





# 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.

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.

## Academics and Student Life

Mississippi State students consistently earn honors such as the prestigious Harry S. Truman Scholarship, awarded for those who will enter public service, and, with 16 Truman Scholars to date, the university has been recognized as a Truman Honor Institution. In the past year, a student team competed for and won first place in a national Challenge X competition to redesign a fuel-efficient and environmentally-friendly SUV.

Recently initiated programs are providing opportunities to develop leadership potential and global study options. The university's Global Leadership Continuum provides "cradle-to-CEO" programming designed to develop leadership across a "global" spectrum that begins with high school and continues through the university experience and into professional life. Included are the Young Guns Leadership Camp for rising high school seniors; the Day One Leadership Community for incoming freshmen, focusing on shared academic and service experiences; and the highly competitive Appalachian Leadership Honors Program for sophomores and juniors.

To complement these efforts, the university has launched a minor in leadership studies open to students in all majors. A university honor code adopted in 2007 institutionalizes a campus culture of integrity and personal responsibility in academic studies. Through the Global Leadership Program, students may experience significantly expanded study-abroad opportunities

## Research

Mississippi State faculty researchers attracted \$186.5 million in external funding for 2006-07, up from about \$155 million during the previous year. This funding supported 1,691 sponsored projects in 2007.

Based on the latest rankings available from the National Science Foundation, MSU ranks seventh in the nation in agricultural sciences research expenditures and 44th nationally in engineering. Last year MSU faculty and staff disclosed 80 new technologies resulting in three new start-up companies,



nine licenses, and 22 patent applications. The university now holds 77 patents.

In recent years, MSU has established the Thad Cochran Endowment for Entrepreneurship, as well as collaborating with federal agencies and industries to help increase technology-oriented start-up companies. Among the collaborators and sponsors are the U.S. departments of Defense and Energy, NASA, General Electric, Northrop Grumman, EADS/American Eurocopter, Boeing, Raytheon, General Dynamics, Israeli Aerospace Industry, and the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

In a key area of economic interest to Mississippi, MSU's Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems, established in 2001, continues research and development supporting a goal of attracting automotive industries to the state. The center is conducting research in areas that include materials processing, human and systems engineering, alternative power systems, computational manufacturing and design, and advanced learning technologies.

## Outreach and Service

From its academic programs to the work of countless individuals, Mississippi State has "extended farther" and gone "beyond the limit" to make a difference in the lives of citizens around the state. In 2006, the university formed the Mississippi State Community Action Team to organize university

resources and expertise for quick response to local issues around the state. MSU's Extension Service is the first in the nation to have an interactive videoconferencing system in every county Extension office. Through the Freedom Calls program, the system is being used to connect Mississippians with family members in the U.S. military serving our country in Iraq.

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. "Doc" 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 non-profit 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 Michel 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.

He has authored more than 60 publications which 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.

A native of Mingo County, W.V., the MSU president is married to the former **Mary Thrasher** of Sistersville, W.V. 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 and collecting slide rules and blow torches.



## Larry Templeton

### Director of Athletics

Director of Athletics **Larry Templeton** this fall begins his 21st 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 while establishing new standards for achievement in the classroom.

With nearly 20 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 postseason competition 57 times, including a school-record 12 in 2004-05.

But State's student-athletes are not just successful in the realm of athletic competition. 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 18 years in which such student-athlete grades have been tracked. In spring 2007, half of all scholarship student-athletes earned a grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

MSU has produced the SEC's Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year three times each since 1990. In 1993 Bulldog volleyball standout **Aimee York** became the first MSU student-athlete to earn the SEC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. And over the past seven years, State ranks second among league schools in number of academic all-conference honorees in the sports in which MSU competes. And over the past nine 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. In 2007 he begins his 15th year as **chair of the SEC Athletics Directors**. Currently in his second term on the NCAA Baseball Committee, Templeton serves 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, 60 and a lifelong resident of Starkville, 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, and Eliana Xiaojiong Nichols, live in Columbia, S.C., and Chattanooga, Tenn., respectively.





# 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***

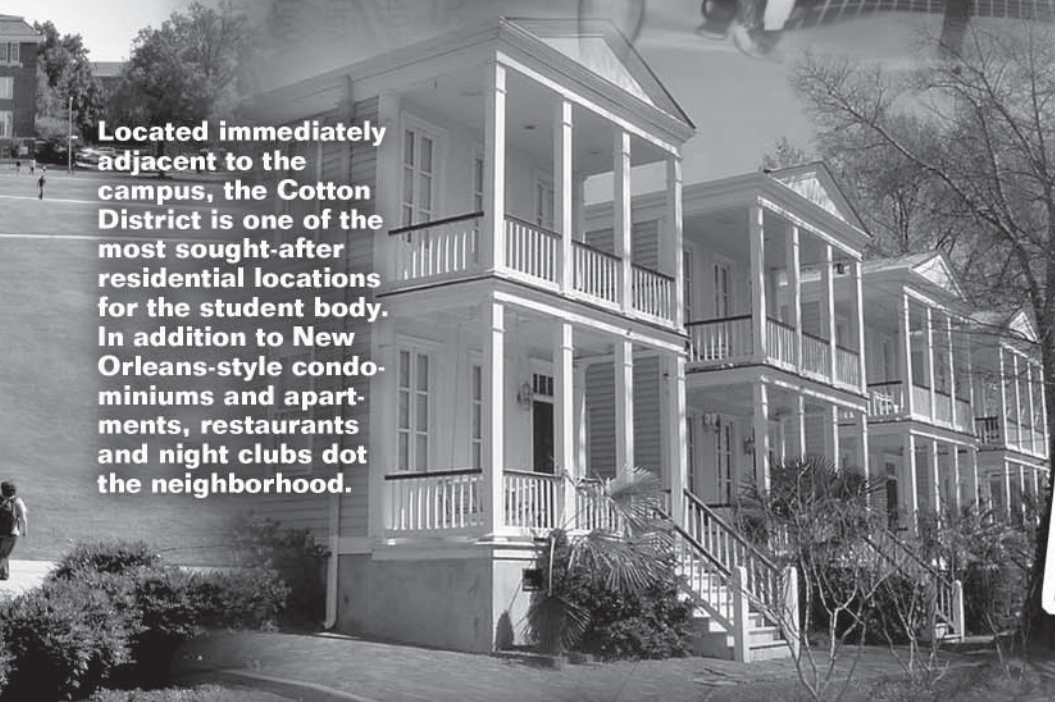


When built in the 1920s, Perry Cafeteria was the largest dining hall in the country. The 300-foot long, Gothic style interior is one of the most beautiful buildings on the campus. It has accommodations for 600 students, faculty and staff and serves as the dining hall for MSU athletes.

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.



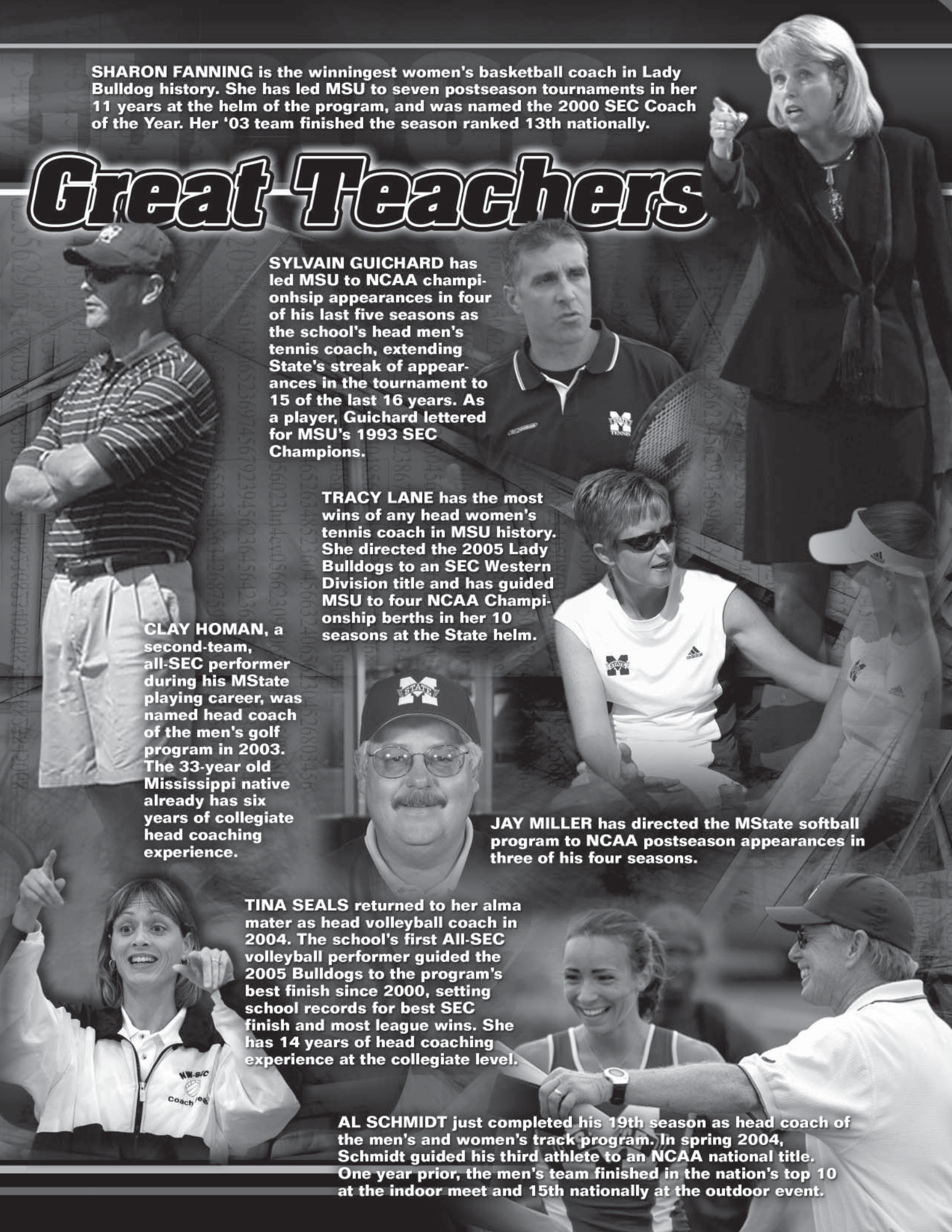
**CHRISTI SANDERS** (back left) has the longest, consecutive coaching reign of any head coach at State, with 19 seasons at the helm of the women's golf program. She has twice been named SEC Coach of the Year (1990, 2000).

**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-Grissom 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.



**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.



**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.

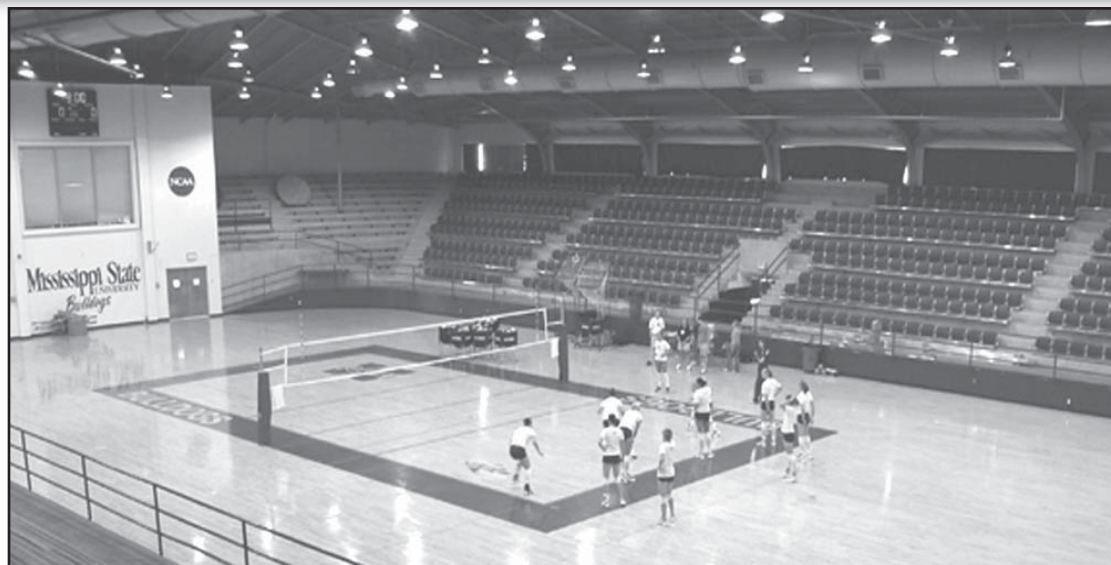


**BRYAN BUILDING:** The state-of-the-art John H. Bryan Athletic Administration Building is the crown jewel of MSU's expansion projects of the last decade. Opened in 1996, this showcase facility is named for longtime Bulldog friend and supporter John H. Bryan Sr., and houses athletic administration, football,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





# NEWELL-GRISSOM BUILDING



Mississippi State begins its second decade of competition this fall in its on-campus home, the Newell-Grissom Building. The spacious facility features 12,000 square feet of hardwood flooring and arena seating for more than 2,000. MSU's volleyball home has seen two major improvements in the facility over the past three years. An air conditioning system was added following the 2004 season and nearly 600 maroon chairback seats were installed in the east stands prior to the start of the 2006 campaign.

The facility has served as the home court for Mississippi State volleyball since Oct. 3, 1997 when State met Georgia in the first match at the Newell-Grissom Building. Another first for the facility unfolded a year later when the 1998 season-ending MSU-Mississippi volleyball match was televised regionally by SEC-TV on FOX Sports Net South.

Located approximately two blocks southwest of Scott Field, the Newell-Grissom Building served as an auxiliary practice site for volleyball and both the men's and women's basketball teams at Mississippi State in 1996 while Humphrey Coliseum served as those teams' primary on-campus competition site.

Newell-Grissom is MSU's third on-campus volleyball home in 32 seasons. MSU's first volleyball teams competed in McCarthy Gymnasium prior to moving to Humphrey Coliseum.

The Newell-Grissom Building has a varied and colorful history that spans five decades and covers a broad spectrum of campus events.

Construction of the building began in January, 1951. The \$500,000 Animal Husbandry Service Building was completed in the spring of 1953, with dedicatory ceremonies held on April 28, 1953. The original structure included two classrooms, two offices, an area to house two graduate students, two exhibit areas, a multi-bunk dormitory

area for visiting teams, and a dirt floor to accommodate its primary mission as host for livestock-related events.

But the "cow barn", as it became affectionately known on campus, was used for much more than livestock shows, rodeos and equestrian competition. It developed into the campus and regional center for concerts and other entertainment events. The building's size and central location on campus also made it a natural for graduation ceremonies and class registration operations.

In 1978, the arena was formally named in honor of two long-time leaders in Mississippi State University's animal science department, Paul F. Newell (1910) and E.E. Grissom (1932). The structure went largely unused in the 1980s and early 1990s and gradually fell into disrepair. But in early 1995, the university, faced with an expensive "tear it down or fix it up" proposition, partnered with the MSU Athletic Department to share the costs of a million dollar renovation project.

In addition to the installation of a hardwood floor, the initial project included reroofing, the installation of a new lighting system, the construction and refurbishing of locker rooms and team meeting areas, and the addition of public rest room facilities.

## NEWELL-GRISSOM QUICK FACTS

### MSU RECORD

46-58 (.442)

### FIRST MATCH

Georgia 3, MSU 0 (10/3/97)

### FIRST MSU WIN

MSU 3, UL-Monroe 0 (10/7/97)

### FIRST MSU SEC WIN

MSU 3, Louisiana State 2 (10/17/97)

### TOP FIVE VOLLEYBALL CROWDS

vs. LSU (10/22/99) ..... 675

vs. Florida (9/29/00) ..... 565

vs. Arkansas (10/27/00) ..... 525

vs. Mississippi (9/13/06) ..... 426

vs. Mississippi (11/15/98) ..... 325

vs. Auburn (10/16/00) ..... 325

### LONGEST MATCH

vs. Auburn (10/31/99) ..... 2:34

### MOST WINS IN A SEASON

10 ..... (2006)

## MSU AT THE NEWELL-GRISSOM BUILDING

Year	W-L	Pct.
1997	5-4	.555
1998	5-5	.500
1999	3-6	.333
2000	5-5	.500
2001	4-7	.364
2002	1-7	.125
2003	2-9	.182
2004	4-6	.400
2005	7-5	.583
2006	10-4	.714
10 yrs.	46-58	.442

## VERSUS ALL OPPONENTS...

Alabama.....	3-7
Arkansas.....	1-9
UA-Little Rock...	0-1
Auburn.....	6-4
Austin Peay.....	0-1
Belmont.....	1-0
Chattanooga.....	1-0
Clemson.....	0-0
Florida.....	0-7
Georgia.....	4-4
Grambling State...	1-0
Jackson State.....	2-0
Jacksonville State...	2-0
Kentucky.....	0-4
UL-Lafayette.....	1-0
UL-Monroe.....	2-0
Louisiana State....	2-7
Louisiana Tech....	1-0
Middle Tennessee...	1-0
Mississippi.....	7-3
Murray State.....	0-0
Samford.....	2-0
South Carolina....	1-3
Southern Miss.....	3-1
Tennessee.....	0-6
Tennessee-Martin...	2-0
Troy University...	2-0
UAB.....	1-1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>46-58</b>

2007 home opponents shown in bold

