times in its 25-year history. The SEC was the first league to ever have eight teams invited to the NCAA Tournament, doing it in 1999 and 2002.

* The SEC was also the first league to ever have seven teams invited to the NCAA Tournament and earned this honor a leading seven times (1986, 1991, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2003, 2004).

Individual Honors

* The SEC has had 50 student-athletes named as a First-Team All-America selection. Those 50 have been named a total of 82 times since 1982.

* The league has had three Honda-Broderick Cup Award winners (1988-Katrina McClain, Georgia; 1990-Bridgette Gordon, Tennessee; 1998-Chamique Holdsclaw, Tennessee).

* Six Naismith Player of the Year winners have come from the SEC. In 1996 Georgia's Saudia Roundtree was given the honor. Chamique Holdsclaw of Tennessee won the honor in 1998 and 1999 while teammate Tamika Catchings was named in 2000. LSU's Seimone Augustus won the award in 2005 and 2006.

* SEC teams have provided 120 All-Region performers, including 24 Most Outstanding Players.

* Over the past 25-years, 31 Final Four All-Tournament Team members have come from SEC schools. In 1996, the entire all-tournament team was made up of SEC players.

* Six NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winners and 20 Academic All-Americans hail from the SEC.

SEC In The WNBA

* SEC schools had 45 former players on preseason rosters in the WNBA.

* In this year's WNBA draft, a total of seven SEC women's basketball players were taken.

Dominance In the Polls

* Since the SEC began to sponsor women's basketball in 1982, it has failed only once to place at least four members in each of the final polls (the USA Today/ESPN poll began in 1986). Last season, the SEC had three in the final AP poll and four in the final coaches poll.

* In terms of rankings, the SEC has the richest history of any conference in the nation, boasting more poll appearances than any other. Since the 1982 season, SEC teams have been ranked 442 consecutive weeks in the AP Poll.

* League teams have been ranked 2,284 times, including 1,142 Top 10 appearances and 669 Top 5 appearances.

* SEC teams can also boast of 128 No. 1 rankings in the AP Poll.

* The league has had the top three teams in the AP Poll twice. In week three in 2005 and in week eight in 1989.

* A nation-leading eight SEC teams were ranked at one point in the AP and CNN/USA Today Top 25 polls during the 1995-96 season. The league mirrored that feat during the 1996-97 season.



The University of South Carolina

Four-time WNBA all-star Shannon Johnson leads the list of former Gamecocks who went on to play in the WNBA.

Gamecocks in the WNBA.

Shannon Johnson

Former Gamecock Shannon Johnson will go down in history as one of most successful players to ever wear the a Carolina uniform and is one of only three players in school history to have the honor of having her South Carolina jersey retired. Her success has continued after college, as she was the starting point guard for Team USA at the 2004 Athens Olympics and helped lead the team to an undefeated run to the gold medal. In addition, Johnson was one of 30 players nominated in 2006 for a spot on the WNBA's All-Decade team.

Originally drafted by the Columbus Quest of the American Basketball League in 1997, Johnson signed with the WNBA's Orlando Miracle in 1998 after the ABL folded. After seven seasons playing for the Miracle, the Connecticut Sun and currently for the San Antonio Silver Stars, the four-time all star has averaged 11.8 points and 4.6 assists per game while starting 246 of 252 games played.

Playing for the Silver Stars in 2006, Johnson ranked among the top 10 players in the WNBA in assists and steals. She finished the 2006 season just 29 points shy of reaching the 3,000-point scoring mark for her career.

Johnson played three seasons in Orlando before the franchise relocated to Connecticut in 2003. In her lone season as a member of the Connecticut Sun, Johnson averaged a career-best 5.8 assists per game. Her best season came in 2002 when she was named to the Eastern Conference All-Star team after averaging 16.1 points, 5.3 assists and 4.2 rebounds a game. Johnson is a three-time second-team all-WNBA honoree.

In her two seasons with the now defunct ABL, Johnson helped lead the Quest to the only two championships in the league's two-year history.

Johnson has also competed overseas in the off-season, playing in the Polish Pro League in 2005, the Russian Pro League in 2004 and the Spanish Pro League from 2000-2003.

As a collegiate player at South Carolina (1992-96), Johnson finished her career as Carolina's second-leading scorer with 2,230 points. She averaged 20.4 points per game and led the squad in scoring, assists, rebounds and steals in each of her four seasons with the Gamecocks. A three-time all-SEC honoree, Johnson earned SEC Player of the Week recognition three times during her career. Johnson scored in double figures in 94 games during her career and led the team in scoring in 61 games. She still holds nine USC individual records.

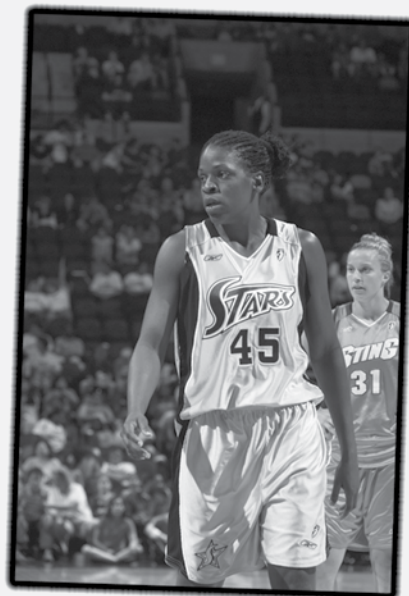
Jocelyn Penn

Jocelyn Penn was a primary factor on one of the best teams in South Carolina history, as she led the Gamecocks to a spot in the Elite Eight at the 2002 NCAA Tournament as a junior.

Penn averaged 23.9 points, 8.1 rebounds and 3.5 steals per game in 2002-03 en route to garnering first-team all-SEC honors and second-team All-America accolades. Penn scored 50 or more points in two games during her senior campaign and finished her college career as the SEC's all-time leader in steals with 359.

Penn was drafted by the Charlotte Sting with the ninth overall pick of the 2003 WNBA Draft, and has played for the Washington Mystics and the San Antonio Silver Stars during her career.

Playing in 31 career WNBA games with the Mystics and the Silver Stars, Penn averaged 2.9 points and 1.7 rebounds per game before being hampered with a right shoulder tendonitis/bursitis injury. As a rookie with the Mystics, Penn played 9.6 minutes per game in 2003-2004 before the injury limited her next season with the Silver Stars to one game.



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Petra Ujhelyi

To date, Petra Ujhelyi is the only former Gamecock to win a WNBA title, as she was a member of the 2003 WNBA-champion Detroit Shock.

Success was nothing new to Ujhelyi, who was a key player during one of the best two-year stretches in the history of South Carolina women's basketball. As a junior in 2001-02, Ujhelyi averaged 6.8 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.0 assists per game and led the team with 1.4 blocked shots per game in helping the Gamecocks to a 25-7 overall record and a trip to the Elite Eight at the NCAA Tournament. In her senior season, Ujhelyi scored a career-best 11.7 points per game and ranked among the SEC leaders with 9.3 rebounds per game. Her efforts were crucial to the Gamecocks finishing the 2002-03 season with a 23-8 record and a second consecutive top-20 national finish.

Originally drafted as the No. 16 overall pick by the Phoenix Mercury, Ujhelyi was traded following the draft to the eventual champion Detroit Shock. Ujhelyi played in 14 games during the team's 24-10 season, grabbing a career-high five rebounds in the season finale against the Washington Mystics.

Since the 2003 championship season, Ujhelyi has won a few titles overseas, playing as a starter for And Ramat Hasharon, an Israel Pro League team. In two seasons with Ramat Hasharon, Ujhelyi has won a pair of Israeli Cup titles and led the team to a third place finish in the 2006 EuroCup. She is averaging 10.3 points and 8.1 rebounds in 25 minutes played per game during her career.

Shaunzinski Gortman

Former Gamecock Shaunzinski Gortman was the first SEC player taken in the 2002 WNBA Draft as the Charlotte Sting selected the Columbia native with the ninth overall pick, then shipped her to the Minnesota Lynx as part of a draft-day trade.

Gortman left her mark at South Carolina as one of the most versatile players in school history. A four-year letterwinner, Gortman scored 1,331 points and finished 13th on the all-time South Carolina scoring list.

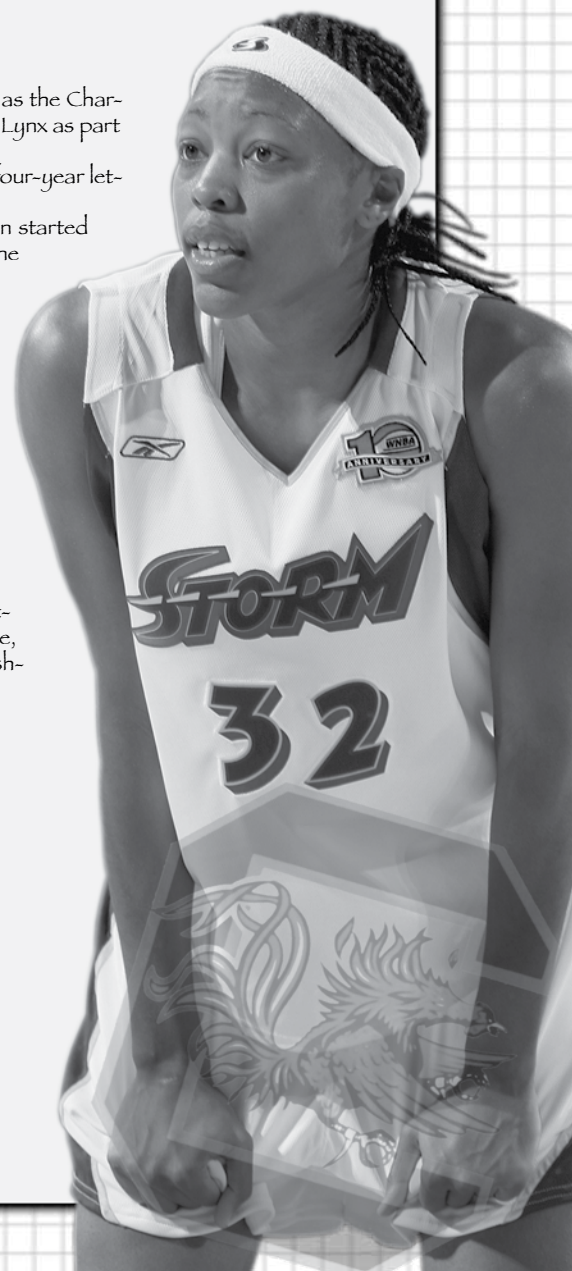
One of only 17 South Carolina players to score 1,000+ points and grab 500+ rebounds, Gortman started 100 of her 105 career games in a Carolina uniform. She scored in double figures 69 times, recorded nine double-double performances and added a rare triple-double in her sophomore year.

Gortman was a first-team all-SEC selection and an honorable mention All-America honoree during her senior year. She was chosen as the SEC Player of the Week after scoring 25 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in the Gamecocks' victory over ninth-ranked Duke in November of 2002. During her junior year, Gortman earned second-team all-SEC honors.

Gortman was a leader on the 2001-02 South Carolina team that earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 11 years, then went on to advance all the way to the Elite Eight for the first time in school history.

On March 16, 2006, Gortman signed a free agent contract with the Seattle Storm, resuming her professional career in the WNBA after playing overseas for a season. She played in 20 games to the Storm in 2006, averaging 2.8 points and 2.4 rebounds per game. Gortman previously played two full seasons from 2002 to 2003 with the Minnesota Lynx and a partial season in 2004 with the Washington Mystics, compiling career averages of 2.6 points and 1.7 rebounds per game.

Following the brief stint with the Mystics, Gortman played one game in the National Women's Basketball League in 2005 before traveling overseas to compete for Maccabi Ashdod in the Israel Pro League, where she regularly competed against former teammate Petra Ujhelyi. In one full season with Maccabi Ashdod, Gortman averaged 16.4 points and a team-high 10.4 rebounds.

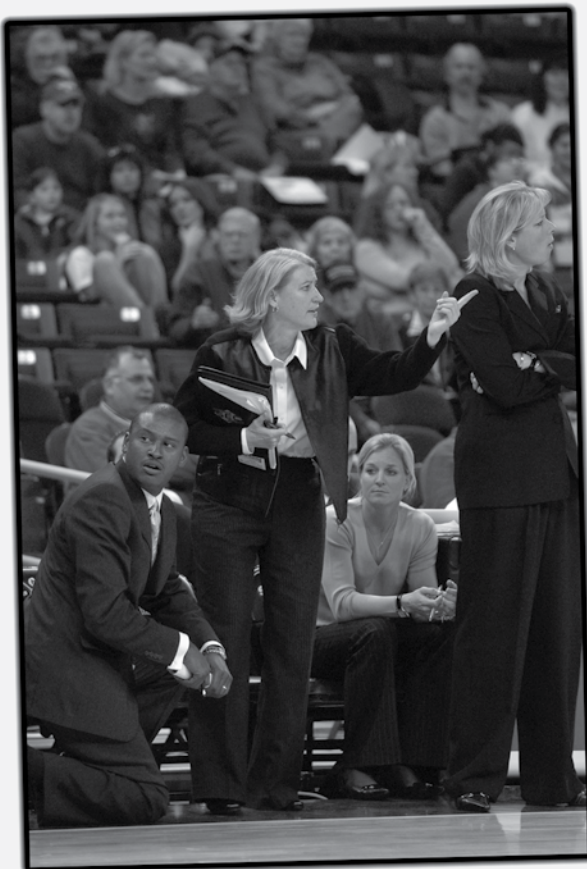


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Players at South Carolina are coached by a staff that includes 2002 SEC Coach of the Year Susan Walvius, 2005 Big West Coach of the Year Tammy Holder, 1996 NCAA Final Four MVP and former WNBA player Michelle Marciniak and former AAU coach Ken Griffin.

Experienced coaching staff.

:: South Carolina provides players with an excellent balance of both -experienced coaches and youthful coaches who can relate to today's players. Head Coach Susan Walvius and assistants Tammy Holder and Michelle Marciniak all played college basketball and communicate with the Gamecock players with perspective gained from being a player and being a coach. Ken Griffin assisted in the development of 12 High School All-Americans during his time in the AAU ranks and is well known in basketball circles throughout the Southeast.



Coaching Timeline

Susan Walvius

1997-present....Head Coach, South Carolina
1995-97.....Head Coach, West Virginia
1990-95.....Head Coach, Virginia Commonwealth
1989-90.....Assistant Coach, Rhode Island
1986-88.....Assistant Coach, Bradley

Tammy Holder

2005-present..Assistant Coach, South Carolina
2002-05.....Head Coach, Cal State Northridge
1999-00.....Assistant Coach, South Carolina
1997-98.....Head Coach, Seattle Reign (ABL)
1997.....Assistant GM, Philadelphia Rage (ABL)
1996-97.....General Manager, Richmond Rage (ABL)
1991-96.....Head Coach, University of Richmond
1988-91.....Head Coach, USC-Spartanburg
1984-88.....Assistant Coach, South Carolina
1980-84.....Assistant Coach, University of Richmond

Michelle Marciniak

2003-present..Assistant Coach, South Carolina
2001-02.....WNBA Player, Seattle Storm
2000.....WNBA Player, Portland Fire
1998-99.....ABL Player, Nashville Noise
1997-98.....ABL Player, Philadelphia Rage
1996-97.....ABL Player, Portland Power

Ken Griffin

2005-present..Assistant Coach, South Carolina
1999-2003.....Head Coach, Garden City Roundball, Inc.



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Susan Walvius - Head Coach

: : In her 10th year at the helm of the South Carolina women's basketball program, head coach Susan Walvius was recognized as the 2002 SEC Coach of the Year after leading the Gamecocks to the Elite Eight. She has guided South Carolina to three trips to the post-season in the last five years.



Tammy Holder - Asst. Coach

: : Assistant coach Tammy Holder is in her 22nd year in the coaching profession. She was named the 2005 Big West Coach of the Year while at Cal State Northridge and has experience in both the college and professional game, as she served as both a head coach and general manager during her time in the pro ranks.



Michelle Marciniak - Asst. Coach

: : A name well-known in women's basketball circles, former WNBA guard Michelle Marciniak (Seattle Storm) starred in college for the University of Tennessee, earning Final Four MVP honors after leading the Lady Vols to the 1996 National Championship.



Ken Griffin - Asst. Coach

: : Assistant coach Ken Griffin helped turn the Gamecocks into one of the most improved teams in the nation during the 2005-06 season -- his first in Columbia -- as Carolina won nine more games than it did the year prior to his arrival.



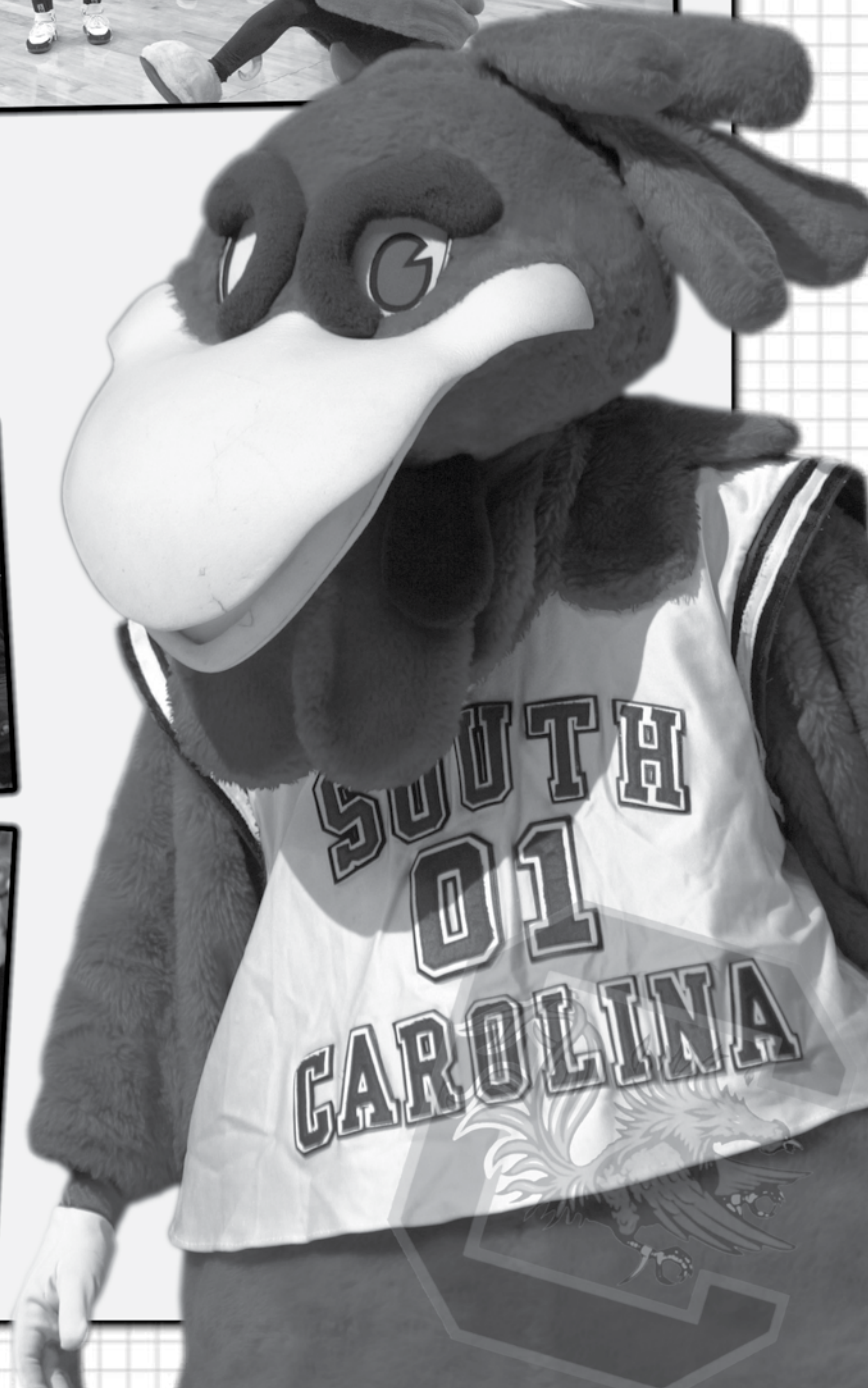
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There are few arenas in the nation that capture the excitement and passion of basketball gameday quite like the Colonial Center when the Gamecocks take the court. The high level of play combined with the energy and pageantry provided by the fans, cheerleaders, band and Cocky result in a unforgettable experience.

South Carolina plays big-time basketball.



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Working closely with the local and national media is part of the Carolina women's basketball experience. Players are prepared by taking an entertaining media training course that provides them with skills not only used in post-game media interviews, but that also can be translated into real-life job interview situations.

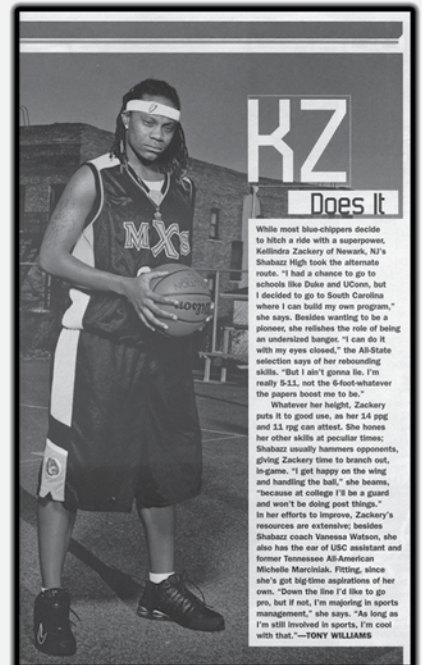
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Carolina owns a place in the media spotlight.

: : Carolina freshman Kellindra Zackery was featured in SLAM Magazine in 2006 (below right); while Brionna Dickerson (below) was on the cover of Columbia Metropolitan Magazine and Demetress Adams (far below) was featured in FCA-sponsored Sharing the Victory Magazine.



: : Appearing on television is nothing new for the Gamecocks, who saw six of their games televised during the 2005-06 season.



Demetress Adams

Above All, Have Faith

As a 2005 graduate of Lee Central High School, Demetress Adams and her fellow Lady Gamecocks won the 2A South Carolina State Championship not once, not twice, but four times between her eighth grade and senior years. The team's most recent victory in 2005, however, according to Adams, was not achieved only through skill, but also through faith.

The team began last season with two goals posted in their locker room. The first was to believe and have faith in God, and the second was to win the conference and state titles.

But they knew the second was impossible without the accomplishing the first.

"Our team had faith in everything we were doing," says Adams, who served as FCA Huddle President her senior year. "Coach Fortune (head girls' basketball coach and the school's Huddle Coach) would tell us to ask anything in His name, and we would receive it. So, we asked the Lord to help us, and the doors opened. We won the conference and took it to the next level."

The team attended regular FCA meetings, read scripture on the way to games, prayed in the locker room and quoted scripture to one another on the court when someone's spirits needed to be lifted.

One such game was during the state finals—a game in which they were facing an older and more experienced team. "There was just something inside of me that kept preaching to our team to work hard and believe in one another. We had experienced players, but got in there and had faith in God and courage in ourselves."

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Adams: "You have to be mentally strong and be encouraged. Know that you can make a mistake, but that you will get back on your feet. We had hard and sometimes every day—whether it's improving your game and/or giving your teammates a better pass. Take everything you have, every day, on the court with you."

Home of the Gamecocks

South Carolina fans own the reputation of being some of the most loyal and passionate fans in the country, and their energy provides a clear home-court advantage for the Gamecocks.

Some of the most loyal fans in the nation.

: : Playing in the SEC, Carolina women's basketball players face the daunting task of competing against some of the nation's top teams and players night in and night out. Gamecock fans help ease the burden by providing a clear home court advantage for their team every time they take the floor at the Colonial Center. In fact, it is not out of the ordinary to see a Gamecock following even when Carolina is on the road, as several fans follow the team into opposing arenas.

: : Carolina Head Football Coach Steve Spurrier (below right) is an ardent supporter of Gamecock women's basketball and is a regular at Carolina home games.

