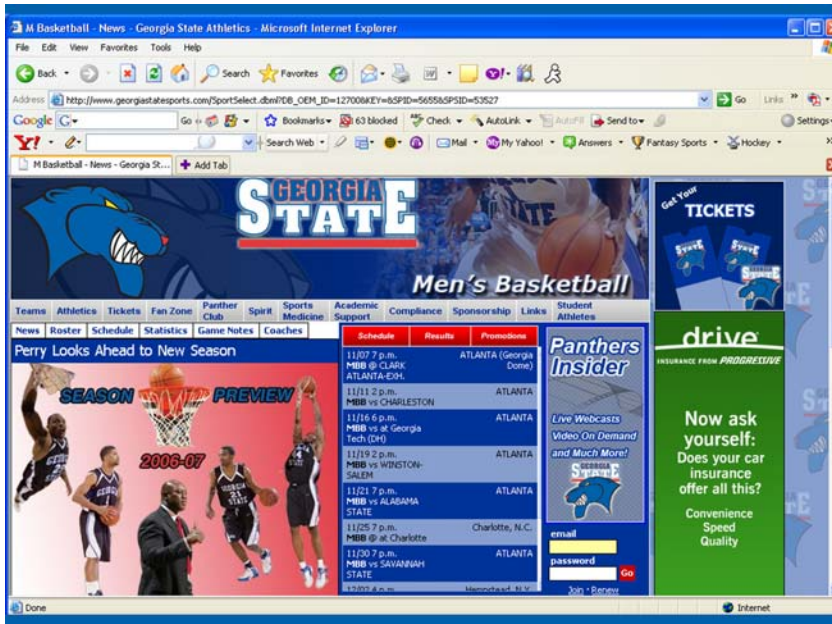




*Bill Reeves, graduate and long-time booster, joins guard Trae Goldston and forward Rashad Chase in front of "The Lofts," the living quarters for the Panthers.*

# Georgia State athletics' official Web site

ATLANTA (Oct. 3, 2006) - The Georgia State University Athletics Association officially announces the debut of its revamped Web site, GeorgiaStateSports.com, Tuesday with a five-year partnership with XOS Technologies, Inc. — a leading technology provider of sports media solutions and technology across the country.



Followers and fans of the Panthers will have a new and exciting platform to use to keep up-to-date with Georgia State's 16 intercollegiate athletic programs, as well as all the latest athletics department news and information. As content becomes available and new features are added, the re-launched GeorgiaStateSports.com Web site will include more interactive fan services capabilities, including e-commerce and auction availability as well as premium video and audio services of games and wireless distribution to e-mails and cell phones.

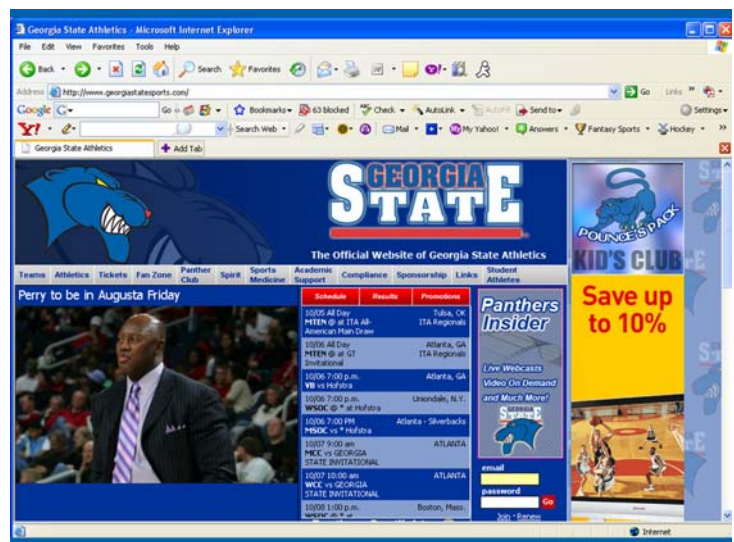
“We partnered with XOS Technologies to enable us to further reach our fans and alumni,” said Mary McElroy, Georgia State Director of Athletics. “Our new site will help us to engage

fans from the convenience of their own homes and it will offer them more team support opportunities than ever before. Plus, having a technology provider we can trust to deliver the latest fan offerings and quality service is something we're looking forward to with XOS.”

With concept assistance from the Georgia State Sports Communications and Marketing offices, the XOS Network went to work in July on the design and integration of the new version of the Panthers' official Web site. The process yielded a cutting-edge platform that utilizes Georgia State's athletic primary colors - blue and white - as well as its accented grey and red colors.

“The new site provides a more user-friendly format for our constituents and allows Georgia State athletics to make updates quickly,” McElroy continued. “We will also be better positioned to maximize the value of our current sponsorship agreements and better facilitate future partnerships. It's a win-win for Georgia State, our supporters and our fans.”

“The new site will yield some substantial benefits for Georgia State,” said Harry Stiff, XOS VP of Consumer Marketing. “Panthers Athletics now has a central hub with network services that run across multiple platforms. As a result, it can deliver more content, extend the reach of its brand and maximize revenue through current and emerging platforms.”



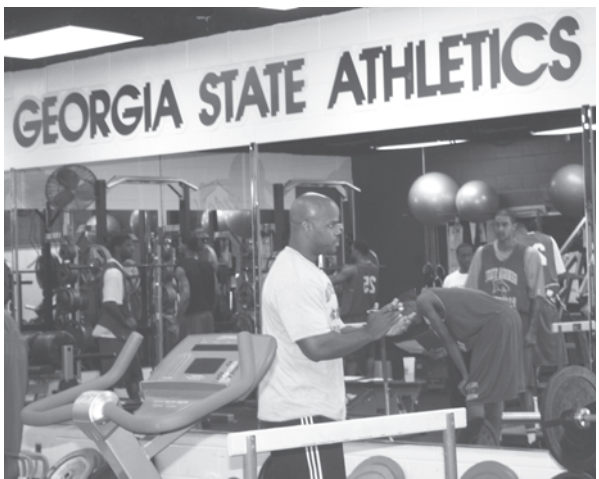


## ***Player Facilities***

*The Lounge, Locker Room, Meeting Room, and Showers were all remodeled in the summer of 2005.*

### ***New Court From 2003-04***





## *Strength and Conditioning*

The weight room for student-athletes, located on the first floor of the Sports Arena, received a major renovation at the cost of nearly \$70,000 in 2004. A full-time strength coach, Tredell Dorsey was hired to oversee the program.

As part of the facelift, new wall-to-wall rubber flooring was installed. There were also improvements made to the ventilation, wiring and lighting in the room, along with its overall look.

Probably the biggest change from the old weight room was the purchase and installation of all new equipment. The focus of the new equipment is on the legs, hips and core strengthening. This equipment includes a leg press, leg extension, leg curl, three platforms, three multi-purpose power racks with two adjustable benches, a 5-100 pound dumbbell set, one seated bench, one hip and glute machine, one lower back and hamstring machine and one pull-down machine for the back. The Vertimax training device adds speed, explosiveness and vertical jump in a low impact style. There is also a combination-incline machine that works multiple muscles and core strengthening at once. Lastly, there is a dual pulley system designed to work the entire body for strengthening and rehabilitation purposes.





## *Strength*



## *Conditioning*



This year, Dorsey added a day of swimming pool resistance work to help the wear and tear on the joints and muscles. He also added a day of yoga to work on the flexibility and increase the flow of blood and oxygen in the tissues, muscles and organs.



# HOUSING

The majority of Georgia State University student-athletes are housed in either the University Lofts or the GSU Village. Both facilities provide the student-athletes a safe, comfortable place to call home during the academic year.

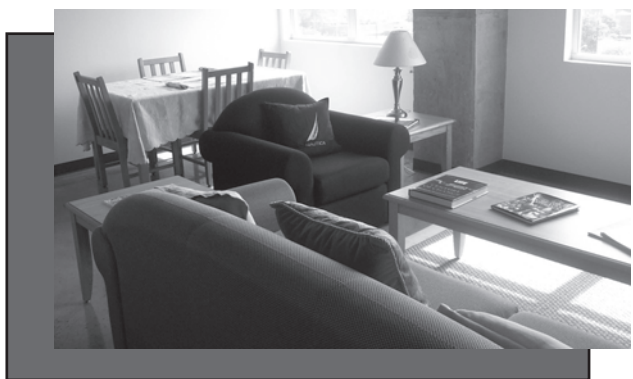
Most Georgia State student-athletes live in the Lofts, which opened in August 2002 and are located on campus, just two blocks from the GSU Sports Arena. The fully-furnished, loft-style apartments blend urban style with modern-day conveniences. Unit amenities include direct internet access in each bedroom, basic cable television service, local telephone service, private bedroom accommodations, key-locked bedroom doors, a refrigerator with ice maker, stove, dishwasher and garbage disposal.

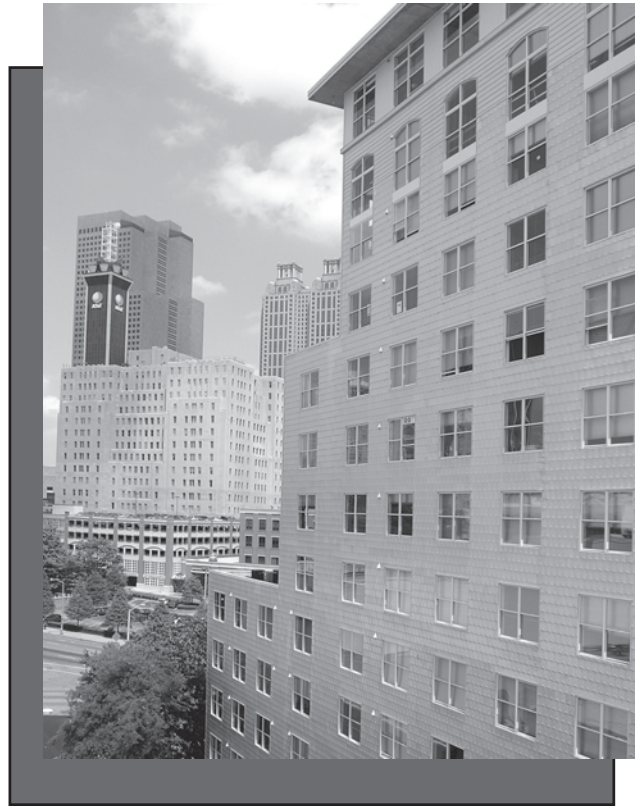
The Lofts also feature a laundry room, 24-hour computer lab, exercise room with cardiovascular equipment and a meeting/community room.

The Village opened in 1996 as the Olympic Village to house athletes from around the world during the Summer Games in Atlanta. Shortly after the Olympics, many students at State moved into the Village. The four-building complex has apartment-style suites that include wiring for computers, internet access and cable television. The Village also features a gymnasium and meeting rooms.

Scheduled to open in the fall of 2007 is University Commons, a new 2000-bed student housing complex, being built at the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Ellis Street.

Several options, including a health clinic, are being considered for the four-building complex, as well as a coffee shop, a cafeteria, a 24-hour restaurant or a convenience store. All of the units will also have complete kitchens as well as cable, telephone and internet service.





*All housing is modern at Georgia State. The Village (left) was built in 1996 in apartment style to house the athletes and Georgia State took over its maintenance since.*

*The Lofts (above) were opened in 2002, just a block from the Sports Arena.*

## ***HOUSING***

*The University Commons four-building dormitory complex with 2,000 beds is under construction now and will be opened in 2007 for the incoming freshmen. All units have complete kitchens as well as internet, cable and telephone service.*



## Charles "Lefty" Driesell Court

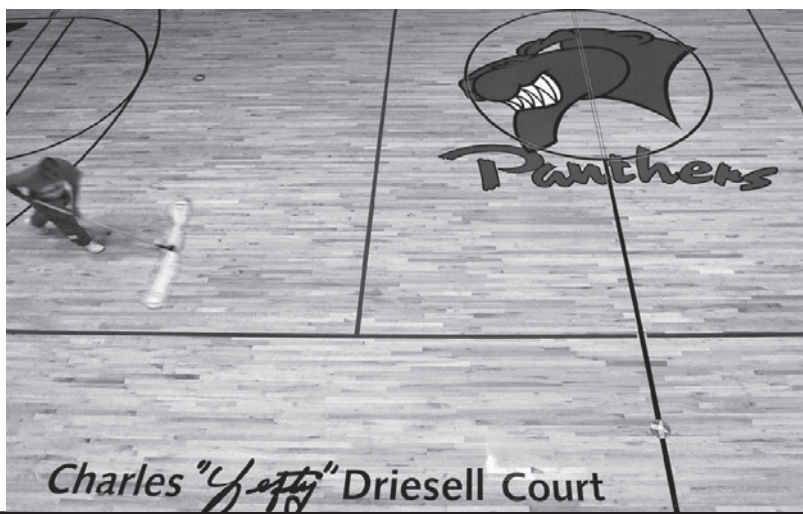


On Feb. 15, 2003, President Carl Patton announced in a halftime ceremony at the Homecoming game that a brand new gymnasium floor would be installed in 2004 and it would be named the Charles "Lefty" Driesell Court.

On Dec. 1, 2004, Coach Driesell returned to the Georgia State Sports Arena for the official naming ceremony and fans were given commemorative Bobblehead dolls to mark the rare occasion. Some of the dolls were autographed.

### "Lefty's" Legacy

- 786 career wins (5th all-time)
- Only coach in NCAA history to win 100 games at four schools
- Only coach in NCAA history to be named Coach of the Year in four conferences
- One of four coaches to take four teams to NCAA Tournament
- Won NCAA Award of Valor
- Had 22 seasons of 20-plus wins (8th most all-time)
- Won 21 conference titles
- Had 10 teams ranked in Top 10
- Won Championship of postseason NIT (when only 25 made NAAs)
- Never lost a game to another school in the state of Georgia (17-0)
- Coached 41 years in NCAA and five years in high school for a combined 883 victories
- Won 103 games of his 162 coached in five 1/2 years at Georgia State
- Inducted into five Halls of Fame: Duke, Maryland, Davidson, state of Virginia and Granby High School
- His assistant coaches have gone on to win more than 2,500 games as a head coach, more than any other coach in NCAA history.
- "Inventor" of Midnight Madness



## *Athletic Training Facility*

A comprehensive Sports Medicine Program of prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation has been developed to ensure quality medical care for student-athletes.

Our Team Physician oversees the course of care given to our student-athletes.

The sports medicine staff consists of team physicians, athletic trainers and a support staff of graduate student athletic trainer all certified or certified-eligible.



The training room underwent improvements the past two summers to handle its many needs.

A computer-based injury tracking software program helps improve the overall medical treatment efficiency.

The athletic trainers travel with the teams, handle many of the practices, and work overtime hours to ensure the best care is provided.

They oversee a catastrophic injury protocol for crisis communication.



# Georgia State Sports Arena



*The Georgia State Sports Arena (logo on roof, left) sits in downtown Atlanta. It has been home of Panther basketball since 1973 and has been the host venue for multiple events from The 1996 Olympics, numerous concerts and events, ESPN-TV Slam Dunk/Three-Point Shootout during the Final Four in 2002, and all Georgia State graduations.*



Georgia State Sports Arena



ESPN SLAM DUNK before the FINAL FOUR



1996 SUMMER OLYMPICS - Badminton



# ***PANTHER PROMISE***

## **Program for Academic Support Services (P.A.S.S.)**

Georgia State University has built an academic support program comparable to any NCAA Division I institution in the nation.

For the past 16 years, associate athletic director for student-athlete development and senior woman administrator **Carol Cohen** has developed a blueprint for success for Georgia State student-athletes in the classroom. That blueprint is called the **Panther Promise**.

Panther Promise was developed in 2005 as an extension of services provided by the **P.A.S.S. (Program for Academic Support Services)**. Panther Promise was created to assist student-athletes with concerns that are unique to the Division I student-athlete and tailored to fit the unique urban environment of the downtown Atlanta university.

Georgia State University is committed to providing educational, personal, and community development opportunities that will enhance the quality of our student-athlete's university experience. To this end, Cohen set specific objectives and standards to make the program successful.

Joined by Assistant Athletic Director for Academics, **Jennifer Santiago**, and two Academic Advisors (Rachel Feinberg and Felicia White), Georgia State student-athletes succeeded in posting the highest-ever cumulative grade-point average (GPA) in the school's history following the 2006 Spring term.

Steadily increasing graduation rates over the past few years also indicate the concept is reaching its

goals and potential. The graduation rate for the student-athletes is consistently higher than the graduation rate of all State students.

More than 90 percent of all student-athletes who have been through this program and exhausted their eligibility have graduated from the University. The average time for a busy student-athlete to graduate is 5.10 years, lower than the 5.32 rate by the average Georgia State student.

State coaches and student-athletes believe in this program. Its success first showed in 1994 when the first four-year seniors in the program were finishing their careers. At that time, State was recognized for having the highest graduation rate and making the most improvement of any of the state colleges and universities throughout Georgia.

The **Panther Promise** objectives have not changed since Cohen set up the P.A.S.S. plan in 1990. In order to accomplish its goals, the Panther Promise includes the following programs and activities:

- **P.A.S.S.** includes annual New Student-Athlete Orientation, key Learning Lab sessions, Tutorial Assistance, the Bridge Seminar Course, Mandatory Advisement, Academic Monitoring and Fifth-Year Grant-in-Aid to allow student-athletes a chance to continue their work toward a degree after their athletic eligibility has expired.



*A learning lab for student-athletes, located on the first floor of the GSU Sports Arena, opened in the fall of 2002.*

*In the spring semester of 2006, the student-athletes achieved their highest ever cumulative grade point average of 2.91 with the spring semester of 2.92. The women's teams combined for a 3.01 GPA and the men's teams produced a 2.81 GPA.*

- **CHAMPS/Life Skills** is a unique NCAA program of educational opportunities that adds value, knowledge and growth to the demanding lives of our student-athletes. It is a comprehensive program that will provide educational, personal, community, and career development to enhance the overall quality of our student-athletes' university experience.
- **Panther DEN** offers a variety of services dedicated entirely to addressing the unique challenges that face the Georgia State University student-athlete. These services are offered in conjunction with the Life Skills and Stress Management Office of the University's Counseling Center.

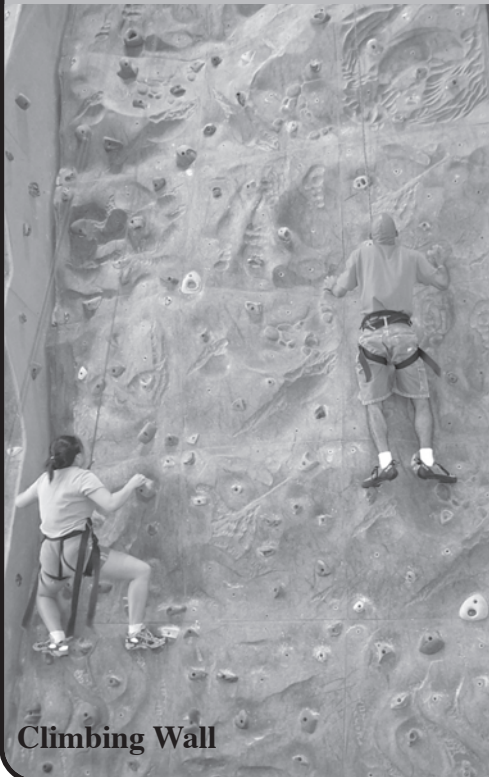
Panther Promise provides these services to aid the student-athlete in their personal life as well as enhance their athletic potential.

*"It's all still aimed at instilling crucial focus on academics at Georgia State. Our student-athletes are encouraged and supported to be successful in the classroom. With approximately 225 student-athletes in the program at any one time, it's a continual process to guarantee their success."*

*Carol Cohen, Associate AD for Student-Athlete Development*

# *Georgia State Rec Center*

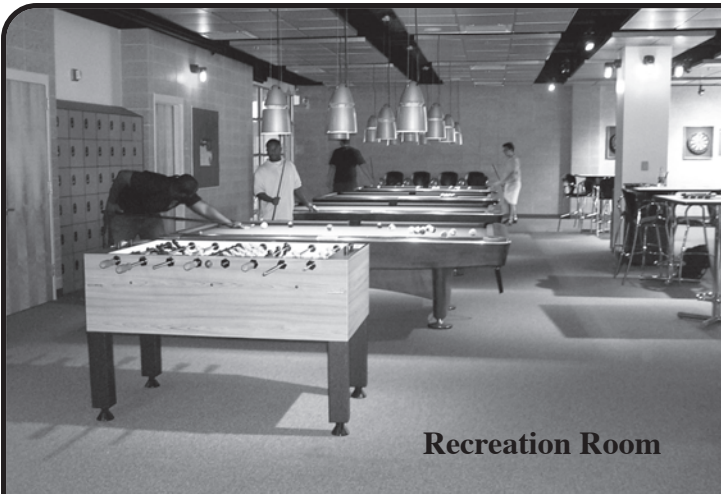
The 161,000-square foot facility that is diagonal from the Sports Arena at the intersection of Piedmont Avenue and Decatur Avenue, opened in August 2001.



**Climbing Wall**



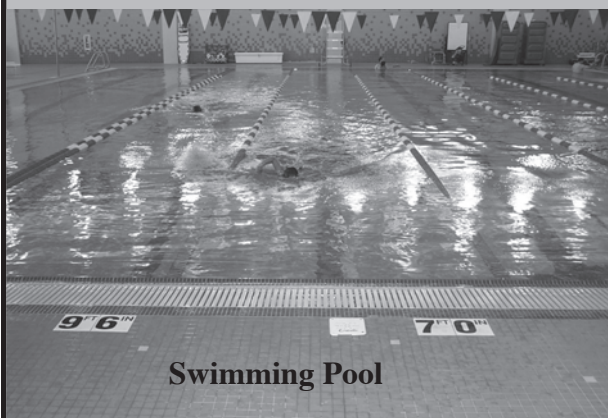
**Cardio-vascular equipment with TV Wall**



**Recreation Room**



**Pool Side**



**Swimming Pool**

## **STUDENT RECREATION CENTER**

This state-of-the-art facility operated by the Recreational Services Department includes:

- A 5,000-foot weight room
- A 9,000-foot cardiovascular and fitness equipment room
- An eight-lane swimming pool
- An auxiliary gymnasium for indoor soccer, floor hockey, table tennis, and fencing areas.
- Four basketball courts
- A three-story climbing wall
- Game room set for billiards and video games
- Aerobic/martial arts studios
- A jogging track
- Four racquetball courts
- Whirlpools
- Camping rental equipment area
- Lounge areas, big screen TV, vending facilities
- Locker rooms, changing areas
- Volleyball/badminton court
- Conference Room, Classrooms
- RAP-UP publication for all activities and events
- Touch the Earth outdoor recreation program offering one-day or longer excursions for rafting, canoeing, skiing backpacking, biking, etc.
- Check out events on [www.gsu.edu/recreation](http://www.gsu.edu/recreation)



**Basketball Courts**

# ***This is Atlanta, Georgia***



*Downtown Atlanta features a beautiful skyline*

## **ATLANTA is:**

- the capital city of Georgia
- the ninth largest metropolitan area in the United States with more than 4.6 million (also the fastest growing of the Top 10 with an average of 502 people moving in everyday)
- one of the youngest cities in America (median age of 33.7) and second in the nation in percentage of population that are college graduates (32 percent)
- home of one of the busiest airports in the United States
- a national leader in job creation with more than 100,000 businesses

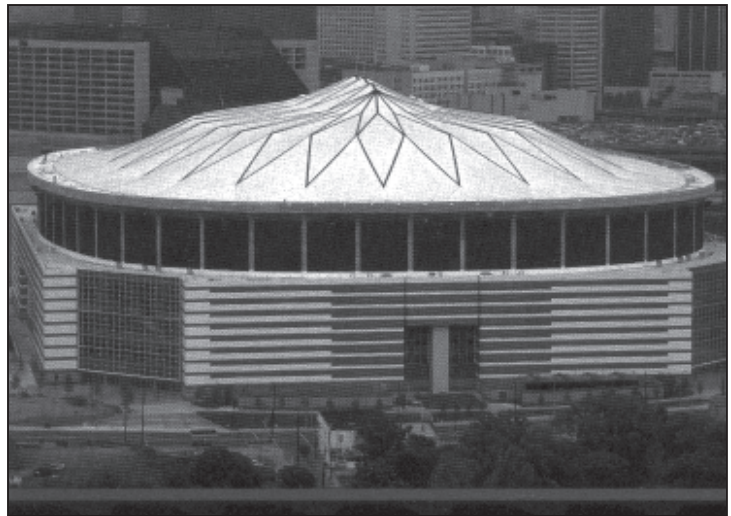
Atlanta, the “Gateway City of the South,” is nestled in the hills of north central Georgia. The growing metropolitan area and state are both in the Top 10 in the nation in size, but nearer to the top in economic development, jobs and business growth. Atlanta ranks fourth in the nation among cities with the most Fortune 500 headquarters. Twenty-six companies headquartered in metro Atlanta are rated among the latest Fortune 1000 companies, with 15 among the Fortune 500. Three-quarters of all Fortune 1000 companies have a presence in metro Atlanta. The city serves as the world headquarters for The Home Depot, United Parcel Service, Georgia-Pacific, BellSouth, the Coca-Cola Company and Delta Airlines. Atlanta’s Hartsfield International Airport remains one of the world’s busiest travel hubs.

The birthplace of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the civil rights movement, Atlanta has a reputation as the “city too busy to hate.” It is the southeast’s regional capital with a growing population of more than four million people living in a lush, scenic setting known for its dogwoods, azaleas and evergreens.

This area is headquarters for media giants Cable News Network, the Turner Broadcasting System, Turner Network Television, Turner South, the Cartoon Network, FOX Sports Net South and The Weather Channel. Atlanta has 10 local television stations with the six major network affiliates (ABC, CBS, FOX, NBC, UPN and the WB). More than 45 radio stations offer a variety of programming. The *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* is published blocks from Georgia State’s campus, and 10 other daily newspapers and 50 weekly papers keep people in the Atlanta region informed.

## **A SPORTS CAPITAL**

- Events in the metropolitan Atlanta area include:
- ✓ Atlanta Braves baseball games (14 straight division championships and five World Series in the 1990s)
  - ✓ Atlanta Falcons football games (their home field, the Georgia Dome, has been the site of two Super Bowls)
  - ✓ Atlanta Hawks basketball games at Philips Arena
  - ✓ Atlanta Thrashers ice hockey games at Philips Arena (hosts of 2008 NHL All-Star Game)
  - ✓ NCAA Men’s and Women’s basketball Final Fours
  - ✓ Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl at Georgia Dome
  - ✓ Southeastern Conference Football Championship Game at the Georgia Dome
  - ✓ Home of PGA Tour Championship & BellSouth Classic
  - ✓ Nationwide Classic (PGA Senior Tour event)
  - ✓ NASCAR Nextel Cup races (two each year)
  - ✓ Peachtree Road Race 10K Run (world’s largest)
  - ✓ Atlanta Silverbacks (men’s soccer)
  - ✓ Georgia Force (arena league team, Georgia Dome)
  - ✓ Foxhall Cup (equestrian)
  - ✓ Events for 20 colleges in the area



*The Georgia Dome, located within walking distance of the Georgia State campus, served as the host site for the men’s basketball NCAA Final Four in 2002 and the 2003 Women’s Final Four.*

# ***This is Atlanta, Georgia***

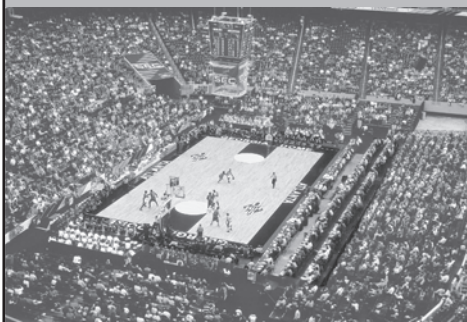


**The State Capitol is one block from the Sports Arena.**

**Centennial Park (right offers concerts, programs and a beautiful site to visit.**



**Philips Arena, home of the Hawks and Thrashers is just blocks away.**



**The Georgia Dome is next door to Philips Arena.**

**Martin Luther King's birthplace and King Center Museum are close.**



**The World Of Coca-Cola is in Georgia State's backyard.**

**The Carter Center and former President are just blocks from campus.**



# Athletics Facilities

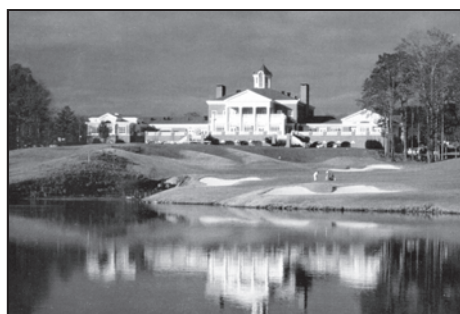
Georgia State University has several fine athletic facilities that its student-athletes call home.

While men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball compete at the Georgia State Sports Arena in downtown Atlanta, most of the Panthers' athletic teams host their competitions at the GSU Panthersville Recreation and Athletics Complex, located about 10 miles from campus in DeKalb County. The Panthersville complex includes the home facilities for the sports of men's and women's soccer, baseball, softball, and men's and women's cross country.

For baseball, a new building was recently erected that serves as a dressing room for the players and coaches. The Reeves Fieldhouse, officially dedicated in March 2003, also includes office space for coaches. A second building for concessions and public restrooms as well as a renovated press box was opened in 2005.

The softball area has also undergone some major improvements in the past few years. In April 2003, the Robert E. Heck Teamhouse was dedicated in the name of the Lady Panthers' longtime head coach who has eclipsed the prestigious 500-win plateau for his career. The new teamhouse serves as an indoor practice facility for the Lady Panthers and includes batting cages and a weight room. A recent improvement to Bob Heck Field was the installation of theatre-type, chair-back seating for fans behind the dugouts of both teams.

The cross country courses at Panthersville, on the grounds of the Georgia Regional Hospital, are some of the best in the Southeast. The Georgia State programs have hosted several 5000-, 8000- and 10,000-meter meets over the years, including many conference and regional championships.



*Eagle's Landing Country Club, the home for both golf programs.*

Eagle's Landing Country Club, just south of Atlanta in Stockbridge, Ga., serves as an impressive home course for the Panther and Lady Panther golf teams. Eagle's Landing hosts a Ladies Professional Golf Association event, the Chick-fil-A Classic, annually in the spring.

The home for the Georgia State men's tennis squads is the Bitsy Grant Tennis Center off Northside Drive, which is not far from campus, while the women's team competes at nearby Piedmont Park Tennis Center.

**An ambitious long-term development project took place on Wednesday, June 28, 2006 with an official ground breaking ceremony for the new Panthersville Athletics**

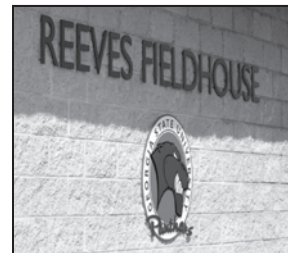
**Complex. The focus of the project is to bring most of Georgia State's outdoor athletic programs into one full-use facility.**



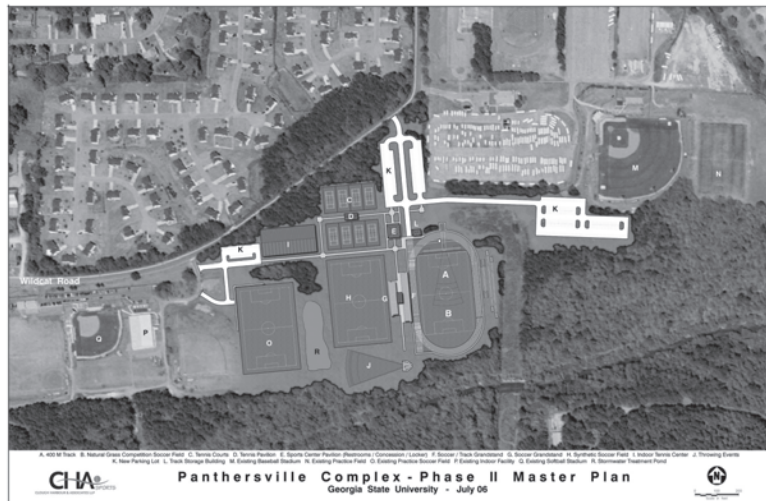
*The Robert E. Heck Teamhouse is located just beyond the softball facility's left-field fence.*



*Bitsy Grant Tennis Center*



*The Reeves Fieldhouse is located right behind the baseball team's dugout.*



**The multi-year project will include two practice soccer fields (synthetic and sodded Bermuda grass), a full grass soccer and track and field stadium complex with adjacent field event areas, an eight-court tennis complex and a new locker room facility for the soccer, tennis and track and field teams. New parking lots, walking areas and lighting will also be addressed.**

**The two soccer fields will be constructed by Sports Turf Company, Inc. The stadium, locker room and tennis facility projects were won by Clough, Harbour & Associates, LLP.**

Panthersville is an area of town in DeKalb County located near the intersection of I-20 east and I-285, just off the Candler/Flat Shoals Road exits, Panthersville Road and Clifton Springs Road. This area near the GBI (Georgia Bureau of Investigation), Georgia Regional

Hospital, and Georgia Perimeter Junior College has been home to Panther baseball and softball for decades. The previous soccer field was between baseball and the college (beyond the right of the drawing), and the softball field is on the far left side of the drawing. The new fields will now be between the Panther baseball and softball facilities.