



MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Mississippi State is a comprehensive land-grant institution and the largest university in Mississippi, with a statewide enrollment of more than 16,000 students. The university is located in the eastern part of north-central Mississippi near Starkville, recently ranked 36th nationally among cities with populations of less than 50,000 for its quality of life by internet site bijournals.com. MSU has about 1,000 faculty members and approximately 4,000 full-time employees. The campus and adjacent agricultural research lands comprise about 4,000.

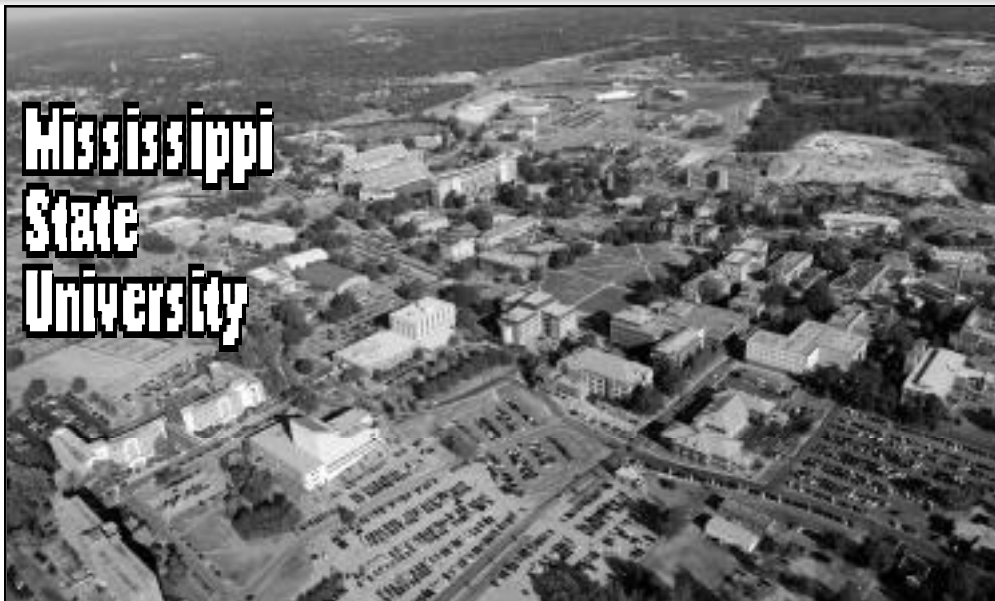
Established in 1878 as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Mississippi, the university has traditional strengths in engineering and scientific agriculture but has evolved into a comprehensive institution with a diverse array of programs in teaching, research, and service.

Research

The university currently ranks 55th among the nation's public universities in total research and development expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation. Federal funding for research at MSU grew by 18.4 percent in fiscal year 2002 (the most recent reported) over the previous fiscal year, compared with a 13.6 percent growth rate among all universities. MSU accounted for 56 percent of research and development expenditures among Mississippi's public and private universities and colleges in FY2002, according to NSF figures.

During the last year, the university has announced collaborations with significant defense-related industries that are bringing new technologies and new job opportunities to the state. Among them are Aurora Flight Sciences, working closely with MSU's Raspet Flight Research Laboratory to build unmanned aerial vehicles; II-VI Incorporated, working closely with SemiSouth Laboratories — a spin-off from MSU research to design and manufacture semiconductors used in high-voltage, high-temperature, and high frequency electronics applications; and AEA Technologies, a producer of portable power in support of space, defense, and homeland security technologies.

In a key area of economic interest to the state, MSU's Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, established in 2001, continues research and development supporting a goal of attracting automotive industries to the state. Through its facility on the MSU campus, as well as a separate



engineering extension facility near the Nissan plant in Canton, the university's research team is building on a longstanding expertise in computational technologies to expand Mississippi's leadership potential in automotive and related industries.

With 1.6 million volumes and about 15,600 current journal subscriptions, Mitchell Memorial Library is a member of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries and the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Specialized research centers and institutes, in addition to those named above, include the Institute for Clean Energy Technology, the Social Science Research Center, the Forest and Wildlife Research Center, the Institute for Neurocognitive Science and Technology, the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Institute, and the Institute of Furniture Manufacturing and Management, among others.

Students and Teaching

Fall 2005 enrollment at Mississippi State was nearly 16,000, including over 900 students at the Meridian campus, online and at other locations. About 70 percent of MSU students are Mississippi residents, 77 percent are undergraduates, 51 percent are male, and 20 percent are African-American. MSU ranks 24th in engineering expenditures, according to the National Science Foundation, and in fall 2005 enrolled 32 National Merit Scholars. MSU awarded more than 3,717 degrees at the bachelor's through doctoral levels in 2005-06.

Outreach and service

As a land-grant university, Mississippi State has a responsibility

to provide informal training and education and research-based information to people throughout the state. An industrial outreach service is making the university's extensive resources and expertise accessible to small-sized and medium-sized manufacturers around Mississippi. The MSU Extension Service maintains offices in almost every county of the state, and the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station operates 10 branch stations throughout Mississippi. Four strategically located research and extension centers coordinate the delivery of services statewide.



Historic Lee Hall overlooks the north end of the Drill Field at the center of the MSU campus.



Dr. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong

President

Robert H. Foglesong is the 18th president of Mississippi State University, a land-grant university committed to excellence in learning, research and service. His vision is for MSU to become the most respected land-grant school in the Southeast. As president, he is responsible for planning, budgeting and execution for the largest university in the state of Mississippi.

He is also the president and executive director of the Appalachian Leadership and Education Foundation, a nonprofit body operating to identify the next generation of leaders in Appalachia and mentor/financially support their journey towards academic, leadership and character excellence. He's a director of Massey Energy, one of the largest producers of coal the nation, and a director of the Michael Baker Corp., an international energy and engineering firm. He also has been designated by President George W. Bush to co-chair the United States-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs.

Previously, he was nominated by the President, confirmed by the U.S. Senate, and served as a four-star general in the United States Air Force. He had responsibility for policy recommendations and implementation of policy relative to personnel, operations, infrastructure and intra/inter governmental affairs for an organizations of 358,000 uniformed members and 158,000 civilian employees. He was responsible for planning/programming for future strategies involving an annual budge of \$90 billion (equivalent to the position of chief operating officer for a company ranked No. 9 on the Fortune 500 list). His jobs required almost daily interface with members of Congress, the White House and many governmental agencies.

Foglesong spent a significant amount of the past decade as a national security advisor at Cabinet and Presidential levels. In this capacity, he had opportunities to travel extensively with the most senior members of the government and directly engage with the most senior civilian and military levels of foreign governments around the globe.

Foglesong has spent 33 years in public service with a clear understanding of the role leadership plays in establishing a sense of integrity/ethics, encouraging service above self and fostering an attitude of excellence. He has received numerous awards for his demonstrated leadership. In addition, he has continued his education by attending professional military education schools as well as advanced civilian forums. He is a member of several professional aviation organizations and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. His 57 publications cover a range of subjects including technical and leadership topics. A graduate of West Virginia University (bachelor's, master's and doctorate), he was a member and president of Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honorary, as well as numerous other academic honoraries.

He has accumulated 30 military awards for leadership and technical skills. He holds an honorary Doctorate of Strategic Intelligence. He is married to Mary Thrasher Foglesong. They have two sons --- David, married to Laura, and father of two sons (Robert and David), and Mark. David is in the United States Air Force, as is Laura. Mark is in the television business. Foglesong's hobbies include running marathons, collecting slide rules, collecting potato mashers, and public speaking.



Larry Templeton

Director of Athletics

Director of Athletics Larry Templeton this fall begins his 20th season as the head of the intercollegiate athletics program at Mississippi State University. Under his guidance MSU's 16 varsity sports teams compete for championships in the highly-competitive Southeastern Conference and each year establish new standards for achievement in the classroom.

With nearly 19 seasons under his belt, Templeton ranks as the third-longest tenured AD in MSU history and rates as the dean of ADs in the SEC. Under his direction the Mississippi State University Athletics Department has seen a rapid and dramatic progression in the improvement of its sports facilities, all the while adhering to fiscally sound budgeting principles that have enabled MSU athletics to rank among an elite corps of programs nationally that have operated consistently in the black.

Virtually every sport at Mississippi State established best-ever finishes on the fields and courts of competition during the decade of the '90s, and that trail of success has continued on into the new millennium. During the past seven years MSU sports teams qualified for post-season competition 51 times, including a school-record 12 in 2004-05.

But State's students are not just successful on the playing field. MSU's men's and women's athletes recorded the highest combined grade point average during the 2005-06 academic year, a record that covers 16 years in which such student-athlete grades have been tracked. MSU student-athletes compiled an aggregate 2.95 grade point average for the fall 2005 term, the best semester of academics on record for Bulldog and Lady Bulldog athletes. And in the spring of 2006 better than half — 145 of 270 scholarship student-athletes, earned GPAs of 3.00 or better, with 78 earning Dean's List (3.50 GPA) or President's Scholar List (3.80 GPA) honors.

MSU has produced the SEC's Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year three times each since 1990. In 1993 Bulldog volleyball stand-out Aimee York became the first MSU student-athlete to earn the SEC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. And over the past eight years State ranks second among league schools in the number of academic all-conference selections in the sports in which MSU competes.

Templeton oversaw Mississippi State's move to come into compliance with the SEC's Gender Equity plan, adding women's soccer in 1995 and softball in 1997 to the school's varsity sports menu. Since then soccer has won the SEC Western Division title (2001) while softball has advanced to NCAA postseason play in five of the last seven seasons. MSU's other seven women's sports have also enjoyed success that has advanced each to postseason competition.

Templeton's work also stretches far from the Starkville campus. He has served as chairman of the SEC's athletics directors and is serving a second term on the NCAA Baseball Committee, currently serving as that committee's chairman. He is a former member of the NCAA Championship Committee, the NCAA Management Council and the NCAA Bowl Certification Committee.

Templeton, 59, served in a variety of capacities within the Mississippi State University Athletic Department prior to his appointment as MSU's 14th director of athletics in October 1987. He is married to the former Linda Jo Nichols. They have a son, Brian, who received his second degree (landscape architecture) at Mississippi State. A second son, Stephen, received his doctorate from MSU in August 2002, and a daughter, Nici, is an attorney in Columbia, S.C. Granddaughters Ella Grace Comer and Addison McSwain Comer reside in Columbia, S.C.



MISSISSIPPI State

MSU has the largest enrollment in the state of Mississippi. Founded as a land-grant institution, its grass, flowers and trees are as prevalent as buildings, sidewalks and parking lots. Large enough to sport diversity in all areas, the university still maintains a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Ruby Hall, a residence hall with the largest single room size in university history, opened this past August. A co-residential, 160,000-square foot, three-story freshman hall, Ruby is located at the north end of campus, in convenient proximity to the Colvard Union, the Perry Cafeteria, Mitchell Memorial Library, the Sanderson Center and all athletic facilities. Ruby Hall offers students the latest in technology, including Ethernet access, full wireless internet coverage, a refrigerator and microwave, and free cable with HBO in each room. MSU freshman football players are housed in Ruby Hall.



The Colvard Union is a popular meeting place for MSU students. Whether working on a group project, enjoying the food court, or simply relaxing, the student union is one of the campus' main meeting places.

The Chapel of Memories and Carillon Tower were built with bricks from Old Main Dormitory, the largest residence hall in the country when constructed, later destroyed by fire in 1959. The Chapel of Memories, which hosts numerous weddings each year, is one of the most-recognized landmarks on campus.

The Drill Field, located squarely in the center of campus, shows the expanse of greenery for which the campus is famous.

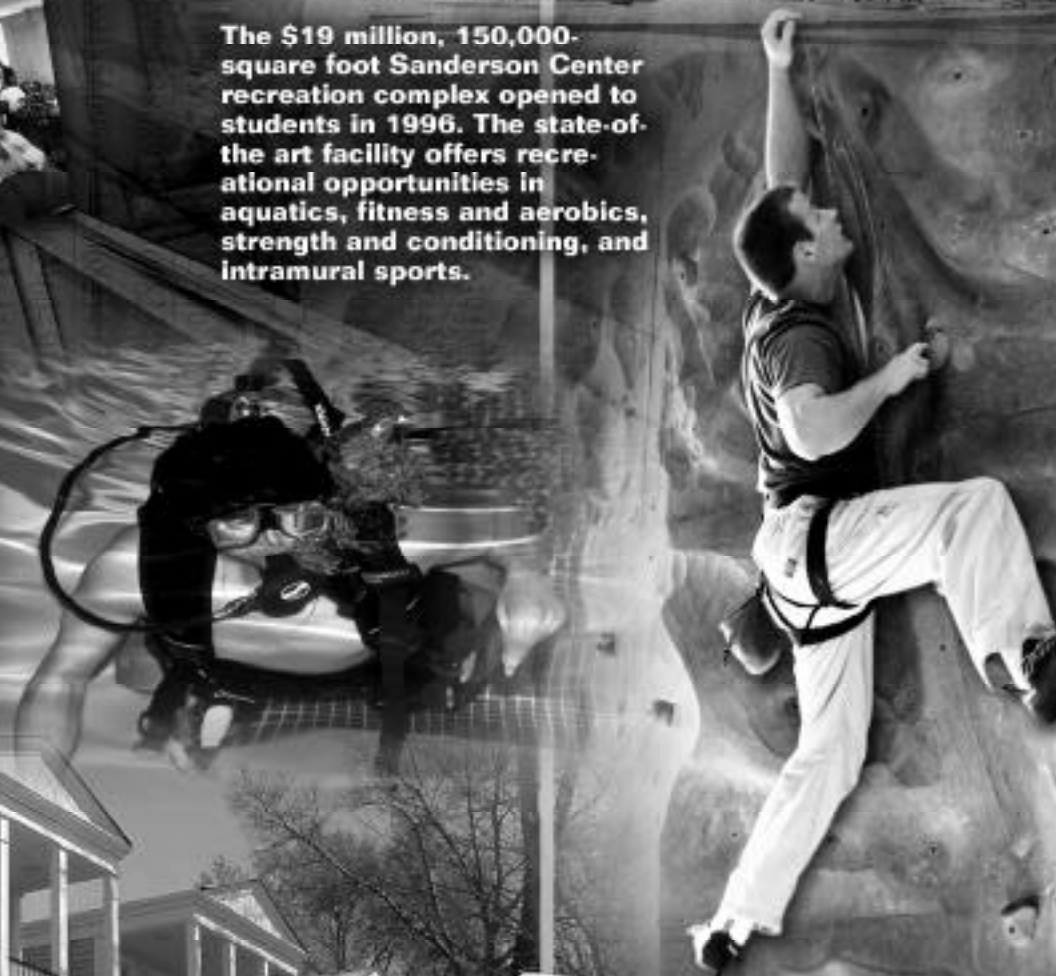


The People's University



When built in the 1920s, Perry Cafeteria was the largest dining hall in the country. The 300-foot long, Gothic style interior is one of the most beautiful buildings on the campus. It has accommodations for 600 students, faculty and staff and serves as the dining hall for MSU athletes.

The \$19 million, 150,000-square foot Sanderson Center recreation complex opened to students in 1996. The state-of-the-art facility offers recreational opportunities in aquatics, fitness and aerobics, strength and conditioning, and intramural sports.



Located immediately adjacent to the campus, the Cotton District is one of the most sought-after residential locations for the student body. In addition to New Orleans-style condominiums and apartments, restaurants and night clubs dot the neighborhood.



ATHLETIC Excellence

State's coaches care for their student-athletes and the school's sports programs. Each has a passion for their specialty, experience as a player and coach, and expertise to instruct at the highest levels. Their goal is to coach champions on the field and mold productive college graduates from the university's classroom.

SYLVESTER CROOM was named head coach at MSU in December 2003, an announcement that brought immediate national attention to the Bulldog football program. In just his first season, State beat a ranked opponent for the first time since 2000.

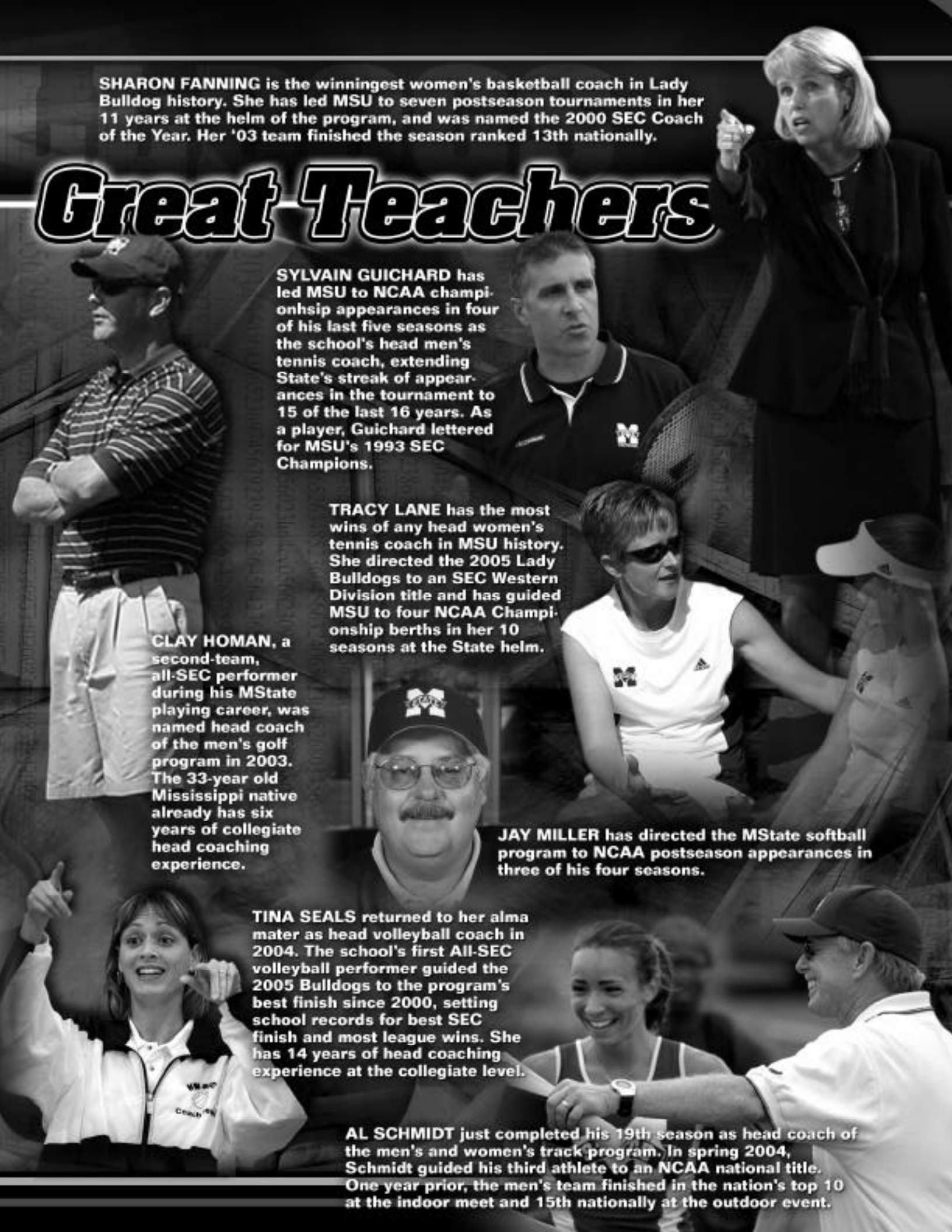
CHRISTI SANDERS (back left) has the longest, consecutive coaching reign of any head coach at State, with 19 seasons at the helm of the women's golf program. She has twice been named SEC Coach of the Year (1990, 2000).

RON POLK is the legendary head coach of the MSU baseball program. He is the winningest coach in SEC history and with more than 1,300 career coaching wins ranks sixth among college baseball's all-time winningest coaches. He has guided five MSU teams to the College World Series and 19 to regional competition.

RICK STANSBURY's men's basketball teams have averaged better than 20 wins per year under his guidance and have participated in postseason play six times in his eight years. MSU has played in four NCAA Tournaments in five seasons and won the SEC championship in 2004 and tournament title in '02.

NEIL MACDONALD is the only head coach to guide the MState soccer program to an SEC Tournament appearance in his first season (2004). The 34-year old already has six years head coaching experience on the college level.





SHARON FANNING is the winningest women's basketball coach in Lady Bulldog history. She has led MSU to seven postseason tournaments in her 11 years at the helm of the program, and was named the 2000 SEC Coach of the Year. Her '03 team finished the season ranked 13th nationally.

Great Teachers

SYLVAIN GUICHARD has led MSU to NCAA championship appearances in four of his last five seasons as the school's head men's tennis coach, extending State's streak of appearances in the tournament to 15 of the last 16 years. As a player, Guichard lettered for MSU's 1993 SEC Champions.

TRACY LANE has the most wins of any head women's tennis coach in MSU history. She directed the 2005 Lady Bulldogs to an SEC Western Division title and has guided MSU to four NCAA Championship berths in her 10 seasons at the State helm.

CLAY HOMAN, a second-team, all-SEC performer during his MState playing career, was named head coach of the men's golf program in 2003. The 33-year old Mississippi native already has six years of collegiate head coaching experience.

JAY MILLER has directed the MState softball program to NCAA postseason appearances in three of his four seasons.

TINA SEALS returned to her alma mater as head volleyball coach in 2004. The school's first All-SEC volleyball performer guided the 2005 Bulldogs to the program's best finish since 2000, setting school records for best SEC finish and most league wins. She has 14 years of head coaching experience at the collegiate level.

AL SCHMIDT just completed his 19th season as head coach of the men's and women's track program. In spring 2004, Schmidt guided his third athlete to an NCAA national title. One year prior, the men's team finished in the nation's top 10 at the indoor meet and 15th nationally at the outdoor event.

ATHLETIC Excellence

Mississippi State athletes play in some of the nation's finest facilities. Every Bulldog competition site has either been constructed or renovated during the last decade or so. During that time alone, more than \$60 million in facility enhancements have been made... a real building boom in Bulldog Country.



DAVIS WADE STADIUM AT SCOTT FIELD: Near-sellout crowds have become the norm at Davis Wade Stadium at Scott Field, where the Bulldogs have played before masses reaching 85 percent of stadium capacity. Since the 2000 season when expansion and renovation projects gave the nation's second-oldest stadium a gleaming new look, crowds have grown by nearly 30 percent.



PITTS TENNIS CENTRE: Considered among the finest tennis facilities in the collegiate ranks, the modern, six-court, 1,000-seat A.J. Pitts Tennis Centre recently completed its 23rd year serving the men's and women's programs. Recent enhancements at the facility include new locker areas and concession stands (1998) and a permanent press box (2004).

**W.O. SPENCER STADIUM/
CARL MADDOX TRACK:** Co-named in honor of a two-time Mississippi State Olympian and a former MSU athletic director, the W.O. Spencer Stadium/Carl Maddox Track has served as host to the Southeastern Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships three times since 1985, joining Tennessee as the most frequent host for that event during that time.



DUDY NOBLE FIELD, POLK-DEMENT STADIUM: One of the nation's leaders in baseball season ticket sales and attendance, Dudy Noble Field, Polk-Dement Stadium still holds the nation's on-campus single-game attendance mark — 14,991. With a seating capacity of more than 7,000 and more space in the world-famous outfield, *Sports Illustrated* magazine named the park, the "Best Place To Watch College Baseball" in a 1997 issue.

NEWELL GRISSOM BUILDING:

The 12,000-square foot, hardwood-floored Newell-Grisson Building serves as the home for Mississippi State's volleyball program and serves as a practice facility for both of the school's basketball programs. A state-of-the-art heating and air conditioning system was installed in 2004.

Great Places

MSU GOLF COURSE:

Nominated by *Golfweek* and *Golf Digest* magazines as one of the premier public golf courses in the United States, Mississippi State's championship University Golf Course is the home to the men's and women's programs. The 18-hole course was recently furnished with a 5,000-square-foot clubhouse, complete with locker areas, snack bar, golf shop and classroom.



MSU SOCCER FIELD: Built in 1995, the lighted Mississippi State Soccer Field gives the Bulldog women one of the finest playing surfaces in the Southeast, a 114-yard long, 72-yard wide regulation NCAA Championship field. The lush turf is Mississippi Pride grass, developed by researchers on the MSU campus.



MSU SOFTBALL FIELD: Constructed in 1997, the Mississippi State Softball Field has undergone almost constant improvement at the northern-most point of campus. Lights were added to the facility in 1998, brick work was added to the dugouts two years later and, in 2001, additional batting cages were built. In 2005, softball moved into a new locker, training and meeting facility adjacent to the park.



BRYAN BUILDING: The state-of-the-art John H. Bryan Athletic Administration Building is the crown jewel of MSU's expansion projects of the last decade. Opened in 1996, this showcase facility is named for longtime Bulldog friend and supporter John H. Bryan Sr. and houses athletic administration, football, ticket, athletic development and media relations offices.



HUMPHREY COLISEUM: Season ticket sales records and all-time attendance marks have also been set over the past decade by Bulldog and Lady Bulldog basketball teams in the Humphrey Coliseum, the state's largest on-campus basketball arena. The latest addition to the facility was a \$1.8 million, center-hung, four-sided video scoreboard and jumbotron screen installed in 2004.