



# Sarah Says...

“It’s hard to believe sometimes that this is our 25th year at Alabama. Since each year has its own flavor and each team its own personality, the years have gone by quickly.

One sure gauge of how far we’ve come since David and I started coaching in the fall of 1978 is the gymnastics itself. The only thing the current sport holds in common with the sport I competed in at Slippery Rock State College in the mid-70s is the name. Collegiate gymnastics today is as good as it has ever been in terms of degree of difficulty and number of gymnasts who are competing at the highest level. It is an exciting time to be a part of this sport.

That’s one of the great things about coaching gymnastics, things continue to get better and better as the years go by. There is a sense of change, of growth and a dynamic sense of advancement that keeps things fresh and alive.

Milestones are another way to gauge the passage of time. We’ve won four NCAA Championships including one last season. We’ve also won 18 NCAA Regional titles and seen

Alabama gymnasts earn All-American honors 174 times. But as the years have gone by, David and I have noticed and been excited about other kinds of milestones.

I remember distinctly the first time one of our athletes got married and I remember the joy I felt when one of our athletes had their first child. I would swear those days came just last week, but the flock of spouses and children that fill our house each year during alumni weekends would prove me wrong.

We have enjoyed and been extremely proud of each and every championship. Each class since the freshmen of 1985 has left the Capstone with a championship ring on their finger. But I can say without a doubt that we are proudest of the lives our alumni are leading today. David and I hope we had some small part in helping them become the wonderful women they are today and we delight in the stories of the lives they lead.

And as our own daughters, Jessie and Jordan, have grown up, we are thrilled that they have had such wonderful role models to follow.

We are very young in this 25th year. There are seven freshmen and three sophomores among the 14 athletes on our roster. Like Jessie and Jordan, they have great role models to follow. Twenty-five years of experience tells me that they will find their way, find their personality and join the long line of Alabama Gymnastics teams in finding a way to be special.”

— Sarah Patterson



### A Championship Tradition...

Welcome to the 2003 Alabama Gymnastics Media Guide. This year there is a lot of information to fit into one publication, so we started packing it in on the front cover and didn't stop until we ran out of pages. There is information about the 2003 team, which is Sarah and David Patterson's 25th at Alabama. There's also plenty about the 24 years leading up to this milestone and of course there's plenty of space dedicated to last year's exciting NCAA Championship, Alabama's fourth since 1988.

And because Alabama Gymnastics is so much more than what you see on a Friday or Saturday night in Coleman Coliseum, we have striven to give you an inside look into all aspects of the program, from its academic triumphs to each of its four NCAA Championships and 174 All-American honors to its involvement in the community and everything else that makes these ladies and this program so special.

So we hope you enjoy the media guide and of course the season.

Roll Tide!



**ON THE COVER:** Sarah and David Patterson celebrate with Kristin Sterner after winning Alabama's fourth NCAA Championship last season. The Pattersons are celebrating their 25th season coaching the Crimson Tide. Sterner, the lone senior on this year's squad, has earned nine All-American honors during her Tide tenure.

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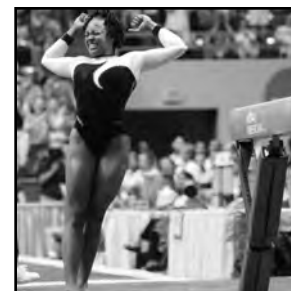
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# 2003 Quick facts

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

**Location:** Tuscaloosa, AL

**Enrollment:** 19,400

**Founded:** April 12, 1831

**Conference:** Southeastern (SEC)

**Colors:** Crimson & White

**Nickname:** Crimson Tide

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**CREDENTIALS:** Credentials will be issued to working media ONLY and should be requested no later than 48 hours prior to any home event.

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Recapping the 2002 Crimson Tide Season		
<b>Dual Meet Record</b>		12-3-0, 4-2-0 (SEC)
<b>SEC Championships</b>		2nd (197.425 pts)
<b>SEC "Gymnast of the Year"</b>		Andréé Pickens
<b>All-SEC</b>	<b>4</b>	Natalie Barrington, Alexis Brion, Andréé Pickens, Raegan Tomasek
<b>SEC Champions</b>	<b>1</b>	Andréé Pickens (4) AA, V, UB, BB
<b>Academic All-SEC</b>	<b>15</b>	Natalie Barrington, Helen Burgin, Tiffany Byrd, Erin Holdefer, Lauren Holdefer, Shannon Hrozek, Stephanie Kite, Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan, Andréé Pickens, Michelle Reeser, Jeana Rice, Kristin Sterner, Sara Scarborough, Raegan Tomasek
<b>NCAA Southeast Regional</b>		1st (197.900 pts)
<b>NCAA Central Region "Gymnast of the Year":</b>		Andréé Pickens
<b>NCAA Southeast Regional Champions</b>	<b>5</b>	Alexis Brion (1) V; Alexa Martinez (1) BB; Andréé Pickens (3) UB, BB, FX; Jeana Rice (3) AA, V, BB; Kristin Sterner (1) BB
<b>NCAA Championships</b>		1st (196.550 pts)
<b>NCAA Champion</b>	<b>1</b>	Andréé Pickens (1) UB
<b>All-Americans</b>	<b>6</b>	Natalie Barrington (1) UB; Alexis Brion (2) V, FX; Shannon Hrozek (1) BB; Andréé Pickens (5) AA, V, UB, BB, FX; Jeana Rice (3) AA, V, FX; Kristin Sterner (2) BB, FX
<b>Honda Award for Gymnastics</b>		Andréé Pickens
<b>Scholastic All-Americans</b>	<b>13</b>	Stephanie Kite, Tiffany Byrd, Krista Gole, Alexa Martinez, Kristin Sterner, Michelle Reeser, Whitney Morgan, Natalie Barrington, Andree Pickens, Shannon Hrozek, Helen Burgin, Erin Holdefer, Lauren Holdefer

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Things you should  
know about Alabama  
Gymnastics



## Alabama Gymnastics 2003 10 Things You Should Know

**1.** Alabama won its fourth NCAA Championship last spring, a nice way to bump its number of top-10 national finishes to 20, a total that includes 17 final four finishes.

**2.** When it comes to NCAA Regional Championships, Alabama is almost automatic, winning 18 titles in the past 20 years. The Crimson Tide is currently riding a five championship streak into 2003, a stretch that includes the 2001 champ pictured here.



**3.** Three Alabama gymnasts have been named Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year since the award got started in 1984. Penney Hauschild, Dee Foster and Andree Pickens were crowned the best athletes in the nation's best conference in 1985, 1990 and 2002 respectively.

**4.** No one collects NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships like the Crimson Tide. The Alabama Gymnastics program leads the nation in this prestigious award. Julie Garrett brought the first honor to the Capstone in 1983. She was followed in turn by Barbara Mack (1985), Julie Estin (1987), Kelly Good (1989), Katherine Kelleher (1992), Dana Dobransky (1993), Meredith Willard (1997) and Merritt Booth (1998).



**5.** When the Alabama Gymnastics team is competing at home, things tend to get a little crowded in Coleman Coliseum. Since 1996, the Tide has averaged over 9,400 fans per meet. But on March 1, 1997, Alabama's house wasn't crowded, it was full when 15,043 fans swarmed in to watch the Tide face Georgia, setting a school, state and Southeastern Conference gymnastics record. The Tide owns the top-10 single meet attendance marks in SEC history.

**6.** Alabama Gymnasts like to bring home the gold. Thirteen times since 1985, an Alabama gymnast has won an individual NCAA Championship. That mark includes four all-arounds and nine individual events titles. Andree Pickens won the Tide's last two titles, one as a freshman in 1999 (balance beam) and one last season (uneven bars).

**7.** Dominate would not be too strong a word when it comes to Alabama and Academic All-SEC honors. Since the award came into being in 1984, Alabama gymnasts have earned the award 123 times, more than two dozen more times than anyone else in the Southeastern Conference. Last season, the first that freshmen have been eligible for the award, Alabama earned a program and SEC record 15 honors.

**8.** Since Julie Garrett in 1982, Alabama Gymnasts have earned 174 All-American awards. Dee Foster is responsible for 17 of those honors, an NCAA record. She was the first athlete to earn five All-American honors in one season. That feat was matched by Meredith Willard in 1997, Andree Pickens in 1999, Jeana Rice in 2000 and Pickens again last season. Pickens was the first freshman to pull off the feat and the only gymnast in NCAA history to do so twice.

**9.** It's a tough honor to get, but that hasn't stopped Alabama from racking up 77 Scholastic All-American honors since 1991, a total that includes 13 during the Tide's march to the 2002 NCAA Championship. Six gymnasts, Sheryl Dundas, Merritt Booth, Alexa Martinez, Danielle McAdams, Chasity Junkin and Meredith Willard, earned the honor all four years of their careers. Over the last four years, the Tide has averaged better than 10 honors a season.

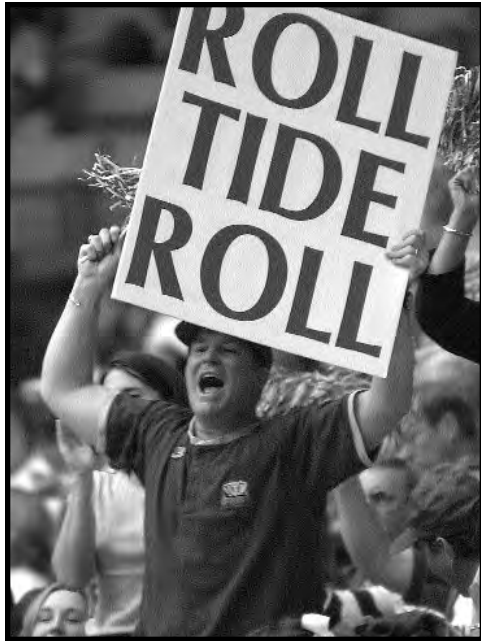


**10.** Giving back to the community that supports them so well is a big priority for the Crimson Tide gymnastics program. Over the last four years, Alabama gymnasts have logged almost 1,000 hours of community outreach. The Tide's efforts, which ranges from talking to grade school, to working at a soup kitchen, to raising money for Project Angel Tree with an old fashion bake sale (at left).

This is a pretty crowded book, but that's to be expected, there's a lot going on in the Alabama Gymnastics world right now. The Crimson Tide is coming off its fourth NCAA Championship and going into its 25th season under coaches Sarah and David Patterson. In addition the Crimson Tide goes into the season with its youngest team ever, with seven freshmen and three sophomores on the Tide's 14-gymnast roster. All that, and so much more, is covered inside these pages. At the bottom of most of the even numbered pages you'll find a little tid-bit of information, something we call "Did You Know..." about the program. And on the odd numbered pages, from page 5 through page 109 (with a break in the athlete bio pages so each athlete will have their own "Did You Know...") there is a timeline of Alabama Gymnastics. And beginning on page 82, there is a six page spread on Sarah and David Patterson's 25 years at Alabama which includes "25 Great Moments". There were a lot of moments to choose from. And through out this publication there is plenty of information about this year's team, 14-gymnasts strong, and the 2002 NCAA Champion Crimson Tide of last season. Our hope, when you finish this publication, is that you have a pretty good handle on what it means when we say "This is Alabama Gymnastics". It's an amazing program, something that is extremely evident this year as we celebrate A Championship Tradition: 25 Years of Excellence.



# Fan-tastic Support



**Did You Know...**

For five of the last seven years, Alabama has posted the top single-meet attendance mark in the nation.



Alabama gymnastics fans are as loyal as they are numerous. Since 1996, Alabama has averaged over 9,000 fans per meet, a total of well over 300,000 fans over seven years. Not only are Crimson Tide fans numerous, but they are vocal as well. Alabama has won three national championships within the confines of Coleman Coliseum, including last season, and the fan support has had a lot to do with that.





# The Crimson Tide Facilities



**Did You Know...**

Alabama's practice facility, constructed in 1996, is considered one of the finest in the nation.



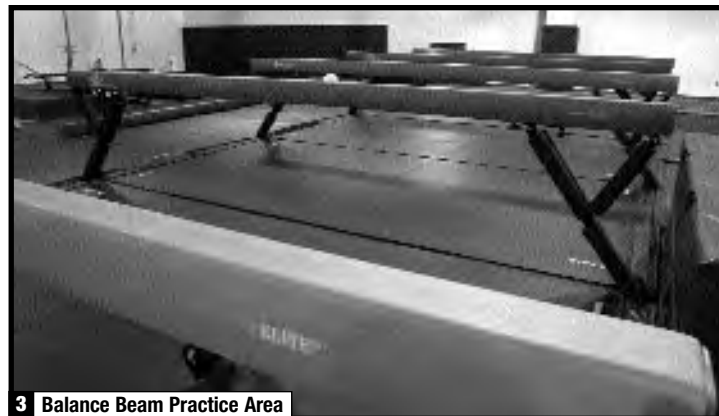
It is the perfect marriage of form and function. Alabama's practice facility contains all the elements needed to produce championship teams in an environment that manages to be cozy despite its 12,500-square foot dimensions. The Tide's dance/aerobics studio is connected to the main practice facility while the gymnastics locker room and team room is a few steps away.



Team National Champions 1



Individual National Champions 2



3 Balance Beam Practice Area



4 New Vault Practice Area



5 Uneven Bars Practice Area



6 Cardiovascular Corner



# Learning is Fundamental



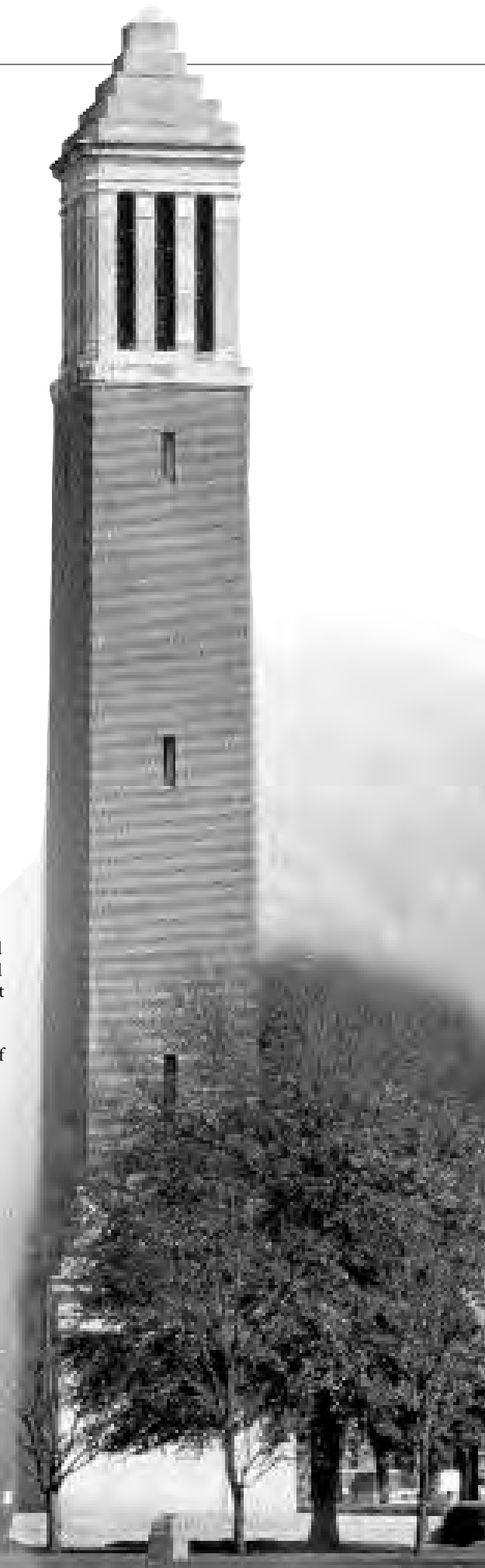
**Did You Know...**

Over the last four years, Alabama maintained better than a 3.5 team grade point average.



The gym isn't the only place where Alabama Gymnastics has built a championship tradition. Since 1991, Alabama has maintained better than a 3.3 team grade point average, including a 3.6 last season. In fact, over the last four years, Alabama has averaged over a 3.5 GPA. Alabama leads the nation in the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and the Southeastern Conference in Academic All-SEC honors and SEC Postgraduate Scholarships.





## THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

*Founded in 1831, The University of Alabama is the state's first university.*

- The University of Alabama ranks in the top 50 public universities in the nation in U.S. News & World Report's 2002 edition of "America's Best Colleges." UA is also included among "The 201 Best Colleges for the Real World" in terms of affordability of costs and employability of graduates.
- The Carnegie Foundation and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) recently recognized The University of Alabama's Cornelius Carter as National Professor of the Year for 2001-02.
- The University of Alabama's graduates include 15 Rhodes Scholars, 15 Goldwater Scholars, and 9 Truman Scholars. UA's most recent Rhodes Scholar is Bradley Tuggle, an English major who received the award in 2001.
- Each year, thousands of University of Alabama students provide more than 30,000 hours of community service to the Tuscaloosa area and beyond.
- The University of Alabama's chapter of the prestigious liberal-arts honor society Phi Beta Kappa is the oldest of the three chapters in the state.
- Across a beautiful 1,000-acre campus, UA has several buildings dating back to the founding of the University alongside many new facilities housing state-of-the-art technology. UA offers excellent facilities for study and research, including campus-wide

computer labs, multimedia classrooms, and online libraries.

- For over a decade, The University of Alabama has been one of the top public flagship universities in the Southeast in enrollment of African-American students. In fall 2001, African-Americans comprised 14.8 percent of total undergraduate enrollment, and 13.7 percent of the student body overall. Enrollment of African-American students in UA's Graduate School has increased by 38.5 percent since 1996.
- U.S. News & World Report ranks The University of Alabama School of Law and UA's undergraduate business program among the top 50 in the nation.
- UA ranks as one of the top public universities in enrollment of National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholars, with 300 of these outstanding undergraduate students enrolled.
- More than 20 percent of the University's entering freshmen and 22 percent of all undergraduates received merit scholarships for the academic year 2000-01.
- The University of Alabama National Alumni Association is among the nation's leading public-university-based comprehensive associations, ranking among the top 10 in alumni support.
- UA's immediate economic impact on the state measures \$1.1 billion each year



*“The history of this University is marked by a legacy of distinguished presidential leadership. Dr. Barry Mason has joined those ranks as interim president. He is an accomplished scholar and experienced administrator who is eminently qualified to lead The University of Alabama.”*

— Dr. Malcolm Portera, chancellor of The University of Alabama System

Interim President — The University of Alabama

# Dr. J. Barry Mason

Dr. J. Barry Mason was named interim president of The University of Alabama in May 2002. Well-known to alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University, Mason served as dean of the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration from 1988 until his appointment as interim president.

A faculty member in UA's business school for more than 30 years, Mason served as chair of the department of management and marketing before being named dean. He is the author or co-author of eight college texts, 10 research monographs and 100 published refereed journal articles in such publications as the Harvard Business Review, the University of Chicago's Journal of Business, and the Journal of Marketing Research.

Among his most recent honors, Mason received the Wayne A. Lemburg Award for Distinguished Service from the American Marketing Association; was named a Distinguished Alumnus by his alma mater, the Louisiana Tech University College of Administration and Business; and was recognized in Marketing Educator as one of the top 100 most productive marketing scholars in the last 20 years. He is a former chairman of the board of the 40,000-member American Marketing Association.

In 1994 he was designated a Distinguished Fellow of the Academy of Marketing Science for exemplary services to the Academy and outstanding contributions to the marketing discipline. In 1986, he was named the first annual recipient of the Academy of Marketing Science Outstanding Educator of the Year Award.

In 1984 he received the Leavey Award for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education by

the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge “for outstanding efforts to help young people better understand the function and benefits of private enterprise and free market economics.” The award honored his service as chairman of the UA Task Force on Cost Savings, which worked with the General Motors Rochester Products Plant in Tuscaloosa and the UAW to identify \$1 million in cost savings and prevent the closure of the 200-employee local facility. That project laid the groundwork for future academic-industrial partnerships involving the University and the business school, including the ongoing relationship with Mercedes-Benz U.S. International.

Mason has also been recognized with some of UA's most prestigious honors, including the National Alumni Association Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award, the John F. Burnum Distinguished Faculty Award, the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award and the Minnie Miles Excellence Award for Outstanding Contributions to the University.

Under Mason's leadership, the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration has been recognized repeatedly for offering a high-quality, cost-effective education. The business school's undergraduate program has been consistently ranked in the top 50 by U.S. News and World Report. It is also rated among the top five percent in the nation by the Gourman Report.

Mason earned his bachelor's degree at Louisiana Tech and his master's and doctoral degrees at UA. Mason and his wife, Linda, have a daughter, Michelle, who also resides in Tuscaloosa.





# Mal Moore

Director of Athletics

Mal Moore represents the glory, pride and tradition of the University of Alabama's athletic past. He is also a symbol of the excitement and enthusiasm of the Crimson Tide's future.

Hired on Nov. 23, 1999, as the Director of Athletics at Alabama, Moore began the next phase in his 28 years of service to the Capstone. Well-known in athletic circles, Moore brings a vision of championships and success to the office of athletics director due in part to over three decades of experience in collegiate athletics.

As a player and coach at Alabama, Moore was part of seven national championships, 14 SEC Championships, and 27 bowl trips.

Alabama capitalized on that background, and Moore's popularity, by naming him as Associate Director for External Affairs in 1994, a position that required constant travel to speaking engagements around the Southeast. Moore joined the administration in 1993 as an assistant athletics director.

In his career he has worked with a diversified field of people, from fellow coaches to former players, to fans and the business community. All those experiences and relationships make him the ideal candidate to lead Alabama athletics into the 21st century.

"Coach Bryant was successful, in great part, because he had a plan," Moore said. "I have firm concepts and ideas that I am ready to implement for the department."

One of Moore's first priorities was to institute a five-year facilities and endowment initiative, the Crimson Tradition Fund. A well-developed plan, the Crimson Tradition Fund is the driving force behind the important project of upgrading all of the Tide's athletic facilities. Moore has placed a particular emphasis on creating a state-of-the-art academic center housed in the former Bryant Hall and completing a major renovation of Alabama's strength and conditioning facility. Another area of attention for Moore has been the need for increased and improved parking for Crimson Tide sporting events.

A 1963 graduate of the University of Alabama, Moore holds both an undergraduate degree in Sociology and a 1964 Master's Degree in Secondary Education from the Capstone. A scholarship player for Coach Paul Bryant, Moore was a member of Alabama's 1961 national championship team.

Coaching football for 31 years, 22 of those at Alabama, provided Moore with a wealth of experience and knowledge in the world of college athletics. As a coach, Moore served as Bryant's graduate assistant in 1964 and then Alabama's defensive backfield coach from 1965-70. He served as the Tide's quarterback's coach from 1971-82 and from 1975-82 took on the additional responsibility and elevated role as the Tide's offensive coordinator.

Alabama won national championships, in 1964, 1965, 1973, 1978, 1979 and 1992 with Moore coordinating all the offensive plays for the last four of those championship teams. He is the only man connected with the Alabama coaching staffs, past and present, who was a member of all seven of those title squads. In addition to Alabama, his coaching career included stops at Montana State, Notre Dame and the NFL's Phoenix Cardinals.

Moore, 61, was born December 19, 1939 in Dozier, Alabama. He has been married to the former Charlotte Davis of Tuscaloosa since July 20, 1968. They have one daughter, Mrs. Steve (Heather) Cook of Scottsdale, Arizona, a granddaughter, Anna Lee and a grandson Charles Cannon.



Gene Marsh  
Faculty Athletics  
Representative

Gene Marsh is the University of Alabama's Faculty Athletic Representative, a position he has held since 1996. In 1999, he was appointed to the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions, and in 2001 became the vice-chair of the committee.

Before joining the faculty in the University of Alabama School of Law, Marsh taught in the College of Commerce and Business Administration. He directed the University Honors Program from 1989-93. In the law school he teaches contracts, payment systems, consumer protection and business organizations.

Marsh received the Burlington Northern Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1987 and the University of Alabama National Alumni Association Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award in 1988. He received the Student Bar Association Outstanding Faculty Member Award in 1997 and 2001.

He served on the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Conference and the Business/Finance Cabinet of the NCAA. Marsh chaired the NCAA Athletic Certification project for the University. During the 1998-99 academic year, Marsh served as chair of the Faculty Athletic Representatives in the SEC. He represents the Southeastern Conference Faculty Athletic Representatives in a working group of the six major athletic conferences, working on NCAA legislative proposals. In 2002 he also served on the Search Advisory Committee in the selection process for the Commissioner of the Southeastern Conference. He also currently serves as chair of the University Committee for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Marsh served three years in the U.S. Army Infantry with the Presidential Honor Guard (The Old Guard), in Arlington, Virginia. He then received a combined B.S. and M.S. degree summa cum laude from Ohio State University in 1978 and a J.D. from Washington and Lee University in 1981. He is married to Jenelle Marsh, assistant dean for student academic affairs at the University of Alabama School of Law. The couple have two children, Nathan and Elliott.



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A look back at the 2002 National Championships

# Champs!



On the way to winning its fourth NCAA Championship last season, Alabama was a study in contrast. In the locker room, which the coaches and gymnast had turned into a beach getaway, complete with sand, umbrellas, floats and beach music, the Tide was laid back and laughing. Out in the arena, as they moved through each event, moving ever closer to the title, they were cool, calm and collected.

“We have always done our best when we are loose and laughing,” All-American Kristin Sterner said. “So the coaches made sure that while we were in the locker room, we didn’t get tense or uptight.”

On the night of the Super Six, head coach Sarah Patterson even went so far as to pull out the dress she wore to the championships the first time Alabama won at home, in 1991, a red and white striped, strapless sequined number.

“At first they were surprised, and then they started laughing pretty hard,” Patterson said. “I think they really enjoyed seeing that, especially since it’s pretty far removed from the kinds of things I wear today.”

Sarah and David Patterson, coaching at their 20th NCAA Championship, knew that staying loose would give their team an edge in a tight competition. The night of the NCAA Super Six, none of the six teams had a fall. It would be the second highest scoring night in championship history.

It didn’t seem to matter though, the higher the other teams turned up the heat, the cooler Alabama gymnasts got.

For two nights in a row, Alabama started the night on the floor exercise, which means that for two nights in a row, Alabama’s championship hopes came down to six routines on



And when she threw her arms in the air after her dismount, the Coleman Coliseum crowd knew what happened. They knew the Bama team had again, as the Tide fight song said, “Writ her name in crimson flame...” and brought a fourth national title to Tuscaloosa.



the balance beam, often the most daunting event of the four, especially when the pressure is on.

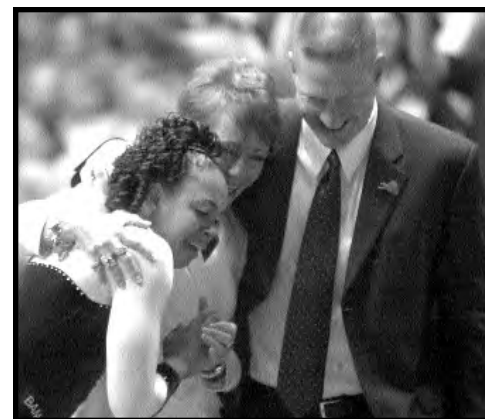
And on the final night, just to add more drama to the evening, Alabama was on the balance beam during the last rotation while second place Georgia was on the floor exercise. Not only would Alabama have to hit their routines, but they would also have to hold Georgia off.

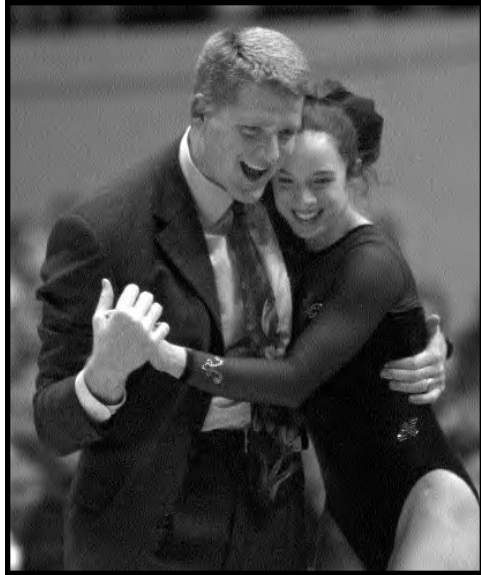
Each routine grew in importance as both teams moved through the rotation. Alabama hit routine after routine until Sterner came up in the number five spot. A hit routine from Sterner and the championship belonged to Alabama; a miss would open the door for Georgia.

Sterner put together a rock solid routine and finished it off by nailing her landing. The title belonged once again to the Tide. But the team didn't know that, not for sure, so for them, there was one more routine to go, this time from André Pickens, the Tide's all-everything senior.

“I started to cry when Kristin landed her routine,” Pickens said. “Jeana (Rice) came over to me and told me that it was ok, I could do it, I could do it one more time. That whole routine was in slow motion. It wasn't rushed and I wasn't nervous, I was happy and I was confident.”

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fight song said, “Writ her name in crimson flame...” and brought a fourth national title to Tuscaloosa. They roared their approval, stomping, clapping and screaming, much like the pandemonium that had broken out on the floor amongst the Tide athletes, coaches and staff.

It had been a remarkable run. Since counting a fall on the last event of the SEC Championships, Alabama had gone a perfect 72 for 72 during their championship march. Pickens, senior Natalie Barrington, Sterner, sophomore Jeana Rice and freshmen Alexis Brion and Shannon Hrozek earned 14 All-American honors between them, the most of any team at the championship. On Saturday, an exhausted Pickens, after going 12 routines in three days, had enough energy left to win the NCAA Uneven Bars title to go with the American Award she’d picked up earlier in the day which denotes the nation’s top senior.

There would be more moments of celebration in the days and weeks that followed. Alabama received their championship rings in front of 83,000-plus fans at the halftime of the Alabama-Southern Miss. football game. They were also honored at the Homecoming parade and the pep rally/bonfire the night before.

But perhaps the best moment came just after the team received the trophy from Alabama Athletics Director Mal Moore, when everyone was laughing and hugging. And perhaps it was Pickens, who had come back from a torn Achilles that ended her junior season just days before the 2001 NCAA Championship.

Standing in the middle of her teammates tightly clutching the Tide’s golden prize to her chest she said, “this is why I came back. This is why I worked so hard for so many months to get back – to be able to share this moment, this feeling with these girls and this crowd.

“This,” she said again, sweeping her eyes over the mob scene in Coleman Coliseum. “Is what we wanted.”





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Opposite page, top left – Bryan Raschilla and Lauren Holdefer. Top right – After chatting with CBS Sarah Patterson and the Tide share the moment with the crowd. Middle left – Bryan Raschilla, Sarah and David Patterson ride in the Homecoming Parade. Bottom left – The 2002 NCAA Champions receive their trophy from Alabama Athletics Director Mal Moore. Bottom right – Sarah Patterson and Kristin Sterner. This page top – The Tide receives their championship rings this fall at halftime of the Alabama-Southern Miss football game. Bottom left – The gymnasts are honored in the homecoming parade. Bottom right – Sarah Patterson introduces the 2002 NCAA Champions at a bonfire/pep rally this fall.



# Andréé Pickens — Best of the Best

It was a career second to none. Andréé Pickens finished her tenure with the Alabama gymnastics team as a two-time NCAA Champion who helped lead her team to the 2000 Southeastern Conference title and the 2002 NCAA Championship.

She earned 14 All-American honors, won seven SEC titles on the way to being named SEC Gymnast of the Year an unprecedented three times.

And she had a fairy tale ending to her career. She came back from a devastating injury to win a team and individual national championship. She was then honored with every major award available to a collegiate gymnast, including the NCAA Top VII award, the most prestigious award given by the NCAA.

But if you ask her about her career, the first thing she's likely to mention is the pride she felt when she earned Scholastic All-American honors last spring. Pickens, who led everyone in the athletic realm, said that at times she felt like the lost duckling among her classmates, all of whom were Scholastic All-Americans early and often in their careers.

"I just knew that they had what I wanted and I wasn't going to be satisfied until my name was called out with theirs as a Scholastic All-American," Pickens said.

And this year, when the Tide is recognized during halftime of a men's basketball game for the academic accomplishments of the 2002 season, Pickens name will be called out as a Scholastic All-American, after earning a 3.62 for her senior season.

Pickens dreams of Scholastic All-American impressed coach Sarah Patterson as much as anything else in the Houston, Texas native's career. One day during her junior year, during a particularly trying week in the classroom, Patterson asked a visibly distraught Pickens what was bothering her. The normally sunny Pickens burst into tears, explaining that she was not where she wanted to be in the classroom.

"I tried to console her," Patterson said. "I mean at this point she had already earned Academic All-SEC and was having a great year in the gym. I told her that she had accomplished things in her career that every gymnast dreamed of. She looked up at me and said that all she wanted was to earn a 3.5 grade point average for the year so she could be a Scholastic All-American. She told me, 'I would give up every other honor and award I have for just that one.'"

"That told me all I'd ever need to know about Andréé Pickens."



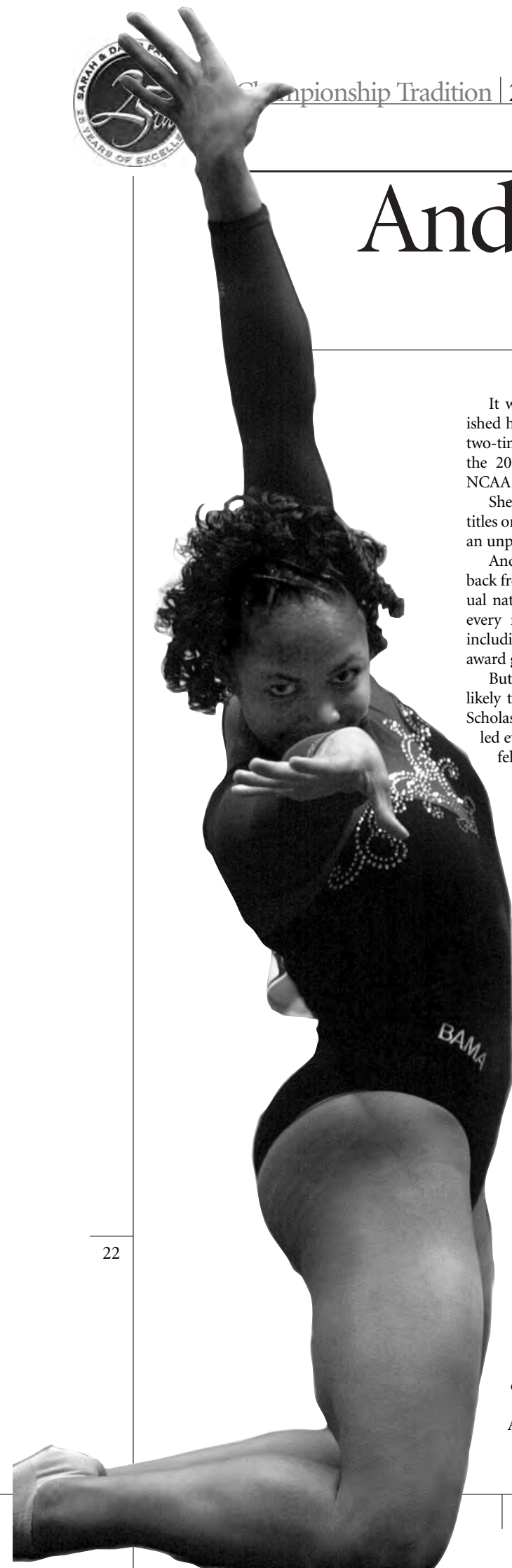
## Things I Learned:

*Andréé Pickens says that her education wasn't limited to just the classroom. Here is a list of a few things she learned along the way.*

- You can't do anything by yourself.
- To be able to learn about the Alabama Tradition, then to be a part of it and then to be able to add to it is the best feeling in the whole world.
- A little determination goes a long way – a lot of determination will win championships.
- The person I was as a freshman could not have gone through what I did my senior season and had any success.
- I learned what they mean when they say "This is Alabama Gymnastics".
- Life is more than athletics and more than getting an education. Life is about making a difference.
- You have to have faith.
- To have patience, and that was really hard for me, but more importantly I learned that if I wasn't patient, I wasn't going anywhere at all.
- I had to trust in Sarah and David and their plan for me. I had to let them take me to where I wanted to go. I didn't really know what trust was until I finally gave them my senior year and said, "Ok."
- My Dad, among all the "YMCA Dads" is the best "C" in Alabama history

The other aspect of her career that Pickens holds dear is the people she has met along the way, the ones that have helped her become the person she is today.

"Everyone I have come in contact with has influenced me in some way," Pickens said. "Here at Alabama, I can't even count the number of people who have made a posi-





## André Pickens Picks Six Great Moments:

1. Christmas dinner at Sarah and David's – It's always fun!
2. Winning the NCAA Balance Beam Championship as a freshman – I was shocked, especially since I crashed and burned on beam every week at practice. And then Sarah took me aside and said "So, what kind of ring do you want?" It was my first experience with championship hardware.
3. The day of the 2000 SEC Championships – talk about being in the zone, we were there all day long.
4. My first Ghost and Goblins (intra-squad meet) – it was the first time that I got to compete for Alabama and the first time I saw everyone else in competitive mode.
5. Marching into Coleman Coliseum and hearing our fans roar, the first time, every time, but especially the last time.
6. Receiving our rings at halftime of the football game – we thought it was really cool in 2000, but we had no idea how cool it could be until we did it this fall.

tive impact on who I am today. The people you are surrounded with here at Alabama, they present you with the opportunity to be truly great and then from there, it is up to you to take advantage of it."

It was a senior that set Pickens on her path to greatness as a rookie and a freshman that helped her make it down the homestretch to one of the finest individual seasons in Alabama history.

"Gwen Spidle took me under her wing from my recruiting trip on," Pickens said. "She guided me through all the highs and lows of my freshman year. Gwen is the one that patted me on the back when I needed it and the one who kicked me in the butt when I needed that."

And while it was a veteran that set her on her way, it was the youngest of the Tide family that made sure Pickens finished up with a bang.

Pickens had torn her Achilles tendon just days before the Tide left for the 2001 NCAA Championships. She immediately had surgery to repair the damage. At that point her doctors told her there was a nine to 12 month recovery period. She was quick to tell them that she didn't have that kind of time. It was a tough time for Pickens.

"It was a real roller coaster," Pickens said. "When my team mates were putting together their routines, I was learning to walk. I felt my senior year slipping away."

But Pickens wasn't alone. Freshman Michelle Reeser had torn her Achilles tendon during her senior year in high school. She went through the rehab step by step with Pickens and in doing so, helped carry her through.

"They say it takes two to make a thing go right," Pickens said. "For me - Michelle Reeser absolutely got me through my senior year. When ever I was grumpy in the fall doing rehab, and I was grumpy a lot, she brought me back. That sense of excitement and wonder, that attitude of "gosh, we've got to get going because I don't want to miss a minute of this." That absolutely got me through it. She pushed me physically and pulled me emotionally. I owe her more than she'll ever know."

And when you try to get her to talk about her senior year, about coming back from a torn Achilles injury in nine short months and not only being as good, but in most instances, better than she was before, she talks about what the team accomplished.

"My absolute best moment? The national championship," Pickens said. "That moment after



beam, when we knew we'd won...we were all laughing and crying. Even when I watch it on TV, I still get teary. That was a true team moment in what was a true team championship. We all went through so much and finally we were all on the same page, wanting the same thing, going in the same direction and we'd done it. It was just perfect."

"And then," she said with a smile, "I didn't let go of the trophy for a whole day."

Pickens let go of the trophy in time to compete in the individual finals of the NCAA Championships. In her rookie season, Pickens became the first freshman to compete all four event all three days of the NCAA Championships, winning the NCAA Balance Beam title in the process.

As a senior, Pickens became the first gymnast to compete in all four events all three days twice during a career. It was an exhausted Pickens that made her way to her last event, the uneven bars.

"I was so tired," Pickens said. "I don't think my body was really moving until after the floor exercise. Before I went up on the uneven bars I realized that this was my last routine and that there was nothing to lose. I just went out there and enjoyed it. It was one of those pure moments."

For Pickens, that moment, all the special moments and memories that she carries, could have only come at one place.

"There has never been a doubt in my mind that this is the only place where I could have enjoyed this level of success," Pickens said of her extraordinary tenure. "No other program would have taken as good a care of me physically from beginning to end. No where else would I have been pushed to excel in academics the way I was. This was the best place for me to become the best person I could be."

## Andree' Pickens, the Highlights

- 2002 NCAA Top VII Award winner
- 2002 Honda-Broderick Award for Gymnastics (national gymnast of the year)
- 2002 NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of Alabama
- 2002 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion
- 1999 NCAA Balance Beam Champion
- 2002 Scholastic All-American
- 2002 American Award (given annually to the senior gymnast who best represents the ideal combination of athleticism, academic excellence and civic responsibility)
- 14-time All-American honors in three years (did not compete at NCAA Championships as a junior due to an injury)
- First freshman in NCAA history to earn five All-American honors in one season
- Earned five All-American honors again as a senior, making her the only gymnast in NCAA history to earn five honors in two different seasons (freshman and senior)
- Top all-arounder in the Super Six Team finals in 1999 and 2002
- 2002 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Finalist
- One of five honorable mentions in "Glamour" magazine's "2001-02 Top-Ten College Women"
- Four-time NCAA Regional Gymnast of the Year
- 2002 Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year
- 2002 SEC Community Service Award (recognizes the SEC male and female student-athlete who demonstrates the most outstanding and meritorious community service achievements during his/her entire college career)
- 2000, 2001 and 2002 SEC Gymnast of the Year (only gymnast to win the award more than once)
- 1999 SEC Freshman of the Year
- 2000, 2001, 2002 Academic All-SEC
- 2002 SEC All-Around, Vault, Uneven Bars and Balance Beam Champion (first SEC gymnast in league history to earn four individual SEC titles in the same year)
- 2000 SEC All-Around, Vault and Uneven Bars Champion
- Three-year All-SEC
- 2001 and 2002 President of the UA Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB)
- Member of the SEC Student-Athlete Advisory Board
- President's list (4.0 grade point average) for the Fall Semester of 2002
- XXXI (elite University of Alabama women's honorary)
- National Alumni Association 2002 Outstanding Senior Award (campus award)
- 2001 Omicron Delta Kappa national honor society inductee
- 2001 Phi Sigma Pi national honor society inductee
- 2001-02 Outstanding Senior Award from the University's National Alumni Association.
- 2001 NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference
- 2001 UA Homecoming Court
- 2000 Gamma Beta Phi national honorary inductee
- 2000, 2001, 2002 Awarded Black Scholar Award
- 2001 and 2002 Alabama Team Captain
- 2001 "Lewis Each Courage Award"
- 2000 Singleton Soaring Spirit trophy as the best amateur athlete in the state of Alabama
- Set a school and Coleman Coliseum all-around record of 39.850 on March 16, 2002



# Alabama's Academic Success

Not all of accolades gathered by Alabama gymnasts come during competition when the bright lights are focused on them. In fact, the accomplishments the Crimson Tide coaching staff are most proud of come in the classrooms and study sessions.

Always a source of pride, Alabama gymnastics' academic excellence has hit an impressive stride over the last several years providing some truly awe inspiring results.

For the last four seasons, an average of 12 Crimson Tide gymnasts per year have earned Academic All-Southeastern Conference honors. That's nine in 1999, 12 in 2000 and 2001 and 15 last season. The Tide's 15 honorees in 2002 stands as a league record for a single year.

On a national level, Alabama had 13 gymnasts earn Scholastic All-American honors during its 2002 NCAA Championship run. Add that total, a program best, to the nine in 2001 and 2000 and the 10 in 1999 and Alabama has averaged over 10 honors a year for the last four seasons. Over the last three seasons, Alabama has ranked in the top five nationally among all gymnastics programs in team grade point average. Last season the Tide checked in at No. 3 with a 3.6 GPA.

The Tide's success is in direct correlation to the level of importance the coaching staff puts on academics. Priority one at Alabama is a tremendous education that will hold a gymnast in good stead after their Tide tenure is over.

"From the day we begin recruiting an athlete to the day they walk across the stage at graduation, we stress academics as the most important aspect of their experience here at Alabama," coach Sarah Patterson says. "I want our ladies to win national championships and I want them to break records, but first and foremost I want them to do the best they can in the classroom."

While the numbers produced over the last few years are incredible, they fit in with a pattern of scholastic excellence that goes back to Sarah and David Patterson's first days at the Capstone. Alabama has produced eight NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship winners and seven Southeastern Conference Scholarship recipients since 1983. Those figures lead the nation and the conference respectively.

Two Alabama gymnasts have been named the SEC's Scholar Athlete of the Year, an honor bestowed on the top senior student-athlete in the conference, regardless of sport. The award carries with it the H. Boyd McWhorter Scholarship, a \$10,000 grant that can be applied to the graduate program of the recipient's choice.

Since Scholastic All-American honors came into being in 1991, Alabama gymnasts have

*Since the 1991 season, Alabama Gymnastics has averaged a 3.3 team grade point average. Over the last four years, the Tide averaged a 3.5 including a 3.6 last season.*



**Kristin Sterner accepts her Scholastic All-American honor from Alabama Athletics Director Mal Moore. Sterner is a three-time Scholastic All-American going into her senior year.**

received the award 77 times. Alabama leads the Southeastern Conference with 123 Academic All-SEC honors, more than two dozen better than any other team.

Tide gymnasts have placed their names on national honor societies more than 120 times over the last 25 years, including three with membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

While the Crimson Tide has built a sparkling reputation in the academic arena, that reputation is not just a case of letting a squad of naturally academically talented athletes loose in the classroom.

"Many of our athletes are what I would consider average college students, and yet they continue to perform at above average levels, and that is what I am most proud of," Sarah Patterson said. "There's a misconception, I think, that all these young ladies have a great deal of natural ability. They're all bright young women, but I attribute our success to the fact that they come in here knowing that school comes first. They know we feel that way, and they take the support system, which is second to none, and they surround

themselves with it and work within that system. That's why we do so well. I think if the same student came in here and worked the same amount of time, but didn't use the support system, I don't think their grades would be as good."

Some of Alabama's greatest success stories involve student-athletes that came in as at-risk students. Through a combination of their own hard work, unflagging support from the coaching staff and the resources Alabama put at their disposal, they were able to graduate. They then went on to careers that might not have been possible without the education they received at the Capstone.

Sarah Patterson's program is not the only Tide entity that considers academics its main concern. Priority one on Alabama Athletics Director Mal Moore's construction agenda is to make improvements to the Tide's already outstanding academic center.

Once a prospective student-athlete signs, it is up to her how successful she is academically. But because of Alabama's Center of Athletic Student Services and the commitment of its coaches,



every opportunity for success is there for the taking.

During the first year, freshmen are required to attend a nightly study hall. After that first year, attendance is based on the individual's GPA and study needs. Every member of the gymnastics team utilizes the study hall and tutorial staff throughout their career.

Between the Pattersons, CASS and individual initiative of the student-athletes, the gymnastics program is assured of capturing more perfect 10s in the gym and perfect 4.0s in the classroom.

## Lending A Hand

One service offered by Center of Athletic Student Services that many student-athletes have found invaluable is the personal monitor. If it appears a student-athlete may struggle early in their academic career, CASS will assign a personal monitor to that student-athlete to help make the transition to college easier. The personal monitor will help with study skills, note taking and organizational skills. A personal monitor will stay with a student-athlete as long as the student-athlete or the gymnastics team's academic advisor Cathy Elliott feels it is necessary in order for that student-athlete to be successful in the classroom.

All-American Kim Bonaventura can attest to the benefits of the personal monitor program. When she joined the Tide for the 1994 season, Bonaventura had not been in a structured classroom environment in several years, having been home schooled through high school. Upon her arrival on campus she was assigned a personal monitor. Though the going was often hard, Bonaventura learned the ropes and by working steadily throughout her career with her monitor, Darby Kennedy, she finished work on her degree and graduated in December 1997 with a degree in Human Development. She carried a 4.0 grade point average both of her last two semesters at Alabama. She is a shining testament to what a student-athlete can do when armed with determination, a willingness to work hard and the tools that the Alabama gymnastics program puts at her disposal.

Asst. Director of the Center for Athletic Student Services

# Cathy Elliott

For Alabama gymnasts, the impetus to succeed academically is all around them. The coaching staff makes it clear from day one that their very best is expected in the classroom while their teammates encourage them to excel both through word and deed. And while the bar is set high by the coaches and athletes themselves, Cathy Elliott is there to add her encouragement and provide the tools for that success.

Elliott, in her 11th season working with the gymnastics team, is an assistant director of the Center of Athletic Student Services (CASS). Her job includes helping the athletes under her guidance map out their academic plan, from picking a major and registering for classes to assigning a personal monitor and scheduling a tutor.

"Cathy does a tremendous job for our ladies," coach Sarah Patterson said. "She works tirelessly to make sure they are making the most of their opportunities here at Alabama and I think our educational record is a shining testimony to her hard work."

CASS is headed by Director of Athletic Academics Jon Dever. In addition to Cathy Elliott, Dever is assisted by Brenda Elliott, Wes Maas, Fern Hampton, Alecia Price and Lisa Patrick. Life Skills Director Karin Lee rounds out the CASS staff. Joining this group are seven graduate assistants and 65 part-time tutors who work in the CASS building adjacent to Bryant Hall. The facility includes 30 study rooms, 40 individual study cubicles, several lecture rooms and a pair of computer labs.

The CASS staff works as a liaison between the Athletic Department, undergraduate divisions, and the administrative offices of the university. The staff assists with class-scheduling and registration, makes sure all athletes are maintaining satisfactory progress toward their degrees, monitors academic eligibility and provides career counseling. The advisors also secure tutors and schedule study sessions.

Elliott's relationship with a student-athlete starts on their recruiting trip. She sets up individual appointments within the department of the recruit's area of study and then the recruit is given a tour of campus and learns about the services provided by CASS. From that point on, she works with the athletes until the day they graduate.

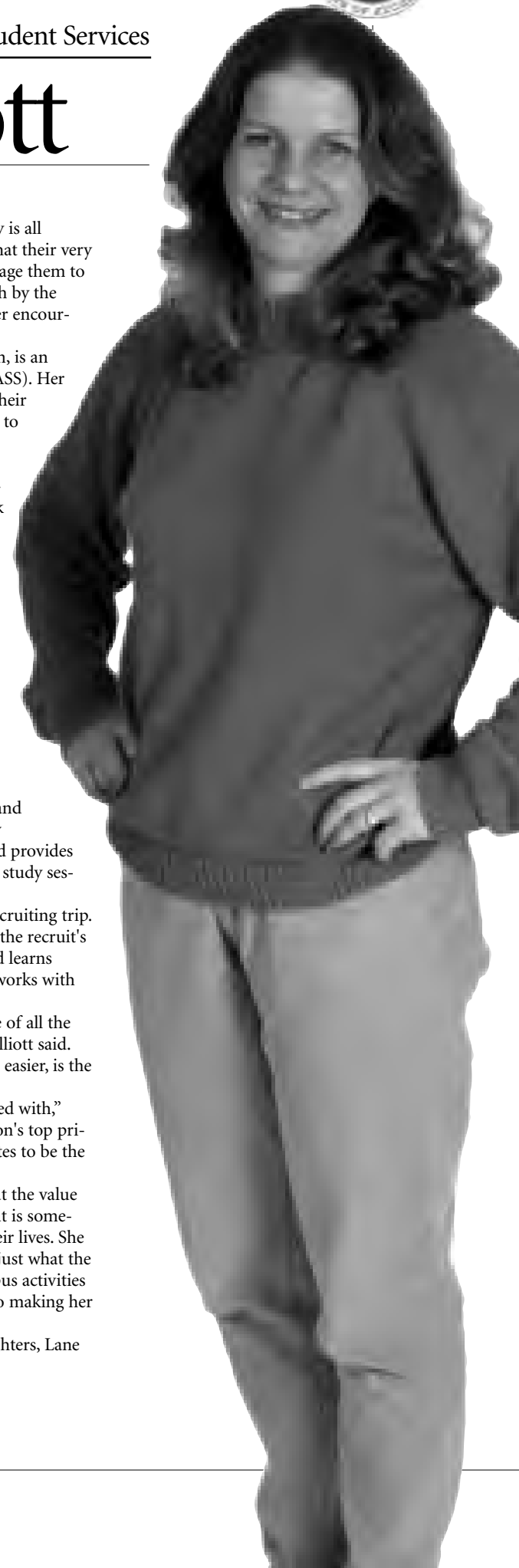
"My main focus is to make sure that the gymnasts make use of all the resources that we have to obtain the best education possible," Elliott said.

One of the big things that makes the Tuscaloosa native's job easier, is the commitment the coaching staff has to the education process.

"Sarah is as committed to academics as any coach I've worked with," Elliott said. "There is never a question as to what Sarah Patterson's top priority is - classes and education come first. She pushes her athletes to be the best students that they can be."

"Sarah is well aware and tries to make her athletes aware that the value of a great education goes far beyond today and the next day, but is something that will keep her athletes in good stead for the rest of their lives. She is also concerned with making sure her ladies learn more than just what the classroom offers. She encourages them to take part in the campus activities that are going on around them - anything that will lend itself to making her ladies well-rounded adults."

Elliott and her husband Keith have three children, two daughters, Lane and Molly and a son, Jeremy.





# Academic Success in 2002

Winning a national championship in 2002 was pretty heady stuff for the Crimson Tide. Just as impressive though and perhaps more so considering the kind of season they were enjoying in gym, was the Tide's performance in the classroom.

On its way to winning NCAA title No. 4 Alabama put together an unparalleled academic performance, which is saying a lot for a team that's team grade point average stays in the 3.0-plus range. In 2002, Alabama posted a 3.6 team GPA in addition to putting 13 gymnasts on the Scholastic All-American list and seeing a Southeastern Conference record 15 athletes earn Academic All-SEC honors.

"This speaks volumes about the kind of student-athletes we have on this team," Patterson said. "To be able to go out and win a national championship and also perform at such a high level in the classroom is a great testimony to their work ethic and drive."

Stephanie Kite and Tiffany Byrd both earned prefect 4.0s for the second straight year to top the Tide's list. Alexa Martinez and Krista Gole were both just a tick behind with 3.99s.

Martinez finished her career as a four-year Scholastic All-American.

All-American Kristin Sterner earned her third Scholastic All-American honor with a 3.94 GPA while freshman Michelle

Reeser earned her first honor with a 3.88.

Whitney Morgan posted a 3.73 in her last season to earn her fourth Scholastic All-American nod while fellow 2002 senior Natalie Barrington earned her second award with a 3.70.

Two-time NCAA Champion Andréé Pickens once said that she would trade all her individual athletic accolades to be named Scholastic All-American. She didn't have to after posting a 3.62 as a senior. The SEC Athlete of the Year added the Scholastic All-American honor to her three Academic All-SEC honors.

Shannon Hrozek finished off her rookie season with both All-American and Scholastic All-American honors after posting a 3.61 GPA as a freshman.

Helen Burgin, Erin Holdefer and Lauren Holdefer all ended their second season as Scholastic All-Americans with 3.54, 3.53 and 3.52 GPAs respectively.

Barrington, Burgin, Byrd, Holdefer, Holdefer, Hrozek, Kite, Martinez, Morgan, Pickens, Reeser, Jeana Rice, Sterner, Sara Scarborough and Raegan Tomasek all earned Academic All-SEC honors. The Tide's 15 Academic All-SEC honors in 2002 set a conference record, bettering the former mark also held by Alabama. Last year's total also bumped Alabama's SEC-best all-time total up to 123.

Such shining achievement in the classroom is not uncommon for the Tide's championship squads. The 1988 Crimson Tide, Alabama's first NCAA Gymnastics Championship team, also posted a laudable team grade point average, coming in at a 3.5.

Alabama's **Stephanie Kite** earned a perfect 4.0 GPA for the second straight year in 2002.

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# Lending a Helping Hand



As much as Sarah Patterson enjoys watching her gymnasts excel in the gymnastics and academic arena, it is in their personal lives the University of Alabama gymnastics team's head coach wants to see develop throughout their four years with the program.

It's for this reason Patterson encourages her student-athletes to get involved in the community around them.

But it is not just the gymnasts who are concerned with giving back. Patterson gives her scarce free time to immerse herself in the community. This service is just a small gesture of appreciation given in return for the support the community offers to the team.

"The community gives so much to our program in terms of support and recognition," Patterson said. "Being involved in community service, we are in some small way giving back to the community."

André Pickens, captain of last year's NCAA Champion Crimson Tide squad and recipient of the 2002 Southeastern Conference Community Service Award, contends Patterson has influenced her and her teammates to maintain their high involvement. Prior to coming to the university, Pickens never had the time, nor had she considered, putting her efforts into helping her community. After her first project, though, she was committed.

"Sarah wants us to be well-rounded when we finish our time with the team," Pickens said. "Community service has shown me not to just

worry about myself. This makes me appreciate everything I have and have been given. After all, I can walk, run and flip. Some of the people we work with only dream of getting out of a chair."

Through her efforts, Patterson has become an essential member of the Tuscaloosa and Alabama community. Patterson has served as chairperson for the Help & Hope Barbecue, the proceeds of which go to the DCH Regional Medical Center's Cancer Center. Patterson has also worked tirelessly for the United Way, United Cerebral Palsy and the Salvation Army among a host of others.

In addition to spending time in the community, the head coach also makes room during practices to bring the community to the gym. Each year, Patterson and the Crimson Tide host a Christmas party for children of the Stalling's RISE Center, a tradition each team member looks forward to in the holiday season.

RISE is a 23-year-old service, research and training program at The University focusing on infants, toddlers and preschoolers who have identifiable disabilities or who may be considered at risk for developing disabilities. For nearly three hours, the children and gymnasts play while Santa Claus (aka Crimson Tide Assistant Head Coach David Patterson) pays a visit.

Community service provides a means for Patterson to not only give something to those who have given her so much, but to give something to her team as well. In this way, the Crimson Tide coach is not only forming a winning team on the floor, but also in the Tuscaloosa community.

## Carrying Over

Sarah Patterson has learned over the years that service to the community is an addictive enterprise.

"Learning to be involved in the community at this young point is something you can take with you for the rest of your life," Patterson explained. "If you've learned to give back and be very unselfish with your time while in college, then when you are grown, settled, matured and have your own career, you will continue to give back to society."

That fact is best illustrated by former All-SEC gymnast Patti Eggers, who along with her husband and some friends, co-founded "Hands on Birmingham" a non-profit organization designed to promote volunteerism in the community. Since it was founded in 1998, 'HOB' has produced an amazing 21,302 volunteer hours.

The organization promotes serving others, meeting the needs of the less fortunate, creating a large, diverse force of volunteers, developing citizen leaders to assume a more prominent role in the volunteer community and solving existing problems rather than merely complaining about them. To help get the word out to the public, HOB has a presence on the world wide web - [www.handsonbirmingham.org](http://www.handsonbirmingham.org).

"Patti is the perfect example of someone with a full professional and personal life who is making a difference in the community and the lives of others," Patterson said. "She says that she is proud to have worn the crimson and white of Alabama, but I hope she realizes how proud we are of her and all she's accomplished."



# On the Road

It started with a squirrel.

David Patterson came to work early one morning last fall to take care of some paperwork and get ready for that day's practice. Upon arrival at his Coleman Coliseum office, he found that a squirrel had caused a power outage in the facility. No one was sure how long it would take to fix.

So Patterson gathered up his things and headed home. Once there, he decided to take his mountain bike out to his old neighborhood. Once there, he ran into his former next door neighbor who asked him to come in for a chat.

During that conversation, the neighbor talked about his 10-year-old grandson who had been diagnosed with cancer. For David, that ride, that conversation, and his own experience with cancer was enough impetus to put into action a plan he had been considering for a while.

"That was enough coincidences on one day to bring me to a decision," Patterson said.

David Patterson is a cancer survivor. Over six years ago, doctors removed one of his kidneys that contained a cancerous tumor. Through Stephanie Wilkins, the Alabama's team nutritionist and Sarah and David's long time friend, the Pattersons and the gymnastics team had learned about and started a relationship with Camp Smile-a-Mile, a camp for cancer patients.

Wilkins had also started a fund raising project for the camp. In 2001, she rode her bicycle the 140 miles from Tuscaloosa to Camp Smile-a-Mile in an effort to raise money and awareness for the camp. In 2002, Patterson asked to join her.

"I knew all along it was something I wanted to do, but it wasn't something I was sure I could do though," Patterson said. "It was a long ride over a tough course, but that day everything just clicked. Sarah and I had supported Stephanie financially. We were happy to do that, but even then, in the back of my mind, this seemed like something I wanted to do."

Even with the decision there was a lot to do. Training would take him over the next nine months, from long rides to really long rides. He even trained all three days of the NCAA Championships. Not long before the actual trek through Alabama hill country, Patterson and Wilkins rode a 130-mile course.

"I knew then that I could make it," Patterson said.

And he did. He and Wilkins left from the parking lot of the Tuscaloosa I-Hop on their bicycles to start their trek at 6 a.m. on June 10, 2002, and rode through 140-miles of "very intense" heat to Camp SAM.

But Patterson and Wilkins weren't out for a



Above - David Patterson and Stephanie Wilkins arrive at Camp Smile-a-Mile. Left, top - David Patterson visits with one of the campers. Left, bottom - David gets a hug from daughters Jessie and Jordan.

joy ride that could be put off by the elements. Riding for a cause near to their hearts kept them going through the day. Each time the heat started to beat down their spirit, they would glance down to the pictures of campers they had on their handle bars or at each other and kept pedaling. As Wilkins said, "we get to pick our challenges; those that we are riding for do not."

"It was definitely a warm day," Patterson said wryly. "We trained a lot in the heat the last couple of weeks so we would be prepared for it."

"And we were prepared for the heat, kind of," Patterson said with a laugh. "The first several hours were relatively easy. Then we went through about 60 miles of hills. Highway 22 is very hilly, but I just did what we've been telling our athletes to do for years and just took the challenges one at a time."

The pain and sweat of the 'challenges' faded into the background when Patterson and Wilkins made their way into the camp grounds, which are on the shores of Lake Martin.

"It was an amazing sight," Patterson said "We came over the last hill and saw the lake and then we crossed over the bridge and we could see all the campers waiting for us. It was a very emotional moment. I've already met one 10 year old camper who had his kidney out like I did. There's no doubt that every bit of this has been worth it."

Wilkins had nothing but praise for her partner at ride's end. And as for the challenges, they were different than the ones she faced a year ago.

"David did great, he did absolutely wonderful," Wilkins exclaimed. "As for the ride, it was different from last year, when it was overcast and raining, which kept the heat at bay, though it did pose different challenges. This year the heat was pretty intense. But when it got tough, I would look down onto my handle bars and seeing the pictures of the children I was riding for and then looking to the side and see David there and it was a true inspiration."

Wilkins stayed the week at Camp SAM as a counselor while Patterson, after dinner with the campers, traveled back to Tuscaloosa, with his wife Sarah and daughter Jessie who were there to greet him as he crossed the bridge into camp. This time though his bike was on the carrier and David rode in front, with the air conditioning going full blast.

When the miles were over and the last of the donations came in, David Patterson and Stephanie Wilkins raised over \$20,000 for the camp. What had started with a squirrel and a power outage and Patterson and Wilkins' determination had gone on to make a difference for Camp SAM, an organization already doing a world of good.



# Alabama in the Community

Alabama gymnasts have long been recognized for their efforts to help out in the community. Whether it is speaking to local school children about staying away from drugs and alcohol or organizing a bake sale to raise funds for Project Angel Tree, Alabama gymnasts are busy throughout the community. Over the past five years, they have logged over 1,000 hours of their time in the community.

Just last season, two-time NCAA Champion Andréé Pickens earned the Southeastern Conference Community Service award for her tireless work in the Tuscaloosa and University of Alabama community.

"The community has already given so much to this team in terms of support," she said. "When you have crowds in excess of 10,000, it's a great tribute to our program. This is our small way to give to them."

Patterson also stressed that while Alabama gymnastics strives to win national championships each year, the program's central goal is to develop the entire person.

"In the grand scheme of things, we are trying to develop the most balanced student-athlete possible," Patterson said. "Part of that balance includes helping out where we can."

In this way, the service not only benefits the community, but also pays big dividends for the gymnasts. Involvement in programs such as the annual RISE Christmas party is just one example of where the gymnasts walk away with a sort of newly found knowledge. The children receive the special treat of playing with the gymnasts in their training facility, but it is the athletes who walk away with so much more. Perspective is just one gift the children give to the gymnasts.

Along with such annual projects as the RISE Christmas party, the Beat Auburn/Beat Hunger food drive and Project Angel Tree, the entire team also participates in the American Heart Association's Walk-A-Thon. The Heart Walk is special to Alabama gymnasts not only because they were supporting a good cause, but because they were supporting a former Crimson Tide gymnastics standout in the process.

"This is not just for the Heart Association," Patterson said. "Our girls are backing Gwen Spidle, a pacemaker recipient, during the most important time of our season. The support for this former student-athlete meant a great deal to our program."

Another program near to the gymnastic team's collective heart is Camp Smile-a-Mile, an organization that benefits children with cancer. The Tide has hosted receptions and interacted

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Since starting its bake sale in the fall of 1999, Alabama has raised more than 300 annually for Project Angel Tree. Above, Freshman Dana Pierce, junior Stephanie Kite, freshman Mari Bayer, senior Kristin Sterner and sophomore Michelle Reeser display the Tide's baked goods.

with the camp the past two seasons and a close relationship between the team and the program has developed.

It's important to note that Patterson does not press her athletes to participate in community service. Individual efforts are strictly voluntary. But each athlete finds their own way to make a difference, from working in soup kitchens to visiting the elderly at assisted living facilities and nearly every gymnast has encouraged schoolchildren through various speaking engagements.

Already this year, junior Lauren Holdefer volunteered at the Alabama Sports Festival while sophomore Michelle Reeser worked alongside other Tide athletes at the Salvation Army's Fall Festival. Reeser, senior Kristin Sterner, junior Stephanie Kite, along with freshmen Ashley Miles, Rachael Delahoussaye and Lauren Pruitt

all spent time at the community Halloween Party, giving local youth a safe place to enjoy the holiday. Freshmen Dana Pierce and Larissa Stewart both spoke to middle school students about making positive choices in their lives.

"Any time you have a recognizable student-athlete volunteering her time, it shows people in the community the types of individuals we have involved in our program," Patterson said.

"Community service helps our student-athletes to realize that winning and losing aren't the entire game. The collegiate experience should be about the experiences of life. Our involvement with these programs does just that."



Director of LifeSkills

# Karin Lee

Take a look at Karin Lee's day planner and you see pages and pages of appointments, meetings and things to do, but she doesn't mind, acknowledging that a hectic schedule is all part of directing one of the nation's most successful LifeSkills programs.

"There are a lot of plates to keep spinning," Lee said with a smile. "But the work is so worthwhile that it really doesn't feel like work."

Lee, who has been on staff with the athletics department since 1997, coordinates the variety of elements that fall under her program with unfailing good humor, making her a popular on-campus fixture. Under Lee's direction the Athletics Department's program has been cited as a Program of Excellence by the National Athletic Directors Association. Only a handful of programs have been awarded with this recognition.

Just a few of Lee's many functions includes serving as staff advisor for Alabama's Student-Athlete Advisory Board, coordinating the Crimson Tide's community outreach program as well as its career development efforts. She also serves as athletic department's liaison with Student Affairs Department, the Dean of Student's office and the Student Government Association.

As part of the community outreach program, Lee coordinates requests for student-athlete speakers and guests at various Tuscaloosa area schools and other appearances that fall under the community umbrella, including volunteering with the Boys and Girls Club, the Salvation Army Soup kitchen and speaking for area youth sports banquets.

"This is just one of the areas where the gymnastics program really excels," Lee said. "Community involvement is a voluntary aspect of a student-athlete's life, but it is one that the whole gymnastics program has embraced whole-heartedly, which in this

area makes my life very easy."

Under the umbrella of personal development, she brings experts to campus who speaks to student-athletes on such topics as time and stress management, interacting with the media, public speaking, leadership, personal relationships, alcohol and drug education and violence prevention.

All freshmen athletes participate in a semester-long orientation class that helps them adapt to a college life involving athletics. CASS (Center of Athletic Student Services) advisors teach the classes.

"We work hard to provide information that will help our students not just with the next four years, but for the rest of their lives," Lee said. "When we make the decision to bring a speaker to campus, the question is, will this topic and this speaker further the student-athlete as a person. Is this something that will benefit them? And if it is, then we bring that person in."

Lee also coordinates the athletics department's efforts with the career center on campus, helping to provide classes on resume writing and interviewing techniques. Because professional gymnastics will not likely be a part of a team member's post-collegiate career, the gymnasts are involved in many professional-development programs including Career Day, an annual event that brings 60-70 successful business leaders to campus. It serves as a career fair where gymnasts can make professional connections for the future once grips are hung up and leotards are retired.

A native of Chapel Hill, N.C. Lee earned a bachelor's degree in political science from The University of North Carolina-Greensboro before obtaining a master's degree in sports administration from The University of North Carolina.





# Catching up with Tina Rinker



Far Left - Rinker supervises one of her students in the lab. Top center - Rinker receives her 1988 NCAA Championship ring from former Athletics Director Steve Sloan. Bottom middle and right - Rinkers love of the outdoors drew her to Colorado.

It's a sheet of ice that seemingly goes straight up with no apparent way to climb it and right there in the middle of it is Tina Rinker, Doctor Tina Rinker that is. With climbing equipment in place, she moves from handhold to handhold, using everything at her disposal to traverse the expanse.

Ice climbing, which is what most people do to pump some excitement into their lives, is what Rinker does to unwind.

"Work is very intense," Rinker said recently. "I have to do something on the outside to balance it. That's one of the things that I found when I was finished with gymnastics, it is hard to find something to replace it that holds that level of effort and intensity."

When she's not on the ice, or the slopes, skiing is another passion, Rinker is an assistant professor at Colorado State and co-director of the biomedical engineering program, a relatively new focus area CSU.

"Colorado State has a growing bio-medical focus within the chemi-

cal engineering department, it's small but growing," Rinker said. "That's one of the things that drew me here. It's an exciting time, when things are really taking off and we have plenty of room to grow."

Rinker's research at Colorado State studies cardiovascular disease and the formation of plaques in that disease. The ultimate goal of her research is to design better therapeutics, or courses of treatment, to fight the disease.

The Jacksonville, Fla. native's work ethic and intensity are legendary among those at the Capstone during her tenure. Rinker was the first gymnast under coaches Sarah and David Patterson's watch to major in engineering, one of the toughest disciplines available at Alabama.

"I'm not sure how she did it," Sarah Patterson said of her former charge. "It's a very, very tough major just by itself and then to add gymnastics at this level on top of it, it was quite a feat."

"She certainly defied the laws of sleep," Patterson said.

The Tide All-American starred for the Crimson Tide from 1988 to 1991, winning two NCAA Championships and two Southeastern Conference titles during that time. She earned All-SEC in 1988 and '89 and the NCAA Central Regional floor exercise championship in 1989. She and classmate Kim Masters are the only two Crimson Tide athletes to graduate with four championship rings.

"That's a special thing she and I share," Rinker said. "It's not something you think about at the time, but now I look back and it is pretty cool."

After earning her Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Alabama in 1992, Rinker made her way to North Carolina State where she earned her Ph.D. in chemical engineering with a biotechnology minor. It was at NC State that Rinker developed an interest in rock climbing which would lead her eventually to ice climbing.

After earning her doctorate, Rinker joined the staff at Duke University as a research assistant

professor in the biomedical engineering department. She stayed in Durham until 2000 when she joined the CSU faculty.

One of the elements that Rinker took from her time at Alabama and applied within her teaching is the concept of teamwork.

"One of things that I really try to stress within my sophomore lab group is the sense of duty to each other and themselves," Rinker said. "I try to teach them that they will make it much farther together than by themselves."

And while her life and work in North Carolina and Colorado has kept her busy since graduation a decade ago, she still manages to make it back to her alma mater and keep up with her teammates.

"I get back to Alabama about every other year," Rinker said. "We really did share a lot together and that phase of my life was so exciting."

And that comes from a woman who comes down from a long day at the office by climbing up sheer ice.



From newspapers and magazines to television and radio to the world wide web, keeping up with the Crimson Tide is really easy. In addition to all the state newspapers in Alabama, the Tide has been featured in USA Today, ESPN the Magazine, Sports Illustrated for Women and Glamour.



## Keeping up with the Tide

Keeping up with the Alabama Gymnastics team is no problem these days. Newspapers, television, radio, magazines and the internet . . . if it carries information, you can be guaranteed Alabama Gymnastics has a voice in it.

Over the last two-dozen years, coverage of the Crimson Tide gymnastics program has grown exponentially. There's no secret formula for the Tide's media success. Alabama wins a lot, with four NCAA Championships, four Southeastern Conference Championships since 1988 and over 300 regular season wins since 1979.

The second part of Alabama's formula for media success is interest. To have such a wide variety of media outlets covering its doings on a regular basis, Alabama had to prove that people cared. An average of 9,400-plus fans per meet over the last seven years certainly qualifies as interest.

"It's not just enough to win if you want the media to cover you," head coach Sarah Patterson said. "You have to convince them, especially if you are a women's team, that people care. Once our attendance started to rise into the thousands, I think the newspapers and television stations started to understand."

And as the number of media outlets has grown, so too has the Tide's exposure. This season, Alabama will again be staples on CBS, ESPN and Fox Sports.

Alabama also has its own weekly show. The "Sarah Patterson Show" debuted to rave reviews in 2000 and will be in its fourth season this year. The half-hour program, co-hosted by Sarah Patterson and long-time Tide personality Tom Roberts, is broadcast to nearly a million homes per week in Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee and Mississippi. Check local listings for airdates and times.

Patterson and company are also featured on a weekly satellite feed that broadcasts highlights and interviews. Television stations around the country pick up this feed for use in local and national broadcasts.

Newspaper coverage from Alabama's 11 daily papers has grown to the point that coach Patterson



has a weekly media teleconference to accommodate all the writers. In the past several years, the Birmingham Post-Herald has done two full-page spreads on Alabama's program.

Magazines devoted to Crimson Tide athletics, such as Bama Magazine, routinely cover the gymnastics program, but national magazines such as Sports Illustrated for Women and Glamour Magazine have also featured the Tide.

Alabama is also one of the few women's programs in the nation that has a full program for each of its home events. Crimson Tide Sports Marketing, the marketing arm of the athletic department, produces a full color, 52-page program for each regular season home meet of the season. The programs include interviews, statistics, features and opponent information.

The radio is another Patterson forum. Sarah and the gymnasts are regulars on "Hey Coach!," the Crimson Tide's weekly radio program. Radio show hosts throughout the state who like lively and knowledgeable guests on their shows have Patterson on speed dial.

New technology has also taken a hand in broadening the scope of Alabama Gymnastics' reach. The internet has been a boon to Alabama fans around the world. Not only can they read newspaper accounts from their home computer, they can also access a pair of websites devoted to the gymnasts and their accomplishments. The



Official University of Alabama Athletics site is located at [www.rolltide.com](http://www.rolltide.com). And six years ago, The Medalist Club, became one of the first booster organizations for any sport, to have its own website, located at [www.gymtide.com](http://www.gymtide.com).

Both sites feature a wide variety of exclusive information, including webchats, live meet scoring and video clips.

"When I started, I had no way of knowing the advances that would be made in communication and technology," Patterson said. "But I did know that I wanted Alabama to compete and achieve at the highest level and I wanted people to know about it. Some of the ways in which we receive coverage boggles my mind. The amount of coverage is what I had hoped for."

It's easy to see (and hear) that if keeping up with the Crimson Tide is your goal; it is as simple as turning on the TV, radio, logging on to the web, or turning a page.



# Sweet Home Coleman Coliseum

Whether practice or competition, the Alabama gymnastics program has one of the finest homes in the nation. The Crimson Tide's competition arena, practice gym and locker and team rooms are all located in Coleman Coliseum.

The Crimson Tide practices in a state of the art training facility. The 12,500-square foot main practice space boasts a design that is at once attractive and extremely functional. The equipment is all arranged to give an increased fluidity in practice. There are six uneven bars stations, five balance beams, three vaults and an oversized floor in place.

All these aspects of its facility come together in a marriage of form and function that gives Alabama a training edge. All that is important to the coaching staff, which spent countless hours in designing the six-year-old facility, but the most important aspect of the space isn't readily apparent to the casual observer.

"We train everyday in a beautiful facility that has everything we could ever need," Sarah Patterson said. "Most importantly though, it was totally designed to minimize and alleviate impact on the gymnasts. If you look at it, the facility is aesthetically pleasing, but if you look close, you will notice that it was designed with the gymnasts' bodies in mind."

Multiple soft landing pits are available for all four apparatus, giving the Tide the freedom to train skills in enhanced safety. It also gives Alabama the capability of teaching a variety of skills as the same time.

"We've got the equipment and space to choose how we want to run practice," Assistant head coach David Patterson said. "We can split into two or three groups or we can all be on one event if we are having an intra-squad. It gives us the freedom to do that or to have everyone on four different events at the same time. We have the room and the staff to do that and be effective with it. Also, we put enough diverse things into the design of the facility where it is very helpful in terms of teaching new skills."

The facility also has a built in video imaging system that allows Alabama the luxury of immediate video feedback at any point in practice. The system uses an array of video cameras to record and then breakdown a gymnast's performance frame by frame.

"Our video system has been a big plus," David Patterson said. "We have multiple cameras in the gym and at any given moment, without having to go get a video camera, you can push a button and watch that event. It has become more and more of an integral part of practice. Gymnasts can look at their skills and see a technical thing that they need to do to fix something or see where they need to be a little tighter and keep that leg a little straighter."

The main practice area includes an in-ground trampoline and tumbling strips. The sound system that drives the Tide's practices is top-notch, surrounding the floor exercise area with the same level of sound the Tide will encounter in a meet setting. There is also an impressive array of exercise equipment, including a pair of treadmills, a stairstepper,



two elliptical trainers and a recumbent bicycle.

A mini training room is stationed in one corner of the gym where gymnasts can get taped in the comfort of the gym. Alabama's main training room is located just down the hall and has all the latest equipment.

A separate 2,000-square foot aerobics/dance studio is connected to the main practice area. That area houses another sound system, utilized during the Tide's spinning workouts and step aerobic training sessions. The gymnastics team has 20 spinning bikes, all housed in the aerobics/dance studio.

Just outside the practice gym and dance room is the Tide's team room and locker room. The team room, furnished in large part by Alabama gymnastics' booster organization, The Medalist Club, contains a stereo and television console. The room also contains both Windows and MacIntosh computer stations, along with both a color inkjet printer and a laser printer. Both computer stations are connected directly to the internet, allowing the gymnasts to check e-mail, write papers and do research all from one spot. The locker room is furnished with cherry

As the above two photos demonstrate, Alabama's locker room is the picture of comfort. The Tide's video system (bottom left) allows coaches and gymnast to breakdown routines element by element.



wood lockers, one to a gymnast, as well as a lighted vanity and adjoining shower facility.

The Crimson Tide's training facility is in tandem with its competition facility, Coleman Coliseum which has a top-end capacity of over 15,000. And when fans pour in, as they do every gymnastics meet, it gets loud. There are few atmospheres better in collegiate athletics than a gymnastics Saturday night. The roar of the crowd as Alabama marches in, the program's accomplishments being touted on the twin Jumbo Tron video screens at either of the arena, is deafening.

When Coleman Coliseum filled to its 15,043 fan capacity on February 1, 1997, it became the site of the largest gymnastics crowd in Alabama and Southeastern Conference history and the largest crowd to see any collegiate gymnastics meet in a decade. Since 1996, an average of 9,475 fans per meet have poured into Coleman to see Alabama Gymnastics. That total includes the national single meet highs for five of the last six years.

Coleman Coliseum has hosted some of the biggest gymnastics meets in the country including the 1991, 1996 and 2002 NCAA Championships and the 1988, 1993 and 1999 SEC Championships. This season, the NCAA Regional Championships returns to Coleman for the eighth time.

Alabama's team room (top two photos) contains all the comforts of home, along with a computer station with two printers and internet connections. The team's dance/aerobics room (bottom left) holds the teams spinning bikes.



# Bama Gymnastics Medalist Club

Officially organized in 1987, The Medalist Club was formed to support all aspects of Alabama gymnastics. Since that time, the group has grown to over 300 memberships representing more than 700 people while becoming a non-profit entity that now functions as a business.

As the Alabama gymnastics program continues to grow, so does its fan base. The Medalist Club seeks not only to cheer on the gymnasts, but also provide a means by which fans can come together in an organized way to support the program. More than that, members of the club have the opportunity to get close to the program.

Without the Medalist Club, Crimson Tide head coach Sarah Patterson believes the gymnastics team would be missing an important link on its chain of successes.

"This goes beyond the realm of a plain booster organization that provides financial support," Patterson said. "The emotional support they provide is what sets them apart from any other organization."

"This is a group of people focused together on providing support for our student-athletes in terms of fans and fellowship in a family atmosphere," Patterson explained. "They have taken the art of being a fan and turned it into something that allows everyone, including the student-athletes, to enjoy the benefit of it."

In addition to hosting pre- and post-competition receptions and the end-of-the-year banquet, club members have other chances to mingle with the athletes, coaches and other Alabama gymnastics enthusiasts. Families are a focal point of the booster group. With the inception of "Tide Tykes/Tide Teens" in 1999, children have had the chance to hang out with the gymnasts in their own special reception. That program continues the sense of family that the Tide gymnastics program has fostered over the last 25 years under Sarah and David Patterson.

"It's a great family activity," Patterson said. "It provides children with the opportunity to be involved with some terrific role models."

The Medalist Club is also instru-

mental in helping the Tide host the number of conference and national competitions that come to Tuscaloosa and Coleman Coliseum over the years, including last year's NCAA Championships and this year's NCAA Central Regional Championships.

"The support we get from the Medalist Club in hosting championship meets is one of the reasons that our hospitality is nationally known," Patterson said.

The Medalist Club's mission is to support the gymnast during her athletic and academic careers. This is where the Medalist Club's Postgraduate Scholarship plays an integral part in the program. Through several years of fundraising, including the annual \$10,000 Grand Gala, the organization has been able to award three gymnasts scholarships for their post-graduate studies at the university.

"Our goals remain the same," current club president Lori Wesson said. "We want to maintain the high level of support we give the program. We want to continue to build postgraduate scholarship with an ultimate goal of endowing the scholarship."

The Medalist Club also continues to seek improvements within its organization. Its website, [www.gymtide.com](http://www.gymtide.com), sponsored through corporate partnerships, was among the nation's first. Throughout the season, the club sponsors a billboard campaign for the competitions. Moreover, the group has donated several items to the team over the years, including computers and printers for the team room and a bookcase and television unit that covers an entire wall of that room.

"In some sports, you have booster organizations where athletes never really get to know their supporters," Patterson explained. "Through our Medalist Club, fans feel connected to our athletes and our coaches, thereby becoming an extension of our program."

For more information about joining the Medalist club, call (205) 348-3830, write P.O. Box 71996, Tuscaloosa, AL 35407 or visit the Medalist Club on-line at <http://www.gymtide.com>.



Top - Sarah Patterson with 2002-03 Medalist Club President Lori Wesson (left). Below - Sarah Patterson visits with Medalist Club members at the 2002 "Meet the Team" Barbecue.



# Medalist Club Scholarships

As if being the best support group in the country wasn't enough, the Medalist Club has taken their support of Alabama Gymnastics another step forward, creating a postgraduate scholarship that gives members of the Crimson Tide gymnastics family a chance to continue their education at The University of Alabama.

The postgraduate scholarship has been a long time goal of the Medalist Club, one that came to fruition at the 2000 end of the year banquet. That night, the organization awarded its first two scholarships, one to 1999 graduate Gwen Spidle and the other to 2000 grad Lexa Evans.

"The Medalist Club is extremely proud to be able to sponsor our postgraduate scholarship," 2002 Medalist Club president Chuck Karr said. "Many, many people have worked very hard, contributing both their time and money, to get this scholarship established. But what a wonderful feeling to know that our support group is able to provide outstanding young ladies such as Lexa Evans and Gwen Spidle the opportunity to further their education."

The Medalist Club isn't sitting on its laurels either. Already awarding scholarships in the amount of 5,000 dollars, the organization is looking toward doubling that amount.

"We currently award a scholarship that is equivalent in value to an SEC Postgraduate Scholarship," Karr said. "Our goal is to be able to award a scholarship that is equivalent in value to an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship – one of the most prestigious awards available."

Spidle earned a Master's Degree in Sociology in the spring of 2001 while Evans earned her Master's in public relations last spring.

At last year's Medalist Club awards banquet, the organization announced the third scholarship winner, 2002 senior Alexa Martinez.

"Earning that scholarship is such an honor," Martinez said. "I'm excited about the opportunity to further my education at the University and I can't thank the Medalist Club enough for all their support and encouragement."

Patti Eggers chaired the committee for the postgraduate scholarship. As a former Alabama gymnastics stand out, Eggers recognized the importance and significance of finally awarding the gifts.

"It was tremendous," Eggers said. "We can show success and how important academics are to all the people who supported us."

"This once again demonstrates that the Medalist Club supports student-athletes," Alabama Gymnastics Sarah Patterson explained. "It exemplifies the things about the program that we want to emphasize: we are about athletes and education."

Anyone who has made a significant contribution to the Alabama gymnastics program may apply for the postgraduate scholarship. This includes alumni, trainers and managers. The money is awarded upon completion of eligibility and graduation.

The scholarship is the first of its kind to be awarded, Patterson said. "It's nice to set the standard. We lead the nation in NCAA and SEC postgraduate scholarship winners in our program. This is just another arena that we have opened up to our student-athletes."

## THE SULLIVAN INTERNSHIP

The postgraduate scholarship isn't the only educational assistance offered by the Medalist Club. Since 2000, the Sullivan Internship has been an educational fund provided through the Medalist Club that provides undergraduate students hands on experience in working with the Alabama Gymnastics team. The students chosen for this internship work with head coach Sarah Patterson in the areas of marketing, promotion and event management. The internship is in its fourth year. Past interns are: 2000 - Brooke West; 2001 - Cody Nichols and Julie Goldstein; 2002 - Steven Lowery and Cassy Polk.





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# Sarah & David Patterson

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## *25 Years of Coaching Excellence*

It has been a whirlwind year for Sarah and David Patterson. The duo earned their 300th regular season win just to get the 2002 season started. And after a preseason that saw no less than five scholarship athletes sitting on the sideline while rehabbing injuries, they proceeded to put together perhaps their finest coaching performance yet in guiding Alabama to its fourth NCAA Championship, while acting as hosts of the event.

Under their guidance, Alabama won its 18th NCAA Regional Championship, saw six athletes earn 14 All-American honors (more than any other team that season). The Tide also shone in the classroom, earning 13 Scholastic All-American honor and a league record 15 Academic All-Southeastern Conference honors.

Star senior Andréé Pickens became one of the most decorated gymnast in NCAA history, named to the prestigious NCAA Top VIII award, the Honda Award for Gymnastics, the AAI American Award, The Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year, the SEC Gymnast of the Year, the NCAA Central Regional Gymnast of the Year and the NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of Alabama. All that came in addition to Pickens winning the NCAA Uneven Bars title, four SEC individual titles, five All-American honors, and earning Academic All-SEC and Scholastic All-American.

Sarah Patterson was recognized for the Tide's outstanding season by her coaching peers when she was voted National Coach of the Year for the fourth time in her career.

And with the season barely over, David and team nutritionist Stephanie Wilkins rode 140-miles through the hills and heat of Alabama this past June to raise more the \$21,000 for Camp Smile-A-Mile, a non-profit organization for children who have or have had cancer in Alabama.

All that led up to the Pattersons starting their 25th season coaching Alabama.

"We have been kind of busy," Sarah Patterson said with a wry smile.

And things aren't likely to let up anytime soon. Practice started in August with the Pattersons' youngest team ever, a squad that includes seven freshmen and three sophomores among its 14-gymnast roster.

On the home front, the Pattersons' older daughter Jessie started her junior year in high school this fall while younger daughter Jordan made her way into the fifth grade.

And the calendar for the coming months is already starting to fill to the brim. In addition to the regular slate of gymnastics related activities, their schedule is filled with Patterson family matters including Jessie's volleyball matches as well as





Sarah and David Patterson congratulate Kristin Sterner.

Jordan's softball and basketball games and golf lessons.

During the season there will also be plenty of banquets and receptions to attend, but there is one outing already circled in red on the Patterson calendar. On March 8, 2003, the Patterson family, along with many of their extended gymnastics family, will travel to Birmingham to witness Sarah's induction in to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame.

And just to make sure it's a typically full day for the Pattersons, the induction comes after the Tide's 2 p.m. meet against Kentucky in Tuscaloosa.

"It's going to be a full day for sure," David Patterson said.

A full day in what has been, for the duo, an increasingly full life. All four Pattersons find themselves on the go from morning until night nearly every day of the week.

For Sarah and David Patterson, practice and competition fill the weeks during the school year and recruiting and promoting both the program and the sport of gymnastics has become a year-round affair. But they have managed through the years to balance all their roles in life with deceptive ease. As each day goes on, they transition seamlessly from parent to administrator to coach and back to parent, sometimes fulfilling several roles at once.

Both Jessie, 17, and Jordan, 10, have a balance of their own, participating in a wide variety of extracurricular activities while making excellent grades. In addition to serving as setter

on Central High School's varsity volleyball team the last three seasons, Jessie also plays club volleyball and is active in her church. Jordan plays church league basketball and club softball. She also plays golf.

David, in his scant spare time, is an avid fly fisherman. He has caught fish in 41 states, with an ultimate goal of conquering all 50. Last year the Huntsville, Ala. native took up cycling as a sport.

And while it may seem that Sarah Patterson's favorite hobby is speaking to groups about Alabama gymnastics, she has become an enthusiastic scrapbooker.

Such a full lifestyle requires nearly superhuman time management skills. Neither Sarah nor David started out with such skills but acquired them as they added more and more tasks, responsibilities and passions to their lives.

"When we first started out, we'd either be in the office or the gym all the time," Sarah Patterson remembers. "We'd get to the office early, work until practice, then after practice we'd go over to Storyville, a restaurant a few blocks from the athletic department, grab some dinner and then come back to the Coliseum and make recruiting calls until 10:30 p.m. Then we'd go home and start the whole thing over again. As we started a family and our schedule started filling up, we learned to work smarter, to find a fit for everything."

While the couple's time management skills have grown along with the program, the tenants of excellence upon which the Pattersons have



When the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame came calling in September of 2002, Sarah Patterson was more than a little surprised.

"It wasn't really something I thought about a lot," Patterson said. "And I certainly didn't expect to hear from them while I was still coaching. I thought it was nice that my name has been on the ballot the last year or two, but beyond that..."

After being voted in this past September, Patterson is going to have to start thinking about things like what she's going to say when she is inducted on March 8, 2003 and the details of getting from a 2 p.m. home meet in Tuscaloosa against Kentucky to the 7:30 p.m. induction banquet in Birmingham, Ala.

And just as Sarah and David Patterson have made their way through the ups and downs of their coaching career together, they will take the 60-mile, 24-year trip from Coleman Coliseum to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame together.

"While it's my name that's going on the plaque in the hall of fame, this honor is David and I's together. I know and everyone else associated with the program knows that we did this together," she said. "And I hope everyone will realize that it's the accomplishments of the two of us that are being recognized."

Over the years, the Pattersons have built a program that is second to none in terms of combining athletic and academic excellence with a strong sense of community involvement. The athletes that come out of the Alabama program are role models in the Tuscaloosa and University community.

"When I first came to the University I never envisioned or thought about a hall of fame career," Patterson said. "I just knew that we wanted to have a program that did everything in a first class manner. We wanted Alabama to win championships, but also be the best we could be in the classroom and to really make a positive impact in the community as well."

Under the Pattersons' tutelage, Alabama has won four NCAA Championships, the first coming in 1988, followed by one in 1991, 1996 and the latest that came just last season when an upstart Tide team out-dueled one of the strongest fields in recent memory to capture the national title.

In addition to its four NCAA titles, Alabama has collected 18 NCAA Regional titles and four Southeastern Conference crowns. The Pattersons have taken the Tide to 20 consecutive NCAA Championships and finished fifth or better nationally an astonishing 18 times. Individually Alabama gymnasts have earned 13 NCAA titles.

Academically Tide gymnasts lead the nation with eight NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and the league with seven SEC Postgraduate Scholarships. Twice Alabama gymnasts have been named SEC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Since 1991, when the award was introduced, Tide gymnasts have earned Scholastic All-American honors 77 times, including 13 gymnasts last season alone.

Patterson is the sixth woman to be inducted into the hall of fame and the first female coach. She joins such legendary mentors as Paul Bryant, Gene Stallings and CM Newton in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. Patterson will be inducted with friend and former boss Steve Sloan, who in addition to an All-American football career at Alabama that included a national title in 1965, was athletics director in the late 1980s.



built the Alabama program have been a constant from day one.

“David and I are basically doing the same thing we did 24 years ago,” Sarah explains “Our philosophy of developing not just the athlete but the whole person has not changed. The mechanics certainly have not changed. It’s still recruiting. It’s still coaching. It’s still promoting. The frame work of our job has not really changed, but the details, and the number of those details certainly has. We’ve come a very long way in that regard.”

And while Sarah and David have come a long way in terms of their job, they have also taken Alabama gymnastics a long way from very humble beginnings. The Tide hadn’t enjoyed a winning season or even the same coach in its four years prior to Sarah taking the helm as head coach. In fact, Sarah had been hired as an assistant coach for the program’s fifth year, but received a letter during the summer before she arrived on campus that changed her life and Alabama’s fortunes.



The Patterson women: Jessie, Jordan and Sarah.

“I was going to be the assistant coach,” Sarah remembers. “But I got a letter during the summer saying the previous coach had left and did I want to be the head coach. I asked my coach at Slippery Rock, Cheryl Levick (now athletics director at Santa Clara University) about it and she told me that it would be a great place to build a program.”

Upon her arrival, Sarah found a program on its last leg. The 22-year-old New York native was the Tide’s fifth coach in as many years. After four losing seasons, no one expected success, except Sarah.

### Sarah Patterson Career Capsule

#### Education:

Slippery Rock State College (Penn.), 1978

**Major:** Physical education

#### HONORS:

- 2002, 1991, 1988 & 1986 National Coach of the Year
- 1985, 1995 & 2000 SEC Coach of the Year
- 1997 U.S. World University Games coach (silver medal)
- 1983 U.S. World University Games coach
- Honorary member of the Alabama National Alumni Association
- Alabama State Gymnastics Association Coach of the Year 1978-79

#### ADMINISTRATION:

- Associate Athletic Director 1985-present
- Senior Women’s Administrator, 1985-96
- SEC Executive Committee
- NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee, 1985-90
- NCAA Recruiting Committee, 1991-96

### David Patterson Career Capsule

**Education:** University of Alabama, 1982

**Major:** Coaching and public relations

#### CLUB COACHING ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Bama Bounder Age Group Club - 60 state champions
- 10 regional champions
- 2 national champions
- Named assistant coach for the 1989 and 1991 World University Games.

#### HONORS:

- 1982-83 Alabama State Gymnastics Association Coach of the Year
- Two-time NCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year, 1992, 1993

After getting the Alabama job, she put in a call to David Patterson, an Alabama diver whom she had worked with the summer before at a gym in Huntsville, Ala. With the lure of a leftover women’s basketball scholarship, David joined the gymnastics program.

“After my freshman year, Sarah called and said she was going to be here and would I help out with the team. It was a tough decision, but I decided to go with coaching. I just assumed it would be something to help me pay for a little bit of school for a couple of years. Somewhere along the way, I fell in love with it.”

With the coaches in place, Sarah making about \$5000 a year in what amounted to a graduate assistant’s salary and David receiving a \$500-a-year scholarship for his efforts, Alabama started on its fifth season.

It was a partnership that immediately clicked. The two balanced each other in such a way that their combined talents are more than the sum of their parts.

“David is such a great technical coach,” Sarah said. “While I tend to enjoy the artistic side of the sport. I think both of us are good motivators, though we have different styles in that respect. David also helps me keep focused on what’s best for us and the program. And while I love to be out speaking and promoting the program, he’s much more comfortable in the background, providing the plan and structure.”

With Sarah and David in place, the difference was immediately discernable. Excellence wasn’t a quality to hope for, it was expected.

Results were swift and a snowball effect was in the offing. But while things were shaping up in a hurry for the Crimson Tide, there were still plenty of bumps in the road.

“I was naive,” Sarah Patterson said. “I didn’t realize there were obstacles in my way. I guess in that way we were lucky. If I had known everything that would stand in my way, we might not have made it this far.”

And they’ve come very far indeed over the past 24 years. In Sarah and David’s first season the Tide won seven meets, matching the total of number of victories from the program’s first four years combined. Things would only get better from there.

The duo promised their first recruiting class that Alabama would make it to the national championships during their careers. As seniors, that first recruiting class marched into the 1983 NCAA Championships. The Tide finished an amazing fourth at their first national championship appearance and hasn’t missed the big dance since. Alabama has made 20 straight appearances at the NCAA Championships, finishing in the top five 18 times.

In 1988, Alabama won the first of four NCAA Championships to date. That victory led credence to a coaching philosophy of developing the overall person instead of just the athlete. Titles followed in 1991, 1996 and again last season. Alabama has collected four Southeastern Conference crowns under the Pattersons, 1988, 1990, 1995 and 2000.

In the classroom, Sarah and David’s charges have enjoyed unparalleled success, earning a



## Alabama Under The Pattersons

Year at Alabama: 25th

Overall Record: 311-65-3/24 years

- 2002, 1996, 1991 & 1988 NCAA Team Champion
- 2000, 1995, 1990 & 1988 SEC Team Champion
- 1983-85, 1987-96, 1998-02 NCAA Regional Team Champion (18 total)
- 13 individual NCAA Champions
- 8 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships
- 7 SEC Postgraduate Scholarships
- 40 athletes with 174 All-American honors
- 36 athletes with 77 Scholastic All-American honors (since 1991)
- 39 All-SEC honors
- 123 Academic All-SEC honors
- 26 individual SEC Championships
- 2 NCAA Top VIII Honors
- 4 NCAA Region Gymnast of the Year Honors
- 3 SEC Freshmen of the Year
- 4 SEC Gymnast of the Year Honors
- 3 SEC Athletes of the Year
- 2 SEC Scholar Athletes of the Year
- SEC Single meet attendance record (15,043 vs UGA 2/1/97)
- SEC Single season attendance record (10,301 per meet, 1997)

“It’s not just winning. It’s the type of people who are involved in the program, the emphasis on being involved in the community and academics; it’s the total package. That’s why people support us”

— Sarah Patterson



The Pattersons: Sarah, Jessie, David and Jordan.

nation-leading eight NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and seven SEC Postgraduate Scholarships. Since the award’s inception in 1984, Alabama gymnasts have brought home an astounding 123 Academic All-SEC honors, a total that is 25 better than the next best school in the league.

In the area of community service, Sarah and David Patterson give countless hours and encourage their athletes to do the same. Over the last five years alone, Alabama gymnasts have given over 1000 hours of their time to Tuscaloosa area causes.

“I think as David and I have matured we’ve placed a greater emphasis in our own lives on community service and how we can help,”

Sarah Patterson said. “I feel that if we can instill that quality, that characteristic of giving in our athletes when they are 18 to 22, and they have the sense of accomplishment that working in the community gives, then when they graduate and go out into the world, they will have gained so much from that experience that they will always be giving people. That’s something that’s very important.”

One offshoot of being out in the community is an ever-growing fan base for the Tide’s home competitions.

“Our fans come in the years that we finish second, third or fifth at the national championships as much as they do the years that we win it all,” Sarah Patterson said. “I think that’s because of what the program stands for. It’s not just winning. It’s the type of people who are involved in the program, the emphasis on being involved in the community and academics; it’s the total package. That’s why people support us”

And they support the Crimson Tide in force. Alabama has averaged over 9,400 fans a meet for the past seven years. In 1997, the gymnastics program sold out Coleman Coliseum to the tune of 15,043 fans, the largest crowd to ever see a meet in Southeastern Conference history. That total is also the largest to see a collegiate gymnastics meet since 1993. All that success came from a program that could count its fans in the stands of Foster Auditorium in the 1970s in increments of 10.

In addition to the team titles, Alabama’s success has resulted in 13 NCAA Individual Champions, 174 All-American honors and dozens of Scholastic All-American accolades. Four times Sarah Patterson has been National Coach of the Year while David Patterson has twice been Region Assistant Coach of the Year.

And in addition to her coaching duties, Sarah Patterson has served in Alabama’s athletic administration as Associate Athletics Director

### THE PATTERSON RECORD

Year	Record	SEC Finish	Regional Finish	NCAA Finish
2002	12-3-0	2nd	1st	1st
2001	15-2-1	2nd	1st	4th
2000	14-3-0	1st	1st	5th
1999	8-3-0	2nd	1st	3rd
1998	10-3-0	4th	1st	3rd
1997	13-2-0	4th	2nd	9th
1996	12-1-0	2nd	1st	1st
1995	15-1-0	1st	1st	2nd
1994	7-3-1	2nd	1st	2nd
1993	9-2-0	2nd	1st	2nd
1992	9-4-0	2nd	1st	3rd
1991	16-0-0	2nd	1st	1st
1990	14-1-0	1st	1st	2nd
1989	13-3-0	2nd	1st	3rd
1988	14-3-2	1st	1st	1st
1987	12-5-0	3rd	1st	4th
1986	18-2-0	3rd	2nd	3rd
1985	16-4-0	2nd	1st	4th
1984	15-5-0	—	1st	6th
1983	15-1-0	—	1st	4th
1982	17-2-0	—	—	—
1981	14-1-0	—	—	—
1980	16-4-0	—	—	—
1979	7-7-0	—	—	—

since 1985. Other administrative duties include serving on the SEC Executive Committee, the NCAA Women’s Gymnastics Committee and the NCAA Recruiting Committee.

Just like their days, Sarah and David Patterson seemingly never stop. Their time is filled with family and work and the wide variety of details that intertwine everything together. It is a harrowing act of balance to keep everything going at such a high level for such a long time, but it is a balancing act that the Patterson family excels at and thrives upon. Every day is different, and that’s where the fun is.



## Assistant Coach

# Bryan Raschilla

For Bryan Raschilla, things just keep getting better in Tuscaloosa.

Now in his seventh season with the Crimson Tide, Raschilla has helped coach Alabama to a Southeastern Conference title in 2000 and last season, Alabama made it to the pinnacle of collegiate gymnastics, winning the NCAA Championship.

“I came to Alabama to be a part of a program that did things the right way,” Raschilla said. “I wanted to coach athletes who excel in academics, athletics and community service. We have all those things here at Alabama and last season we proved again that you can have all that and win championships.”

It was Alabama’s fourth national title, and the first for Raschilla as a collegiate coach. Since he joined the Tide for the 1997 season, Alabama gymnasts have earned more than 60 All-American honors and more than 50 Scholastic All-American honors.

And just as importantly to him, since coming to the Capstone, Raschilla’s family has grown and prospered as well. He and wife Laura have a son, Adam was born in 1998, and a daughter, Kathryn, born in 2001.

Raschilla’s duties with the Crimson Tide are as wide ranging as his talents. In addition to in-the-gym coaching, the Mineral Ridge, Ohio native also develops the Tide’s strength and conditioning program and coordinates, along with David Patterson, Alabama’s recruiting efforts.

“Bryan not only brings his keen technical analysis to the team,” said Crimson Tide Head Coach Sarah Patterson. “He also



brings the sort of stability that is expected of this program. After all, he is now in his seventh year with us, and he is only the third coach to serve as an assistant. He adds a comforting continuity for the athletes.”

He also brings a talent for graphic design to the Tide. Before joining the collegiate coaching ranks, in addition to coaching club gymnastics, Raschilla worked in the art department of one of Ohio’s top advertising agencies. Every year, Raschilla brings his skills to bear on the Tide’s posters, logos, advertising, media guide covers along with a host of other projects.

“I’ve always been able to draw,” Raschilla said. “And I’ve always been interested in computers. What I am able to do for the team is a great marriage of those two things.”

So how did the 6-foot, 5-inch redhead with a degree in graphic design get involved in the one sport he’d never tried?

“I probably get asked that question a



**Bryan Raschilla Capsule**

**Family:** *Wife* - Laura  
*Son* - Adam, *Daughter* - Kathryn  
**Hometown:** Mineral Ridge, Ohio

**Education:**  
 Youngstown State University (Ohio), 1989  
**Major:** Graphic Design

**Year at Alabama:** 7th  
**Record at Alabama:** 85-18-1



**The Raschillas, from the left - Kathryn, Bryan, Laura and Adam.**

Asked to spot for his high school team, Raschilla's interest continued to develop throughout his time at Youngstown State University in Ohio when he coached age-group gymnastics. After eleven years of club gymnastics and countless state champions, national qualifiers and national team members, he moved into the collegiate arena. "I started in 1983," Raschilla said. "And I've been coaching ever since."

Following a two-year stretch at the University of Michigan, where the Wolverines were second and sixth at nationals during his tenure, Raschilla moved on to The University of Alabama.

As a native northerner, Raschilla knew little about Alabama. He coached at the University's

summer camp with Tide Assistant Head Coach David Patterson and enjoyed the atmosphere as well as the people behind it. Once he received the call from the Pattersons asking him to join their staff, Raschilla was ready to join on with the championship program.

Six years later, Raschilla has accumulated masses of memories. "When you have the kind of job I do, it's hard to have just one favorite memory," he said. Winning the national championship at home certainly is right up there, but there are so many others as well. Selling out Coleman Coliseum, that's 15,043 people, the first year I was here at the second competition. That was incredible. And of course 1998, we weren't the superstars at the NCAA Championships, but we made it into the top-3 because we competed as a team and were solid and consistent."

But Raschilla's greatest memory thus far is the birth of both his children. "They are the first Southern-born Raschillas," he exclaimed.

While fathers are supposed to teach their children, his have taught Raschilla a thing or two already. "This has made me so much more patient in the gym," he said. "I've learned I can function properly on only four hours of sleep. I think, most importantly, I've learned what's really important."

Raschilla believes he is fortunate to have the opportunity to raise his children in Tuscaloosa and in the collegiate atmosphere.

"I just really like Tuscaloosa a lot, and bringing up my children where they can be positively influenced by these collegiate athletes is just great," Raschilla explained.



**Bryan Raschilla has created the graphical look for the Crimson Tide for each of the seven seasons he's been with Alabama.**



## Volunteer Assistant Coach

# Dana Duckworth

Dana (Dobransky) Duckworth, was a two-time NCAA National Balance Beam Champion for the Crimson Tide in addition to countless other honors throughout her 1990-1993 All-American career. She is now in her second stint as a volunteer assistant coach. She served as a volunteer coach from 1997-99 and then rejoined the Tide's staff last season.

Her priorities will be to work with the gymnasts' floor choreography. "I want to design routines that offer the confidence and flair that represent what Alabama gymnastics is all about," Duckworth said. "I want these girls to be able to express excitement and feel the music and give their routine crowd appeal."

Duckworth's pride in the Alabama gymnastics program also contributed to her decision to make this encore effort. Throughout her career, she witnessed the way in which the program changed her teammates, and, more importantly, how it impacted her own life.

"When I came aboard in 1989, I was just a 17-year-old girl. Over those four years, I really matured into a young woman with leadership skills," Duckworth explained. "This opportunity (to compete with Alabama) completely structured my life in such a positive way – from winning championships to going to graduate school on post-graduate scholarships. Who could ask for anything more? I am so glad to have this opportunity to give back and watch the same thing happen to these young ladies."

Sarah Patterson knew Dana Dobransky was a natural choreographer after an infamous floor routine at a competition against Auburn in the early 1990s.

"There was this string that was unraveling from her leotard," the University of Alabama head gymnastics coach recounted. "That thing got criss-crossed over her face, and she tried to dance her way out of it. I think she scored really well on this routine none



Joe and Dana Duckworth

of us had ever seen before."

Patterson is thrilled to have Dana back in the gym. "I felt that because we have such a great nucleus of technical expertise, we needed to add to our artistic expression," Patterson explained. "With Dana moving back to Tuscaloosa, it offered me the opportunity to bring her in to not only add some artistic flair to our program, but to have her invaluable experience as an NCAA Champion and stellar student-athlete in the gym, as well."

Duckworth has now seen both sides of a national team championship, having been a part of the Tide's 1991 NCAA title as a sophomore and last year's 2002 NCAA Championship as a coach.

After graduating in 1993, the three-time Scholastic All-American worked in the corporate world before returning to Alabama in 1997. Using her NCAA and Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarships, she pursued a Master's of Business Administration. During her studies, she helped her former mentors choreograph floor routines and provide general instruction in the gym.

Joe and Dana Duckworth were married in March of 2000 and she is a sales representative with Pfizer Pharmaceutical.



# A Pattern of Success...



## ...As an Athlete

Dana Dobransky's tenure as Crimson Tide gymnast resulted in the 1991 NCAA Team Championship and the 1990 Southeastern Conference Team Championship, two individual NCAA Championships and an individual SEC title. She also earned eight All-American accolades during her career, including five first team honors. She finished her career in 1993 by winning her second consecutive NCAA Balance Beam title with a perfect 10.0. She was named NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of Alabama in 1993.

## ...As a Student

As a student, Dana Dobransky soared to great heights. She earned National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches Scholastic All-American honors three times and was a two-time CoSIDA At-Large Academic All-American, an award that spans several sports. She was inducted in Mortar Board as an undergraduate. She earned both an NCAA and Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarship, using them to attend graduate school at Alabama and obtain her Master's of Business Administration in 1999.



## ...As a Professional

As a professional, Dana Duckworth has experienced the same outstanding level of success she has enjoyed in the other parts of her life. After graduating with her Bachelor's degree, she moved up the corporate ladder quickly at AMX Corporation, a high tech firm out of Dallas. She finished her tenure there as manager of their training programs. After receiving her Master's degree, she served as Vice President of Corporate Solutions in Birmingham before returning to Tuscaloosa to work for Pfizer Pharmaceutical. In addition to serving as volunteer coach for the Crimson Tide, Dana is in demand nationally as a choreographer and a television analyst.



## Student Assistant Coach

# Andréé Pickens

There have been times this fall when Andréé Pickens has stood in practice waiting for her turn on the equipment before she remembers that her role is different this season.

“It was hard when the girls had their first intrasquad,” Pickens said with a laugh. “I was ready to have my name called...of course, it’s not my turn anymore, but I was still ready to go.”

The two-time NCAA Champion finished her competitive eligibility and is back in the gym this year to help bring the next generation of Crimson Tide stars along. So in addition to finishing her degree in biology, Pickens is working as a student coach.

“I’m very excited about this,” Pickens said. “It’s an opportunity to be around 14 wonderful girls and help them work together and become a team. It’s been a really great experience to be able to stand back and watch these girls, especially with all these freshmen, grow and mature. Sometimes it’s like it happens in front of your eyes. It’s a different perspective from watching a teammate.”

She brings a lot to the table in terms of coaching. In addition to being an athlete of legendary talent, Pickens was also a very coachable gymnast, having the ability to translate the information she received from her coaches into corrections in her form. That skill has been useful in helping her teammates make adjustments in their technique.

“Throughout her club career, Andréé worked with some of the best technical coaches in the world,” head coach Sarah Patterson said. “So her foundation is very

solid in that regard. I think she also learned a lot about coaching through her years of gymnastics. That’s one of the products of being very open to coaching.”

Pickens also bring the experience factor to bear. If there is anything that a Tide gymnast is going to go through during their career, the 14-time All-American has been there first. So when she gives advice, it’s not just theory, but the voice of experience.

There’s also the matter of respect. Not only is Pickens one of the best gymnasts in Alabama history, she was also one of its hardest workers, a fact not lost on her former teammates and the newest crop of student-athletes.

Working alongside her former coaches has also been a revelation for the three-time Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Year.

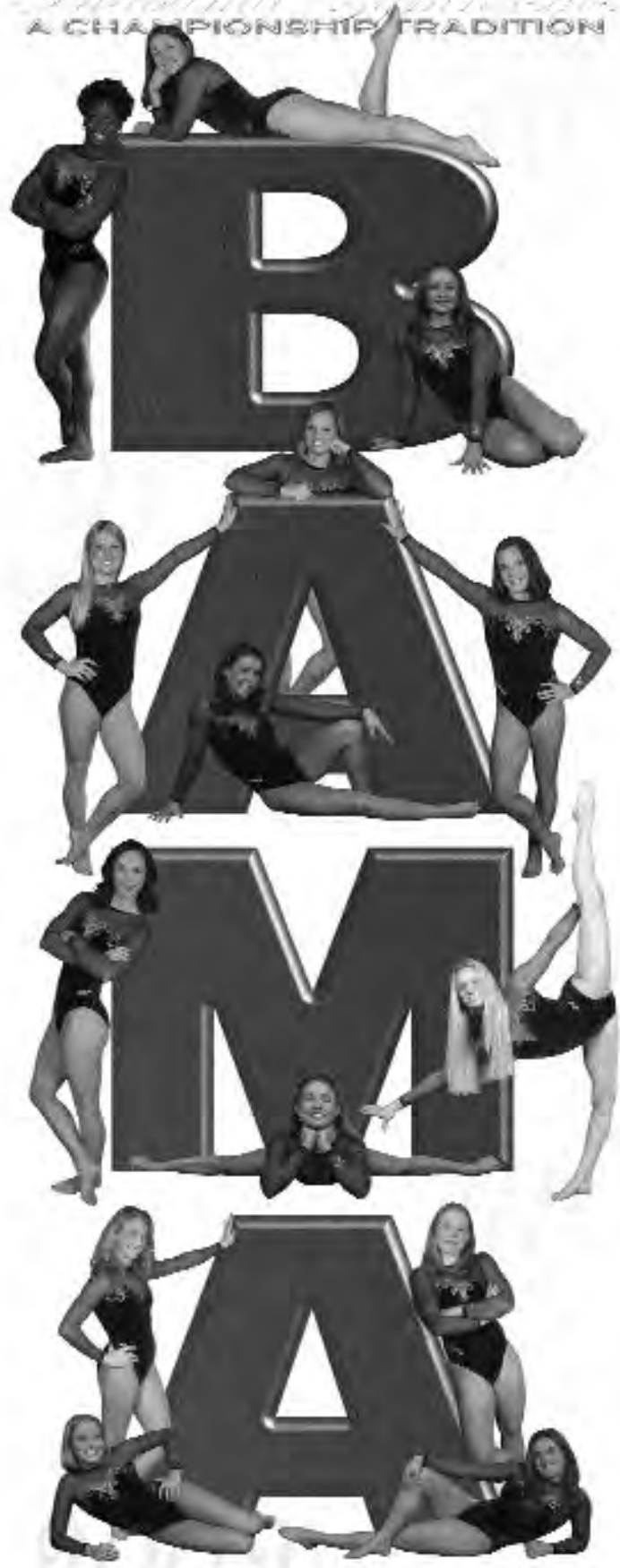
“I get to see the other side of it and that’s really been an eye opener,” Pickens said. “I mean as a gymnast, you know that Sarah and David have a reason for everything they do, but seeing it from this side, now I kind of go ‘Ohhh!’”

Pickens was a product of Cypress Academy where she was coached by Debbie Kaitschuck, Deana Parish and Luis Garcia. She graduated from Cypress Falls High School. A four year member of the United States National Team, she was an alternate on the 1995 U.S. World Championship team. She finished 12th in the all-around at the 1996 U.S. Olympic Trials.





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# The Gymnasts

**Tide Timeline**

March 14, 1992 - Junior Dee Foster posts the first 10.0 in Alabama history. The perfect score comes on the vault.



# Meet the Freshmen



They are seven strangers coming from seven different states ranging from California to Alabama and they have come to compete for the Crimson Tide. They aren't complete strangers, having seen each other at training camps and meets over the years, but now they're more than a random contingent of talented gymnasts. Now they're teammates. Over the next four years, the Alabama Gymnastics freshmen of 2003 will share all kinds of adventures and create thousands of memories, but at the moment, in the fall of 2002, they are spending most of their time getting to know each other and the upper-classmen, the campus and the best way to make the transition from high school to college. Alabama's legion of fans are also looking forward to meeting the newest members of the Tide family. So to give everyone a little head start in getting to know the largest class in Alabama history, here is a little peek into their lives.



**Mari Bayer**

**Favorite Movie:**  
The Kid  
**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Croutons  
**Favorite Candy:**  
Reese's Pieces  
**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
Full House  
**Favorite school subject:**  
Math  
**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** T-shirt  
**If I could be anyone or anything, I would be:** A Tiger  
**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
30 minutes  
**Song I sing in the car:** "I Can Be Your Hero, Baby" by Enrique Iglesias  
**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Kristin Sterner



**Rachael Delahoussaye**

**Favorite Movie:**  
Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls  
**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Neither  
**Favorite Candy:**  
York  
**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
Saved by the Bell  
**Favorite school subject:**  
Art and Anatomy - tie  
**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** Coffee Mug  
**If I could be anyone or anything, I would be:**  
A famous Artist and Doctor  
**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
2 minutes  
**Song I sing in the car:** "Your Body is a Wonderland" — John Mayer  
**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Kristin Sterner



**Dana Filetti**

**Favorite Movie:**  
A Walk to Remember  
**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Both  
**Favorite Candy:**  
Twizzlers  
**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
The Real World  
**Favorite school subject:**  
English  
**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** Bama shorts  
**If I could be anyone or anything I would be:** Katie Couric  
**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
30 minutes  
**Song I sing in the car:** Anything by Michelle Branch  
**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Ashley Miles



**Ashley Miles**

**Favorite Movie:**  
Crooklyn

**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Croutons

**Favorite Candy:**  
Nerds

**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

**Favorite school subject:**  
Political Science

**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** Coffee Mug

**If I could be anyone or anything, I would be:** Lauren Hill

**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
20 minutes

**Song I sing in the car:** "Baby One More Time" by Britney Spears

**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Dana Pierce



**Dana Pierce**

**Favorite Movie:**  
Pearl Harbor

**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Bacon Bits

**Favorite Candy:**  
Anything Chocolate

**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
Saved by the Bell

**Favorite school subject:**  
Health

**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** T-shirt

**If I could be anyone or anything, I would be:** A singer

**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
5 minutes

**Song I sing in the car:**  
"When a Man Loves a Woman"

**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Ashley Miles



**Lauren Pruitt**

**Favorite Movie:**  
Pretty Woman/Dirty Dancing tie

**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Croutons

**Favorite Candy:**  
Skittles

**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
Saved by the Bell

**Favorite school subject:**  
English

**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** T-shirt

**If I could be anyone or anything, I would be:** A Movie Star

**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
10 minutes

**Song I sing in the car:** "Oh Yeah"

**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Kristin Sterner



**Larissa Stewart**

**Favorite Movie:**  
Pearl Harbor

**Croutons or Bacon Bits:**  
Croutons

**Favorite Candy:**  
Starburst

**Favorite Show in Jr. High School:**  
Friends

**Favorite school subject:**  
Anatomy/Physiology

**First thing I owned with "Alabama" on it:** Visor

**If I could be anyone or anything, I would be:** Hmmm? I don't know.

**Minimum prep time in the morning:**  
45 minutes

**Song I sing in the car:**  
"Everywhere" by Michelle Branch

**Teammate who would survive on Survivor:** Rachael Delahoussaye



## Preview 2003

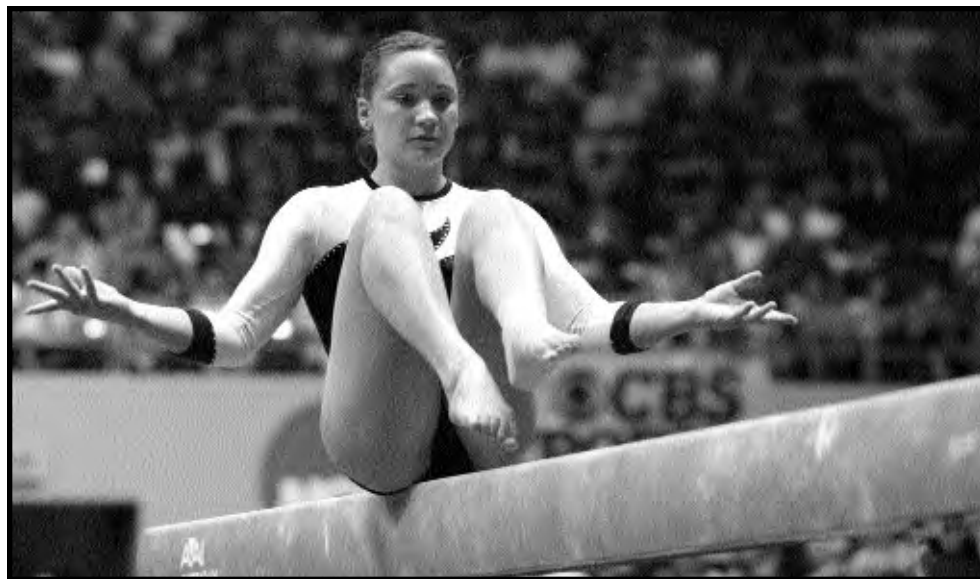
# A sense of Balance

One of the things that Sarah and David Patterson are very big on going into their 25th year coaching the Alabama Gymnastics team, is balance. That would seem like a given for gymnastics coaches, but the Pattersons are interested in more than just balance on the beam or the floor exercise. They want their charges to have it in all aspects of their lives. Strength in the gym must be balanced with strength in the classroom. Receiving support from the local community to the tune of nearly 10,000 fans per meet over the last six years is balanced by a squad that works tirelessly in the area of community outreach.

But when Sarah Patterson, the newest inductee into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, talks about the balance of this year's squad, she's talking about something a little different.

With its largest freshmen class ever, the defending NCAA Champion Alabama Gymnastics squad is split right down the middle with seven freshmen and seven returners.

"With this many freshmen, we spend as much



Senior Kristin Sterner has earned nine All-American honors over her first three seasons, including two last year.

time in September helping them find their classes and the gym as we do getting use to how things work in the gym," Sarah Patterson said with a laugh. "It sure makes things interesting, but also exciting."

The Tide will be led by its four returning All-Americans, though with seven freshmen, all the upperclassmen will lead at some point or

another. And if the Pattersons have their way, even the freshmen will get into the leadership act as the season goes along.

"Very rarely do we have one person be 'the' leader," Sarah Patterson said. "And that's by design. We want everyone's input and we want everyone, when they can, to help us take a step forward and move ahead. That's part of the responsibility of being on this team."

Alabama's lone senior, Kristin Sterner has been leading both in the gym and the classroom, since her rookie year. The nine-time All-American holds a 3.9 grade point average in biology. The Ionia, Michigan native is set on medical school after graduation. Andréé Pickens, the most decorated gymnast in

Alabama history, calls Sterner the "Quiet Storm" for the way she has quietly gone about racking up a hall of fame caliber career.

Sterner will again see plenty of action in the all-around. Last season she earned All-American honors on the balance beam and the floor exercise. She also chipped in a 9.950 toward the Tide's NCAA Balance Beam record at the NCAA Southeast Regional Championships.

Talented all-rounder, Jeana Rice is back for her third season. The junior earned eight All-American honors in her first two seasons with the Tide, including three last season. In addition to being a 2002 All-American in the all-around, the Longwood, Fla. native picked up the honor on the vault and balance beam. She also was a part of the Tide's NCAA record on the balance beam.

Sophomore Alexis Brion made quite a splash in her rookie outing. The Virginia Beach, Va. native competed in two events at the 2002 NCAA Championships, the vault and floor exercise, and came away with two All-American honors. Brion was a crowd favorite last year on the floor exercise where her infectious personality shone bright.

Shannon Hrozek also earned All-American as a rookie, taking the honor on the balance beam. The Woodlands, Texas native was also a

**Sophomore Alexis Brion competed in two events at last season's NCAA Championships, the vault and the floor exercise, earning All-American honors on both.**



part of the Tide's NCAA record balance beam squad. The only freshman to see action on all four events last season, Hrozek could be a more integral part of the all-around lineup this season.

Another crowd favorite on the floor exercise last season, sophomore Michelle Reeser wowed crowds with her dynamic tumbling and won them over with her impish grin. She scored a team high 9.975 on the floor exercise against Auburn last season. This year the Monroe, La. native could see all-around duty.

Junior Lauren Holdefer, a hometown favorite after growing up in Northport, competed in the floor exercise and vault during the Tide's march to the NCAA Championship. She has upgraded her floor routine for this season and could also see action on the balance beam.

Stephanie Kite is as consistent in the classroom as she has been on the floor exercise for the Tide. Kite comes into her junior season sporting a perfect 4.0 grade point average. In the gym, her steadiness, especially on the floor exercise, earned her the lead off spot on that event last season. This year the Austin, Texas native could also see action on the balance beam.

While Alabama's freshman-seven are new to the Tide, they are far from unknown. This is without a doubt one of the most talented classes in Alabama's storied history, with tremendous potential.

Ashley Miles is a gymnast with big tumbling and immense power. A four-year member of the U.S. National team, Miles helped the U.S. to a bronze medal at the 2001 World Championships. With all-around potential, Miles' power will be immediately evident on the floor exercise where the San Antonio, Texas native does four tumbling passes, and the vault.

No stranger to international competition, Dana Filetti was an alternate on the U.S. World Championship squad. Another potential all-arounder, the Chesapeake, Va. native brings a lot of grace to her gymnastics. Fans will want to keep an eye out for her vault, which is unique in collegiate gymnastics.

Another member of the U.S. National Team, Dana Pierce was a member of Bela Karolyi's famed pre-Olympic development camp. Pierce's combination of power and grace could propel her into the all-around as well. The Advance, Ind. native is equally good on all four events.

San Jose, Calif. Native Mari Bayer was another member of Karolyi's camp. Strong on the vault and balance beam, Bayer could also see all-around action. Bayer, who has had an outstanding fall according to the coaches, has surprising power to go with her long, clean lines.

Larissa Stewart is another member of the U.S. National Team. The Healdton, Ok. native finished fifth on the balance beam at the 2001



The only freshmen to go all around last season, Shannon Hrozek (above) earned All-American honors on the balance beam. Junior Jeana Rice (below) has earned eight All-American honors over the last two seasons.

USA Championships. A graceful gymnast with extremely clean lines, Stewart should be a standout on the uneven bars and balance beam.

Rachael Delahoussaye comes to the Tide from Mandeville, La. The seven-time Louisiana State Champion is strong on the balance beam and could also see action on the uneven bars and floor exercise. Decatur, Ala. native Lauren Pruitt led Austin high school to the 2000 State Championship. Pruitt will look to contribute mainly on the vault as a rookie.

With such a talented lineup, the challenge will be developing depth and experience throughout the season. It will take the freshmen sometime to get use to collegiate gymnastics where competition comes every week, instead of every few months as it did in club gymnastics.

Helping the Pattersons develop the 2003 edition of the Crimson Tide will be assistant coach Bryan Raschilla who has been with the Tide for the past six seasons, giving Alabama the most established coaching staff in the nation. Joining those three will be volunteer assistant coach Dana Dobransky Duckworth, a former Tide national champion, in her fourth year on the Tide coaching staff, and Andree Pickens, two-time NCAA Champion and captain of last year's NCAA Champion squad will serve as a student coach.

The Tide's schedule remains one the nation's toughest, made tougher by the fact that everyone will be gunning for the defending national champions. After a meet the team exhibition on January 5 in Coleman Coliseum, Alabama has its first four competitions on the road before opening at home on Jan. 31 against



the Michigan Wolverines. The Tide's home slate is filled out with LSU (Feb. 14), Auburn (March 1) and Kentucky (March 8). The Tide finishes off the regular season home schedule with last year's NCAA Runner-up, the Georgia Bulldogs on March 15. The Tide will host the NCAA Regional Championships for the eighth time on April 12.



# 2003 Roster Breakdown

## LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (7)

**Seniors (1):** Kristin Sterner

**Juniors (3):** Lauren Holdefer, Stephanie Kite, Jeana Rice

**Sophomores (3):** Alexis Brion, Shannon Hrozek, Michelle Reeser

**Freshmen (7):** Mari Bayer, Rachel Delahoussaye, Dana Filetti, Ashley Miles, Dana Pierce, Lauren Pruitt, Larissa Stewart

## LETTERWINNERS LOST (9)

Natalie Barrington, Helen Burgin, Tiffany Byrd, Erin Holdefer, Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan, Andree Pickens, Sara Scarborough, Raegan Tomasek

## ALL-AMERICANS RETURNING (5)

Alexis Brion: 2002 — Vault, Floor

Shannon Hrozek: 2002 — Beam

Jeana Rice: 2002 — All-Around, Vault\*, Beam  
2001 — All Around, Vault\*, Bars\*, Beam\*, Floor

Kristin Sterner: 2002 — Beam, Floor  
2001 — Beam, Floor\*, Vault\*, All Around;  
2000 — Floor, Bars, All Around\*

\* Denotes second team All-American

**ALL-AMERICANS LOST (3):** Natalie Barrington, Andree Pickens, Raegan Tomasek

## NATIONAL CHAMPION LOST (1)

Andree Pickens: 2002 — Uneven Bars,  
1999 — Balance Beam

## 2002 SCHOLASTIC ALL-AMERICANS (13)

Stephanie Kite, Tiffany Byrd, Krista Gole, Alexa Martinez, Kristin Sterner, Michelle Reeser, Whitney Morgan, Natalie Barrington, Andree Pickens, Shannon Hrozek, Helen Burgin, Erin Holdefer, Lauren Holdefer

**2002 ACADEMIC ALL-SEC (15):** Natalie Barrington, Helen Burgin, Tiffany Byrd, Erin Holdefer, Lauren Holdefer, Shannon Hrozek, Stephanie Kite, Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan, Andree Pickens, Michelle Reeser, Jeana Rice, Kristin Sterner, Sara Scarborough, Raegan Tomasek



Name	Yr.	Exp.	Hgt.	Hometown	Club Team
Mari Bayer	Fr.	HS	5-5	San Jose, Calif.	West Valley Gymnastics
Alexis Brion	So.	1VL	5-2	Virginia Beach, Va.	Excalibur Gymnastics
Rachel Delahoussaye	Fr.	HS	5-2	Mandeville, La.	Northshore Gymnastics
Dana Filetti	Fr.	HS	5-0	Chesapeake, Va.	Excalibur Gymnastics
Lauren Holdefer	Jr.	2VL	5-5	Northport	Bama Bounders
Shannon Hrozek	So.	1VL	5-3	The Woodlands, Texas	Flips Gymnastics of Texas
Stephanie Kite	Jr.	1VL	5-1	Austin, Texas	Capital Gymnastics
Ashley Miles	Fr.	HS	5-7	San Antonio, Texas	South Texas Gymnastics Acad.
Dana Pierce	Fr.	HS	5-1	Advance, Ind.	DeVeau's School of Gymnastics
Lauren Pruitt	Fr.	HS	5-2	Decatur	Calhoun Twisters
Michelle Reeser	So.	1VL	4-9	Monroe, La.	River City Gymnastics
Jeana Rice	Jr.	2VL	4-10	Longwood, Fla.	ACE Gymnastics
Kristin Sterner	Sr.	3VL	5-0	Ionia, Mich.	Kentwood USA
Larissa Stewart	Fr.	HS	5-0	Healdton, Ok.	Victory Gymnastics

HEAD COACH	ASST. HEAD COACH	ASST. COACH	VOLUNTEER ASST. COACH
Sarah Patterson 25th Year	David Patterson 25th Year	Bryan Raschilla 7th Year	Dana Duckworth 4th Year

## STAFF

**Student Coaches:** Andree Pickens

**Assistant Athletic Trainers:** Monica Decker

**Student Athletic Trainers:**

Daisuke Hayashi & David Hightower, (spring semester)

Deboris Lanier & Nobuaki Sone, (fall semester)

**Managers:** Allison Spidle and Molly Harris

**Director of Gymnastics Operations:** Rita Martin

**Administrative Assistant:** Robin Kelley

**Academic Advisor:** Cathy Elliott

**Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Jesper Sjokvist

**Cardio Fitness Director:** Mary Cartee

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE:

Alexis **Brion** . . . . .Bree-own

Helen **Burgin** . . . . .Bur-ghin

Shannon **Hrozek** . . . . .Row-zek

Jeana **Rice** . . . . .Gee-na



# The Crimson Tide at a Glance



**MARI BAYER**  
San Jose, Calif.  
Freshman



**ALEXIS BRION**  
Virginia Beach, Va.  
Sophomore  
**\*All-American\***



**RACHAEL DELAHOUSAYE**  
Mandeville, La.  
Freshman



**DANA FILETTI**  
Chesapeake, Va.  
Freshman



**LAUREN HOLDEFER**  
Northport  
Junior



**SHANNON HROZEK**  
The Woodlands, Texas  
Sophomore  
**\*All-American\***



**STEPHANIE KITE**  
Austin, Texas  
Junior



**ASHLEY MILES**  
San Antonio, Texas  
Freshman



**DANA PIERCE**  
Advance, Ind.  
Freshman



**LAUREN PRUITT**  
Decatur, Ala.  
Freshman



**MICHELLE REESER**  
Monroe, La.  
Sophomore



**JEANA RICE**  
Longwood, Fla.  
Junior  
**\*All-American\***



**KRISTIN STERNER**  
Ionia, Michigan  
Senior  
**\*All-American\***



**LARISSA STEWART**  
Healdton, Okla.  
Freshman



# Mari Bayer

## THE MARI BAYER FILE

Freshman • HS  
Height: 5-5  
Hometown: San Jose, Calif.  
Major: Biology  
Events: All-Around  
High School: Lynbrook  
Club: West Valley

## Prep Highlights:

- Competed for West Valley Gymnastics under coaches Diane Amos and Chris Swircek
- As a elite level gymnast, was invited to two Pre-Olympic training camps with Bela Karolyi
- Competed at the 2001 Finland International Friendship competition taking fourth on the balance beam
- Took eighth on the uneven bars and 15th in the all-around at the 2001 USA Championships
- Won the floor exercise and finished fourth on the uneven bars and fifth in the all-around at the 2000 Level 10 National Championships
- Finished ninth in the all-around, fifth on the uneven bars and sixth on the vault at U.S. Classic
- Led West Valley to the 2001 Level 10 State Championship
- Played soccer for Lynbrook High School
- Earned Lynbrook's Red, White and Blue Award for Algebra

## Personal Information:

- Full name: Mari-Christine Ruth Bayer
- Parents are Anton and Cynthia Bayer
- Two Brothers: Anton and Nyle
- Uncles, Steve and Chris Weber, both played football at Stanford
- Born July 5, 1984

## Did You Know...

Mari Bayer has two uncles, Steve and Chris Weber, who both played football for Stanford University.



# Alexis Brion

## THE ALEXIS BRION FILE

Sophomore • 1VL  
 Height: 5-2  
 Hometown: Virginia Beach, Va.  
 Major: Pre-major Studies  
 Events: All-Around  
 High School: Kempsville  
 Club: Excalibur

### Alabama Highlights:

#### 2002 — FRESHMAN

- Earned two All-American honors at her inaugural NCAA Championships, vault and floor exercise
- 2002 regional champion on vault after scoring a career-high 9.90
- Competed on floor exercise in every competition of her rookie season
- Second-team All-SEC honors on the floor exercise after placing second at the SEC Championships
- Scored 9.9 or higher on the floor exercise 14 times in 16 outings
- The Tide's top finisher on the floor exercise six times, taking first-place honors four of those times

### Prep Highlights:

- Graduated from Kempsville High School
- Coached by Dena and Jim Walker at Excalibur Gymnastics
- First person in the world to compete a double full-in-back-out in the pike position on the floor exercise
- National Honor Society
- Help lead the United States to a win in the USA vs. Ukraine meet
- Finished fifth in the all-around at the 1996 Hungarian International Gymnastics Championship in Budapest
- Took 10th in the all-around at the 1995 Subway World Gymnastics Challenge in Ontario, Canada
- Led the United States to a first place finish at the 1995 Pacific Ocean Games held in Cali, Columbia, taking third in the all-around
- Competed at the 1995 U.S. Olympic Festival, winning the floor exercise and leading her squad to the gold medal

### Personal Information:

- **Full name:** Alexis Renee Brion
- **Parents:** Dan and Laura Brion
- **Brother:** Dan
- **Born:** November 18, 1982

### Brion's Top Scores

Vault	9.900 (4/6/02)
Floor	9.950 (2/10/02; 2/22/02; 3/8/02)



### Did You Know...

Alexis Brion was the first gymnast, male or female, to perform a double full-in pike, a skill that is now known as the "Brion".



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# Rachael Delahoussaye

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## THE RACHAEL DELAHOUSSAYE FILE

Freshman • HS

Height: 5-2

Hometown: Mandeville, La.

Major: Pre-med biology & Art History

Events: All-Around

High School: St. Scholastica Academy

Club: Northshore

### Prep Highlights:

- Competed for Bryan Neal at Northshore Gymnastics
- Seven-time Louisiana State Champion
- Competed at regionals seven times
- National Honor Society
- Alpha Honor Roll
- Student Council

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Rachael Marie Delahoussaye
- Parents are Jerry and Nancy Delahoussaye
- Sisters: Rebecca, Sarah and Abby
- Born September 21, 1984



# Dana Filetti

## THE DANA FILETTI FILE

Freshman • HS  
Height: 5-1  
Hometown: Chesapeake, Va.  
Major: Communications  
Events: All-Around  
High School: Nansemond-Suffolk Academy  
Club: Excalibur

### Prep Highlights:

- Competed for Jim and Dena Walker at Excalibur Gymnastics
- Alternate on the 2001 United States World Championship squad
- Finished sixth in the all-around as part of the U.S. National team at the 2001 DeHypotheekshop Gymnastics Top in Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Member of the USA Senior International Team 2001-02
- Took ninth at the 2001 U.S. National Championships in the all-around
- Finished 10th in the all-around at the 2001 U.S. Classic
- Led her team to the team title at the 2001 Capital Cup, winning the all-around and vault in the process
- Won the all-around at the 1999 American Challenge

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Dana Brown Filetti
- Parents are Dante and Jean Filetti
- Older sister Mara is a sophomore at Alabama
- Born August 1, 1984



### Did You Know...

Dana Filetti has an older sister, Mara, who is a sophomore at The University of Alabama.



# Lauren Holdefefer

## THE LAUREN HOLDEFER FILE

Junior • 2VL  
Height: 5-5  
Hometown: Northport, Ala.  
Major: Pre-med  
Events: All-Around  
High School: Tuscaloosa County  
Club: Bama Bounders

### Alabama Highlights:

#### 2002 (SOPHOMORE):

- Scored a season-high 9.750 on the vault against Nebraska
- Posted a season-high 9.875 on the floor exercise twice at both the season opening Super Six Challenge and at season ending NCAA Super Six Championships
- Inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma national honor society
- Scholastic All-American
- Academic All-SEC

#### 2001 (FRESHMAN):

- Made her Crimson Tide debut in the vault and floor line-ups at Georgia
- Scored a career-high 9.925 at Penn State in the floor exercise and a career high 9.775 on the vault against UGA and again at the SEC Championships

### Prep Highlights:

- Competed for Tom Haley and Marianne Nunnally at Bama Bounders
- 1999 Level 10 Region VIII vault champion
- Finished second on the balance beam, fifth on the floor exercise and sixth in the all-around at the 1999 Level 10 National Championships
- Also played softball, leading her team to six league championships including five in a row
- Graduated in the top-15 of her class
- Member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Key Club, German Club and Science Club
- Member of SADD

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Jennifer Lauren Holdefefer
- Parents are Mike and Cindy Holdefefer
- Brother: James
- Twin sister Erin was also a member of the 2002 NCAA Champion Alabama squad
- Born December 10, 1981

### Lauren Holdefefer Top Scores

<b>Vault</b>	9.775UGA 3/3/01, SEC 2/23/01
<b>Floor</b>	9.925PSU 3/17/01

### Did You Know...

Lauren Holdefefer grew up in Northport, Ala. and trained in Crimson Tide practice facility as part of the Bama Bounders club team.



# Shannon Hrozek

## THE SHANNON HROZEK FILE

Sophomore • 1VL  
 Height: 5-3  
 Hometown: The Woodlands, Texas  
 Major: Pre-major Studies  
 Events: All-Around  
 High School: The Woodlands  
 Club: Flips Gymnastics of Texas

### Alabama Highlights:

#### 2002 (FRESHMAN):

- Earned All-American honors on the balance beam
- Competed in the all-around twice as a rookie
- Posted a season high 9.900 on the uneven bars at the NCAA Central Regional Championships
- Helped the Crimson Tide to an NCAA record 49.725 on the balance beam at the NCAA Central Regional with a season high 9.9
- Won her first all-around outing against Florida, scoring a 39.250
- Earned a 39.250 in the all-around at Auburn, again taking home first place where she also won the floor exercise
- Scored a season high 9.90 in her first outing on floor exercise against Auburn in Birmingham
- Ranked as high as No. 11 nationally on floor exercise
- Earned Dean's List Honors in her first semester (posting a 3.5 or better grade point average)
- Scholastic All-American
- Academic All-SEC

### Prep Highlights:

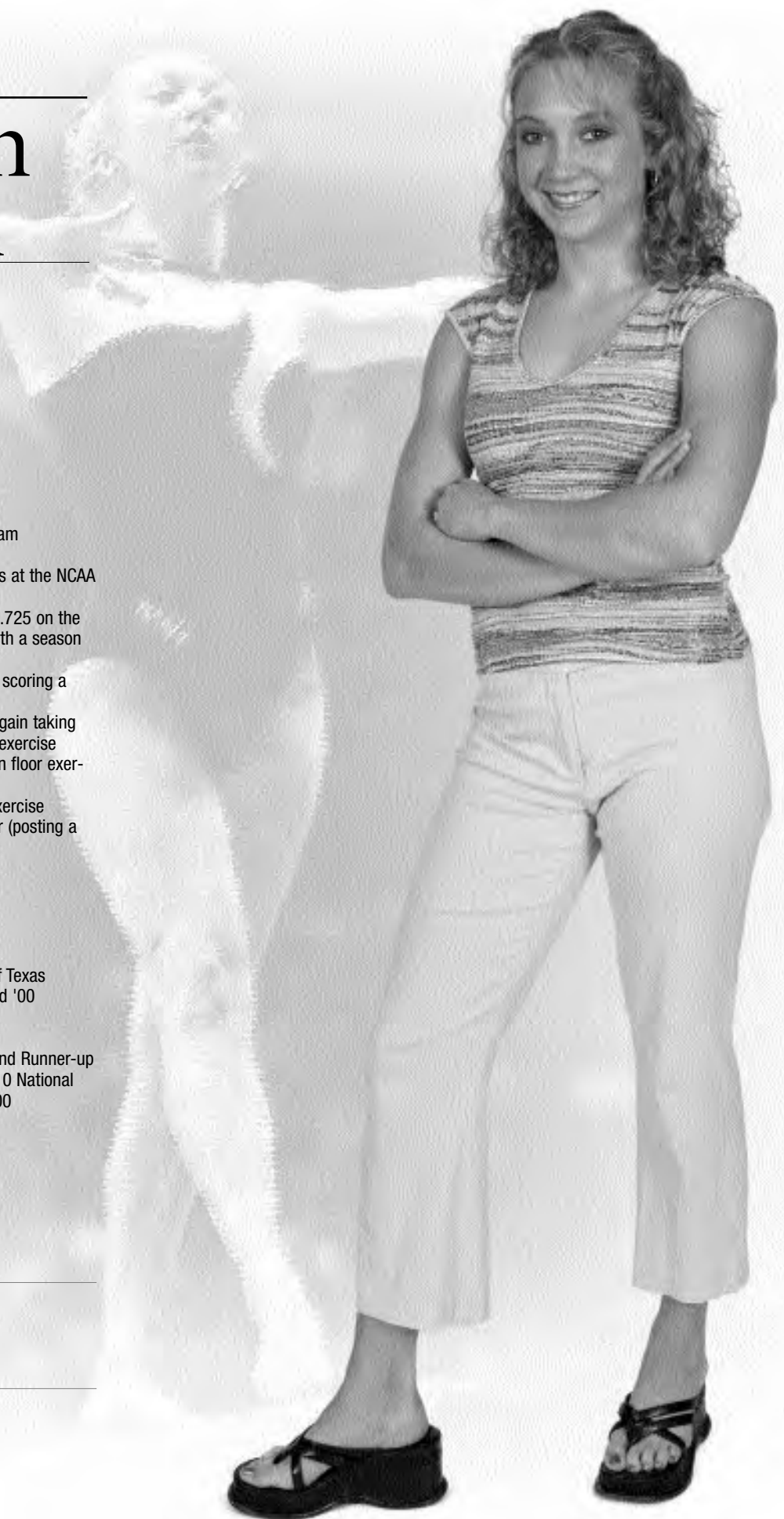
- Graduated from The Woodlands High School
- Coached by Randy Scott at Flips Gymnastics of Texas
- Level 10 National competitor 1996, '98, '99 and '00
- 2000 Region 3 All-Around Champion
- 1998 Texas State Vault Champion
- 1998 Level 10 National Championship All-Around Runner-up
- Finished in the all-around top-10 at the Level 10 National Championships three years in a row, 1998-2000

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Shannon Marie Hrozek
- Parents are Richard and Carrie Hrozek
- Brother: Wayne
- Born December 16, 1982

### Shannon Hrozek Top Scores

<b>Vault</b>	9.850 (3/8/02)
<b>Bars</b>	9.900 (4/6/02)
<b>Beam</b>	9.900 (4/6/02)
<b>Floor</b>	9.900 (2/10/02)
<b>All Around</b>	39.250 (2/22/02)





# Stephanie Kite

## THE STEPHANIE KITE FILE

Junior • 2VL  
Height: 5-1  
Hometown: Austin, Texas  
Major: Business  
Events: All-Around  
High School: Westlake  
Club: Capital Gymnastics

### Alabama Highlights:

#### 2002 (SOPHOMORE):

- Competed on the vault for the Tide for the first time at the season opening Super Six Challenge
- Scored a career-high 9.825 on the vault against UCLA
- Competed on the floor exercise in every meet of the season, posting a 9.8 or higher in 13 of 15 competitions.
- Named to the President's List for the Fall and Spring Semesters after earning a pair of perfect 4.0 grade point averages
- Scholastic All-American
- Academic All-SEC

#### 2001 (FRESHMAN):

- Scored a career-high 9.90 on floor against Kentucky and again at the NCAA Regionals
- Scored no lower than 9.80 on the floor exercise in last five outings
- Made first appearance in the line-up at the season opening Super Six Challenge
- Inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies
- Awarded Economics Freshman Achievement Award
- Scholastic All-American
- Named to the President's List for the Fall and Spring Semesters after earning a pair of perfect 4.0 grade point averages

### Prep Highlights:

- Competed for Jim and Cheryl Jarrett at Capital Gymnastics, the same club that produced former Crimson Tide All-Americans Merritt Booth, Sheryl Dundas, Kara Stilp and Stephanie Woods along with 2002 senior Alexa Martinez
- Finished sixth on the vault and 13th in the all-around at the 2000 Level 10 National Championships
- 1999 Level 10 National Vault champion
- Finished fifth on the floor exercise at the 1999 Level 10 National Championships
- Member of the Level 10 National Region III team in 1999 and 2000
- National Honor Society
- Graduated sixth in her class

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Stephanie Lee Kite
- Parents are Tom and Christy Kite
- Father, Tom, is a professional golfer, who played collegiately at Texas
- Mother, Christy, played golf for Arizona State
- Twin brothers: Paul and David
- Born October 7, 1981

### Stephanie Kite's Top Scores

<b>Vault</b>	9.825 (3/16/02)
<b>Floor</b>	9.900 (2/24/01; 4/7/01)

### Did You Know...

Stephanie Kite carries a 4.0 grade point average in marketing.



# Ashley Miles

## THE ASHLEY MILES FILE

Freshman • HS

Height: 5-7

Hometown: San Antonio, Texas

Major: Pre-major Studies

Events: All-Around

High School: Radiance Academy

Club: South Texas Gymnastics Academy

## Prep Highlights:

- Four-year member of the U.S. National Team, 1997-98, 1999-2002
- Helped the US National Team to a bronze medal at the 2001 World Championships
- Led the United States to a gold medal at the 2002 Spring Cup in Burlington, Ontario by collecting gold of her own in the all-around and balance beam and silver on the floor exercise and vault
- Helped the US National Team to gold medal performance at the 2001 American Team Cup and the 2000 International Team Championships held in Honolulu, Hawaii and Syracuse, NY respectively
- Took fifth in the all-around, second on the vault and fourth on the uneven bars at the 2001 U.S. Gymnastics Championships
- Finished fourth in the all-around at the 1999 Japan Junior International Championships
- At the 2001 U.S. Classic, took sixth in the all-around, fourth on the uneven bars and fifth on the vault
- Took 13th in the all-around and third on the vault at the 2000 U.S. National Championships
- Won the all-around at the 1997 Monja Blanca Invitational where she also took first in the floor exercise, second on the vault, balance beam and uneven bars

## Personal Information:

- Full name: Ashley Rae Miles
- Parents are Milton and Sherine Miles
- Brothers: Daniel and Joshua - Sister: Lauren
- Born March 3, 1985



## Did You Know...

Ashley Miles helped the US National Team to a bronze medal at the 2001 World Gymnastics Championships.



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# Dana Pierce

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## THE DANA PIERCE FILE

Freshman • HS

Height: 5-1

Hometown: Advance, Ind.

Major: Pre-major Studies

Events: All-Around

High School: Western Boone

Club: DeVeau's School of Gymnastics

### Prep Highlights:

- Member of the United States National Team
- Led the 2000 Region 5 All-Star team to a silver medal in France
- Placed fourth in the all around at the 2000 U.S. Classic
- A member of the famed Bela Karolyi's pre-Olympic training group
- Finished second on the vault and third on the floor exercise at the 1999 US Classic
- Also competed in diving, undefeated throughout the regular season as a junior and track and field, competing in the long jump, winning the sectional and conference championships
- National Honor Society vice president
- Voted Western Boone's "Miss Congeniality" as a senior
- Homecoming Queen as a freshman and a senior

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Dana Marie Pierce
- Parents are Danny and Lisa Pierce
- Brothers: David and Daniel - Sister: Amy
- Born June 28, 1983

### Did You Know...

Dana Pierce played the clarinet through junior high school.



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# Lauren Pruitt

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## THE LAUREN PRUITT FILE

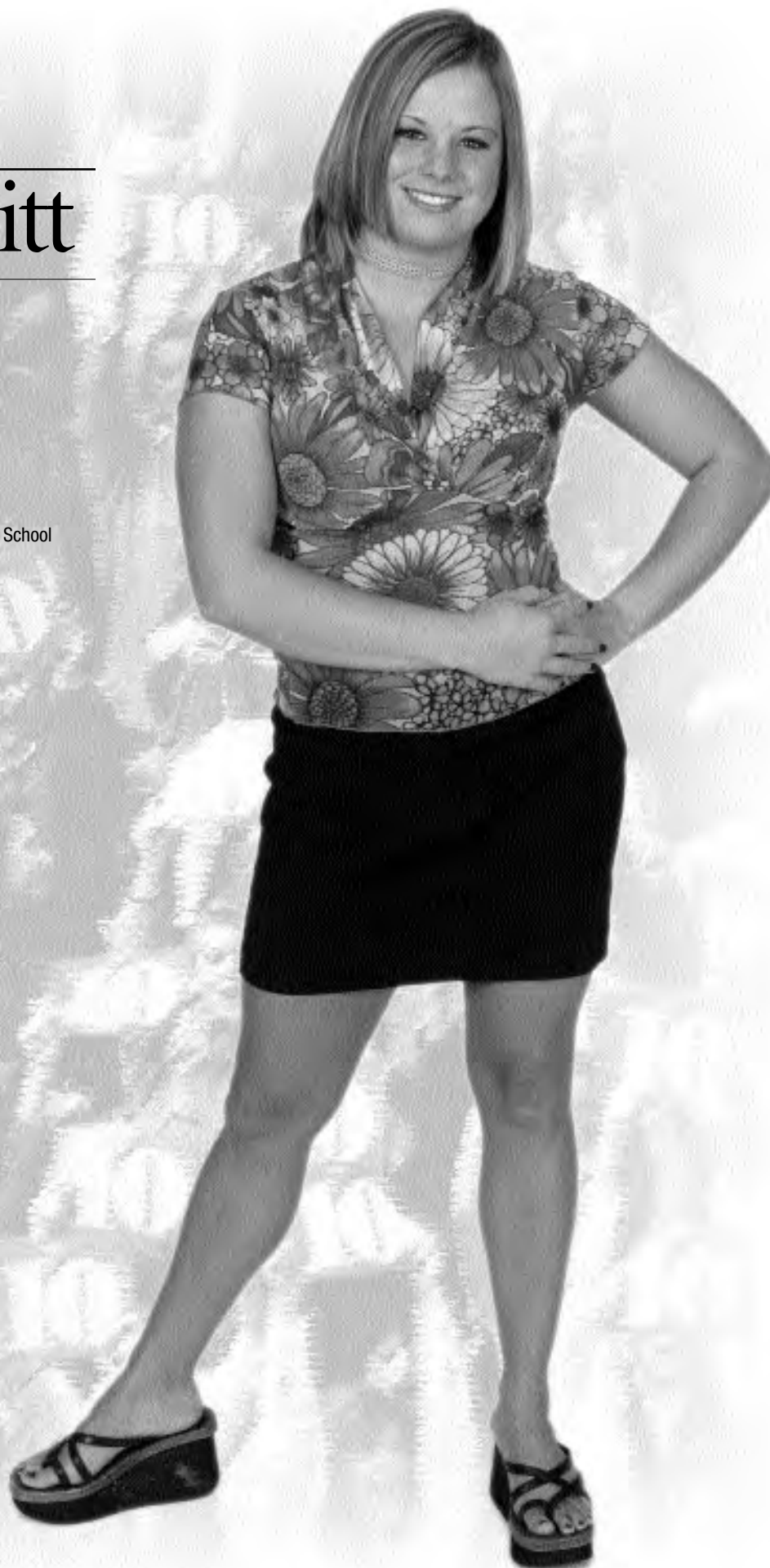
Freshman • HS  
Height: 5-2  
Hometown: Decatur, Ala.  
Major: Pre-major Studies  
Events: All-Around  
High School: Austin  
Club: Calhoun Twisters

### Prep Highlights:

- Led Austin High School to the 2000 Alabama State High School Championship
- Coached by Lenette Calvin at Calhoun Twisters
- Competed at the 1998 German Gymnastics Festival
- Competed at the 2000 Alabama Sports Festival
- Earned All-State honors in 2000
- Competed at Level 10 Regionals
- Member of the Austin student council

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Lauren Pruitt
- Parents are Billy and Patricia Pruitt
- Brother: Adam - Sister: Lacy
- Born December 27, 1983





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# Michelle Reeser

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## THE MICHELLE REESER FILE

Sophomore - 1VL  
Height: 4-9  
Hometown: Monroe, La.  
Major: Accounting  
Events: All-Around  
High School: St. Frederick  
Club: River City Gymnastics

### Alabama Highlights:

#### 2002 (FRESHMAN):

- Made her competitive debut on the floor exercise against Nebraska posting a 9.900
- Was near-perfect against Auburn, posting a 9.975 on the floor and winning the event
- Scored 9.9 or better on the floor exercise six times as a rookie
- Member of Alabama's Honor Program
- Earned Dean's List honors (3.5 or better grade point average) for both the fall and spring semester
- Inducted into Gamma Beta Phi national honor society
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- Scholastic All-American
- Academic All-SEC

### Prep Highlights:

- Graduated from St. Frederick
- Coached by Steve Biondo at River City Gymnastics
- Elite Level Gymnast
- Led Region 8 to a second place finish at the 1997 Level 10 National Championships
- Finished second on the floor exercise at the 1999 American Challenge
- Finished second on the floor exercise at the 1999 US Challenge
- National Honor Society
- Delta Beta Sigma Charity Sorority
- Octagon Club
- Member of the "A" Honor Roll throughout high school career
- Valedictorian of her class

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Michelle Anne Reeser
- Parents are Michael and Mary Anne Reeser
- Brother: Corey
- Born May 21, 1983

### Michelle Reeser's Top Scores

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<b>Floor</b>	9.975 (2/10/02)
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# Jeana Rice

## THE JEANA RICE FILE

Junior • 2VL  
 Height: 4-11  
 Hometown: Longwood, Fla.  
 Major: Advertising  
 Events: All-Around  
 High School: Lake Mary  
 Club: ACE Gymnastics

### Alabama Highlights:

#### 2002 (SOPHOMORE):

- Earned three All-American honors - first team on the balance beam and second team in the all-around and vault
- Repeated as NCAA Regional All-Around champion
- Also won the vault and balance beam at the NCAA Regional Championships
- Scored a career-high 9.950 on the balance beam at NCAA Regionals to contribute to the Tide's NCAA record-setting beam effort
- Earned a career high 9.95 on vault at Kentucky
- Won two all-around titles in the regular season, first at Georgia and then at Kentucky
- Ranked as high as No. 14 nationally on vault

#### 2001 (FRESHMAN):

- Earned five All-American honors during her rookie season, taking first team honor in the all-around and the floor exercise and second team on the balance beam, vault and uneven bars
- Finished third in the all-around at the NCAA Championships, the highest NCAA Championship finish by a Crimson Tide freshman since Meredith Willard took third in 1994
- Finished sixth on the floor exercise during the individual finals of the NCAA Championships
- All-Southeastern Conference
- Runner-up in the all-around at the SEC Championships
- 2001 Central Regional Floor and all-around champion
- Competed in the all-around 9 of 12 meets this season
- Scored 39.400 or higher five times in the all-around
- Hit 40 for 45 routines during the season
- Contributed to the Tide's 49.700 school floor exercise record with a 9.975
- Contributed to Alabama's school record on the uneven bars at Central Regional Championship, 49.625, with a 9.925
- Won 10 events throughout the season and led the team 12 times
- Ranked as high as No. 16 on bars, No. 4 on vault and No. 8 in the all-around during the season
- Named Alabama's "Most Valuable Freshman"
- Scholastic All-American

### Prep Highlights:

- Competed for her mother and step-father, Joan and Ray Gnat, at ACE Gymnastics
- Four-year member of the United States National Team
- Competed for the U.S. at the 1999 China Cup in Tianjin, China
- Finished seventh in the all-around and third on the balance beam at the 1998 U.S. National Championships
- Finished runner-up on the vault and ninth on the balance beam at the 1998 U.S. Classic
- At the 1997 U.S. Gymnastics Championships, finished 19th in the all-around and ninth on the floor exercise



### Personal Information:

- Full name: Jeana Marie Rice
- Parents are Bob Rice and Joan Gnat
- Mother, Joan Moore Gnat, was a member of the 1972 U.S. Olympic Gymnastics team in addition to winning 11 national championships, while stepfather, Ray Gnat, competed gymnastics for LSU
- Father, Bob Rice, was a gymnast at Temple University
- Two brothers: Steve and Sean
- Two half-sisters: Ashleigh and Heather
- Born November 22, 1981

### Jeana Rice's Top Scores

<b>Vault</b>	9.950 (3/3/01; 3/8/02)
<b>Bars</b>	9.925 (4/7/01)
<b>Beam</b>	9.950 (4/6/02)
<b>Floor</b>	9.975 (2/16/01; 4/7/01)
<b>All Around</b>	39.650 (4/7/01)

### Did You Know...

Jeana Rice has earned eight All-American honors through her first two seasons at Alabama.



# Kristin Sterner

## THE KRISTIN STERNER FILE

Senior - 3VL

Height: 5-4

Hometown: Ionia Michigan

Major: Biology (Pre-med)

Events: All-Around

High School: Ionia

Club: Kentwood U.S.A.

## Alabama Highlights:

### 2003 (SENIOR):

- Member of SAAB, Alabama's Student-Athlete Advisory Board

### 2002 (JUNIOR):

- Earned two All-American honors, balance beam and floor exercise, giving her nine career All-American honors
- Captain of the 2002 squad
- Lewis Each Courage Award as voted by her teammates
- 2002 NCAA Regional balance beam champion, where she scored a career-high 9.950 to contribute to the Tide's NCAA record-setting effort
- Won the all-around title in three of the five regular season meets in which she competed all-around
- A seven-time event champion this season
- Was near perfect on the floor exercise against Nebraska, scoring a 10.00 from one judge to score a career high 9.975
- The Tide's top all-arounder before injuring her ankle on the vault against Auburn, which sidelined her for four weeks
- Inducted into Beta Beta Beta, the national biology honorary
- Scholastic All-American
- Academic All-SEC

### 2001 (SOPHOMORE):

- Earned four All-American honors, including first team on the balance beam and second team in the all-around, floor exercise and vault
- Finished sixth in the all-around at the NCAA Championships
- Finished fifth on the balance beam during the individual finals of the NCAA Championships
- All-Southeastern Conference
- NCAA Central Regional vault champion
- Competed in 40 of 48 events this season
- Scored 39.450 or higher in 4 all-around competitions this season
- "Hit" 38 of 40 routines this season
- Chipped in a career best 9.975 to the Tide's 49.700 school record floor exercise total against Georgia
- Contributed to a school record 49.625 on uneven bars at Central Regional Championship, with a 9.925
- Earned career highs in all events: 9.925 on vault against Kentucky and at Regionals, 9.925 on bars

at Georgia, 9.90 on beam against Georgia, 9.975 on floor against Georgia and 39.600 in the all-around at regionals

- Won three events and led the Tide seven times during the season
- Ranked as high as No. 17 on vault
- Named to the President's List for the Spring Semester, earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average
- Scholastic All-American
- Academic All-SEC

### 2000 (FRESHMAN):

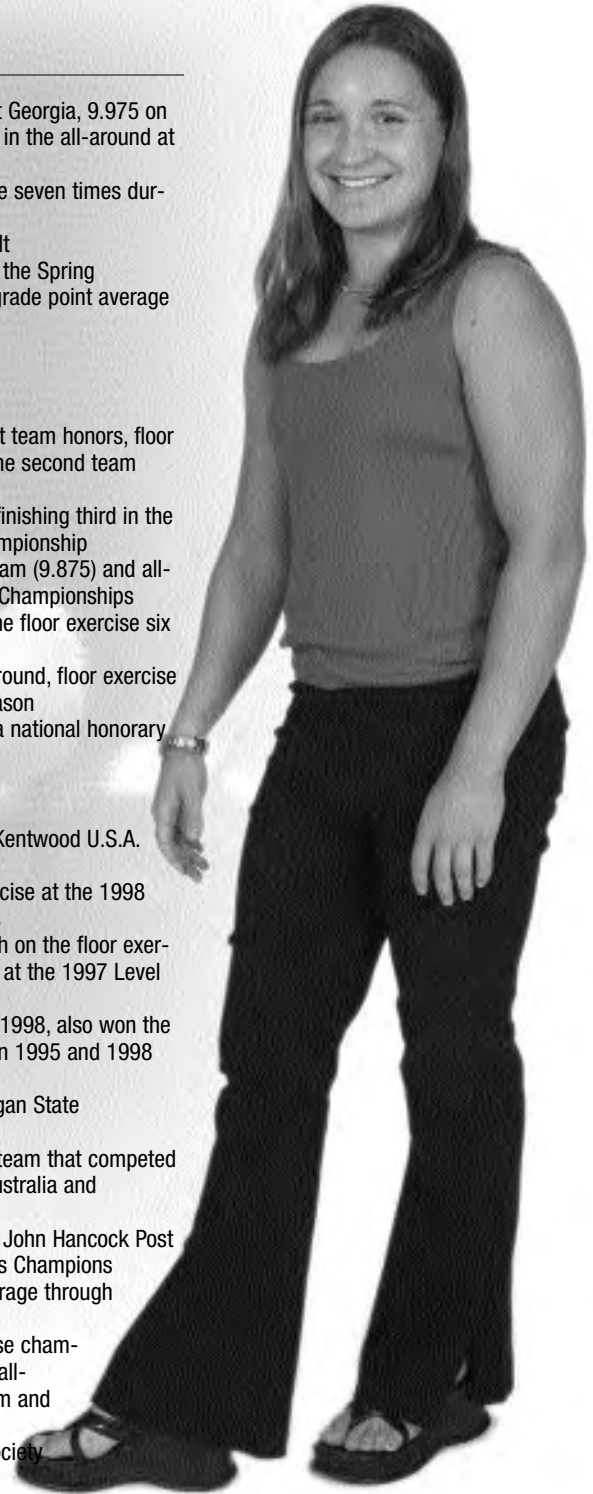
- Three-time All-American, two first team honors, floor exercise and uneven bars, and one second team honor, all-around
- Earned All-SEC recognition after finishing third in the all-around at the conference championship
- Scored a season best balance beam (9.875) and all-around (39.375) total at the SEC Championships
- Posted a season high 9.900 on the floor exercise six times during the year
- Ranked in the top-20 in the all-around, floor exercise and balance beam during the season
- Inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta national honorary
- Scholastic All-American

## Prep Highlights:

- Voted most valuable member of Kentwood U.S.A. from 1993-98
- Finished second on the floor exercise at the 1998 Level 10 National Championships
- Took third in the all-around, fourth on the floor exercise and fifth on the uneven bars at the 1997 Level 10 National Championships
- Region V all-around champion in 1998, also won the vault in 1998, the floor exercise in 1995 and 1998 and the uneven bars in 1996
- Led Kentwood to the 1998 Michigan State Championship
- Member of the Region V All-Star team that competed in Marseille, France, Canberra, Australia and Stockholm, Sweden
- Performed at the 1997 and 1998 John Hancock Post Olympic Tour of World Gymnastics Champions
- Maintained a 3.9 grade point average through high school
- 1999 Junior Olympic floor exercise champion, also finished second in the all-around, third on the balance beam and fifth on the uneven bars
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Member of Spanish Club

## Personal Information:

- Full name: Kristin Brooke Sterner
- Parents are Keith and Lynn Sterner
- Brother: Travis
- Sister: Kim
- Father, Keith, was a gymnast at Michigan State, while brother, Travis, dove for Albion College
- Born June 8, 1981



## Kristin Sterner's Top Scores:

<b>Vault</b>	9.925 (2/24/01)
<b>Bars</b>	9.925 (2/9/01)
<b>Beam</b>	9.950 (4/6/02)
<b>Floor</b>	9.975 (2/16/01)
<b>All Around</b>	39.600 (4/7/01)



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# Larissa Stewart

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## THE LARISSA STEWART FILE

Freshman • HS  
Height: 5-0  
Hometown: Healdton, Okla.  
Major: Pre-med  
Events: All-Around  
High School: Healdton  
Club: Victory Gymnastics

### Prep Highlights:

- Member of the USA National Team
- Competed for Doug Belden at Victory Gymnastics
- Finished seventh in the all-around and fifth on the uneven bars at the 2000 Romanian International Invitational
- As a member of the US Junior National Team, took second on the uneven bars at the 1999 USA vs. France meet
- Finished fifth on the balance beam at the 2001 USA Championships
- Finished 20th in the all-around and 13th in the uneven bars and balance beam at the 2000 USA Championships
- Took 17th in the all-around at the 2001 US Classic
- Took ninth in the all-around at the 1999 John Hancock Classic and placed thirteenth at the 2000 American Classic/Challenge
- Won the all-around at the 1999 Gymnix International Invitational in Montreal, Canada

### Personal Information:

- Full name: Larissa Janeen Stewart
- Parents are Robert and Jeannette Stewart
- Sister, Amanda, competes in track and field and cross country at St. Gregory University
- Born June 11, 1984





## Athletic Trainer

# Monica Decker

There is nothing quite so reassuring for members of the Alabama Gymnastics team as walking into the gym and seeing Monica Decker's smiling face.

Decker, in her third year as a member of the gymnastics staff, is an invaluable part of the Crimson Tide program.

"Monica is by far one of the finest athletic trainers that I have worked with," head coach Sarah Patterson said. "Her rapport with the staff and the athletes is exceptional and her knowledge of rehabilitation is outstanding. She has a gift for working with elite level athletes. I think anyone can know the nuts and bolts of training, but I think it takes someone who is gifted to work with elite level athletes."

A native of Phoenix, Ariz., Decker came a long way to work with the Crimson Tide. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Arizona State in 2000, and last spring she earned a Master's in Sports Medicine Health Care from The University of Alabama.

"Even though I'm out of school," Decker said. "I feel like I'll still be learning something new no matter how long I'm in the profession.

You can never know enough when it comes to working with elite-level athletes."

In addition to serving as a certified athletic trainer on the Tide staff, Decker is also an instructor in Alabama's athletic training undergraduate program.

Coming cross country wasn't the only adjustment Decker had to make. While with the Sun Devils, she worked as an undergraduate trainer with the football team. The size of her charges was not the only dramatic difference.

"The first couple of months, everything the girls did in practice made me wince," Decker remembers with a smile. "But by Christmas I'd

gotten use to watching them fly through the air and tumble back and forth through the gym. Now I don't even blink when they do flip after flip across the beam or fly through the bars. They are just such tremendous athletes."

Much of her day to day work, especially in the preseason, is spent on preventative measures, helping stop problems before they get started. During the season, most of Decker's time is spent helping the athletes maintain their health and fitness levels.

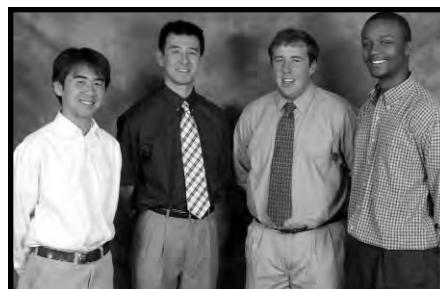
"Positive reinforcement is a big part of the job," Decker said. "To be there everyday, encouraging them, letting them know that they are making progress and keeping them positive."

And in the case of injuries, she is there through their rehab to help them return to peak health as quickly and safely as possible. Decker worked extensively with 2002 senior Andréé Pickens, helping her come back from a torn Achilles tendon. She was part of a team that included orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews, that helped Pickens not only come back in record time, but help Alabama to its fourth NCAA Championship last season. In fact, when the 2002 season began, there were five scholarship athletes on the sideline, rehabbing injuries. All of them made it back in time to make an impact on the Tide's championship season.

For her efforts during the 2002 season, Decker was awarded the David Dutton Award, given to individuals who go above and beyond the call of duty for the Alabama Gymnastics program.

In addition to her other duties, Decker also tries to teach her charges the importance of carrying on healthy habits into the life beyond their career.

"I hope that I can teach them all enough about taking care of themselves, that when they go out into the world, they enjoy healthy and successful lives," Decker said. "And being part of the Alabama gymnastics 'family' I look forward to watching them grow and mature over the years."



Alabama's student trainers, from the left - Daisuke Hayashi (spring semester), Nobuaki Sone (fall semester), David Hightower (spring semester) and Deboris Lanier (fall semester)



# Strength & Conditioning

To maintain its status as a top team in the nation, Alabama gymnasts must stay in top form. Enter Jesper Sjokvist and Mary Cartee, the Crimson Tide's strength and cardio coaches.

Every year, the gymnastics coaches meet with Sjokvist and Cartee to modify the Tide program to make sure it best meets the needs of the current team. On average, the team spends nearly five hours a week improving and enhancing their flexibility as well as their physical and aerobic strength. This year the Tide has added a Pilates program to its training régime to help with flexibility and overall strength.

"The exercises the gymnasts do build a good power base," Sjokvist said. "Our goal is to increase their strength and endurance."

This preseason, the gymnasts spent one day lifting in the weight room working on individual weaknesses, two days conditioning in the gym and two days spinning with Mary Cartee.

"In the gym, the girls are given gymnastics-specific exercises," Sjokvist said. "We use the equipment as much as possible."

Sjokvist and Cartee work closely with the Alabama coaching staff, especially assistant coach Bryan Raschilla, who designs, with input from Sjokvist and Cartee, the overall program.

The preseason workouts are designed to build the gymnast's core strength, Raschilla explained. "Once the season arrives, we are still building, but we don't increase our levels of frequency," Raschilla said. "We also add more joint stabilization exercises to prevent injury."

Sjokvist's job isn't finished when the final Alabama gymnast competes at the NCAA Championships. Instead, he is busy preparing the squad's summer conditioning. The gymnasts get four to six weeks off depending on individual needs.



Then its back to maintaining the strength they worked so hard to develop over the last year. Sjokvist designs a summer conditioning program tailored to each gymnast's requirements, and incoming freshmen receive a general program designed to prepare them for the team's pre-season.

As the Tide's aerobics instructor, Cartee leads the team through spinning, the core of the aerobic program. "While spinning is basically an aerobic exercise, we've modified it to be more strength oriented, more explosive," Raschilla said.

"Spinning not only improves cardiovascular endurance," Cartee said. "But I also see it helping in improving a gymnast's power. At the first competition in the first year we did this, all the girls were coming to me and telling me how strong they felt. So, they are gaining strength that can help them in things like the floor exercise, on vault, even on bars."

Leaner, faster and stronger. That



is the aim of the Crimson Tide strength and conditioning program and staff for the athletes. Every step an Alabama gymnast makes to build these characteristics is just another step closer to another national championship title.

**Jesper Sjokvist (top) and Mary Cartee (above, center) work hard in conjunction with the coaching staff to make sure that the Crimson Tide stays in the best possible shape.**



# Gymnastics Support Staff

For every minute that Alabama Gymnastics shines in the white hot spotlight of national success, there are thousands of behind the scene details that make it possible.

For the Crimson Tide, there are two women charged with handling those details and keeping everything running smoothly. Rita Martin, gymnastic's operations director, and Robin Kelley, the Tide's administrative assistant, work hard every day to keep the Alabama Gymnastics world shining bright and running like a well oiled machine.

As director of operations, Martin is responsible for a wide variety of tasks, from daily paperwork to being the meet director, and everything in between.

The New Jersey native has been a part of the athletics department for more than 20 years. Before joining the gymnastics office,

she was administrative assistant for Assistant Athletics Director/Senior Women's Administrator Ann-Marie Lawler. When Patterson assumed that role in 1985, Martin became her assistant, and one of the great teams in athletics was created.

"Rita is so great at keeping everything together," Patterson said. "She allows us to be our best because she handles all the details so well."

Martin is married to Buddy Martin and the couple has a daughter, Kelly, and two sons, Paul, a sophomore at Alabama, and Brett.

Kelley is in her first year with the gymnastics program, though she has been a part of the athletics department for the past two years.

A native of Northport, Ala., Kelley and her husband Jay have two sons, Tanner and Jesse.



**Rita Martin**  
Director of Gymnastics Operations



**Robin Kelley**  
Administrative Assistant



## Allison Spidle and Molly Harris

Gymnastics Team Managers

It's a sister act for the University of Alabama gymnastics team managers. Though Allison Spidle and Molly Harris are not related, they are the siblings of two women who have already played vital roles to the success of the Crimson Tide team. Spidle's sister is former Alabama All-American Gwen and Harris' sister, Sarah, served as team manager from 1998-2001.

While Harris and Spidle don't dress out for practice every day or go through conditioning and training, they do have very specific jobs that keep them just as busy. Spidle spends her days in the gym along side the athletes. Whether it is making sure each gymnast has the right size apparel, videotaping routines and individual skills or helping with the floor exercise music, Spidle is jumping nearly as much as the team, right up to traveling to the meets with the team. Harris spends much of her time in the office, helping Rita Martin and Robin Kelley with all the administrative tasks needed to keep a team like Alabama going.

Spidle is in her third year with the team. The Gallatin, Mo. native is aiming for a double major, studying Russian and communication disorders.

Now in her junior campaign, she has adapted to balancing her school and gym work and has grown extremely close with the team.

"I love these girls," Spidle explained. "We're all pretty tight." So tight, in fact, that she and fellow classmate, junior Stephanie Kite are roommates.

Harris is in her second year with the Tide. Even coming into last season, her first, the elder Harris gave Molly plenty of advice prior to her first day of work. Aside from the standard suggestions of staying on top her schoolwork and ensuring her efforts were her best, Sarah told her sister to "always smile," a daily highlight in each gymnast's practice.

They are considered as important as the gymnasts and play a key role in the program's accomplishments. In fact, this Fall when the Alabama gymnasts received their NCAA Championship rings during half-time at the Alabama vs. Southern Miss football game, Spidle and Harris were right down with them, receiving their rings.

Spidle is the daughter of Ron and Kim Spidle of Gallatin, Mo. Harris is the daughter of Bob and Linda Harris of Tuscaloosa.



## Tony Giles

The Voice of Crimson Tide Athletics

Tony Giles is in his 11th season as the voice of Alabama Gymnastics. Giles, the public address announcer for the Crimson Tide home meets since 1993, is considered one of the nation's best. In addition to serving as the announcer for the Tide's regular season home schedule, he has also been the voice of the 1996 and 2002 NCAA Championships as well as several NCAA Regional and Southeastern Conference Championships.

Giles is also Alabama's announcer for men's basketball and football. He is a financial advisor and estate planning consultant for Morgan and Stanley. A 1976 graduate of The University of Alabama, Giles and his wife Lynn have two sons, Scott and Rowdy.



**Kent Gidley**

Photography Coordinator for Athletics



**Garrett Klassy**

Assistant Athletic Ticket Manager



**Steve Wilson**

Coleman Coliseum Manager



**Joe Whitehead**

Assistant Coleman Coliseum Manager



## Jana Morrison

Assistant Director of Event Management

As Assistant Director of Event Management Jana Morrison's responsibilities include planning and coordinating athletic events and championships. She is in her fourth season working with gymnastics.

Last season Morrison was the meet director for the 2002 NCAA Gymnastics Championships, hosted and won by Alabama. This season she will reprise that role at the 2003 NCAA Central Regional Championship, being held in Coleman Coliseum.

A 1991 graduate of Vanguard (Fla.) High School, Morrison earned a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Administration from Stetson University and a master's degree in Athletic Administration from Springfield College.

A native of Ocala, Fla., Morrison played softball and ran cross country at Stetson.



## Alabama's Medical Staff

# Mending the Crimson Tide

When Dr. Jimmy Robinson talks about his work with the Alabama Crimson Tide, you can hear the excitement in his voice.

"When I was doing my residency, I got bit by the sports medicine bug," Robinson said. "The more I worked with the teams, the more I wanted to do this kind of medicine."

One of Robinson's rotations during his Family Practice Residency in Tuscaloosa was with Alabama team physician Dr. Bill DeShazo. Not only did he work the prerequisite hours of his rotation, but he found himself hanging around and helping out even when he wasn't on duty.

As a matter of fact, Robinson traveled with the gymnastics team to Salt Lake City, Utah in 1988 and was on hand for the Tide's first ever NCAA Championship.

"It was a blast," Robinson said. "I was still in training and just getting interested in sports medicine. So to be out there with the gymnasts when they won the first championship Alabama's ever had outside of football, it was definitely an exciting moment."

After doing a fellowship in sports medicine at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, Robinson received a call from Sang Lyda, the trainer in charge of the Tide's Olympic Sports. Dr. DeShazo was retiring and Lyda wanted to know if Robinson would be interested in taking over as the team physician for the Olympic Sports. It was an opportunity Robinson jumped at. "I came back and opened a practice in August of 1989 and have been with the University ever since," Robinson said.

As Robinson's practice began to grow, he began to look for someone to join him. With high standards, his search took quite a while. He had been practicing seven years when he asked Craig Buettner to join him and another five after that when Jeff Laubenthal was asked to join the practice.

"Both Craig and Jeff were handpicked. Both have the right kind of personalities and are smart as can be to boot," Robinson said. "When I identified them through the residency program, and they caught the sports medicine bug, we tried to set them on the path that would bring them back here. Both men are big Alabama fans, so working with the athletics department was a big incentive."

Laubenthal in particular is very familiar with the Alabama athletics department. Not only is he a former stand out baseball player for the Tide,



but he is married to former All-American gymnast Katherine Kelleher.

Now the three men serve as the primary physicians for the Crimson Tide. Robinson and his colleagues are involved in all levels of an athlete's healthcare, from the first physical of the year before an athlete can even start practice, to an exit physical at the end of an athlete's career and everything in between. The hours involved are long to say the least, but for Robinson and his cohorts, the effort is worth it.

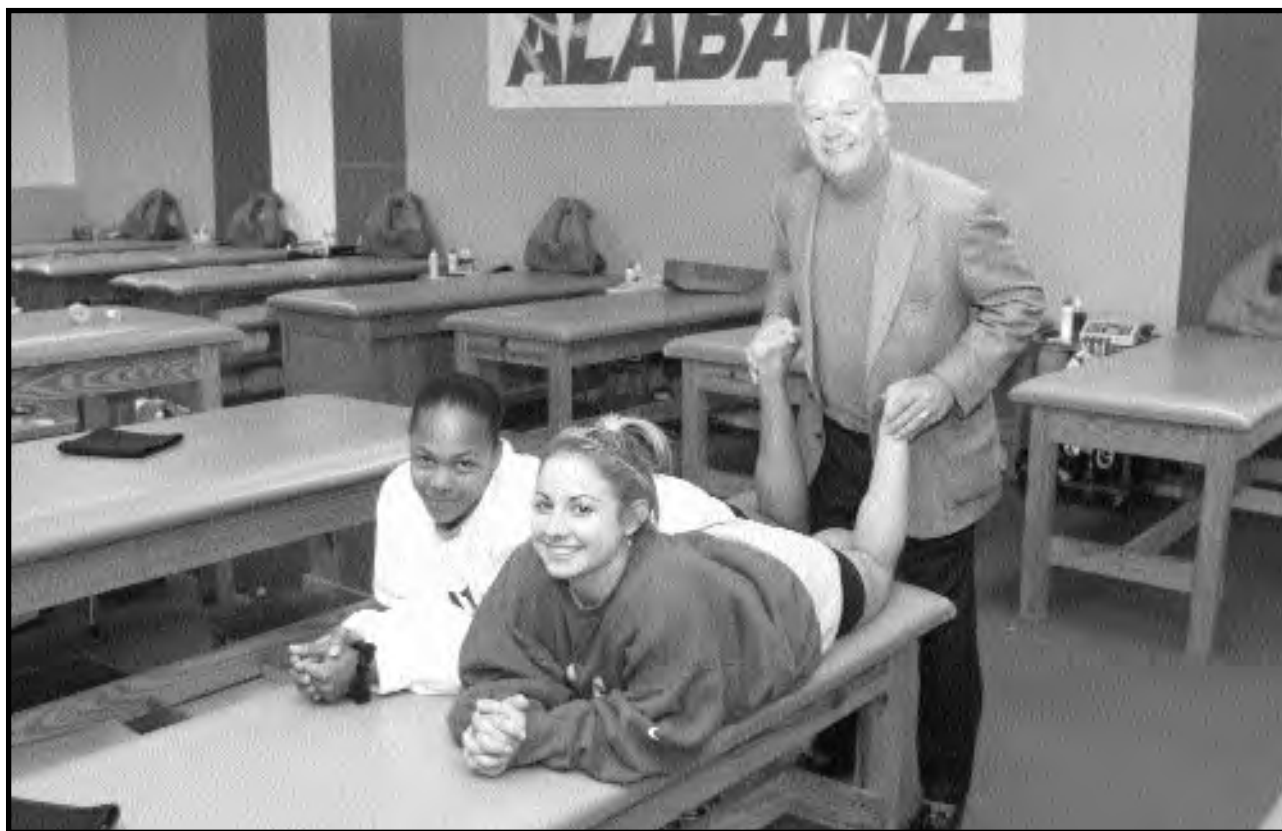
"I'm a fan and the opportunity to work with the department is better than a paycheck," Robinson said. "To me, the biggest thrill is when I get to work with an athlete and maybe something I do helps them be as good an athlete as they can be. There's nothing like feeling that in some small way, I made a positive difference in an individual or team's performance."



**TOP:** From the left — Dr. Craig Buettner, Dr. Jimmy Robinson, Dr. Les Fowler and Dr. Jeff Laubenthal are all part of the Crimson Tide's medical staff. **ABOVE:** Bernard Burroughs, Ginger Gilmore, Sherry Kimbro, Monica Decker and John Morr head up the training staff in Coleman Coliseum.

Robinson's expertise in the sports medicine has reached international acclaim. For the 2000 Olympics in Sydney he was one of eight team physicians for the U.S. Olympic squad. He served in the same capacity at the 1998 Goodwill Game and 1999 Pan Am Games.

In addition to the near daily attention of Drs. Robinson, Buettner and Laubenthal, Alabama has several specialists on call including former



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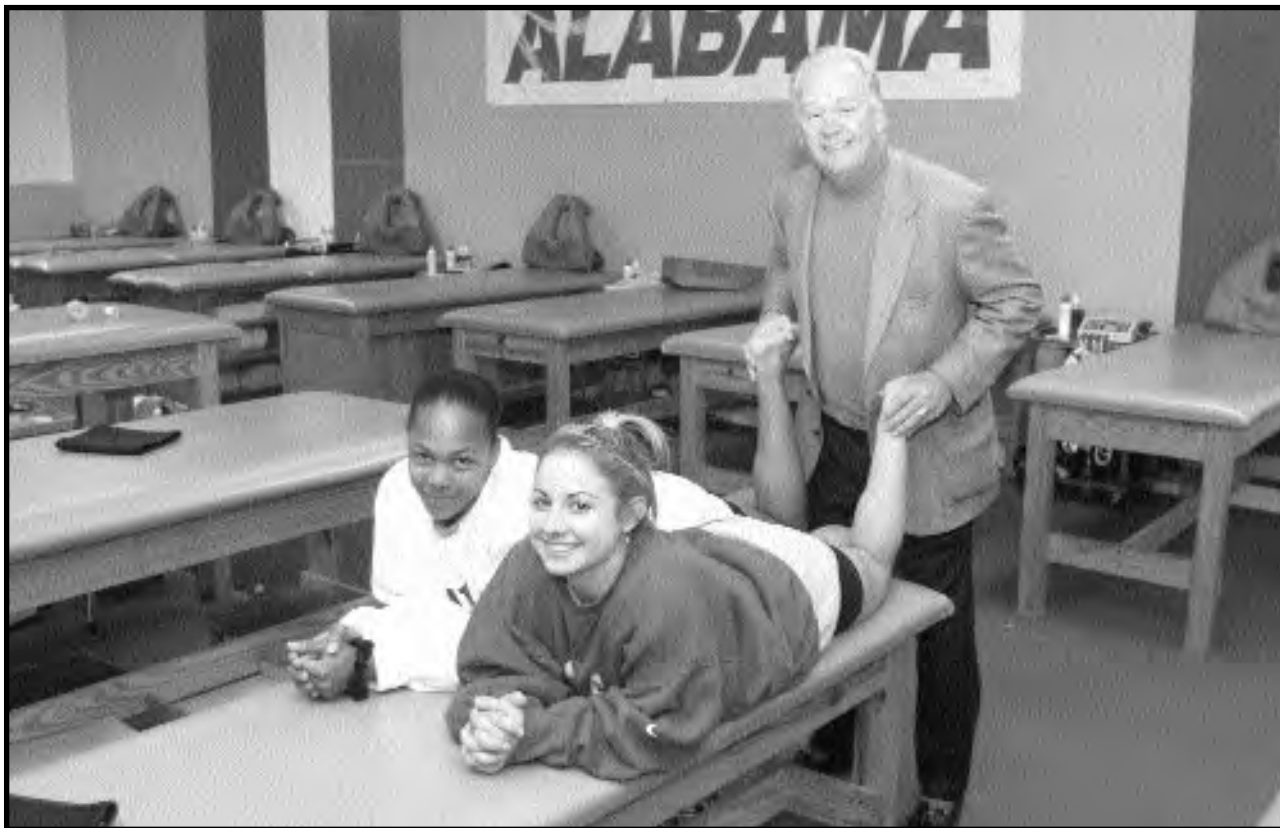
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**A**s the old song says, starting off the 2002 season, Alabama gymnastics had “a long way to go and a short time to get there?”

The Crimson Tide had five scholarship athletes on the sidelines when practice started in August, including two gymnasts, senior Andree Pickens and freshman Michelle Reeser, who were coming back from torn Achilles.

“It was probably our longest year from August to April in terms of the ground we covered,” Sarah Patterson said. “When you have five scholarship athletes sitting on the side doing rehab when you are starting practice, it seems like it was forever.”

But the coaching staff had a plan, and that plan had them up to full strength and ready to blast into the championship season at the end of March. In their 24th season, Sarah and David

Patterson knew that the season was a marathon, not a sprint, and that where they started in the summer didn’t matter near as much as where they ended up in the spring.

“In a lot of ways, the 2002 season was typical Alabama Gymnastics,” Sarah Patterson said. “We started out slow and steady and built as the season progressed. The two years prior, we started off near the top of our game and maintained. We knew that wouldn’t work last year.”

The team worked extremely hard through pre-season practices and by the time the season opening Super Six Challenge rolled around in January, most everyone was ready for competition.

The Challenge saw Pickens back in three events and two of the Tide’s three freshmen in the lineup, starting out strong with a pair of 9.925s in her first events back after the surgery. Sophomore Kristin Sterner led the Tide in the all-





around. Alabama finished second at the Challenge, finishing just behind Georgia, but well ahead of No. 1 ranked UCLA. More importantly the Tide had a strong starting point for the season.

"I can't say I was surprised where we started in January," Patterson said. "But I was pleased. We'd worked very hard to go get to that point and from there on, we just had to get better."

After opening the season on the road in Gainesville, Fla. for the Super Six Challenge, Alabama faced three meets in a row at home, starting with an immediate re-match with Georgia. The Tide opened its home season with a decisive win over the Lady Dogs, led a SEC "Gymnast of the Week" performance in the all-around by senior Raegan Tomasek.

Alabama also won its next two meets, against Denver and Nebraska before taking to the road for the next three outings, losing to LSU, beating Auburn and losing to Georgia. Pickens shone through the LSU-Auburn weekend, earning a 10.0 on the vault against LSU and two days later adding a 10.0 on the uneven bars against Auburn. During the Auburn meet that Kristin Sterner, the Tide's leader through the first five meets, had an ankle injury that would keep her out until the postseason.

The Tide finished out the regular season with four straight wins, though none were more important than the victory over UCLA in the Tide's last dual meet of the season. Pickens returned to the all-around that night with a vengeance. Though she had competed vault, uneven bars and balance beam through out the season, the Tide coaching staff was determined to ease her back into the floor exercise only when she was ready. She proved how ready she was against the Bruins, posting a 9.975 on the floor and a school and Coleman Coliseum all-around record of 39.850.

As a team Alabama knocked off the defending NCAA Champion Bruins by more than a half point, giving an indication of the good things to come.

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Alabama dominated the field that night, and ended the meet on the balance beam, the same event that it had ended the SEC Championships. The outcome was different though. Behind a 9.925 from Tomasek and a slew of 9.95s from Pickens, Sterner, senior Alexa Martinez and sophomore Jeana Rice, Alabama posted an NCAA Record 49.725 on the balance beam, clinching Alabama's 20th NCAA Championship bid.

Rice won the all-around while she and Brion shared top honors on the vault. Pickens won the uneven bars and floor exercise while sharing top beam honors with Martinez, Rice and Sterner.

With its top score of the year at the NCAA Regional and the memory of what could have been from the SEC Championships, it was a revved up Alabama team that returned to Tuscaloosa looking for NCAA title No. 4.

"I don't think there's any doubt that our disappointment at the SEC Championship propelled us to the national championship," Patterson said. "And I think that our performance at the regional reminded us that on any given night we could be very, very good. All that was left was for us to return to Tuscaloosa and lay it all on the line."

And on April 19, with everything on the line, the Tide won NCAA Championship No. 4.



## 2002 Team Results

Date	Opponent	Ala. Rank	Opp. Rank	Ala. Score	Opp. Score	Attend.	Site	W-L-T	SEC
Jan. 6	Super 6 Challenge	No. 4		195.725		6,185	Gainesville, Fla.	4-1-0	0-0
	Georgia		No. 2		196.525				
	UCLA		No. 1		195.650				
	Florida		No. 7		193.800				
	LSU		No. 11		193.825				
	Penn State		No. 12		193.375				
Jan. 18	Georgia	No. 6	No. 1	195.675	195.025	10,378	Tuscaloosa	5-1-0	1-0
Jan. 26	Denver	No. 8	No. 18	195.675	195.225	7,206	Tuscaloosa	6-1-0	1-0
Feb. 2	Nebraska	No. 5	No. 4	196.925	196.100	9,559	Tuscaloosa	7-1-0	1-0
Feb. 8	LSU	No. 4	No. 10	196.575	196.925	2,009	Baton Rouge, La.	7-2-0	1-1
Feb. 10	Auburn	No. 4	No. 23	197.250	193.525	3,828	Birmingham	8-2-0	1-1
Feb. 15	Georgia	No. 3	No. 1	196.950	197.200	9,559	Athens, Ga.	8-3-0	1-2
Feb. 22	Florida	No. 3	No. 14	196.925	194.950	7,695	Tuscaloosa	9-3-0	2-2
Mar. 1	Auburn	No. 2	No. 25	196.700	193.350	2,496	Auburn, Ala.	10-3-0	3-2
Mar. 8	Kentucky	No. 2	No. 18	197.425	195.100	1,063	Lexington, Ky.	11-3-0	4-2
Mar. 16	UCLA	No. 2	No. 4	197.650	197.000	10,077	Tuscaloosa	12-3-0	4-2
Mar. 23	SEC Championships	No. 2		196.925		7,023	Birmingham	12-3-0	4-2
	Georgia		No. 3		197.025				
	Florida		No. 18		196.425				
	LSU		No. 9		196.225				
	Kentucky		No. 19		194.325				
	Auburn		No. 34		194.325				
Apr. 6	SE Regionals	No. 2		197.900		2,001	Morgantown, WV	12-3-0	4-2
	Minnesota		No. 11		196.050				
	West Virginia		No. 19		194.850				
	Kentucky		No. 20		194.225				
	Michigan State		No. 21		194.225				
	North Carolina		No. 22		193.150				

## 2002 Individual Results

Natalie Barrington	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	—	9.875	9.575	—	—
Georgia	—	9.850	—	—	—
Denver	—	9.850	—	—	—
Nebraska	—	9.850	<b>9.850</b>	—	—
LSU	—	9.875	9.800	—	—
Auburn	—	9.900	9.225	—	—
Georgia	—	9.900	—	—	—
Florida	—	9.875	9.775	—	—
Auburn	—	9.900	<b>9.850</b>	<b>9.800</b>	—
Kentucky	—	9.900	9.800	—	—
UCLA	—	9.925	—	—	—
SECs	—	9.900	—	—	—
Regionals	—	<b>9.950</b>	—	—	—
NCAA Prelims	—	9.850	—	—	—
NCAA Super 6	—	9.875	—	—	—
NCAA Ind. Finals	—	9.8875	—	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.675</b>	<b>10.000</b>	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.850</b>	<b>39.325</b>

Alexis Brion	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	—	—	—	9.925	—
Georgia	—	—	—	9.900	—
Denver	—	—	—	9.875	—
Nebraska	—	—	—	9.925	—
LSU	9.450	—	—	9.925	—
Auburn	—	—	—	<b>9.950</b>	—
Georgia	9.750	—	—	<b>9.950</b>	—
Florida	9.800	—	—	<b>9.950</b>	—
Auburn	9.775	—	—	9.350	—
Kentucky	9.875	—	—	<b>9.950</b>	—
LSU	9.875	—	—	9.925	—
SECs	9.800	—	—	9.900	—
Regionals	<b>9.900</b>	—	—	9.925	—
NCAA Prelims	<b>9.900</b>	—	—	9.925	—
NCAA Super 6	9.850	—	—	9.900	—
NCAA Ind. Finals	9.8375	—	—	9.9125	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.900</b>	—	—	<b>9.950</b>	—

Tiffany Byrd	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	—	9.750	9.700	—	—
Georgia	—	9.725	9.750	—	—
Denver	—	9.750	9.175	—	—
Nebraska	—	9.850	9.600	—	—
LSU	—	9.725	9.700	—	—
Auburn	—	9.825	9.750	—	—
Georgia	—	9.750	9.175	—	—
Florida	—	9.850	—	—	—
NCAA Prelims	—	9.750	<b>9.850</b>	—	—
NCAA Super 6	—	<b>9.900</b>	9.825	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	—	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.850</b>	—	—

Erin Holdefer	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	9.725	—	—	—	—
Georgia	9.675	—	—	—	—
Denver	9.800	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	9.800	—	—	—	—
LSU	9.825	—	—	—	—
Auburn	9.825	—	—	—	—
Georgia	<b>9.875</b>	—	—	—	—
Florida	9.700	—	—	—	—
Auburn	9.675	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	9.825	—	—	—	—
UCLA	9.850	—	—	—	—
SECs	9.850	—	—	—	—
Regionals	9.825	—	—	—	—
NCAA Prelims	9.850	—	—	—	—
NCAA Super 6	9.750	—	—	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.875</b>	—	—	—	—

Lauren Holdefer	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	9.700	—	—	9.875	—
Georgia	9.650	—	—	9.800	—
Denver	9.675	—	—	9.800	—
Nebraska	<b>9.750</b>	—	—	9.325	—
Auburn	9.700	—	—	9.050	—
Georgia	9.700	—	—	—	—
Florida	9.725	—	—	—	—
Auburn	9.650	—	—	9.825	—
SECs	—	—	—	9.850	—
NCAA Prelims	9.700	—	—	9.850	—
NCAA Super 6	—	—	—	<b>9.875</b>	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.775</b>	—	—	<b>9.925</b>	—

Shannon Hrozek	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	—	9.750	—	—	—
Denver	9.750	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	9.775	9.800	—	—	—
LSU	9.775	9.725	—	—	—
Auburn	9.700	9.675	—	<b>9.900</b>	—
Georgia	9.750	9.750	9.575	—	—
Florida	9.775	9.800	9.825	9.850	<b>39.250</b>
Auburn	9.750	9.825	9.800	9.875	<b>39.250</b>
Kentucky	<b>9.850</b>	9.750	9.850	—	—
UCLA	—	9.775	9.850	—	—
SECs	—	9.875	9.800	—	—
Regionals	—	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.900</b>	—	—
NCAA Prelims	—	9.750	9.875	—	—
NCAA Super 6	—	9.850	9.825	—	—
NCAA Ind. Finals	—	9.8000	—	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.850</b>	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.900</b>	<b>39.250</b>



Stephanie Kite	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	9.300	—	—	<b>9.875</b>	—
Georgia	—	—	—	9.800	—
Denver	—	—	—	9.775	—
Nebraska	9.775	—	—	<b>9.875</b>	—
LSU	9.725	—	—	9.825	—
Auburn	9.750	—	—	<b>9.875</b>	—
Georgia	—	—	—	9.850	—
Florida	9.675	—	—	9.825	—
Auburn	—	—	—	9.825	—
Kentucky	9.800	—	—	9.850	—
UCLA	<b>9.825</b>	—	—	9.825	—
SECs	—	—	—	9.800	—
Regionals	9.725	—	—	9.850	—
NCAA Prelims	9.750	—	—	9.800	—
NCAA Super 6	9.700	—	—	9.750	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.825</b>	—	—	<b>9.900</b>	—



Alexa Martinez	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	—	—	9.650	9.725	—
Georgia	—	—	9.750	—	—
Denver	—	—	9.550	9.775	—
Nebraska	—	—	9.725	<b>9.925</b>	—
LSU	—	—	9.125	9.675	—
Auburn	—	—	9.825	9.800	—
Georgia	—	—	9.750	9.875	—
Florida	—	9.800	9.775	9.350	—
Auburn	—	<b>9.825</b>	9.800	—	—
Kentucky	—	—	9.760	9.875	—
UCLA	—	—	9.825	—	—
SECs	—	—	9.850	—	—
Regionals	—	—	<b>9.950</b>	9.850	—
NCAA Prelims	—	—	9.850	—	—
NCAA Super 6	—	—	9.850	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.725</b>	<b>9.825</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.925</b>	—

André Pickens	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	9.925	9.925	9.250	—	—
Georgia	9.950	9.900	9.750	—	—
Denver	9.850	9.900	9.750	—	—
Nebraska	9.975	9.950	9.275	—	—
LSU	<b>10.000</b>	9.900	9.900	—	—
Auburn	9.900	<b>10.000</b>	9.925	—	—
Georgia	9.975	9.850	9.925	—	—
Florida	9.975	9.900	9.900	—	—
Auburn	9.975	9.875	9.925	—	—
Kentucky	9.950	9.900	9.875	—	—
UCLA	<b>10.000</b>	9.950	9.925	<b>9.975</b>	<b>39.850</b>
SECs	9.950	9.950	9.925	9.900	39.725
Regionals	9.425	9.975	<b>9.950</b>	9.950	39.300
NCAA Prelims	9.900	9.850	<b>9.950</b>	9.925	39.625
NCAA Super 6	9.950	9.950	<b>9.950</b>	9.900	39.750
NCAA Ind. Finals	9.925	9.925	9.8625	9.900	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>10.000</b>	<b>10.000</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.975</b>	<b>39.850</b>

Michelle Reeser	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Nebraska	—	—	—	9.900	—
LSU	—	—	—	9.925	—
Auburn	—	—	—	<b>9.975</b>	—
Georgia	—	—	—	9.850	—
Florida	—	—	—	9.900	—
Kentucky	—	—	—	9.900	—
UCLA	—	—	—	9.875	—
SECs	—	—	—	9.900	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	—	—	—	<b>9.975</b>	—

Jeana Rice	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Georgia	9.875	9.850	9.325	8.700	37.750
Denver	9.825	9.800	9.875	—	—
Auburn	9.825	9.825	9.875	—	—
Georgia	9.900	9.850	9.925	9.850	39.525
Florida	—	—	9.900	—	—
Auburn	9.850	9.825	9.275	9.825	38.775
Kentucky	<b>9.950</b>	9.850	9.850	9.800	39.450
UCLA	9.900	<b>9.900</b>	9.900	9.325	39.025
SECs	9.850	9.850	9.300	—	—
Regionals	9.900	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.875</b>	<b>39.625</b>
NCAA Prelims	9.875	9.800	9.925	9.850	39.450
NCAA Super 6	9.900	9.875	9.900	9.850	39.525
NCAA Ind. Finals	—	—	9.9125	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.975</b>	<b>39.650</b>

Kristin Sterner	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	9.750	9.800	9.775	9.950	39.275
Georgia	9.725	9.800	9.350	9.750	38.625
Denver	<b>9.900</b>	9.825	9.700	9.925	39.350
Nebraska	<b>9.900</b>	9.825	9.875	<b>9.975</b>	<b>39.575</b>
LSU	9.875	9.200	9.875	9.925	38.875
Auburn	8.950	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	—	9.825	—	—	—
UCLA	—	9.775	9.300	—	—
SECs	9.800	<b>9.850</b>	9.600	—	—
Regionals	—	9.800	<b>9.950</b>	—	—
NCAA Prelims	—	9.775	<b>9.950</b>	9.900	—
NCAA Super 6	9.875	<b>9.850</b>	9.850	9.900	39.475
NCAA Ind. Finals	—	—	9.9125	—	—
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.925</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>9.975</b>	<b>39.600</b>

Raegan Tomasek	V	UB	BB	FX	A-A
Super 6 Challenge	9.750	9.825	9.650	9.850	39.075
Georgia	9.675	9.875	9.750	9.900	39.200
Denver	—	9.750	9.325	9.850	—
Nebraska	—	9.750	9.775	—	—
LSU	—	9.800	9.825	—	—
Auburn	—	<b>9.950</b>	9.875	—	—
Georgia	—	9.850	9.850	9.925	—
Florida	—	9.175	9.850	<b>9.950</b>	—
Auburn	—	9.850	9.875	—	—
Kentucky	—	9.900	9.750	9.900	—
UCLA	9.775	9.850	9.775	9.925	<b>39.325</b>
SECs	<b>9.825</b>	9.125	9.700	9.900	38.550
Regionals	9.800	9.850	<b>9.925</b>	9.725	39.300
<b>CAREER HIGH</b>	<b>9.900</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>10.000</b>	<b>9.950</b>	<b>39.425</b>

### 2002 NCAA Championships Team Scores April 18-20, 2002 • Tuscaloosa, Ala.

— Preliminaries

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
Georgia	49.200	49.000	49.300	49.150	196.650
Utah	49.100	48.950	49.450	49.275	196.775
Michigan	49.225	48.500	49.200	49.250	196.175
LSU	48.925	48.750	48.800	49.375	195.850
Nebraska	49.300	49.150	49.050	49.075	196.575
Arizona	48.825	48.700	48.475	48.975	194.975

#### EVENING SESSION

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>49.275</b>	<b>49.025</b>	<b>49.550</b>	<b>49.450</b>	<b>197.300</b>
UCLA	49.225	49.275	49.250	49.350	197.100
Florida	49.025	48.925	48.650	49.075	195.675
Stanford	49.200	48.650	49.175	49.025	196.050
Oregon State	47.400	48.925	48.200	48.400	192.925
Minnesota	48.675	48.575	49.125	49.325	195.700

— Super Six Finals

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>49.325</b>	<b>49.450</b>	<b>49.375</b>	<b>49.425</b>	<b>197.575</b>
Georgia	49.250	49.325	49.375	49.300	197.250
Nebraska	49.075	49.425	48.750	49.175	196.425
Stanford	49.075	48.925	49.000	49.025	196.025
UCLA	49.325	49.375	49.150	49.300	197.150
Utah	49.175	49.300	49.350	49.125	196.950

### 2002 Alabama's Team Scores

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
<b>at Super6 Challenge</b>	48.850	49.050	48.350	49.475	195.725
<b>Georgia</b>	48.900	49.275	48.350	49.150	195.675
<b>Denver</b>	49.125	49.125	48.200	49.225	195.675
<b>Nebraska</b>	49.225	49.275	48.825	<b>49.600</b>	196.925
<b>at LSU</b>	49.200	49.025	49.100	49.250	196.575
<b>Auburn</b>	49.000	49.500	49.250	49.500	197.250
<b>at Georgia</b>	49.250	49.200	49.025	49.050	196.950
<b>Florida</b>	48.975	49.225	49.250	49.475	196.925
<b>at Auburn</b>	49.025	49.275	49.250	49.150	196.700
<b>at Kentucky</b>	<b>49.450</b>	49.375	49.125	49.475	197.425
<b>UCLA</b>	<b>49.450</b>	49.400	49.275	49.525	197.650
<b>SECs</b>	49.275	49.425	48.875	49.350	196.925
<b>Regionals</b>	49.150	<b>49.575</b>	<b>49.725*</b>	49.450	<b>197.900</b>
<b>NCAA Prelims</b>	49.275	49.025	49.550	49.450	197.300
<b>NCAA Super 6</b>	49.325	49.450	49.375	49.425	197.575
<b>Season High</b>	49.450	49.575	49.725	49.600	197.900

\* NCAA Championship Record

### The Crimson Tide's 2002 Top Individual Scores:

<b>Vault</b>	André Pickens, Sr.	10.000	(LSU 2/8, UCLA 3/16)
<b>Bars</b>	André Pickens, Sr.	10.000	(AU 2/10)
<b>Beam</b>	André Pickens, Sr.	9.950	(Regional 4/6, NCAA Prelims 4/18, NCAA Super 6 4/19)
	Alexa Martinez	9.950	(Regional 4/6)
	Kristin Sterner	9.950	(Regional 4/6, NCAA Prelims 4/18)
	Jeana Rice	9.950	(Regional 4/6)
<b>Floor</b>	Michelle Reeser, Fr.	9.975	(AU 2/10)
	Kristin Sterner, Jr.	9.975	(Neb 2/2)
<b>AA</b>	André Pickens, Sr.	39.850	(UCLA 3/16)



# Travellin' with the Tide

*Over the past 24 years, the Alabama gymnastics team has come a long way in many areas, including travel. The days of cars and vans gave way to a motor home, which gave way to the bus, then plane and now, by and large, Alabama travels via a chartered airplane. Former Alabama All-American Lexa Evans spent four years traveling the country with the Crimson Tide. What follows is her first hand account of being on the road with her teammates.*

Traveling with the gymnastics team requires more than meets the eye. Between balancing academics and a successful competition, the travel schedule is designed to help us be successful in both areas. Versatility, convenience and fun are ultimately combined, creating a winning squad both in and out of the gym.

Even before we travel to our first competition, Sarah Patterson gives us travel schedules to hand to our professors on the first day of spring semester classes. While many understand that classes may be missed and are willing to work with us, some professor's attendance policies are too stringent for our schedules. Another class is found to replace it.

When it comes to accommodating our classes, we are fortunate to have the support of an athletic department that provides charter flights to competitions. This way, if a test is to be taken or a paper is to be turned in, Sarah can choose when the plane will take off based on our schedules.

Usually we travel by bus to competitions that are close to home. In the past, this meant bussing to Auburn. However, during the 2000 season, we hit the open road three times, which ties the amount of times total I have traveled bus-style to a competition prior to my senior year. The first two bus trips were expected, but the third came as a surprise when hurricane-force winds and storms ripped through the Florida region the Sunday after the Southeastern Conference Championships. With all flights grounded, Sarah opted to charter a bus and bring us back to Tuscaloosa instead of wait for flights to resume. Our arrival time was delayed ten hours, but we were grateful to be home safe and sound in order to attend class, make deadlines and attend meetings the following day that would have otherwise been missed had it not been for the ability to change our transportation options.

Sarah runs a tight ship when we travel, but makes sure we have time to relax, have fun and are fully mentally and physically prepared for competition. Upon arrival, usually the night before competition, we can be found at a restaurant, checking out the local cuisine. Once fed, we



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return to the hotel, where we might rent a movie to watch as a team, work on homework, or, at championships, get a massage from our massage therapist. We eat breakfast on our own. Sarah arranges a trip to a local mall for those of us who wish to hit the shops in the morning. Team lunch is a time to come together before the meet. After competing we are either taken directly to the plane or leave for Tuscaloosa early the next morning.

Traveling is a time for us to become a true team. Pre-season is spent learning to work with each other. We become a cohesive unit, however, after the first few competitions. Three months of pre-season do not compare to what one "away" competition can do for our team. Some of the most memorable team stories come during season. Whether it is sabotaging our trainer's room, "singing" to the Dixie Chicks in the plane's confined quarters or fooling around in the hotel, traveling has always proven to be the best

method of molding a team.

Probably the best part of traveling is our loyal fans that follow us. At some competitions, our fans outnumber the home squad's crowd. Their dedication to our team is inspiring. They are always there to give us a boost, and we do our best for them. Without our fans, we would not be Alabama Gymnastics.

Looking back over my years with the team, I realize how special it has been to be given the opportunity to travel across the United States. From Utah to Pennsylvania, Massachusetts to California, I have experienced more in these past four years than the average student. I know that this would not have been possible ten years ago, when the team did not have access to a chartered plane. It is still not possible for other teams today. Alabama Gymnastics is blessed with the support that provides us the possibility to travel in a style matching that of the program itself.



# The 2003 Opponents

**Saturday, January 11**  
Super-6 Challenge, Athens, Ga. 7:00 p.m.  
**Friday, January 21**  
Gainesville, Fla. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Rhonda Faehn  
**Lindsey**  
Miner

**Location:** Gainesville, Florida  
**Enrollment:** 44,841  
**Athletic Director:** Jeremy Foley  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Ann Marie Rogers  
**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Stephen C. O'Connell Center (11,120)  
**Nickname:** Gators  
**Colors:** Orange & Blue  
**Conference:** Southeastern

**Head Coach:** Rhonda Faehn  
**Overall record (years):** first year  
**Record at School (years):** first year  
**Coach's phone:**  
(352) 375-4683, ext. 5500  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
Mid-late morning

**2002 Dual meet record:** 15-12  
**2002 SEC record:** 2-3  
**2002 SEC Finish:** 3rd (196.425)  
**2002 High Score:** 196.900  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:**  
10th (195.675)

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 8/2  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 1/0

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**Saturday, January 11**  
Super-6 Challenge, Athens, Ga. 7 p.m.  
**Saturday, Jan. 18,** Athens, Ga. 7:30 pm  
**Saturday, March 15,** Tuscaloosa, Ala. 7 pm



**Head Coach**  
Suzanne Yoculan  
**Cassie**  
Bair

**Location:** Athens, Georgia  
**Enrollment:** 32,400  
**Athletic Director:** Vince Dooley  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Glada Horvat  
**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Stegeman Coliseum (9,951)  
**Nickname:** Gym Dogs  
**Colors:** Red and Black  
**Conference:** Southeastern

**Head Coach:** Suzanne Yoculan  
**Overall record (years):** 605-82-6 (19)  
**Record at school (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (706) 542-7934  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
Weekday mornings

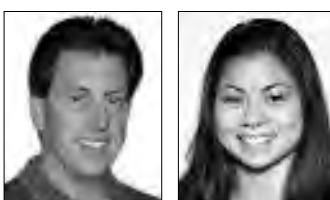
**2002 Dual meet record:** 14-2-1  
**2002 SEC Record:** 4-1  
**2002 SEC finish:** 1st (197.025)  
**2002 High Score:** 197.900  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:**  
2nd (197.250)

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 8/3  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 6/2

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**Saturday, January 11**  
Super-6 Challenge, Athens, Ga. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Steve Nunno  
**Kasie**  
Tamayo

**Location:** Norman, Ok.  
**Enrollment:** 28,952  
**Athletic Director:** Joe Castiglione  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Jeff Long  
**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Lloyd Noble Center (12,000)

**Nickname:** Sooners  
**Colors:** Crimson and Cream  
**Conference:** Big 12

**Head Coach:** Steve Nunno  
**Overall record (years):** 37-17 (2)  
**Record at School (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (405) 325-8333  
**Best time to reach coach:** mornings

**2002 Dual meet record:** 16-6  
**2002 Big 12 record:** 3-2  
**2002 Big 12 Finish:** 3rd (196.125)  
**2002 High Score:** 197.000  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:** n/a

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 6/4  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 0/0

**WWW Site:** soonersports.com

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**Saturday, January 11**  
Super-6 Challenge, Athens, Ga. 7 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Steve Shephard  
**Katie**  
Rowland

**Location:** University Park, Penn.  
**Enrollment:** 41,050  
**Athletic Director:** Tim Curley  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Susan Delaney-Scheetz  
**Home Arena (capacity):** Rec Hall (6,846)  
**Nickname:** Nittany Lions  
**Colors:** Blue & White  
**Conference:** Big Ten

**Head Coach:** Steve Shephard  
**Overall record (years):** 126-89 (10)  
**Record at School (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (814) 863-7461  
**Best time to reach coach:** Mornings

**2002 Dual meet record:** 7-20  
**2002 Big Ten record:** 1-6  
**2002 Big Ten Finish:** 7th (192.550)  
**2002 High Score:** 195.800  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:** N/A

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 9/2  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 0/0

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# The 2003 Opponents

**Friday, January 24**  
Fayetteville, Ark. 7:00 p.m.



**co-Head Coach**  
Mark Cook

**co-Head Coach**  
Rene Cook

**Location:**  
Fayetteville, Ark.  
**Enrollment:** 16,035  
**Athletics Director:**  
Bev Lewis



**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Barnhill Arena  
(9,000)

**Brooke Lawrence**

**Nickname:** Lady Razorbacks  
**Colors:** Cardinal and White  
**Conference:** Southeastern

**Co-Head Coach:** Mark Cook & Rene Cook  
**Overall record (years):**  
Mark Cook - 37-13 (4)  
Rene Cook - first year  
**Record at School (years):**  
First Year Program  
**Coach's phone:** (479) 525-2334  
**Best time to reach coach:** mornings

**2002 Dual meet record:**  
First Year Program  
**2002 SEC record:** First Year Program  
**2002 SEC Finish:** First Year Program  
**2002 High Score:** First Year Program  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:**  
First Year Program

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** none  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** none

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**Sunday, January 24**  
Lincoln, Neb. 2:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Dan Kendig

**AJ Lamb**

**Location:** Lincoln, Neb.  
**Enrollment:** 25,000  
**Athletic Director:** TBA  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Dr. Barbara Hibner  
**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Devaney Center (13,500)  
**Nickname:** Cornhuskers/Huskers  
**Colors:** Scarlet and Cream  
**Conference:** Big 12

**Head Coach:** Dan Kendig  
**Overall record (years):** 335-190-2 (20)  
**Record at School (years):** 164-28 (10)  
**Coach's phone:** (402) 472-3808  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

**2002 Dual meet record:** 14-2  
**2002 Big 12 record:** 3-0  
**2002 Big 12 Finish:** 1st (196.725)  
**2002 High Score:** 197.150  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:**  
5th (196.425)

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 10/2  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 8/1

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**Friday, January 31**  
Tuscaloosa, Ala. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Bev Plocki

**Elise Ray**

**Location:** Ann Arbor, Mich.  
**Enrollment:** 38,248  
**Athletics Director:** William C. Martin  
**Women's Administrator:**  
Megan McCallister

**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Cliff Keen Arena (1,800)

**Nickname:** Wolverines  
**Colors:** Maize and Blue  
**Conference:** Big 10

**Head Coach:** Bev Plocki  
**Overall record (years):** 253-72 (13)  
**Record at School (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (734) 647-1259  
**Best time to reach coach:** Mornings

**2002 Dual meet record:** 19-3  
**2002 Conference record:** 5-0  
**2002 Big 10 Finish:** 1st (196.475)  
**2002 High Score:** 197.775  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:**  
7th (196.175)

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 8/5  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 3/1

**WWW Site:** mgoblue.com

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**Fax Number:** (734) 647-1188  
**Home Phone:** (734) 623-9442

**Saturday, February 8**  
Denver, Co. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Melissa Kutcher

**Ashley Shible**

**Location:** Denver, Colo.  
**Enrollment:** 9,385  
**Athletic Director:** Dr. M. Dianne Murphy  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Pam Wettig

**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Hamilton Gymnasium (2,500)

**Nickname:** Pioneers  
**Colors:** Crimson and Gold  
**Conference:** Independent

**Head Coach:** Melissa Kutcher  
**Overall record (years):** 78-27 (4)  
**Record at School (years):** Same  
**Coach's phone:** (303) 871-3397  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
Through SID

**2002 Dual meet record:** 19-5  
**2002 High Score:** 196.500  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:** n/a

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 11/13  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 1/0

**WWW Site:** www.DenverPioneers.com

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**Home Phone:** (303) 669-6496



# The 2003 Opponents

**Saturday, February 8**  
Denver, Co. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Lisa Woody

**Jennifer**  
Dougherty

**Location:** USAF Academy, Colo.  
**Enrollment:** 4,000  
**Athletics Director:**  
Col. Randall W. Spetman  
**Women's Administrator:** Marti Gasser

**Home Arena:**  
Cadet Gymnasium West Gym

**Nickname:** Falcons  
**Colors:** Blue and Silver  
**Conference:**

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

**Head Coach:** Lisa Woody  
**Overall record (years):** 19-18 (2)  
**Record at School (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (719) 333-2524  
**Best time to reach coach:** mornings

**2002 Dual meet record:** 8-8  
**2002 Conference record:** n/a  
**2002 Conference Finish:** 2nd (194.650)  
**2002 High Score:** 195.075  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:** n/a

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 9/3  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 0/0

**WWW Site:** www.airforcesports.com

**Sports Information Contact:**  
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**Fax Number:** (719) 333-3798

**Friday, February 14**  
Tuscaloosa, Ala. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
"D-D" Breaux

**Lauren**  
Companion

**Location:** Baton Rouge, La.  
**Enrollment:** 29,022  
**Athletics Director:** Skip Bertman  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Judy Southard  
**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Maravich Assembly Center (14,164)  
**Nickname:** Fighting Tigers  
**Colors:** Purple & Gold  
**Conference:** Southeastern

**Head Coach:** "D-D" Breaux  
**Overall record (years):**  
289-159-5 (25)  
**Record at School (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (225) 578-5050  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**2002 Dual meet record:** 10-10  
**2002 SEC record:** 3-2  
**2002 SEC Finish:** 4th (196.225)  
**2002 High Score:** 197.675  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:**  
8th (195.850)

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 8/6  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 1/3

**WWW Site:** www.lsusports.net

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**Saturday, March 1**  
Tuscaloosa, Ala. 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, March 21**  
Auburn, Ala. 7:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Jeff Thompson

**Lisa**  
Clark

**Location:** Auburn, Ala.  
**Enrollment:** 21,775  
**Athletic Director:** David Housel  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Barbara Camp  
**Home Arena (capacity):** Beard-Eaves-  
Memorial Coliseum (10,500)  
**Nickname:** Tigers  
**Colors:** Burnt Orange & Navy Blue  
**Conference:** Southeastern

**Head Coach:** Jeff Thompson  
**Record at school (years):** 14-26 (3)  
**Overall record (years):** Same  
**Coach's phone:** (334) 844-5046  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
Through SID

**2002 Dual meet record:** 8-9  
**2002 SEC Record:** 1-4  
**2002 SEC finish:** t-5th (194.325)  
**2002 High Score:** 195.800  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:** N/A

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 8/7  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 0/0

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**Home phone:** (334) 501-4701

**Saturday, March 8**  
Tuscaloosa, Ala. 2:00 p.m.



**Head Coach**  
Leah Little

**Aronda**  
Primault

**Location:** Lexington, Ky.  
**Enrollment:** 24,200  
**Athletic Director:** Mitch Barnhart  
**Senior Women's Administrator:**  
Micki King  
**Home Arena (capacity):**  
Memorial Coliseum (8,700)  
**Nickname:** Wildcats  
**Colors:** Blue and White  
**Conference:** Southeastern

**Head Coach:** Leah Little  
**Overall record (years):**  
186-335-1 (26)  
**Record at School (years):** same  
**Coach's phone:** (606) 257-6483  
**Best time to reach coach:**  
9 a.m. to Noon EST

**2002 Dual meet record:** 19-14-1  
**2002 SEC record:** 1-4  
**2002 SEC Finish:** t-5th (194.325)  
**2002 High Score:** 196.375  
**2002 NCAA Championships Finish:** N/A

**Letterwinners returning/lost:** 11/3  
**All-Americans returning/lost:** 1/0

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# 25 Years of Excellence

It's the summer of 1978. "Grease" reigns at the box office and ABBA's "Take a Chance on Me" is filling dance floors coast to coast. Laverne and Shirley is the most popular TV series on the air, though it is in reruns. "Friends" won't even make its television debut for another 15 years and Mathew Perry, the youngest of the six Friends, is only 10 years old. It's the summer of 1978 and Sarah Patterson has just told Alabama **yes**.

## The 25 greatest moments in Patterson Gymnastics History



# #1

Julie Garrett becomes Alabama's first All-American on **April 4, 1982**. Julie paces the Tide to a fourth-place finish at the 1982 AIAW National Championships before attending the first NCAA Championship as an individual. Undaunted by her first NCAA appearance, Julie earns All-America recognition on the uneven bars.

# #2

Alabama wins its first NCAA Regional title on **March 26, 1983**, earning its first trip to the NCAA Championships which will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah, in two weeks. Sarah and David Patterson's first recruiting class helps take the Tide to top of the South Region, downing the region's until-then dominant team, Florida, the meet's host.



# #3

All-American Barbara Mack, a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, the first Alabama gymnast to win the Paul W. Bryant Award, an NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship winner and a two time Region Champion, caps a brilliant Crimson Tide career by becoming the first Alabama Gymnast to win the AMF American Award on **April 13, 1985**.



She didn't ask about salary, or facilities or equipment. When the letter came asking if she would be Alabama's head coach, Patterson, all of 22 years old and just out of Slippery Rock State College gave the Crimson Tide an emphatic yes.

Her first move as Alabama's head coach was to hire David Patterson, coming out of his freshman year as a diver on the Tide swimming and diving team, as an assistant coach. The couple, married in 1984, then turned to the task at hand, taking a team without a winning season and creating a juggernaut that has performed at the highest conceivable level for 20 years.

A fast 25 years later, Friends is in its 10th season, the latest Harry Potter movie stands atop the box office heap and Nelly and the Dixie Chicks tops the pop charts. And 2002-03 finds the little program that couldn't quite find its feet before Sarah and David Patterson came along, has won four NCAA Championships, 18 NCAA Regional

titles and earned over 175 All-American honors.

The adventures along the way came fast and furious. Sarah found herself explaining to her boss Paul "Bear" Bryant, the Tide's legendary football coach and athletics director, why a wrestling mat with a hole in the middle wouldn't do as a floor exercise mat.

"Once I explained what we needed," Sarah Patterson said. "Coach Bryant told Coach (Sam) Bailey (Bryant's right hand man administratively) to get us what we needed. Coach Bryant wanted all our sports to be winners and he was willing to provide us with the tools."

And the facilities that Sarah hadn't asked about when taking the job, started as Foster Auditorium, where the Tide shared its practice space with the volleyball team.

"It was interesting," David Patterson said. "Every once in a while you'd have a stray volleyball come zinging through practice. Before every



# #4

Alabama is at its third NCAA Championship **April 12-13, 1985**, when junior Penney Hauschild explodes into Crimson Tide legend by winning the NCAA All-Around title in Salt Lake City, Utah. It is the first time that an athlete from Utah fails to win the all-around title. The Pennsylvania native also wins the uneven bars title. Penney is the first individual NCAA champion in Alabama Gymnastics' history.

Penney's all-around total is an NCAA Championship Record. Penney will win four NCAA titles during her legendary career, repeating as all-around champion in 1986 and adding the floor exercise title to her resume that same year.

# #5

Crimson Tide legend Penney Hauschild caps a brilliant Crimson Tide career with her second consecutive Honda Broderick Award on **January 11, 1986**. The Honda Broderick Award is given annually to the nation's best gymnast. Hauschild's career includes two NCAA All-Around championships, an NCAA Uneven Bars title and an NCAA Floor Exercise title. Hauschild earned 10 All-American honors during her fabled career. She earned five NCAA Central Regional titles and one SEC All-Around crown.

# #6

On **May 27, 1987**, Julie Estin becomes the first athlete from Alabama to be honored as the Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Julie also wins NCAA and SEC Post-Graduate Scholarships, which she puts to good use. In July 1996, Dr. Julie Estin-Vaughn set up practice in Tuscaloosa as a pediatrician.



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of developing the whole person and be number one.’ When we won, it was a validation of that philosophy. We could do it this way and be successful on all fronts. We may not win every year, but we will be successful.”

And just to prove that ‘88 was no fluke, the Pattersons led the Tide to NCAA titles in 1991, 1996 and again last year. In fact, every Alabama class since the freshmen of 1985 have graduated with at least one championship ring, a span that goes through the seniors of 2005.

Everything else has progressed as well. Alabama is one of the nation's top academic teams too, earning a national best eight NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships and over 120 Academic All-SEC honors. The Tide now trains in a state-of-the art practice facility dedicated just to them.

The fan base has grown by leaps and bounds. Now Alabama is one of the top draws in women's collegiate athletics, averaging over 9,000 fans since the mid-90s. But that wasn't the case in the early years. Early on the Tide meets drew spectators in the handfuls.

“In the early days we'd have three dozen people and two dozen would be Ann Wood's family and friends,” Sarah Patterson said.

And most importantly to the Pattersons is that the student-athletes who helped turn Alabama into a national powerhouse have themselves developed into outstanding women making a difference in the world around them. The Tide's all-time roster is filled with doctors, lawyers, mothers and executives all excelling at the highest level.

“When we started, winning championships was the biggest reward,” Sarah Patterson said. “And that's still our goal every year, to be in a position on the last night of the season, to win the national title. But now, David and I are proudest not of the trophies and rings, but of the ladies that have won them and wear them still. We are proud of the lives they are leading and to have been a small part of their lives.”

That attitude has created more than one of the nation's best overall athletic programs, it has built a family that stretches back to the class of 1979 and up through the seven freshmen of 2003. And that attitude gives credence to another top-song from 1978 by Sister Sledge, one that sums up the first quarter century of Alabama gymnastics under Sarah and David Patterson. “We are family...I got all my sisters and me...”

practice we'd have to set up all the equipment and the mats and so forth and at the end of every practice we'd have to break it all down again.”

Things progressed quickly though. Their first season, Sarah and David found themselves scouring the dorms on campus looking for anyone with tumbling experience, just so they could fill their lineup. They were though, doing some far more important recruiting farther afield.

In signing their first class, Sarah and David promised their signees one very basic thing. They promised the freshmen of 1980 that they would go to the National Championships.

“The first real defining moment of our program was the first year we went to NCAAs,” Sarah said. “Our first recruiting class was in their senior year. We had promised them that we would make it NCAAs. In their junior year, we finished 11th, and they took 10 teams. At the end of 1982, we all knew that we had one year to fulfill our commit-

ment to these ladies. Seeing it happen their senior year, making it to the NCAA Championships — I couldn't have been prouder.”

One promise fulfilled and another goal on the horizon. Sarah and David built their program, almost from scratch on the simple premise that Alabama would develop the whole person instead of just the athlete. From the beginning, Patterson coached student-athletes excelled not just in the gym, but also in the classroom. And beyond that, they developed lives outside of both. By the mid-1980s, Sarah and David Patterson began to wonder if their system would take the Tide to a national championship. They began to wonder if the Tide could truly have the best of all worlds.

The answer came as another emphatic yes in 1988 when the Tide won its first Southeastern Conference and NCAA Championships.

“Before ‘88, I think sometimes we looked back and said, ‘Maybe you can't have this philosophy



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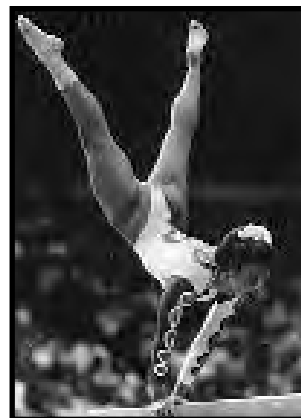
# #7

Eleven gymnasts and a lifetime of dreams come together on **April 22, 1988** as Alabama wins its first NCAA Team Championship. Alabama scores an NCAA Championship record 190.05 in front of a rowdy handful of Tide faithful in Salt Lake City, Utah. Utah is second followed by UCLA, LSU, Georgia and Florida. The Tide is led by four All-Americans - senior Kathy Bilodeau, sophomores Marie Robbins and Cheri Way and freshman Tina Rinker. Senior Alli Beldon, sophomores Ali Blumberg and Tracey Tillman and freshmen Wendy Anderson, Kim Masters and Susie Pierce round out the Tide's championship roster.

# #8

The Crimson Tide starts the '90s off on the right foot. Alabama marches into the Georgia Coliseum on **March 25, 1990** and marches out with its second SEC Team title. Alabama finishes more than a point ahead of second-place

LSU. The Tide's 193.55 total is a new SEC Championship record. Senior Marie Robbins caps an outstanding career wearing the crimson and white of Alabama by posting the Tide's second-ever SEC all-around title, with a new championship record. That same year, a program record eight members of the championship squad earn Academic All-SEC honors and Robbins earns an SEC Post-Graduate Scholarship. Seniors Ali Blumberg, Tracey Tillman and Cheri Way, juniors Kim Masters and Tina Rinker, sophomores Gina Basile, Katherine Kelleher and Shea McFall and freshman Dana Dobransky all help bring home the Tide's second SEC trophy.



# #9

On **May 29, 1990**, Dee Foster became the first freshman in Southeastern Conference history to be named the league's Athlete of the Year. Foster was an obvious choice after winning the NCAA All-Around title with an NCAA record of 39.30 and earning four All-American honors as a rookie. She led Alabama to a second place national finish and the Tide's second SEC Team title.

# #10

The theme of the 1991 NCAA Gymnastics Championships is "Stars Fall on Alabama" and nothing could be closer to the truth as the host Crimson Tide use a slew of talented ladies on

**April 19, 1991**, to keep the championship in Tuscaloosa. Alabama's 195.125 total is a new NCAA Championship scoring record. The Tide outdistances second-place Utah by three quarters of a point. Georgia is third followed by Oregon State, Penn State and Florida. Senior Kim Masters, juniors Gina Basile, Katherine Kelleher and Shea McFall, sophomores Dana Dobransky and Dee Foster, and freshman Kara Stimp all earn All-America honors. Senior Tina Rinker, freshmen Keri Duley, Sheryl Dundas, and Marti Watson round out the Tide's hometown championship roster.



# #11

Junior Dee Foster, already a Crimson Tide legend, turns perfect on **March 14, 1992**, during a dual meet with Georgia in Athens, scoring a 10.0 on a vault. Foster will earn eight 10.0s during her storied Tide career — five 10.0s on the vault, one on the uneven bars and two on the floor exercise.

# #12

No one could say that Dana Dobransky was not a pressure player. Dana wins two NCAA balance beam titles during her legendary Crimson Tide career. The first in 1992 and the second, as a senior, in Corvallis, Ore. on April 17, 1993, with a perfect 10.0. With her perfect performance, Dana becomes the only Tide gymnast to repeat as national champion on an individual event. Dana goes on to earn an NCAA and SEC Post-Graduate Scholarship, putting an exclamation on one of the greatest careers in Crimson Tide history.



### Did You Know...

Alabama has finished in the final four at the NCAA Championships 17 times.



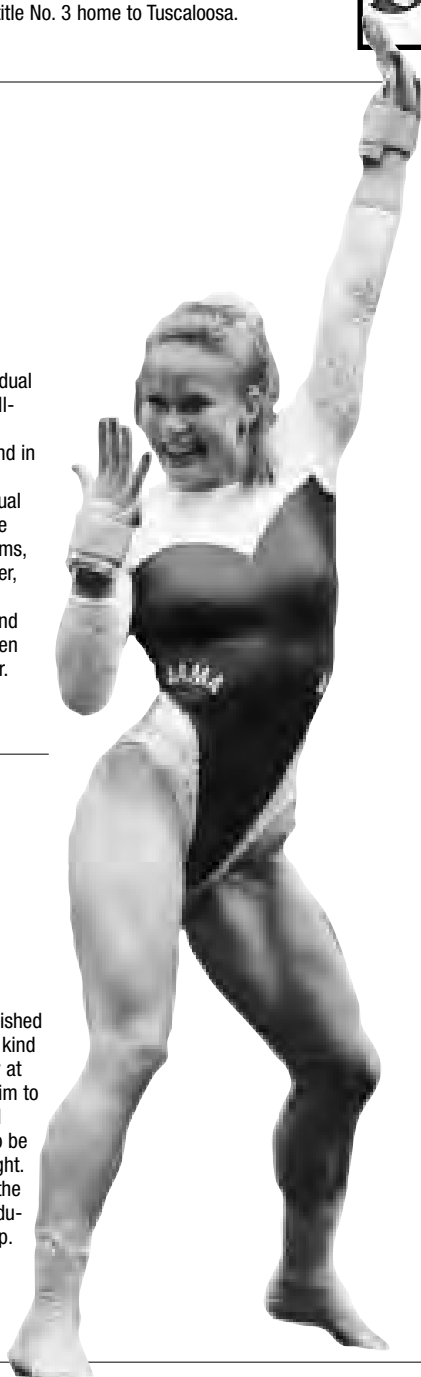
# #13

After three rotations of the 1995 Southeastern Conference Championships being held in Gainesville, Fla., the Crimson Tide finds themselves in fourth place with the chance for a third SEC Championship looking bleak. Fortunately, Alabama sees not a chance to give up, but a chance to make history. Alabama soars past Georgia, LSU and Florida on the strength of the best vault total in NCAA history on rotation No. 4 to win the '95 title on **March 25, 1995**. The Tide's 196.175 is just .05 in front of second-place LSU. Alabama counts nothing less than a 9.900 on the way to setting the vault mark. Junior Kim Kelly hits a 10.0 to win the vault. Senior Chasity Junkin and freshman Merritt Booth both turn in career-high 9.975s. Sophomore Stephanie Woods wins the SEC uneven bars title. Junior Marna Neubauer, sophomores Kim Bonaventura and Meredith Willard, freshmen Danielle McAdams, Shay Murphy and Heather Nasser all contribute to bringing SEC title No. 3 home to Tuscaloosa.



# #14

On Friday, **April 26, 1996**, paced by three individual NCAA Champions and a program record eight All-Americans, the Tide posted an NCAA Super Six record 198.025 to win its third NCAA title, second in the '90s. Senior Kim Kelly and juniors Meredith Willard and Stephanie Woods, all earned individual NCAA titles. Junior Kim Bonaventura, sophomore Merritt Booth, Kelly, sophomore Danielle McAdams, sophomore Shay Murphy, senior Marna Neubauer, Willard and Woods combined to earn 18 All-American honors. Sophomore Heather Nasser and freshmen Mandy Chapman, Lisa Gianni and Gwen Spidle round out Alabama's championship roster.



# #15

She didn't believe it. "Check again," she admonished everyone within her grasp. "There's been some kind of mistake," she told them. She tugged urgently at the sleeve of the nearest meet official, asking him to check, then double check the scores. There had been a mistake, someone else was supposed to be where she was. No mistake, the scores were right. On Thursday, **April 25, 1996**, Meredith Willard, the ultimate team player in a sport filled with individuals, had won the NCAA All-Around Championship.

# #16

In the final performance of her Crimson Tide career, as the music of her floor routine reached its final beat and tears streamed down her face, Kim Kelly's success-studded career turned golden. The King of Prussia, Penn., native won the 1996 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship in front of the home crowd with a perfect 10.0 and an avalanche of applause. For Kelly, that's how it ended, Saturday, **April 27, 1996**. One last floor routine, perfect in execution - a moment in time - for all time, filled with tears of joy and sadness - and rolls upon rolls of cheers.



# #17

Stephanie Woods knew that the uneven bars routine she had just finished had been special, she just wasn't sure if anyone else knew. It was the night of the event finals at the Main Event and she had just completed her routine. But the Austin, Texas, native's feeling about her routine carried over to the judges, who knew they had seen something of championship caliber. On Saturday, **April 27, 1996**, Woods won the NCAA Uneven Bars Championship, etching her name in Crimson legend.



# #18

One fan after another made their way into Coleman Coliseum Saturday, **February 1, 1997** until finally, just before 7:00 p.m. and the start of the Alabama-Georgia gymnastics meet, history was made and Alabama Gymnastics sold out. A capacity crowd of 15,043 fills Alabama's arena. It is the largest crowd to ever see a women's athletic event in the State of Alabama and the largest crowd to ever see an SEC Gymnastics contest. Alabama's challenge for the record was foiled not by lack of fans, but lack of seats. Reportedly more than 400 fans were turned away from the doors of the coliseum.



# #19

The shine on Meredith Willard's career, in and out of the gym, continues to grow. On January 11, 1998, the Clemmons, N.C. native becomes the first Alabama athlete to earn the NCAA's prestigious Top VIII award, given annually to the nation's top eight senior athletes regardless of gender or sport. The award encompasses athletics, academics and character.



# #20

In a hint of the career to come, Andréé Pickens wins the NCAA Balance Beam Championship as a freshman on **April 24, 1999**, capping a championship where she becomes the first freshman in NCAA history to earn five All-American honors.



# #21

Alabama travels to Gainesville for the 2000 Southeastern Conference Championship and falls into a groove that carries it through a dominating performance to win SEC title No. 3 on **March 18, 2000**. Sophomore Andréé Pickens wins the vault, uneven bars and all-around titles and is named SEC Gymnast of the Year. She and freshman Kristin Sterner earn first team All-SEC honors, while juniors Katie Hornecker and Dara Stewart (pictured at left with their championship rings) along with sophomore Natalie Barrington all earned second team All-SEC honors. Seniors Lexa Evans and Gina Logan, juniors Robin Hawkins, April Makinson and Lissy Smith, sophomores Krista Gole, Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan and Raegan Tomasek and freshman Sara Scarborough rounded out the championship roster.



# #22

Senior Andréé Pickens has the most dominating performance in Southeastern Conference Championship history on **March 23, 2002** when she wins four of the five individual titles up for grabs that night at Bartow Arena. Not only is she the

first gymnast to win four SEC titles in one year, she also earns her third SEC Gymnast of the Year honor. Pickens is the only gymnast to win the award more than once. She finishes her career with seven SEC titles, including two all-arounds, the SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship and the SEC Athlete of the Year award..

Andréé Pickens wins her second NCAA Championship and the 13th in Alabama history **April 20, 2002**. It is her 12th routine in three days and the Houston, Texas native is exhausted, but she finds the energy for one more routine, the last of her career, and makes it count. The 14-time All-American and winner of both the AAI American Award and the Honda Award for Gymnastics, scores a 9.925 to win. With a tired wave to crowd which is giving her a standing ovation, Pickens closes out a career that was legend even before she won the title.

# #24



# #23

Alabama rolls to NCAA Championship No. 4 on **April 19, 2002** in Coleman Coliseum with a rock solid performance on all four events, especially the balance beam, where the Tide finished off the meet (and all the other teams) for the fourth meet in a row. Senior Andréé Pickens posts the night's top all-around score and earns five All-American honors in leading the Tide to victory. In all, Alabama earns a meet high 14 All-American honors with sophomore Jeana Rice earning three, junior Kristin Sterner and sophomore Alexis Brion taking two a piece while senior Natalie Barrington and freshman Shannon Hrozek earn one each. Seniors Alexa Martinez, Whitney Morgan and Raegan Tomasek, junior Sara Scarborough, sophomores Helen Burgin, Tiffany Byrd, Erin Holdefer, Lauren Holdefer and Stephanie Kite and freshman Michelle Reeser round out the championship roster.

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# #25

On **September 29, 2002**, it is announced that Sarah Patterson has been elected to the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame. She becomes just the sixth woman ever elected to the hall and the first

female coach. "It's my name they're going to call out," Sarah Patterson said of the honor. "But as anybody who has followed our program knows, it is honoring what David and I have accomplished together." The announcement comes on the heels of the Tide's fourth NCAA Championship under the Pattersons and Sarah Patterson being named National Coach of the Year for a fourth time. The Pattersons will attend the induction ceremony on Saturday, March 8, 2003.





**Alabama's NCAA Team Titles — 2002, 1996, 1991, 1988**

**Alabama's NCAA All-Around Titles: Penney Hauschild — 1985, Penney Hauschild — 1986, Dee Foster — 1990, Meredith Willard — 1996**

# Alabama & the NCAA Championships



Alabama vaulted into the NCAA standings in 1983 when it finished fourth. Since that time, the Crimson Tide has finished in the top-10 each of the past 20 years, finishing in the top-four 17 times.



Alabama won the first of its four national championships in 1988. Since then, Alabama has added three more NCAA Titles to its legend, 1991, 1996 and the latest coming last season. The Tide has finished in the top-three a dozen times. In the decade of the '90s, Alabama stepped up its national standing, posting two championship finishes, four second-place finishes as well as three third place finishes.



Alabama gymnasts have also excelled individually at NAAs. Four times Alabama has come home from the championship with the all-around title. Penney Hauschild did it twice, pacing the Tide in 1985 and 1986, Dee Foster managed the feat in 1990 and Meredith Willard won in 1996.

Hauschild also won the uneven bars championship in 1985 and took home top marks in the floor exercise in 1986.

Gina Basile was awarded the balance beam title in 1991, while Dana Dobransky became the first Crimson Tide gymnast to repeat on an individual event when she won back-to-back balance beam titles in 1992 and 1993.

Kim Kelly capped a stellar career with a



### Alabama at the NCAA Championships

1983	4
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winning 10.0 floor exercise performance at the 1996 NCAA Individual Finals. That same year, Stephanie Woods won the uneven bars title as a junior.

In 1999, Andréé Pickens became the second Alabama freshman to win an NCAA title when she took first on the balance beam. Foster was the Tide's first rookie champion. Last season Pickens capped her standout Alabama career with the NCAA Uneven Bars Championship.

In the category of All-Americans, Alabama has been extremely prolific as 37 Tide gymnasts have earned first team All-American honors a total of 130 times. Second team All-Americans, first honored in 1992, number 20 on the Tide's all-time roster, having collected 44 honors between them.

In 1993, Dee Foster set an NCAA record when she ended her career with 17 All-America

honors, a mark that still stands today. Foster also became the first gymnast to finish top-3 in the all-around competition all four years of her career. She was first in 1990, second in 1991 and 1993, and third in 1992.

In 1996, the Alabama-hosted NCAA Championships posted the highest attendance in history, 36,573 over the three-day event.

Alabama set three championship marks in 1996. The Tide's 198.025 during team finals is the highest Super-Six total in the history of the championships. Alabama's vault (49.775) and floor exercise (49.625) scores at the NCAA Super-Six were also new standards of excellence.



1982 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Utah	148.600
2. Cal State Fullerton	144.150
3. Penn State	143.100
4. Oregon State	143.000
5. Arizona State	142.950
6. UCLA	142.400
7. Florida	140.900
8. Nebraska	138.100
9. Oklahoma State	137.200
10. Michigan	136.900
All-Around Champion- Sue Stednitz, Utah	37.20

1983 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Utah	184.650
2. Arizona State	183.300
3. Cal State Fullerton	179.250
4. ALABAMA	179.050
5. Florida	177.850
6. LSU	177.800
UCLA	177.800
8. Ohio State	176.650
9. Oregon State	173.550
10. Nebraska	165.550
All-Around Champion- Megan McCuniff, Utah	37.50

1984 at Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Utah	186.050
2. UCLA	185.550
3. Cal State Fullerton	193.900
4. Arizona State	183.650
5. Florida	182.200
6. ALABAMA	180.800
7. Penn State	179.450
8. Washington	178.550
9. Georgia	177.600
10. Arizona	176.900
All-Around Champion- Megan McCuniff-Marsden, Utah	37.90

1985 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Utah	188.350
2. Arizona State	186.600
3. Florida	184.300
4. ALABAMA	184.050
5. Cal State Fullerton	183.500
6. Oregon	183.150
7. Georgia	180.900
8. Ohio State	179.750
9. Penn State	179.000
10. Oklahoma	177.400
All-Around Champion- Penney Hauschild, UA	37.95

1986 at Gainesville, Fla.

1. Utah	186.950
2. Arizona State	186.700
3. ALABAMA	186.350
4. Georgia	185.450
5. Cal State Fullerton	185.000
6. Penn State	182.700
7. UCLA	181.700
8. Florida	181.300
9. LSU	180.550
10. Ohio State	177.800
All-Around Champion- Penney Hauschild, UA	38.20

1987 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Georgia	187.900
2. Utah	187.550
3. UCLA	187.000
4. ALABAMA	186.600
5. Arizona State	184.000
6. Florida	183.800
7. LSU	181.500
8. Ohio State	180.200
9. Washington	179.850
10. Nebraska	179.500
11. Arizona	179.450
12. Oregon State	174.500
All-Around Champion- Kelly Garrison-Steves, Oklahoma	38.15

1988 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. ALABAMA	190.050
2. Utah	189.500
3. UCLA	188.800
4. LSU	187.900
5. Georgia	186.800
6. Florida	186.650
7. Oregon State	186.500
8. Arizona State	185.100
9. Arizona	184.000
10. Nebraska	183.550
11. Penn State	179.700
12. Michigan State	178.800
All-Around Champion- Kelly Garrison-Steves, Oklahoma	38.80

1989 at Athens, Ga.

1. Georgia	192.650
2. UCLA	192.600
3. ALABAMA	192.100
4. Nebraska	190.800
5. Utah	190.200
6. Cal State Fullerton	189.450
7. Arizona State	187.900
Oregon State	187.900
9. Oklahoma	187.050
10. Florida	187.000
11. Arizona	186.500
12. Ohio State	186.400
All-Around Champion- Corrinne Wright, Georgia	38.90

1990 at Corvallis, Ore.

1. Utah	194.900
2. ALABAMA	194.575
3. Georgia	193.225
4. UCLA	193.100
5. Nebraska	192.225
6. LSU	192.100
7. Oregon State	189.950
8. Cal State Fullerton	189.700
9. Towson State	187.975
10. Arizona	187.175
Florida	187.175
12. Ohio State	183.650
All-Around Champion- Dee Foster, UA	39.30

1991 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. ALABAMA	195.125
2. Utah	194.375
3. Georgia	193.375
4. Oregon State	192.350
5. Penn State	190.950
6. Florida	189.700
7. LSU	188.600
8. BYU	187.700
9. Arizona State	187.650
Auburn	187.650
11. Arizona	187.450
12. Utah State	185.950
All-Around Champion- Hope Spivey, Georgia	39.525

1992 at Saint Paul, Minn.

1. Utah	195.650
2. Georgia	194.600
3. ALABAMA	193.350
4. Penn State	192.700
5. Arizona	191.950
6. Oregon State	191.300
7. Arizona State	191.000
8. California	190.700
9. UCLA	189.800
10. Stanford	189.100
11. Florida	188.700
12. BYU	187.700
All-Around Champion- Missy Marlowe, Utah	39.650

1993 at Corvallis, Oregon

1. Georgia	198.000
2. ALABAMA	196.825
3. Utah	195.825
4. UCLA	194.925
5. Auburn	194.725
6. Arizona	194.075
All-Around Champion- Jenny Hansen, Kentucky	39.500

1994 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Utah	196.400
2. ALABAMA	196.350
3. Georgia	195.850
4. Michigan	195.150
5. UCLA	194.975
6. Florida	194.850
All-Around Champion- Jenny Hansen, Kentucky	39.450

1995 at Athens, Ga.

1. Utah	196.650
2. ALABAMA	196.425
Michigan	196.425
4. UCLA	196.150
5. Georgia	196.075
6. Oregon State	194.850
All-Around Champion- Jenny Hansen, Kentucky	39.800

1996 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. ALABAMA	198.025
2. UCLA	197.475
3. Utah	196.775
Georgia	196.775
5. Oregon State	196.525
6. Michigan	196.375
All-Around Champion- Meredith Willard, UA	39.450

1997 at Gainesville, Fla.

1. UCLA	197.150
2. Arizona State	196.850
3. Georgia	196.600
4. Michigan	196.500
5. Florida	196.425
6. Nebraska	195.250
7. Utah	196.025
8. Washington	195.975
9. ALABAMA	195.600
10. Minnesota	194.775
11. Penn State	194.300
12. LSU	193.825
All-Around Champion- Kim Arnold, Georgia	39.550

1998 at Los Angeles, Calif.

1. Georgia	197.725
2. Florida	196.350
3. ALABAMA	195.300
4. Utah	196.025
5. UCLA	195.750
6. Arizona State	196.450
All-Around Champion- Kim Arnold, Georgia	39.550

1999 at Salt Lake City, Utah

1. Georgia	196.850
2. Michigan	196.550
3. ALABAMA	195.950
4. Arizona State	195.900
5. UCLA	195.850
6. Nebraska	194.800
All-Around Champion- Theresa Kulikowski, Utah	39.675

2000 at Boise, Idaho

1. UCLA	196.850
2. Utah	196.550
3. Georgia	195.950
4. Nebraska	195.900
5. ALABAMA	196.500
6. Michigan	194.800
All-Around Champion- Heather Brink, Nebraska	39.600

2001 at Athens, Ga.

1. UCLA	197.575
2. Georgia	197.400
3. Michigan	197.275
4. ALABAMA	196.550
5. Utah	196.025
Nebraska	196.025
All-Around Champion- Onnie Willis, UCLA	39.525

2002 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1. ALABAMA	197.575
2. Georgia	197.250
3. UCLA	197.150
4. Utah	196.950
5. Nebraska	196.425
6. Stanford	196.025
All-Around Champion- Jamie Dantzsch, UCLA	39.675



# Alabama's National Honors



## Honda Award for Gymnastics

*Awarded to the nation's best collegiate gymnast.*

- 1985 .....Penney Hauschild
- 1986 .....Penney Hauschild
- 1993 .....Dee Foster
- 2002 .....André Pickens

## NCAA Top VIII Award

*The NCAA Top VIII Award is the NCAA's most prestigious award, given annually to the nation's top eight senior athletes regardless of gender or sport. The award encompasses athletics, academics and character.*

- 1997 .....Meredith Willard
- 2002 .....André Pickens

## NCAA Woman of the Year

*First awarded in 1991, the NCAA Woman of the Year program honors academic and athletics excellence, as well as community service and leadership, on a national level. There are three levels: state winner, finalist (top-10) and Woman of the Year.*

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|------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1992 | Katherine Kelleher | State Winner    |
| 1993 | Dana Dobransky     | State Winner    |
| 1997 | Meredith Willard   | Top-10 Finalist |
| 1998 | Merritt Booth      | Top-10 Finalist |
| 2000 | Lexa Evans         | State Winner    |
| 2002 | André Pickens      | State Winner    |

## NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships

- 1983 Julie Garrett
- 1985 Barbara Mack
- 1987 Julie Estin
- 1989 Kelly Good
- 1992 Katherine Kelleher
- 1993 Dana Dobransky
- 1997 Meredith Willard
- 1998 Merritt Booth

## National Coach of the Year

- 1986 Sarah Patterson
- 1988 Sarah Patterson
- 1991 Sarah Patterson
- 2002 Sarah Patterson



Former Alabama Athletics Director Cecil "Hootie" Ingram presents Dee Foster with her 1993 Honda-Broderick Award while her father looks on.



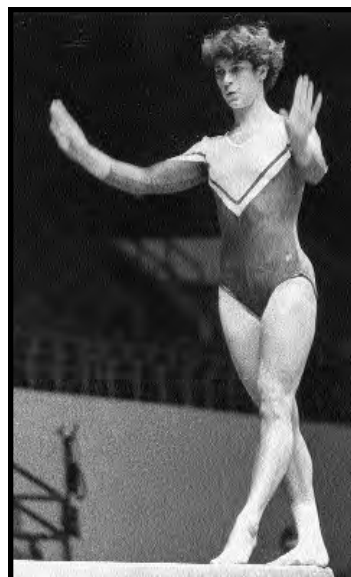
NCAA Woman of the Year finalist Merritt Booth (center) is presented with her NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship check by gymnastics academic advisor Cathy Elliott and Alabama's faculty athletic representative Gene Marsh during the 1999 Georgia meet.



André Pickens earned the NCAA Top VIII award, the Honda Award and was named NCAA Woman of the Year for the State of Alabama during her career.



In addition to earning Alabama's first NCAA Top VIII award, Meredith Willard was a top-10 finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award.



Julie Garrett also earned a Southeastern Conference Postgraduate Scholarship in addition to her NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship



Penney Hauschild receives one of her two Honda Broderick Awards from former University President Dr. Joab Thomas.



# The 1996 NCAA Champions

For the Alabama Gymnastics team, two long years of planning, training and dedication had come down to the next 24 hours. Their motto for the season had been "Enjoy the Journey," and they had along with great success. Now, in April 1996, Alabama was on the verge of competing for the national championship on its home floor. Sarah and David Patterson gathered their team and told them, "We've enjoyed the journey, now it's time to enjoy our destination."

Alabama started its drive for its third NCAA Championship on the same two events on which it had counted falls on the first night of team competition. On the uneven bars, sophomore Danielle McAdams produced a 9.875, a mark echoed by freshman Gwen Spidle. Spidle was followed junior Meredith Willard, who posted a 9.9. In the fourth position senior Kim Kelly suffered a fall, putting the Tide's final two performers in clutch positions. Junior Stephanie Woods responded with a 9.95. Senior Marna Neubauer came up in the final position. The senior had been battling a sore shoulder for the latter half of the season but came up big for the Tide, swinging to a 9.875. Alabama produced a 49.475, the second best total in school history.

Alabama then moved to the balance beam. Willard took to the beam in her customary first spot and for the first time all season, on any event, she fell. Sarah Patterson gathered the team together and told them, "Meredith has been our rock all season long. Now we'll be there for her."

Sophomore Shay Murphy was next up and responded with a solid 9.8. Senior Kim Bonaventura posted a 9.825 and Kelly scored 9.9. McAdams came up in the fifth position. Midway through her routine, she wobbled on a landing, staying on the beam seemingly through sheer force of will. She steadied herself and finished the routine to thunderous applause and a 9.725 score. Woods finished things off for the Tide with a 9.9. The Tide posted a 49.150.

Despite a strong first half, Alabama still trailed UCLA, a squad making a push for the top, by .075 with two rotations left.

The Tide moved to the floor exercise, and it



Alabama totaled a 198.025, a new NCAA 'Super Six' record, to win its third NCAA title, second in front of the home crowd.

was there that the Tide and the crowd of 10,000-plus fans caught fire. Neubauer scored a 9.85 followed by Booth's 9.875.

Then Kelly brought her floor routine out, the routine she had learned during the season, and introduced only four meets before. To the strains of "Yea Alabama" and "Sweet Home Alabama" the Pennsylvania native captured her audience and judges, producing a perfect 10.0 performance and raising the decibel level in Coleman Coliseum to near-deafening heights.

Willard carried the banner of enthusiasm throughout her performance, producing a 9.95. McAdams came up in the final spot and capped Alabama's performance with a career high 9.95.

When the counting was done, Alabama had produced a NCAA Floor Exercise record 49.625.

The Bruins were tenacious though, matching the Tide's record floor effort with an NCAA record of their own on the balance beam (49.50). Going into the last rotation, perennial favorites

Georgia and Utah were already out of the championship picture - barring a complete meltdown by both the Crimson Tide and UCLA. It came down to two teams and one last rotation.

Alabama headed to the vault, just .05 ahead of floor exercise bound UCLA.

What happened during the last rotation is the stuff of legend. Alabama ran off a blistering set of vaults in which the Tide scored nothing less than a 9.9 and posted two perfect, golden 10.0s.

Booth got Alabama off to a 9.925 start. Bonaventura and Neubauer chimed in with back-to-back 9.9 scores. McAdams came up in the fourth spot and put the ultimate exclamation point on what had already been a career night. She flew down the runway, hit the springboard, then the vault, landed on the mat and did not move. Feet planted, arms thrown back and head held high, McAdams scored her first perfect 10.0 and the fans roared, clapped and screamed their approval. Kelly responded with a 10.0 of her own, the sixth perfect vault of her career and one that raised the roof right off the coliseum. Willard finished the Tide's evening with a 9.95.

The Tide's vault total, 49.775, set yet another NCAA record. UCLA mustered a 49.275 on the floor. The title was Alabama's.

Alabama totaled a 198.025, a new NCAA 'Super Six' record, to win its third NCAA title, second in front of the home crowd. UCLA was second with a 197.475, a score that would have won all but one other NCAA Championship. Utah and Georgia tied for third with a 196.775. Oregon State was fifth with a 196.525, while Michigan finished sixth with a 196.375. It marked the first time in NCAA history that all six members of the "Super Six" scored 196 or better.

Willard started the Tide's winning ways on the first night of competition, earning Alabama's fourth NCAA All-Around title.

The Tide would roll to two more titles during Saturday night's individual competition. Woods posted a 9.975 to win the first NCAA Uneven Bars title. And Kelly, in the last meet of her storied career, inked the perfect final chapter. She posted yet another perfect 10.0 floor routine to win that title.



# The 1991 NCAA Champions



Alabama hosted the NCAA Championships for the first time in 1991, coming away with the title. The Crimson Tide also won the title the next time it hosted in 1996. The 2002 season marks the third time Alabama has hosted the NCAA Gymnastics Championships.

For the 1991 season, after running the Crimson Tide gymnastics program for thirteen years, Sarah Patterson finally had the championships right where she wanted them: in Coleman Coliseum.

The Alabama program had already gained national prominence, winning its first title in 1988. In 1990, the team brought home the Southeastern Conference title and placed second to Utah at the championship. The 1991 Tide team boasted a contingent that included five All Americans and the 1990 NCAA all-around champion. If the gymnasts did their jobs, there was no doubt in Sarah Patterson's mind they would be competing in front of the home crowd that final Friday of competition.

Hosting the championships had been a Patterson goal since her team began its climb to distinction. Competing for the title on her turf would not only validate the program, but also bring in the support Patterson felt the team deserved.

"I remember being told that you build a crowd by winning a national championship, but you could also do it by hosting a championship," Patterson explained. The first step toward building the fan base was accomplished with the 1988 NCAA title, which spurred increased interest in the program.

The Tide was young in 1991, with six underclassmen, including four freshmen. The two seniors, Kim Masters and Tina Rinker, sought to weave the eleven girls together to form a squad reminiscent of the 1988 championship team of which they were members as freshmen.

"I remember feeling that the team had so

much talent that we should be able to win the national championship if we could become unified and get into the flow," Rinker reminisced.

Alabama had the opportunity to shine at home, but the team was not fulfilling expectations in the pre-season. "I can remember in December thinking that we were hosting the championships and that we might not even be there," Patterson explained. Pre-season practices were not characteristic of a team that should be in contention for first-place gold, and Patterson predicted a nightmare-ish outcome if the team did not shape up.

"One day, Sarah sat us down and we got a good lecture," freshman Kara Stilp recalled. "I will never forget it. She told us that we were going to be really embarrassed when we hosted nationals, and we would not be competing in it. We agreed that we all needed to get in gear."

That proved to be a turning point for the gymnasts. Once its first competition rolled around, the Tide was ready to go. If pre-season was tough, the competition season was just as demanding.

The Tide defeated the Auburn Tigers in the 1991 season opener even though they had to count three falls on balance beam, an event on which the program had built its reputation. In its home opener against Penn State, the team tumbled to three more falls from the 4-inch wide apparatus. Fortunately, they still came away with a hash mark in the "W" column.

To Patterson, these mistakes were unacceptable for a championship-caliber team. Beam intra-squads came frequently, and the team's self-assurance rose. The team members began to refer to themselves as the "Beam Team."

"We had so much confidence because Sarah made us do so many intra-squads," sophomore Sheryl Dundas said. "We could do routines in our sleep if we had to."

Even half way through the season, the Tide would not take a moment's rest.

"We can't rest because we still have to learn," Patterson explained to the media at the time.

The Tide traveled to Lexington, Ky. for the Southeastern Conference Championships. Forced to count two falls on the final event, vault, the

SEC title slipped from Alabama's hands by .05.

The disappointment and frustration made the Tide even more determined to earn the national crown.

"Good teams aren't going to let defeats defeat them overall," junior Katherine Kelleher told reporters. "They use it to their advantage. That's what we are going to do."

"I've always said that in this conference, you can be third at the conference championship and win the national championship," Patterson explained. "1991 was definitely indicative of that scenario."

Moving onto the regional championships at Auburn, the Tide turned in one of its best performances of the season. The team entered the NCAAs as the No. 1 seed.

At the NCAA Championships, the Tide drew a favorable rotation, starting on the vault, finishing on the floor exercise. After charging through the first two events, the "Beam Team" was put to its final test. The Crimson Tide hit all six routines, passing the exam with flying colors. No other team competed on the balance beam without a fall.

Before the team rotated to floor, Patterson offered only one piece of advice to her charges: "I just told the kids to land on their feet and stay in bounds."

The floor music reverberated through the Coliseum and each tumbling pass was met with the type of cheers that had once been reserved for the extra point kicked for the win in the final seconds of a football game. The Crimson Tide emerged victorious, earning the second national title for the gymnastics program.

"Winning one (the championship in 1988) was great, but there was nothing like winning at home," the excited head coach said.

"I felt like winning one championship was exciting, but to win a second one just validated our program at that point," Patterson continued. "It wasn't just a one-time thing. Yes, we can have this philosophy of having the best students and athletes and well-rounded individuals and still win a championship."

The team also taught Patterson a thing or two about the 7-month journey to the national championship competition, as well as the expectations that come with the quest.

"It doesn't matter where you start in December," Patterson said. "It only matters where you end in April. Sometimes, when it looks like you have your hardest road to go in pre-season, you need to stay focused on the outcome and take it one step at a time. So, more than anything, I learned from this team to not look too far down that road." — LE



# The 1988 NCAA Champions

Sarah and David were celebrating their 10th anniversary of coaching the Crimson Tide in 1988. Their success had been nothing short of amazing, with five consecutive top-6 finishes including a high of third in 1986. Alabama was a strong team, with a solid foundation built on its coaches and the type of athletes that they chose to bring into the program.

The questions began brewing in Sarah and David's mind though - could their philosophy of developing the whole person produce championships? Would they be able to do things the way they wanted and still climb the final rung and produce a championship? The questions were answered emphatically in 1988.

Alabama started the 1987-88 school year 10-strong. It was a young squad, with two seniors, one junior, four sophomores and three freshmen. The Pattersons added to the Tide's arsenal in January, when Kim Masters joined the Tide. Masters had planned to delay college for a year to train for the Seoul Olympics. After finishing ninth at the USA Gymnastics Championships the summer before, her aspirations for the Olympic rings seemed within her grasp. Striving for that goal lost its appeal though and after much thought, she opted for college and the Crimson Tide. With its roster set, the season began.

Alabama reeled off a trio of wins to get things going. Then something strange happened - Alabama tied LSU. With fractions of points being added up over the course of 24 individual performances, ties are rare in collegiate gymnastics. Then, at the next meet, Alabama did it again; tying Georgia at the Tide hosted Red and White Classic. While Alabama tied the Dogs, it defeated Utah at the Classic.

In any other season, that would have been what the year would be known by, the year of two ties. This squad, though, was destined to be known for far greater things.

Alabama made it out of February sporting a 10-0-2 mark, having faced some of the toughest competition in the nation. Alabama finished the regular season at 14-3-2.

Alabama then set the tone for the post season by winning its first ever Southeastern Conference Championship with a 190.15. It was only the second time in school history that it had scored in the 190s. The Tide outpointed second-place Georgia by .95.

The regionals were next for the Tide and to advance to the NCAA Championships, a good performance would be necessary. Instead of a good performance, Alabama produced a school and NCAA-best mark of 191.75. Alabama posted the meet's top score, both individually and as a team, on all four events. Kelly Good was back in

the lineup and Masters won the all-around title followed by Marie Robbins in second and Tina Rinker in fourth.

"I didn't think it was going to be possible to exceed what we did at the Southeastern Conference Championship, but they certainly did," Sarah said. "They came back and did a better job."

Nationals were in Salt Lake City, Utah, home of five-time NCAA Champion Utah, the No. 2 seed. Among others, Alabama would face defending NCAA Champs Georgia, No. 3 seeded LSU and No. 4 seeded Florida. Both the competition and the floor were familiar. The position, being the No. 1 seed, was not, but that did not seem to weigh on the Tide.

"I don't think there's extra pressure on us being the No. 1 seed," Sarah said. "We just achieved so many things - winning the SEC, the record in the regionals and the No. 1 seed - that we're too proud of what we've already accomplished to feel pressure."

If Alabama disagreed with their coach, it did not show. Alabama was cited by those watching from the stands and those on press row as being calm and loose going into the championships, having fun, being playful and displaying an indomitable team spirit.

Alabama scored an NCAA Championship record, shattering the mark previously held by Utah, (188.35), with a 190.05. Alabama's highest all-around finish was ninth-place, highlighting the team effort it took to win the championship.

Consistency, along with confidence and enthusiasm were the keys for the Crimson Tide. The Pattersons' crew hit 23 of 24 routines, including a six-for-six balance beam rotation.

"It was the beam - that's where we won it," Sarah said. "That was our best beam score of the year." And if the beam was the event that led Alabama to the title, its seniors were the class pointing the way.

"This national championship is for our two seniors - Alli Beldon and Kathy Bilodeau. They hit all three events tonight. They were models for



On April 30, 1988, the State of Alabama declared "Alabama Gymnasts' Day." There was a parade and a ceremony at the base of Denny Chimes. The next fall, the Alabama gymnasts were recognized at half time of the Vanderbilt football game and given their championship rings.

us all year. We just learned from their consistency which has been our forte all season."

Four Alabama gymnasts earned seven All-American honors. Sarah was named NCAA Coach of the Year, but most importantly, Alabama had its first NCAA Championship.

"It's so unbelievable," Robbins said. "We had so much fun. That's when we are at our best."

Sophomore Cheri Way said the seeds of the championship were sown long before the trip to Utah. "I realized we could win the national title after one long and tiresome Tuesday practice when we decided to go out and do it for us," Way said. "When I realized we had won . . . my whole body went numb."

The good times were far from over. "The best part about winning the championship was coming back home to Alabama," Blumberg said, a sentiment echoed by all her teammates at one point or another during that magic year.

On April 30, 1988, the State of Alabama declared "Alabama Gymnasts' Day." There was a parade and a ceremony at the base of Denny Chimes. The next fall, the gymnasts received their championship rings at half time of the Vanderbilt football game. The celebration faded into the quiet of accomplishment, but the effects last until this day. Since that fateful April 22nd, Alabama has finished in the top three 10 of 13 years, including two more No. 1 and four runner-up finishes.



# Individual NCAA Champions



## Penney Hauschild

**1985 NCAA All-Around & Uneven Bars Champion**  
**1986 NCAA All-Around & Floor Exercise Champion**

**On her National Championships:**

"It was definitely the pinnacle of my gymnastic career. But I know that nothing could have been done without Sarah, David, my teammates, the trainers, and really the entire athletic department. Although my titles were a great experience, I would have given anything to be able to be with the team in 1988 when they won the team national title."

**Best memory:**

"After my floor exercise at 1986 Nationals, which was the last event of my career, Sarah was standing right there. She had tears in her eyes, I had tears in my eyes, and we just came together and hugged. That will always be the one moment that will stand out in my mind."

## Dee Foster 1990 NCAA All-Around Champion

**On her title:**

"There were advantages and disadvantages to winning a national title. The advantages were, of course, the respect and national recognition in a sport that I had dedicated my life to. And the main disadvantage was the pressure to repeat. Thankfully I had 10 other people there to help me through each of the next 3 years."

**Best memory:**

"My junior year, during the Homecoming football game, we got our National Championship rings down on the field at halftime. My best friend was there to enjoy it with me, and that made it extra special."



## Gina Basile 1991 NCAA Balance Beam Champion

**On the 1991 team title:**

"It was a very rewarding experience for me. It was especially great because it was at home in front of our families and our fans. It's really a feeling that you can't put into words. The best way that I can describe winning the national team title is that it is 11 girls, separated around the country, who are bonded together for life by a ring which represents talent, dedication, friendship, and crimson pride."

**Best memory:**

"Really the thing that stands out in my mind is that there was no real pressure. There was some pressure, but really we just had a good time. Usually the person who wants it the most wins, and we just always pulled together, had a good time, and usually won. That's what I will always remember."



## Dana Dobransky

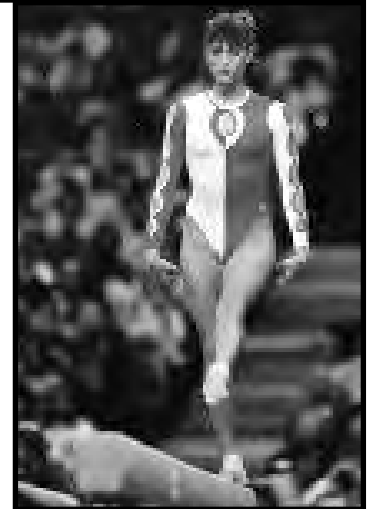
**1992 NCAA Balance Beam Champion**  
**1993 NCAA Balance Beam Champion**

**On her 1993 beam title:**

“Ending my career with a 10.0 on balance beam finally represented that I had worked for perfection. It made all of the mental perfection, all of the hard work, all of the falling, and getting up, worth it. It was great to be able to represent The University of Alabama with a perfect 10.”

**Best memory:**

“My most lasting memory is the love and support of our fans. That fan support was one of the reasons that I was attracted to Alabama, and when I got there, it was just great. I know that we wouldn’t have been as successful as we were, or are, without the love and support of all of our fans. The fans at Alabama are so supporting of everything, and that is the one thing that really stands out in my mind.”



## Kim Kelly

**1991 NCAA Floor Exercise Champion**

In the final performance of her Crimson Tide career, as the music of her floor routine reached its final beat, and tears streamed down her face, Kim Kelly’s success-studded career turned golden. The King of Prussia, Penn. native won the 1996 NCAA Floor Exercise Championship in front of the home crowd with a perfect 10.0 and an avalanche of applause.

As extraordinary as the ending was, the genesis of her championship floor routine is even more so. In college gymnastics, the norm is to change floor routines just once during a career and a mid-season change was unheard of, until Kim Kelly.

Tide freshman Lisa Gianni’s floor routine was to the strains of the Alabama fight song. When Gianni went down after the second meet of the season with a ruptured Achilles tendon, there was no one to carry the routine into the Tide-hosted nationals, until Kelly undertook the challenge.

It was a move that Tide coach Sarah Patterson says she would not have been able to consider with anyone except Kelly. The move paid off when Kelly completed the post season triple play, winning the SEC, NCAA Central Regional and NCAA Championships.

## Meredith Willard

**1996 NCAA All-Around Champion**

She tugged urgently at the sleeve of the nearest meet official, asking him to check then double check the scores. There had been a mistake, someone else was supposed to be where she was.

No mistake, the scores were right. Meredith Willard, the ultimate team player in a sport filled with individuals, had won the 1996 NCAA All-Around Championship.

Meredith’s title shouldn’t have come as a surprise. She had been, throughout the 1996 season, the nation’s most consistent gymnast. Going into the Main Event, she had hit an astounding and perfect 44 of 44 routines. She had, going into the championships, competed in 45 of a possible 48 events. She had been very nearly unstoppable.

And Willard had not just been consistent, she had been consistently brilliant. She bettered or tied her career best all-around mark six times during the season. And at the Main Event on the night of the all-around, she was the best of the best, winning with a 39.450 total. Her talent and ability led her to Alabama’s ninth individual NCAA crown. Her poise and leadership led Alabama to a national team championship the next day.



**Did You Know...**

Alabama had a program high three gymnasts win individual NCAA Championships in 1996.



## Stephanie Woods **1996 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion**

Stephanie Woods knew that the uneven bars routine she had just finished had been special - she just wasn't sure if anyone else knew. It was the night of the event finals at the NCAA Championships and she had just completed her routine.

But the Austin, Texas, native's feeling about her routine carried over to the judges, who knew they had seen something special, something of championship calibre.

In the history of the NCAA Championships, only three competitors have scored better. There are three 10s scattered over the years. Woods is the first to earn a 9.975.

Woods had been brilliantly consistent all season on the uneven bars. Of her 15 routines, 12 scored 9.9 or better. She collected the 1996 NCAA Central Regional uneven bars and balance beam titles coming into the Main Event. She scored back-to-back 9.950s in the NCAA preliminary and Super Six rounds. Her national championship performance was a career best.

## Andréé Pickens

**2002 NCAA Uneven Bars Champion  
1999 NCAA Balance Beam Champion**

It is a testament to Andréé Pickens' talent and drive that she managed not only to win two NCAA titles, but to win them in the most challenging fashion imaginable.

As a freshman she competed in every event all three days of the NCAA Championship. On the last day, after leading Alabama to a third place finish in the thin air of Salt Lake City, Utah the day before, she harnessed her strength and boundless energy to win the NCAA Balance Beam title, earning gold on the event that made her nervous all season.

Three years later, after coming back from a ruptured Achilles tendon that ended her junior season, Pickens again competed in 12 events over three days. But the four events on Saturday were just icing on the cake for the Austin, Texas native who the night before had led the Tide to its fourth NCAA team title.

In the waning moments of a spectacular career, she brought the grit and determination that carried her through injury and rehab to bear on one last routine, winning the NCAA Uneven Bars title. After landing that routine, she gave a tired wave to the crowd, knowing she had given everything she had and it had been more than enough.





# Alabama's All-Americans

*From 1982 to 1990 the top eight all-arounders on the night of team competition and the top eight finishers on the night of individual competition at the NCAA Championship were All-Americans. Since 1991, all qualifiers for the night of individual competition and the top-4 all-arounders from each of the first day's session are All-Americans.*



1982

**Julie Garrett** - UB (4th), AIAW AA (5th), AIAW UB (4th)

1984

**Penney Hauschild** - AA (4th), UB (2nd), BB (4th)

**Barbara Mack** - BB (6th)

1985

**Julie Estin** - V(7th), UB (4th)

**Penney Hauschild** - AA (1st), UB (1st), BB (4th)

1986

**Julie Estin** - AA (5th)

**Lisa Farley** - BB (7th)

**Kelly Good** - V(6th)

**Penney Hauschild** - AA (1st), V (3rd), UB (3rd), FX (1st)

1987

**Julie Estin** - AA (4th), BB (4th), FX (7th)

**Marie Robbins** - UB (5th), FX (3rd)

1988

**Kathy Bilodeau** - BB (6th), FX (7th)

**Tina Rinker** - UB (7th)

**Marie Robbins** - UB (2nd), BB (5th)

**Cheri Way** - UB (3rd), FX (6th)

1989

**Kim Masters** - AA (6th)

**Cheri Way** - BB (7th)

1990

**Dee Foster** - AA (1st), V(4th), UB (T2nd), BB (T2nd)

**Katherine Kelleher** - BB (7th)

**Shea McFall** - V(7th)

1991

**Gina Basile** - BB (3rd)

**Dana Dobransky** - BB (6th), FX (T3rd)

**Dee Foster** - AA (2nd), V, UB, BB, FX

**Katherine Kelleher** - V(7th)

**Shea McFall** - V(6th)

**Kim Masters** - V(5th), AA (8th)

**Kara Stilp** - FX (8th)

1992

**Dana Dobransky** - BB (1st)

**Sheryl Dundas** - BB (6th)

**Dee Foster** - AA (3rd), UB (3rd), BB (3rd), FX (2nd)

**Katherine Kelleher** - V(11th)

1993

**Dana Dobransky** - BB (1st), FX (11th)

**Dee Foster** - AA (2nd), V(4th), UB (T9th), FX (T4th)

1994

**Chasity Junkin** - AA (6th), V(7th)

**Kim Kelly** - V(8th), UB (11th), FX (11th)

**Kara Stilp** - UB (10th)

**Meredith Willard** - AA (3rd), FX (4th)

1995

**Kim Bonaventura** - UB (3rd)

**Merritt Booth** - FX (9th)

**Meredith Willard** - FX (11th)

**Stephanie Woods** - BB (5th), UB (6th)

1996

**Merritt Booth** - V (5th)

**Kim Kelly** - FX (1st), BB (8th)

**Danielle McAdams** - FX (3rd)

**Marna Neubauer** - V (9th)

**Meredith Willard** - AA (1st), UB (4th), FX (7th)

**Stephanie Woods** - UB (1st)

1997

**Meredith Willard** - AA (2nd), V, UB (4th), BB (3rd),  
FX (4th)

**Stephanie Woods** - UB (2nd)

1998

**Merritt Booth** - FX (17th)

**Shay Murphy** - FX (8th)

**Gwen Spidle** - AA (3rd), BB (8th)

1999

**André Pickens** - AA (4th), V (5th), UB (4th),  
BB (1st), FX (10th)

**Lissy Smith** - BB (4th)

**Gwen Spidle** - V (8th)

2000

**Natalie Barrington** - UB (7th)

**Katie Hornecker** - V (8th)

**André Pickens** - AA (8th), V (2nd), UB (4th)

**Kristin Sterner** - UB (11th), FX (5th)

**Dara Stewart** - UB (9th)

2001

**Natalie Barrington** - UB (6th)

**Jeana Rice** - AA (3rd), FX (6th)

**Lissy Smith** - BB (6th)

**Kristin Sterner** - BB (5th)

In addition to winning the 1990 NCAA All-Around Title, Dee Foster earned 17 All-American honors, best in NCAA history.



Katherine Kelleher, now Katherine Laubenthal, earned three first team All-American honors between 1989 and 1992. She and her husband, Alabama team physician Jeff Laubenthal, returned to Tuscaloosa in 2001.

2002

- Natalie Barrington** - UB (4th)
- André Pickens** - AA (2nd), V (3rd), BB (5th), UB (1st), FX (5th)
- Shannon Hrozek** - BB (9th)
- Alexis Brion** - V (6th), FX (4th)
- Jeana Rice** - AA (6th), BB(2nd)
- Kristin Sterner** - BB (3rd), FX (11th)

## Second Team All-Americans

*Second Team All-America honors, from 1992 - 96, went to athletes who finish in the second eight of the all-around and individual events. Starting in 1997, second team honors go to the second four scorers in each session.*

1992

- Dana Dobransky** - AA, UB
- Katherine Kelleher** - UB

1993

- Dana Dobransky** - AA
- Kara Stilp** - FX

1994

- Kim Bonaventura** - UB
- Meredith Willard** - V, UB, BB
- Stephanie Woods** - BB

1995

- Kim Bonaventura** - BB
- Kim Kelly** - BB, FX, V
- Marna Neubauer** - UB
- Meredith Willard** - AA

1996

- Kim Bonaventura** - BB
- Merritt Booth** - FX
- Kim Kelly** - AA, V
- Danielle McAdams** - V, UB
- Shay Murphy** - BB
- Marna Neubauer** - FX
- Meredith Willard** - BB

1997

- Merritt Booth** - FX
- Mandy Chapman** - BB
- Gwen Spidle** - FX

1998

- Merritt Booth** - V
- Gwen Spidle** - V
- Dara Stewart** - UB

1999

- Lexa Evans** - FX
- Dara Stewart** - UB

2000

- André Pickens** - FX
- Lissy Smith** - BB
- Kristin Sterner** - AA

2001

- Jeana Rice** - V, UB, BB
- Kristin Sterner** - AA, V, FX
- Raegan Tomasek** - BB

2002

- Jeana Rice** - V

## Alabama All-Americans by Career Total

*A total of 40 athletes have earned 174 All-American honors.*

1	Dee Foster, 1990-93	..**17
2	Meredith Willard, 1994-97	..16
3	André Pickens, 1999-2002	..14
4	Kim Kelly, 1993-96	..10
	Penney Hauschild, 1983-86	..10
6	<b>Kristin Sterner, 2000-present</b>	..9
7	<b>Jeana Rice, 2001-present</b>	..8
	Dana Dobransky, 1990-93	..8
9	Merritt Booth, 1995-98	..6
	Julie Estin, 1984-87	..6
11	Gwen Spidle, 1996-99	..5
	Stephanie Woods, 1994-97	..5
13	Kim Bonaventura, 1994-97	..4
	Katherine Kelleher, 1989-92	..4
	Marie Robbins, 1987-90	..4
16	Natalie Barrington, 1999-2002	..3
	Lissy Smith, 1998-2001	..3
	Dara Stewart, 1998-2001	..3
	Danielle McAdams, 1995-98	..3
	Marna Neubauer, 1993-96	..3
	Kara Stilp, 1991-94	..3
	Kim Masters, 1988-91	..3
	Cheri Way, 1987-90	..3
	Julie Garrett, 1982-83	..3
25	<b>Alexis Brion, 2002-present</b>	..2
	Shay Murphy, 1995-98	..2
	Chasity Junkin, 1992-95	..2
	Shea McFall, 1989-92	..2
	Kathy Bilodeau, 1985-88	..2
30	<b>Shannon Hrozek, 2002-present</b>	..1
	Raegan Tomasek, 1999-2002	..1
	Katie Homecker, 1998-2001	..1
	Lexa Evans, 1997-2000	..1
	Mandy Chapman, 1996-98	..1
	Sheryl Dundas, 1991-94	..1
	Gina Basile, 1989-92	..1
	Tina Rinker, 1988-91	..1
	Kelly Good, 1986-89	..1
	Lisa Farley, 1985-87	..1
	Barbara Mack, 1982-85	..1
	<b>TOTAL</b>	..174

*\*\* Dee Foster's total of 17 All-American honors is best in NCAA History*



# The NCAA Regional Championships



Alabama has dominated the NCAA Regional Championships for 20 years, having won 18 team championships since 1983.

The regional is a crucial step to making it to the NCAA Championships. To advance to the NCAA Championships, a team must finish first or second in one of the six regions. The top 18 teams around the nation are seeded into the six regions. The remaining three spots at each championship are filled from within the region.

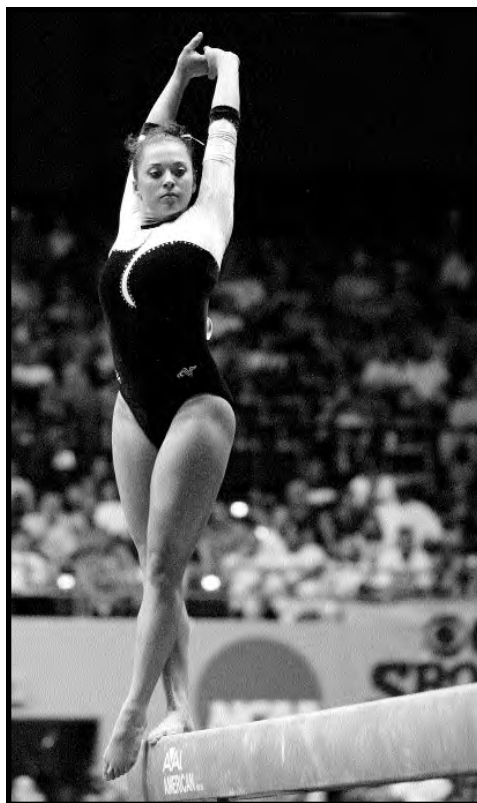
Alabama gymnasts have won 83 individual regional titles over the last 20 years. Twice, in 1992 and 1993, assistant head coach David Patterson was named NCAA Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year. In 2000 and 2002, former UA gymnast and current Associate Athletics Director for the Crimson Tide Marie Robbins was named NCAA Central Region Administrator of the Year.

André Pickens won NCAA Region Gymnast of the Year honors each of the last four years.

Pickens and Dee Foster tied for the most regional titles of any Tide gymnast, taking nine a piece. Foster also holds the most titles in a single season, having won four in 1993.

The Crimson Tide owns one Southeast Regional title, 1983, before making the jump to the Central Regional, and winning 13 there. In 1999, the region structure changed, going to six regions. Alabama won the inaugural Region 6 title in 1999 and the Region 4 title in 2000. For the 2001 season, the names of the regions were changed back to directional designations and Alabama was once again in the Central Region.

Coleman Coliseum has long been a popular spot to host a regional. The 2003 will mark hosting turn number eight for the Tide as the NCAA Central Region Championships again return to Coleman Coliseum.



Left - André Pickens won nine career NCAA Reginal titles, including three on the floor exercise. Middle - Jeana Rice has won two straight NCAA Regional All-Around titles. Right - Kristin Sterner has two NCAA Regional titles, the 2001 vault championship and the 2002 balance beam championship.

## 2002 NCAA Southeast Regional Championships

April 6 — Morgantown, West Virginia

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>49.150</b>	<b>49.575</b>	<b>49.725</b>	<b>49.450</b>	<b>197.900</b>
Minnesota	48.975	49.200	48.550	49.325	196.050
WVU	48.775	48.250	48.850	48.975	194.850
UNC	48.600	48.850	48.725	48.650	194.825
Kentucky	48.825	48.850	48.100	48.450	194.225
Michigan State	48.300	48.175	47.925	48.750	193.150

	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Natalie Barrington	—	9.950	—	—	—
Alexis Brion	9.900	—	—	9.925	—
Erin Holdefer	9.825	—	—	—	—
Shannon Hrozek	—	9.900	9.900	—	—
Stephanie Kite	9.725	—	—	9.850	—
Alexa Martinez	—	—	9.950	9.850	—
André Pickens	9.425	9.975	9.950	9.950	39.300
Jeana Rice	9.900	9.900	9.950	9.875	39.625
Kristin Sterner	—	9.800	9.950	—	—
Raegan Tomasek	9.800	9.850	9.925	9.725	39.300
	<b>49.150</b>	<b>49.575</b>	<b>49.725</b>	<b>49.450</b>	<b>197.900</b>

### Did You Know...

Alabama gymnasts have won 13 NCAA Regional All-Around titles since 1984, including the last two, picked up by Jeana Rice.



## Alabama in the NCAA Regionals

The list below includes all of Alabama's NCAA Regional appearances. The Crimson Tide competed in the Southeast region in 1982 and 1983. From 1984 to 1998, the Tide competed in the Central region. In 1999 and 2000, after the NCAA went from five to six regions, Alabama competed out of Region 4. Last season, Region 4 was renamed as the Central region.

### 1982 — Athens, Ga.

1.	Florida	144.850
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>143.900</b>
3.	Georgia	143.700
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<b>AA</b>	Ann Woods, UF	37.450
<b>V</b>	Ann Woods, UF	9.500
<b>UB</b>	Kathy McMinn, UGA	9.550
<b>BB</b>	Lynn McDonnell, UF	9.600
<b>FX</b>	Ann Woods, UF	9.450

### 1983 — Gainesville, Fla.

1.	Alabama	184.750
2.	Florida	184.650
3.	LSU	182.650
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<b>AA</b>	Elfi Schlegel, UF	38.300
<b>V</b>	Kathy McMinn, UGA	9.800
<b>UB</b>	Liz Parry, OSU	9.750
<b>BB</b>	Elfi Schlegel, UF	9.650
<b>FX</b>	Maria Anz, UF	9.550

### 1984 — Columbia, Mo.

1.	Alabama	180.500
2.	Southern Illinois	173.550
3.	Missouri	173.300
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<b>AA</b>	Julie Estin, UA	37.350
<b>V</b>	Michelle Spillman, So. Ill.	9.650
<b>UB</b>	Penney Hauschild, UA	9.400
<b>BB</b>	Julie Estin, UA	9.200
<b>FX</b>	Julie Estin, UA	9.400
	Penney Hauschild, UA	9.400

### 1985 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	186.350
2.	LSU	181.500
3.	Michigan State	178.350
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<b>AA</b>	Penney Hauschild, UA	37.700
<b>V</b>	Cindy Wilson, UA	9.550
<b>UB</b>	Penney Hauschild, UA	9.550
	Barbara Mack, UA	9.550
<b>BB</b>	Barbara Mack, UA	9.600
<b>FX</b>	Kathy Bilodeau, UA	9.550

### 1986 — Baton Rouge, La.

1.	LSU	185.250
2.	Alabama	185.050
3.	Michigan State	177.950
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<b>AA</b>	Julie Estin, UA	37.850
<b>V</b>	Jennifer Lyerly, LSU	9.650
<b>UB</b>	Julie Estin, UA	9.600
	Frances Marine, Mich. St.	9.600
<b>BB</b>	Angie Topham, LSU	9.500
<b>FX</b>	Penney Hauschild, UA	9.650

### 1987 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	189.050
2.	LSU	186.600
3.	Michigan State	183.600
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<b>AA</b>	Marie Robbins, UA	38.150
<b>V</b>	Michelle Spillman, LSU	9.600
<b>UB</b>	Marie Roethlisberger, Minn.	9.700
<b>BB</b>	Patti Kieckhefer, LSU	9.700
<b>FX</b>	Cheri Way, UA	9.700

### 1988 — Baton Rouge, La.

1.	Alabama	191.750
2.	LSU	190.050
3.	Michigan State	187.150
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<b>AA</b>	Kim Masters, UA	38.600
<b>V</b>	Kim Masters, UA	9.750
<b>UB</b>	Kim Masters, UA	9.750
	Marie Robbins, UA	9.750
<b>BB</b>	Kathy Bilodeau, UA	9.700
<b>FX</b>	Cheri Way, UA	9.750

### 1989 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	192.750
2.	LSU	187.550
3.	Michigan State	186.700
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<b>AA</b>	Marie Roethlisberger, Minn.	38.750
<b>V</b>	Julianne Wilson, LSU	9.750
<b>UB</b>	Gina Basile, UA	9.800
	Marie Roethlisberger, Minn.	9.800
	Cheri Way, UA	9.800
<b>BB</b>	Katherine Kelleher, UA	9.700
	Marie Roethlisberger, Minn.	9.700
<b>FX</b>	Tina Rinker, UA	9.850

### 1990 — Minneapolis, Minn.

1.	Alabama	194.150
2.	LSU	190.850
3.	Minnesota	188.650
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<b>AA</b>	Marie Roethlisberger, Minn.	39.075
<b>V</b>	Marie Robbins, UA	9.800
<b>UB</b>	Marie Roethlisberger, Minn.	9.900
<b>BB</b>	Dana Dobransky, UA	9.725
<b>FX</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.825

### 1991 — Auburn, Ala.

1.	Alabama	195.575
2.	Auburn	192.150
3.	LSU	191.750
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<b>AA</b>	Dee Foster, UA	39.375
<b>V</b>	Kim Masters, UA	9.850
	Danielle Pritts, Auburn	9.850
	Rachelle Fruge, LSU	9.850
<b>UB</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.825
	Katherine Kelleher, UA	9.825
<b>BB</b>	Sheryl Dundas, UA	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.925

### 1992 — Columbia, Mo.

1.	Alabama	193.125
2.	Michigan	189.775
3.	Auburn	188.525
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<b>AA</b>	Beth Wymer, Mich.	39.050
<b>V</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.850
<b>UB</b>	Beth Wymer, Mich.	9.925
<b>BB</b>	Gina Basile, UA	9.800
<b>FX</b>	Beth Wymer, Mich.	9.700
	Danielle Pritts, Auburn	9.700
	Kara Stimp, UA	9.700

### 1993 — Baton Rouge, La.

1.	Alabama	196.075
2.	LSU	194.700
3.	Auburn	194.200
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<b>AA</b>	Dee Foster, UA	39.800
<b>V</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.925
<b>UB</b>	Beth Wymer, Mich.	10.000
<b>BB</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.950
	Becky Erwin, Auburn	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Dee Foster, UA	9.975

### 1994 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	196.900
2.	LSU	194.400
3.	Michigan	193.600
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<b>AA</b>	Beth Wymer, Mich.	39.600
<b>V</b>	Wendy Marshall, Mich.	10.000
<b>UB</b>	Jennifer Wood, LSU	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Becky Erwin, Auburn	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Kim Kelly, UA	9.925

### 1995 — Ann Arbor, Mich.

1.	Alabama	196.675
2.	Michigan	195.725
3.	LSU	195.075
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<b>AA</b>	Jennifer Wood, LSU	39.475
<b>V</b>	Kim Kelly, UA	10.000
	Wendy Marshall, Mich.	10.000
	Jennifer Wood, LSU	10.000
<b>UB</b>	Kimbo Bonaventura, UA	9.850
	Sytreeta Barnett, LSU	9.850
	Larissa Lowing, LSU	9.850
	Wendy Minch, MSU	9.850
<b>BB</b>	Stephanie Woods, UA	9.950
	Beth Wymer, Mich.	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Jennifer Wood, LSU	9.850

### 1996 — Baton Rouge, La.

1.	Alabama	198.075
2.	Michigan	196.275
3.	LSU	194.525
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<b>AA</b>	Kim Kelly, UA	39.750
<b>V</b>	Kim Kelly, UA	9.950
<b>UB</b>	Meredith Willard, UA	9.925
	Stephanie Woods, UA	9.925
	Kim Kelly, UA	9.900
<b>BB</b>	Meredith Willard, UA	9.900
	Stephanie Woods, UA	9.900
<b>FX</b>	Kim Kelly, UA	10.00

### 1997 — Ann Arbor, Mich.

1.	Michigan	197.700
2.	Alabama	196.250
3.	Louisiana State	196.175
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<b>AA</b>	Meredith Willard, UA	39.625
<b>V</b>	Stephanie Hyett, LSU	9.950
	Lisa Simes, Mich.	9.950
<b>UB</b>	Sarah Cain, Mich.	9.975
<b>BB</b>	Meredith Willard, UA	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Sarah Cain, Mich.	9.975

### 1998 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	196.550
2.	Michigan	196.000
3.	Louisiana State	195.250
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<b>AA</b>	Heather Kabnick, Mich.	39.375
<b>V</b>	Stephanie Hyett, LSU	9.875
	Sarah Cain, Mich.	9.875
<b>UB</b>	Dara Stewart, UA	9.900
	Lisa Simes, Mich.	9.900
<b>BB</b>	Gina Logan, UA	9.900
	Gwen Spidle, UA	9.900
	Danielle McAdams, UA	9.900
<b>FX</b>	Heather Kabnick, Mich.	9.950

### 1999 — Morgantown, WV

1.	Alabama	196.625
2.	West Virginia	195.275
3.	NC State	194.900
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<b>AA</b>	Robin Hawkins, UA	39.225
<b>V</b>	Lindsey Vagedes, Ohio St.	9.950
<b>UB</b>	André Pickens, UA	9.875
<b>BB</b>	Lissy Smith, UA	9.925
<b>FX</b>	André Pickens, UA	9.950

### 2000 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	197.300
2.	Iowa State	196.100
3.	Central Michigan	193.200
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<b>AA</b>	André Pickens, UA	39.475
<b>V</b>	Shelly Kringen, Iowa St.	9.950
<b>UB</b>	Dara Stewart, UA	9.975
<b>BB</b>	Lissy Smith, UA	9.925
<b>FX</b>	André Pickens, UA	9.925

### 2001 — Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Alabama	198.000
2.	Arizona State	195.950
3.	Minnesota	195.800
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<b>AA</b>	Jeana Rice, UA	39.475
<b>V</b>	Andree Pickens, UA	9.925
	Kristin Sterner, UA	9.925
<b>UB</b>	Andree Pickens, UA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Lissy Smith, UA	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Jeana Rice, UA	9.975

### 2002 — Morgantown, WV

1.	Alabama	197.900
2.	Minnesota	196.050
3.	West Virginia	194.850
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<b>AA</b>	Jeana Rice, UA	39.625
<b>V</b>	Alexis Brion, UA	9.900
	Jeana Rice, UA	9.900
<b>UB</b>	Andree Pickens, UA	9.975
<b>BB</b>	Alexa Martinez, UA	9.950
	Andree Pickens, UA	9.950
	Jeana Rice, UA	9.950
	Kristin Sterner, UA	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Andree Pickens, UA	9.950
	MaryAnne Kelley, Minn.	9.950



# Alabama's SEC Honors



## SEC Athlete of the Year

1985	Penney Hauschild
1990	Dee Foster
2002	André Pickens

## H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

1987	Julie Estin
1997	Meredith Willard

## SEC Gymnast of the Year

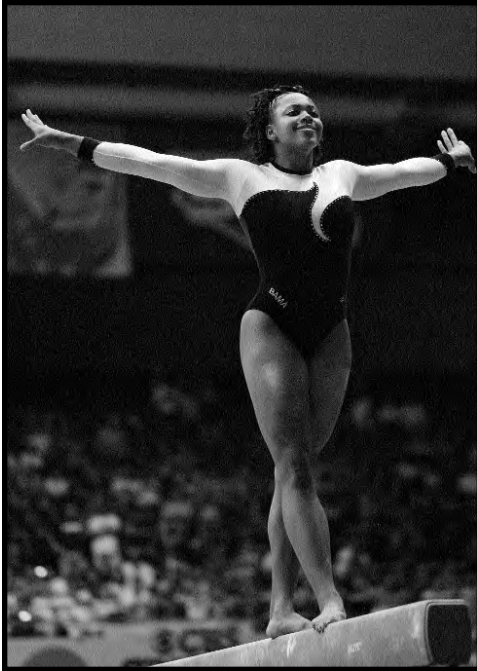
1997	Meredith Willard
2000	André Pickens
2001	André Pickens
2002	André Pickens

## SEC Freshman of the Year

1994	Meredith Willard
1998	Robin Hawkins
1999	André Pickens

## SEC Postgraduate Scholarship

1987	Julie Estin
1989	Kelly Good
1990	Marie Robbins
1992	Katherine Kelleher
1993	Dana Dobransky
1997	Meredith Willard
2002	André Pickens



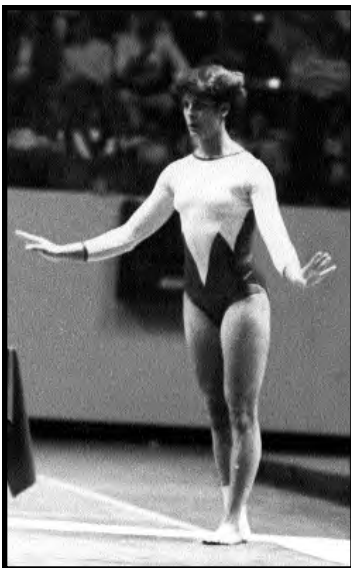
**Andreé Pickens** was named Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year in 2002.



**Dee Foster** was named Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year in 1990.



**Penney Hauschild** was named Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year in 1985.



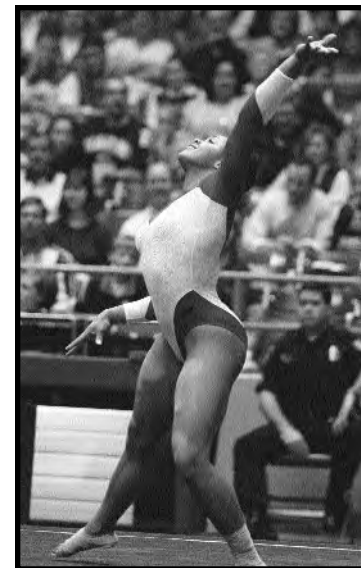
**Julie Estin** was named Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1987.



**Meredith Willard** was named Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year and SEC Gymnast of the Year in 1997 and Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year in 1994.



**Robin Hawkins** was named 1998 Southeastern Conference Freshman Gymnast of the Year.



**Andreé Pickens** was named 2000, 2001 and 2002 Southeastern Conference Gymnast of the Year & 1999 SEC Freshman Gymnast of the Year.



# Alabama and the SEC



The Southeastern Conference has long been one of the most dominating gymnastics conferences in the NCAA and Alabama has led the charge. Since the first NCAA championship in 1982, the SEC has had at least one team in the top-10. Since 1983, the conference has placed at least one team in the top-5 and at least two teams in the top-10. Alabama has been the league's top finisher at the NCAA Championships nine times.



During the past 15 years, the conference has placed at least one team in the NCAA top-3. In 1998, the entire national top-3 hailed from the SEC, as Georgia, Florida and Alabama took first, second and third respectively. Nine times since 1987, an SEC school has stood atop the collegiate gymnastics world as national champions.



The SEC has done well on an individual level as well. Eleven times a conference athlete has taken home the NCAA all-around title. Alabama athletes have been especially productive in that arena as three Crimson Tide athletes have produced four all-around titles (Penney Hauschild 1985, 1986; Dee Foster 1990, Meredith Willard, 1996). Georgia also holds four all-around crowns by three athletes. Kentucky's Jenny Hansen won three all-around titles from 1993-95. From, 1993-98, the SEC won six consecutive all-around titles. From 1989-98, the conference claimed nine of the 10 crowns.



The 1993 NCAA Championships saw the SEC put a conference-high five teams in the top-10 (Georgia 1st, Alabama 2nd, Auburn 5th, LSU tie-7th and Florida 10th). Kentucky's Jenny Hansen also won the all-around title in that year.

At the 2002 NCAA Championships, Alabama won its fourth NCAA title, ninth by an SEC team.

Of the 12 conference schools, seven sponsor gymnastics programs: Alabama, \*Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Louisiana State.

*\* Arkansas begins gymnastics competition with the 2003 season.*

## SEC Quick Facts

**Founded:** 1933

**Headquarters:** Birmingham, Ala.

**Commissioner:** Mike Slive

**Members (Those with Gymnastics in bold):**

**Alabama, \*Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana State, Mississippi, Mississippi State, South Carolina, Tennessee & Vanderbilt**

**\*Starts Competition in 2003**

**First Year to Sponsor Championship:** 1985

**2002 Champion:** Georgia

**2003 Championship Site:**

Bartow Arena - Birmingham, Ala.

**Assistant Commissioner for Gymnastics:**

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## 2002 SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 23 — Birmingham, Ala.

		Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	Totals
1	Georgia	49.225	49.350	48.975	49.475	197.025
2	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>49.275</b>	<b>49.425</b>	<b>48.875</b>	<b>49.350</b>	<b>196.925</b>
3	Florida	49.075	49.150	48.925	49.275	196.425
4	LSU	48.900	49.250	48.975	49.100	196.225
5	Kentucky	48.700	49.050	47.700	48.875	194.325
5	Auburn	49.075	48.200	48.400	48.650	194.325

## 2002 SEC Honors

**Gymnast of the Year** — **André Pickens, UA**

**Coach of the Year** — Suzanne Yoculan, Georgia

**Freshman of the Year** — Orley Szmuch, Florida

### ALL-SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE

*(Since 1985, the event champions and top six all-arounders are named first-team All-SEC. Since 1998, runner-ups in the individual events are second team All-SEC)*

#### First team All-SEC:

**Andree' Pickens, UA**  
Courtney Puckett, AU  
Hilary Thompson, UF  
Cory Fritzinger, UGA  
Marline Stephens, UGA  
Aronda Primault, UK  
Nicki Arnstad, LSU

#### Second Team All-SEC:

**Alexis Brion, UA**  
**Natalie Barrington, UA**  
**Raegan Tomasek, UA**  
Erin Pendleton, UF  
Orley Szmuch, UF  
Chelsa Byrd, UF  
Sierra Sapunar, UF  
Talya Vexler, UGA  
Rebecca Lightsey, LSU



# SEC Championship Results

## 1985 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Florida	185.65
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>183.65</b>
3.	Georgia	181.80
4.	LSU	180.50
5.	Kentucky	173.45
6.	Auburn	158.90
<b>V</b>	Kelly McCoy, UF	18.875
<b>UB</b>	Anita Botnen, UF	19.050
	<b>Barbara Mack, UA</b>	<b>19.050</b>
<b>BB</b>	Michelle Godwin, UF	19.250
<b>FX</b>	Maria Anz, UF	19.350
<b>AA</b>	Penney Hauschild, UA	37.700

## 1986 at Gainesville, Fla.

1.	Georgia	185.15
2.	Florida	184.10
3.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>183.75</b>
4.	LSU	176.60
5.	Kentucky	175.95
6.	Auburn	171.40
<b>V</b>	<b>Julie Estin, UA</b>	<b>9.550</b>
	Tammy Smith, UF	9.550
	Paula Maheu, UGA	9.550
<b>UB</b>	<b>Julie Estin, UA</b>	<b>9.550</b>
<b>BB</b>	Elfi Schlegel, UF	9.600
<b>FX</b>	Melissa Miller, UF	9.600
<b>AA</b>	Julie Kluck, UGA	37.400

## 1987 at Athens, Ga.

1.	Georgia	189.40
2.	Florida	185.65
3.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>185.30</b>
4.	LSU	184.45
5.	Auburn	181.40
6.	Kentucky	180.95
<b>V</b>	Corrinne Wright, UGA	9.650
<b>UB</b>	Terri Eckert, UGA	9.750
<b>BB</b>	Julie Kluck, UGA	9.700
<b>FX</b>	Corrinne Wright, UGA	9.650
<b>AA</b>	Terri Eckert, UGA	37.900

## 1988 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>190.15</b>
2.	Georgia	189.20
3.	Florida	188.85
4.	LSU	187.40
5.	Kentucky	183.40
6.	Auburn	183.20
<b>V</b>	Jennifer Lyerly, LSU	9.650
	Julianne Wilson, LSU	9.650
<b>UB</b>	Lucy Wener, UGA	9.800
<b>BB</b>	Melissa Miller, UF	9.750
<b>FX</b>	Melissa Miller, UF	9.750
<b>AA</b>	Melissa Miller, UF	38.600

## 1989 at Gainesville, Fla.

1.	Florida	191.50
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>191.05</b>
3.	Georgia	190.40
4.	LSU	187.90
5.	Kentucky	182.65
6.	Auburn	185.05
<b>V</b>	Karen Brennalt, UF	9.550
	<b>Katherine Kelleher, UA</b>	<b>9.550</b>
<b>UB</b>	Lucy Wener, UGA	9.800
<b>BB</b>	Andrea Thomas, UGA	9.800
<b>FX</b>	Melissa Miller, UF	9.750
	Pam Titus, UF	9.750
<b>AA</b>	Melissa Miller, UF	38.550

## 1990 at Athens, Ga.

1.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>193.55</b>
2.	LSU	192.05
3.	Georgia	191.85
4.	Auburn	188.15
5.	Florida	188.00
6.	Kentucky	186.30
<b>V</b>	Jami Snopek, LSU	9.850
<b>UB</b>	Corrinne Wright, UGA	9.850
<b>BB</b>	Andrea Thomas, UGA	9.850
<b>FX</b>	Corrinne Wright, UGA	9.850
<b>AA</b>	<b>Marie Robbins, UA</b>	<b>38.800</b>

## 1991 at Lexington, Ky.

1.	Georgia	194.10
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>194.05</b>
3.	LSU	192.40
4.	Florida	191.30
5.	Auburn	189.25
6.	Kentucky	186.00
<b>V</b>	<b>Dee Foster, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
<b>UB</b>	<b>Gina Basile, UA</b>	<b>9.850</b>
	Kelly Macy, UGA	9.850
	Christina McDonald, UF	9.850
	Elizabeth Wilson, LSU	9.850
	Sandy Rowlette, UGA	9.850
<b>BB</b>	<b>Dee Foster, UA</b>	<b>9.850</b>
	Rachelle Fruge, LSU	9.850
	Kelly Macy, UGA	9.850
<b>FX</b>	<b>Dee Foster, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
<b>AA</b>	Rachelle Fruge, LSU	39.250

## 1992 at Baton Rouge, La.

1.	Georgia	196.40
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>194.50</b>
3.	Auburn	191.35
4.	Florida	189.60
5.	LSU	188.65
6.	Kentucky	185.95
<b>V</b>	Heather Stepp, UGA	9.900
	Hope Spivey, UGA	9.900
	Sandy Rowlette, UGA	9.900
	Agina Simpkins, UGA	9.950
<b>UB</b>	<b>Dana Dobransky, UA</b>	<b>9.900</b>
	Nneka Logan, UGA	9.900
<b>FX</b>	Hope Spivey, UGA	10.000
<b>AA</b>	Heather Stepp, UGA	39.600

## 1993 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Georgia	197.05
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>196.05</b>
3.	Auburn	193.20
4.	LSU	192.90
5.	Florida	192.10
6.	Kentucky	189.35
<b>V</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	10.000
<b>UB</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	9.950
	Lori Strong, UGA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Nneka Logan, UGA	9.900
<b>FX</b>	Hope Spivey-Sheely, UGA	10.000
<b>AA</b>	<b>Dee Foster, UA</b>	<b>39.650</b>
	Jenny Hansen, UK	39.650

## 1994 at Auburn, Ala.

1.	Georgia	196.700
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>195.175</b>
3.	LSU	194.150
4.	Florida	194.125
5.	Auburn	192.700
6.	Kentucky	189.750
<b>V</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	10.000
<b>UB</b>	Jennifer Wood, LSU	9.925
<b>BB</b>	Becky Erwin, AU	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	10.000
	Hope Spivey-Sheely, UGA	10.000
<b>AA</b>	Leah Brown, UGA	39.500

## 1995 at Gainesville, Fla.

1.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>196.175</b>
2.	LSU	196.125
3.	Georgia	195.875
4.	Florida	195.650
5.	Kentucky	191.975
6.	Auburn	190.675
<b>V</b>	<b>Kim Kelly, UA</b>	<b>10.000</b>
<b>UB</b>	<b>Stephanie Woods, UA</b>	<b>9.900</b>
	Kristen Guise, UF	9.900
	Andrea Dewey, UGA	9.900
<b>BB</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	9.975
<b>AA</b>	Kristen Guise, UF	39.650

## 1996 at Lexington, Ky.

1.	Georgia	197.450
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>196.950</b>
3.	Florida	195.650
4.	Kentucky	195.250
5.	LSU	193.150
6.	Auburn	191.150
<b>V</b>	Leah Brown, UGA	9.975
<b>UB</b>	Jenni Beathard, UGA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Jenny Hansen, UK	9.950
<b>FX</b>	<b>Kim Kelly, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
	Jenny Hansen, UK	9.950
	Leslie Angeles, UGA	9.950
	Leah Brown, UGA	9.950
<b>AA</b>	Lori Strong, UGA	39.575

## 1997 at Athens, Ga.

1.	Georgia	198.375
2.	Florida	196.050
3.	LSU	196.025
4.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>195.775</b>
5.	Kentucky	195.075
6.	Auburn	192.550
<b>V</b>	Leah Brown, UGA	10.000
	Kim Arnold, UGA	10.000
<b>UB</b>	Leah Brown, UGA	9.950
	Karin Lichey, UGA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Kim Arnold, UGA	9.950
	Karin Lichey, UGA	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Leah Brown, UGA	9.975
<b>AA</b>	Kim Arnold, UGA	39.800

## 1998 at Baton Rouge, La.

1.	Georgia	198.375
2.	Florida	196.050
3.	LSU	196.025
4.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>195.775</b>
5.	Kentucky	195.075
6.	Auburn	192.550
<b>V</b>	Karin Lichey, UGA	10.000
<b>UB</b>	Karin Lichey, UGA	9.950
	Jenni Beathard, UGA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Kim Arnold, UGA	9.925
	Amy McClosky, LSU	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Kim Arnold, UGA	10.000
<b>AA</b>	Kim Arnold, UGA	39.700

## 1999 at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

1.	Georgia	197.475
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>196.775</b>
3.	Florida	195.875
4.	LSU	195.375
5.	Kentucky	194.875
6.	Auburn	194.000
<b>V</b>	Karin Lichey, UGA	9.950
	Suzanne Sears, UGA	9.950
<b>UB</b>	Jenni Beathard, UGA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	Chrissy Van Fleet, UF	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Karin Lichey, UGA	9.950
<b>AA</b>	Karin Lichey, UGA	39.675

## 2000 at Gainesville, Fla.

1.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>197.200</b>
2.	LSU	196.825
	Georgia	196.825
4.	Florida	195.775
5.	Kentucky	194.650
6.	Auburn	192.500
<b>V</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>9.925</b>
<b>UB</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>9.925</b>
<b>BB</b>	Kristi Lichey, UGA	9.925
<b>FX</b>	Suzanne Sears, UGA	9.950
<b>AA</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>39.600</b>

## 2001 at Birmingham, Ala.

1.	Georgia	198.000
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>197.425</b>
3.	Florida	196.450
4.	LSU	196.300
5.	Kentucky	195.850
6.	Auburn	194.500
<b>V</b>	Kristi Lichey, UGA	9.950
<b>UB</b>	<b>Natalie Barrington, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
	Cory Fritzinger, UGA	9.950
	Kathleen Shrieves, UGA	9.950
<b>BB</b>	<b>Lissy Smith, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
	Cory Fritzinger, UGA	9.950
<b>FX</b>	Suzanne Sears, UGA	9.950
	Marline Stephens, UGA	9.950
<b>AA</b>	Cory Fritzinger, UGA	39.700

## 2002 at Birmingham, Ala.

1.	Georgia	197.025
2.	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>196.925</b>
3.	Florida	196.425
4.	LSU	196.225
5.	Auburn	194.325
5.	Kentucky	194.325
<b>V</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
	Marline Stephens, UGA	9.950
<b>UB</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>9.950</b>
<b>BB</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>9.925</b>
<b>FX</b>	Marline Stephens, UGA	9.950
<b>AA</b>	<b>André Pickens, UA</b>	<b>39.725</b>



# Alabama's SEC Champs & All-SEC



**Three-time SEC Gymnast of the Year Andreé Pickens**

## Southeastern Conference Champions

<b>1982</b>	Julie Garrett	uneven bars
<b>1983</b>	Patti Rice	floor exercise
<b>1985</b>	Penney Hauschild Barbara Mack	all-around uneven bars
<b>1986</b>	Julie Estin	vault, uneven bars
<b>1988</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>1989</b>	Katherine Kelleher	vault
<b>1990</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Team</b>
	Marie Robbins	all-around
<b>1991</b>	Gina Basile Dee Foster	uneven bars vault, balance beam, floor exercise
<b>1992</b>	Dana Dobransky	balance beam
<b>1993</b>	Dee Foster	all-around
<b>1995</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Team</b>
	Kim Kelly Stephanie Woods	vault uneven bars
<b>1996</b>	Kim Kelly	floor exercise
<b>2000</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>Team</b>
	Andreé Pickens	all-around, vault, uneven bars
<b>2001</b>	Natalie Barrington Lissy Smith	uneven bars balance beam
<b>2002</b>	Andreé Pickens	all-around, vault, uneven bars, balance beam

## All-Southeastern Conference

*From 1981-84, when competition was held on two nights, All-SEC gymnasts were the top six all-arounders on the night of team competition. From 1985-90, the top six all-arounders from the one night of competition were chosen All-SEC. At the 1991 Championships, the champions on each event were named All-SEC. Since 1992, the top six all-around finishers and the event champion are named All-SEC.*

<b>1982</b>	Julie Garrett	5th all-around
<b>1983</b>	Julie Garrett Patti Rice	3rd all-around 4th all-around
<b>1984</b>	Julie Estin	6th all-around
<b>1985</b>	Julie Estin Penney Hauschild	3rd all-around 1st all-around
<b>1986</b>	Julie Estin Penney Hauschild	4th all-around 2nd all-around
<b>1987</b>	Julie Estin	2nd all-around
<b>1988</b>	Kim Masters Tina Rinker Marie Robbins	6th all-around 3rd all-around 2nd all-around
<b>1989</b>	Katherine Kelleher Kim Masters Tina Rinker	3rd all-around 3rd all-around 5th all-around
<b>1990</b>	Dee Foster Marie Robbins	3rd all-around 1st all-around
<b>1991</b>	Gina Basile Dee Foster	uneven bars vault, balance beam, floor exercise
<b>1992</b>	Dana Dobransky Katherine Kelleher	4th all-around 6th all-around
<b>1993</b>	Dee Foster	1st all-around
<b>1994</b>	Kim Kelly	6th all-around
<b>1995</b>	Kim Kelly Stephanie Woods	vault uneven bars
<b>1996</b>	Kim Kelly Meredith Willard	floor exercise, t-2nd all-around t-5th all-around
<b>1997</b>	Mandy Chapman	6th all-around
<b>1998</b>	Mandy Chapman	t-3rd all-around
<b>2000</b>	Andreé Pickens	1st all-around, vault, uneven bars
	Kristin Sterner	3rd all-around
<b>2001</b>	Natalie Barrington Andreé Pickens Jeana Rice Lissy Smith Kristin Sterner	uneven bars 4th all-around 2nd all-around balance beam 5th all-around
<b>2002</b>	Andree' Pickens	1st all-around, vault, uneven bars, balance beam

Alexis Brion (second team)  
Natalie Barrington (second team)  
Raegan Tomasek (second team)



**Natalie Barrington**



**Alexis Brion**



**Jeana Rice**



**Kristin Sterner**



**Raegan Tomasek**



# Alabama's SEC Championships

## 2000 SEC Champions

Sarah Patterson and company couldn't have been much looser coming into the championships. Warm-ups in Florida's O'Connell Center were filled with laughter. Time in the locker room was spent playing games and singing along with CDs the Tide had brought along. And along with the laughter and the smiles there was a quiet confidence.

"Our ladies were relaxed and loose from the start of the warm-up," Sarah Patterson said. "They were confident. I told them at the beginning to focus only on themselves, because they controlled their own destiny."

From start to finish the Tide stayed loose and stayed in control of the meet. By the time Alabama finished up, they knew after the very last vault, that they had won the meet over LSU and Georgia, which tied for second, by .375.

In addition to winning the all-around, vault and uneven bars, Pickens earned All-SEC honors and was named SEC Gymnast of the Year. Her three SEC titles in one season matched Dee Foster's 1991 effort for best in Tide history.

"I couldn't be more proud of this team," Sarah Patterson said just after the meet. "What they have endured throughout the season and what they have overcome, has made them the team they are today. We have great memories of all our Southeastern Conference championships, but the road we traveled to win this one makes it the most rewarding."

## 1995 SEC Champions

Alabama was in Gainesville, Fla., for the SEC Championships and going into the last rotation, the vault, Alabama was fourth.

"We dug a tremendous hole for ourselves on bars, the first event," Sarah said. "David told the ladies, 'We can be first or we can be fourth, you just have to go out there and lay it on the line and do the absolute best job that you can.'"

Alabama responded with the highest vault total in NCAA history, counting nothing less than



a 9.9. Freshman Merritt Booth and senior Chasity Junkin both posted career-best marks of 9.975. Junior Kim Kelly posted a perfect 10.0 to finish the series. Now the Tide had to wait and see if their best had been good enough. Even the coaches didn't know until the scores were announced. Auburn was sixth, Kentucky fifth, Florida fourth, Georgia third, at this point a sigh of relief went up from the Crimson Tide contingent - they were at least second. LSU was second, and the Alabama contingent roared with the pleasure of winning by .05.

## 1990 SEC Champions

Alabama started the decade of the '90s off with a bang. Sarah and David Patterson and company won the 1990 SEC Championship in Athens, Ga. Senior Marie Robbins led the Tide, winning the all-around. It marked a triumphant return from an ankle injury that had cut short her 1989 season.

If Florida was Alabama's main rival in the early to mid '80s, Georgia stepped into that position in the late '80s through today.

"It was nice because we quieted them, quieted their crowd," Sarah Patterson said of winning in Georgia's arena. "In the '80s, our main rival was Florida, and we would have to go down to Gainesville for the regional championships. I remember finally beating them in Gainesville in 1983. The '90 SEC Championships was very reminiscent of that, going into our main rival's arena and coming away with a title."

## 1988 SEC Champions

At the 1988 SEC Championships the Crimson Tide faced Georgia, LSU and Florida, all three of which were ranked in the top-10 nationally. All three, along with the Tide, would be in the hunt for the NCAA title come April.

The championships were in Tuscaloosa, where they had been in 1985, the year Alabama's captains, the senior duo of Alli Beldon and Kathy Bilodeau had been freshmen.

"I remember when we had SECs here when I was a freshman, and we didn't do a good job at all and I felt really bad for our senior, Barbara Mack," Beldon said. "I said if we get SECs here my senior year, I want to win it more than anything."

Alabama didn't claim a single individual title, but came away with its first conference crown, and an SEC championship record as well. UA's 190.15 marked only the second time in school history that it had scored in the 190s. The Tide outpointed second-place Georgia by .95.

In 1988, Sarah noted how important the senior leadership was for that team.

"The depth and strength of our team is with our freshman and sophomore class," Sarah said at the time. "I don't think those young ladies could ever have competed on this level without Alli and Kathy. They have been the backbone of our team. If it weren't for them, I don't think we could have gotten here tonight."



While it is clearly evident that Alabama gymnastics is one of the Southeastern Conference's best teams in the gym, it is absolutely dominant when it comes to the classroom. The best barometer of such success, on a conference level, is the SEC Academic Honor Roll, instituted in 1984. From 1984-2001 the honor roll was open to all athletes that are sophomores or better in academic standing. To earn the honor, a student-athlete must hold a 3.0 or better grade point average, either for their career or for the past semester. Starting in 2002, the awards were determined by the academic year (fall and spring semester) or cumulative GPA, making freshmen eligible for the first time. A league-best 123 Alabama gymnasts have earned the award. Alabama's top count is 15 in one season, a feat accomplished last season.

# Alabama's Academic All-SEC Selections

## SEC Academic Honor Roll Gymnastics Selections

School	Totals
<b>Alabama</b>	<b>123</b>
Georgia	83
Florida	78
Auburn	72
LSU	68
Kentucky	60

### 1984

Barbara Mack	JR	3.77	Political Science
Patti Rice	SO	3.71	Marketing

### 1985

Julie Estin	SO	4.00	Pre-Medicine
Barbara Mack	SR	3.85	Political Science

### 1986

Alli Beldon	SO	3.48	Fashion Marketing
Julie Estin	JR	3.96	Pre-Medicine
Stephanie Kehr	SO	3.40	Marketing

### 1987

Alli Beldon	JR	3.51	Interdisciplinary
Kathy Bilodeau	JR	3.05	Public Relations
Julie Estin	SR	3.92	Mathematical Stats

### 1988

Alli Beldon	SR	3.59	Marketing
Kathy Bilodeau	SR	3.22	Public Relations
Kelly Good	JR	3.61	Biology
Marie Robbins	SO	3.61	Arts & Sciences
Tracey Tillman	SO	3.78	Communications

### 1989

Wendy Anderson	SO	3.02	Sports Fitness Mgt.
Kelly Good	SR	3.68	Interdisciplinary
Tina Rinker	SO	3.47	Engineering
Marie Robbins	JR	3.72	Interdisciplinary
Tracey Tillman	JR	3.76	Advertising
Cheri Way	JR	3.02	Advertising

### 1990

Gina Basile	SO	3.03	Communication
Ali Blumberg	SR	3.18	Rec. & Park Leadership
Katherine Kelleher	SO	3.89	Commerce & Business
Shea McFall	SO	3.44	Arts & Sciences
Tina Rinker	JR	3.57	Chemical Engineering
Marie Robbins	SR	3.84	Interdisciplinary
Tracey Tillman	SR	3.70	Public Relations
Cheri Way	SR	3.00	Advertising

### 1991

Dana Dobransky	SO	3.58	Communication
Katherine Kelleher	JR	3.83	Corporate Finance
Shea McFall	JR	3.55	Corporate Finance
Tina Rinker	SR	3.49	Chemical Engineering

### 1992

Gina Basile	SR	3.11	Advertising
Dana Dobransky	JR	3.53	Telecommunication/Film
Sheryl Dundas	SO	3.60	Pre-Major Studies
Katherine Kelleher	SR	3.88	Corporate Finance
Shea McFall	SR	3.60	Corporate Finance
Kara Stilp	SO	3.13	Pre-Major Studies
Marti Watson	SO	3.05	Human Envir. Science

### 1993

Dana Dobransky	SR	3.54	Telecommunication/Film
Sheryl Dundas	JR	3.57	Interdisciplinary
Chasity Junkin	SO	3.61	Pre-Major Studies
Gretchen Stockley	SO	3.15	Pre-Medicine

### 1994

Sheryl Dundas	SR	3.48	Accounting
Chasity Junkin	JR	3.51	Accounting
Kara Stilp	SR	3.16	Marketing
Gretchen Stockley	JR	3.06	Sports Psychology
Marti Watson	SR	3.25	Management

### 1995

Chasity Junkin	SR	3.42	Accounting
Kim Kelly	JR	3.50	Elementary Education
Marna Neubauer	JR	3.24	Elementary Education
Meredith Willard	SO	3.92	Pre-Business

### 1996

Merritt Booth	SO	3.62	Pre-Major Studies
Kim Kelly	SR	3.00	Elementary Education
Danielle McAdams	SO	3.61	Pre-Business
Shay Murphy	SO	3.24	Biology
Heather Nasser	SO	3.28	Early Child. Education
Marna Neubauer	SR	3.25	Early Child. Education
Meredith Willard	JR	3.91	Marketing

### 1997

Merritt Booth	JR	3.58	Psychology
Mandy Chapman	SO	3.06	Biology
Lisa Gianni	SO	3.63	Interior Design
Gina Logan	SO	3.23	Health Care Mgt.
Danielle McAdams	JR	3.49	Sports Fitness Mgt.
Shay Murphy	JR	3.05	Biology
Heather Nasser	JR	3.35	Education
Meredith Willard	SR	3.94	Marketing

### 1998

Merritt Booth	SR	3.64	Psychology
Mandy Chapman	JR	3.38	Food & Nutrition
Lexa Evans	SO	3.51	Journalism
Becca Fields	SO	3.11	Pre-major studies
Gina Logan	SO	3.23	Health Care Mgt.
Danielle McAdams	SR	3.57	Sports Fitness Mgt.
Shay Murphy	SR	3.15	Biology

### 1999

Mandy Chapman	SR	3.49	Food & Nutrition
Lexa Evans	JR	3.50	Journalism
Robin Hawkins	SO	3.44	Telecommunication/Film
Katie Hornecker	SO	3.51	Chemical Engineering
Gina Logan	JR	3.24	Health Care Mgt.
April Makinson	SO	3.97	Human Development
Lissy Smith	SO	3.38	Elementary Education
Gwen Spidle	SR	3.07	Social Work
Dara Stewart	SO	3.20	Pre-major Studies

### 2000

Natalie Barrington	SO	3.46	Elementary Education
Krista Gole	SO	3.16	Pre-business
Lexa Evans	SR	3.61	Journalism
Robin Hawkins	JR	3.59	Telecommunication/Film
Katie Hornecker	JR	3.50	Mechanical Engineering
Gina Logan	SR	3.24	Health Care Mgt.
Alexa Martinez	SO	3.73	Advertising
Whitney Morgan	SO	3.48	Biology
Andreé Pickens	SO	3.03	Biology
Lissy Smith	JR	3.54	Psychology
Dara Stewart	JR	3.20	Human Development
Raegan Tomasek	SO	3.41	Nutrition

### 2001

Natalie Barrington	JR	3.65	Sports Fitness Mgt.
Krista Gole	JR	3.67	Health Care Mgt.
Robin Hawkins	SR	3.83	Telecommunication/Film
Katie Hornecker	SR	3.92	Mechanical Engineering
Alexa Martinez	JR	3.63	Advertising
Whitney Morgan	JR	3.25	American Studies
Andreé Pickens	JR	3.08	Biology
Sara Scarborough	SO	3.35	Human Nutrition
Lissy Smith	SR	3.26	Psychology
Kristin Sterner	SO	3.87	Pre-major Studies
Dara Stewart	SR	3.31	Human Development
Raegan Tomasek	JR	3.57	Human Nutrition

### 2002

Natalie Barrington	SR	3.55	Sports Fitness Mgt.
Helen Burgin	SO	3.52	Elementary Education
Tiffany Byrd	SO	4.00	Pre-Med
Erin Holdefer	SO	3.34	Public Relations
Lauren Holdefer	SO	3.34	Psychology
Shannon Hrozek	FR	3.53	Pre-major Studies
Stephanie Kite	SO	4.00	Marketing
Alexa Martinez	SR	3.73	Advertising
Whitney Morgan	SR	3.54	Secondary Education - Science
Andreé Pickens	SR	3.27	Biology
Jeana Rice	SO	3.06	Advertising
Sara Scarborough	JR	3.37	Nursing
Kristin Sterner	JR	3.94	Biology
Raegan Tomasek	JR	3.42	Restaurant & Hospitality Management

#### Did You Know...

Of the three gymnasts who have earned the Boyd McWhorter Southeastern Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards, two, Julie Estin and Meredith Willard, have been from Alabama.



# Alabama's Honor Roll and Societies

## NCAA Postgraduate Award

1983 Julie Garrett  
1985 Barbara Mack  
1987 Julie Estin  
1989 Kelly Good  
1992 Katherine Kelleher  
1993 Dana Dobransky  
1997 Meredith Willard  
1998 Merritt Booth

## H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year

1987 Julie Estin  
1997 Meredith Willard

## SEC Postgraduate Award

1987 Julie Estin  
1989 Kelly Good  
1990 Marie Robbins  
1992 Katherine Kelleher  
1993 Dana Dobransky  
1997 Meredith Willard

## CoSIDA Academic All-America

1986 Julie Estin, first team  
1987 Julie Estin, first team  
1988 Kelly Good, third team  
1992 Dana Dobransky, second team  
1993 Dana Dobransky, second team  
1997 Meredith Willard, first team  
1998 Merritt Booth, third team

## NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference

2001 Andréé Pickens

## National Association of Collegiate Gymnastics Coaches - Scholastic All-America

1991 Dana Dobransky  
Sheryl Dundas  
Katherine Kelleher  
Shea McFall  
1992 Dana Dobransky  
Sheryl Dundas  
Chasity Junkin  
Katherine Kelleher  
Shea McFall

1993 Dana Dobransky  
Sheryl Dundas  
Chasity Junkin

1994 Sheryl Dundas  
Chasity Junkin  
Kara Stilp

1995 Meredith Willard  
Merritt Booth  
Chasity Junkin  
Danielle McAdams

1996 Marna Neubauer  
Meredith Willard  
Merritt Booth

1997 Lisa Gianni  
Danielle McAdams  
Marna Neubauer  
Meredith Willard

1998 Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Heidi Harriman  
Danielle McAdams  
Meredith Willard

1999 Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Lexa Evans  
April Makinson  
Danielle McAdams

1999 Natalie Barrington

Mandy Chapman  
Lexa Evans  
Robin Hawkins  
Gina Logan  
April Makinson  
Alexa Martinez  
Whitney Morgan  
Lissy Smith  
Raegan Tomasek

2000 Lexa Evans  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker  
Alexa Martinez  
Whitney Morgan  
Sara Scarborough  
Lissy Smith  
Kristin Sterner  
Dara Stewart

2001 Natalie Barrington  
Tiffany Byrd  
Krista Gole  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker  
Stephanie Kite  
Alexa Martinez  
Jeana Rice

2002 Kristin Sterner  
Natalie Barrington  
Helen Burgin  
Tiffany Byrd  
Krista Gole

Erin Holdefer  
Lauren Holdefer  
Shannon Hrozek  
Stephanie Kite  
Alexa Martinez  
Whitney Morgan  
Andree Pickens  
Michelle Reeser  
Kristin Sterner

## F. David Mathews Award

1997 Meredith Willard

## Alumni Student Award — University of Alabama National Alumni Association

1997 Meredith Willard  
2002 Andréé Pickens

## Paul W. Bryant Memorial Award

1985 Barbara Mack  
1986 Julie Estin  
1990 Marie Robbins  
1992 Katherine Kelleher  
1997 Meredith Willard

## Freshman Scholarship Achievement Award in Women's Athletics

1986 Kelly Good

## Sington Soaring Spirit Award

1989 1988 NCAA Championship Team  
1993 Dee Foster  
1997 Meredith Willard  
2000 Andréé Pickens

## Commerce & Business Administration Athlete of the Year

1985 Patti Rice  
1996 Meredith Willard  
1997 Meredith Willard

## College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award of Merit

1985 Barbara Mack

## University of Alabama Outstanding Junior

1986 Julie Estin

## College of Arts & Sciences — Woodrow Alvin David Family Student-Athlete Award

1988 Julie Estin

## Comer Mathematics Medal

1988 Julie Estin

## Commerce & Business Administration Outstanding Undergraduate Award

1991 Katherine Kelleher  
1992 Katherine Kelleher  
Shea McFall

## Alpha Epsilon Rho Outstanding TCF Senior Award

1993 Dana Dobransky

## Dept. of Marketing Recognition of Excellence

1994 Kara Stilp  
2001 April Makinson

## New College Award of Excellence in Athletics

1993 Dee Foster

## New College Outstanding Independent Studies/Out-of-Class Learning Experiences

1993 Dee Foster

## Outstanding Healthcare Management Undergraduate Student

1998 Gina Logan  
1999 Gina Logan  
2001 Krista Gole  
2002 Krista Gole

## Economics Freshman Achievement Award

2001 Stephanie Kite

## Barbara Rene Shoemake Memorial Scholarship

2001 Lexa Evans

## Charles A. Odewahn Managerial Excellence Award

2002 April Makinson

## Honor Societies

### XXXI

Merritt Booth  
Lexa Evans  
Dee Foster  
Kelly Good  
Robin Hawkins  
Andréé Pickens  
Marie Robbins  
Meredith Willard

### Alpha Lambda Delta

Lisa Gianni  
Lauren Graffeo  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker  
Stephanie Kite  
April Makinson  
Danielle McAdams  
Whitney Morgan  
Kristin Sterner  
Raegan Tomasek

### Beta Beta Beta

Shay Murphy  
Kristin Sterner

### Beta Gamma Sigma

April Makinson  
Meredith Willard

### Blue Key

Lexa Evans

### Gamma Beta Phi

Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Lexa Evans  
Lauren Graffeo  
Erin Holdefer  
Lauren Holdefer  
Katie Hornecker  
Katherine Kelleher  
Gina Logan

Whitney Morgan  
Danielle McAdams  
Shea McFall  
Whitney Morgan  
Andréé Pickens  
Tina Rinker  
Dara Stewart  
Meredith Willard

### Golden Key

Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Lexa Evans  
Krista Gole  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker  
Chasity Junkin  
Gina Logan  
Danielle McAdams  
Whitney Morgan  
Lissy Smith  
Raegan Tomasek  
Meredith Willard

### Kappa Tau Alpha

Lexa Evans  
Robin Hawkins  
Alexa Martinez

### Mortar Board

Alli Beldon  
Dana Dobransky  
Julie Estin  
Lexa Evans  
Kelly Good  
Katherine Kelleher  
Patti Kleckner  
Barbara Mack  
Patti Rice  
Tina Rinker  
Marie Robbins  
Tracey Tillman  
Meredith Willard

### Omega Chi Epsilon

Tina Rinker

### Omicron Delta Kappa

Alli Beldon  
Kathy Bilodeau  
Merritt Booth  
Mandy Chapman  
Julie Estin  
Lexa Evans  
Dee Foster  
Kelly Good  
Chasity Junkin  
Katherine Kelleher  
Kim Kelly  
Patti Kleckner  
Barbara Mack  
Alexa Martinez  
Shea McFall  
Heather Nasser  
Andréé Pickens  
Patti Rice  
Tina Rinker  
Marie Robbins  
Tracey Tillman  
Ann Wilhide  
Meredith Willard

### Phi Beta Kappa

Merritt Booth  
Julie Estin  
Kelly Good  
Barbara Mack

### Phi Eta Sigma

Helen Burgin  
Tiffany Byrd  
Sheryl Dundas  
Lisa Gianni  
Lauren Graffeo  
Robin Hawkins  
Katie Hornecker  
Stephanie Kite  
April Makinson  
Danielle McAdams  
Whitney Morgan  
Chasity Junkin  
Sara Scarborough  
Raegan Tomasek  
Holly Voorheis  
Meredith Willard

### Phi Kappa Phi

Kathy Bilodeau  
Katherine Kelleher  
Meredith Willard

### Pi Upsilon Omicron

Mandy Chapman  
Raegan Tomasek

### Pi Tau Sigma

Katie Hornecker

### Psi Chi

Lissy Smith

### Tau Beta Pi

Whitney Morgan  
Tina Rinker



# Alabama's Unprecedented Fan Support

Like any big show, the Alabama Gymnastics team spends a good portion of the year getting ready for their performances. From the moment school starts until the first days of the new year, the gymnasts, coaches and support staff toil in the practice gym, readying each leap, turn and tumbling pass for the moment that it will be unveiled to the public.

And when that moment comes, when the curtain rises on another Crimson Tide production, there's magic in the air.

Standing in a line across the floor mat in Coleman Coliseum, one by one their names are called and 10,000-plus fans roar their approval. For most gymnasts, it is the largest crowd they have ever competed in front of.

"They have worked, for some since they were four and five years old, in relative obscurity," Sarah Patterson said. "Unless you are an Olympian, they don't get near the recognition that they will here. I think the recognition they get here is one of the nicer things in their careers."

In the realm of women's collegiate athletics, there are only a handful of programs that enjoy the level of fan support that Alabama gymnastics does. Along with Tennessee basketball, Utah gymnastics and UConn basketball, Alabama is a perennial among the top-10 in attendance.

According to Sarah Patterson, Alabama's fan base hasn't just been built on winning.

"Our fans love when we win," Sarah Patterson said. "And they love when we bring home championships, but they are just as appreciative of our success in other areas as well. People like that we have a well-rounded program. Our fans come in the years that we finish second, third or fifth at the national championships as much as they do the years that we win it all. I think that's because of what the program stands for. The fans appreciate the type of people who are involved in the program, the emphasis on community involvement and academics; it's the total package. That's why people support us, not just for any one reason."

That appreciation is a two-way street. Alabama gymnasts are mindful of how great their fan base is. It is one of the factors that draws athletes to the Tide. Recent grad Lexa Evans turned down scholarship offers to other schools to walk on at Alabama. For the 2000 Alabama captain, the reason was simple.

"Out of high school I was offered scholarships to other schools, but I knew I wanted to compete in front of the Alabama fans," the Gilford, N.H. native said.

And she did, earning All-American honors



and NCAA Woman of the Year for the state of Alabama along the way. None of those honors compared, she said, to the moments on the floor of Coleman Coliseum.

"There is nothing like it," she said. "The feeling you get when stick an uneven bars landing and you hear the crowd erupt. It's amazing."

Outstanding fan support can push a good team to greatness and a great team to championships, a fact that Sarah Patterson and the Alabama Gymnastics program can well attest. The Crimson Tide has won three NCAA Championships at home in front of some of the biggest crowds in NCAA history, including the NCAA record crowd, set in 1996. Last season, Alabama was lifted to NCAA title No. 4, carried by the highly enthusiastic Coleman Coliseum crowd.

In five of the last six years, Alabama has hosted the largest gymnastics crowd in the nation, including a sell out of Coleman Coliseum in 1997. On Feb. 1, 1997, against Georgia, 15,043 fans poured into the Coliseum, marking the pinnacle of a 'crowded' season.

"We are very lucky to have the kind of support we do," Patterson said. "When we sold out the Coliseum, it was one of the highlights of our career. It was such a great feeling to see something that our program has been working toward for so long finally happen."

The Crimson Tide averaged 10,301 fans per meet in 1997, the best gymnastics average in the nation. The 15,043 sellout and the 14,079 that came to see the 1999 Alabama-Georgia meet stand as the two largest crowd to see a gymnastics meet since 1993.

## Alabama's All-Time Home Attendance Highs

1. *15,043	vs. Georgia	Feb. 1, 1997
2. **14,079	vs. Georgia	Feb. 13, 1999
3. **13,573	vs. Georgia	March 1, 1996
4. **12,573	vs. Georgia	Jan. 17, 1998
5. **12,316	vs. Georgia	March 4, 2000
6. 12,021	vs. Georgia	March 4, 1995
7. 11,212	vs. Minnesota	Jan. 30, 1999
8. 10,823	vs. Auburn	Jan. 18, 1997
<b>9. 10,378</b>	<b>vs. Georgia</b>	<b>Jan. 18, 2002</b>
<b>10. 10,077</b>	<b>vs. UCLA</b>	<b>March 16, 2002</b>
11. 10,053	vs. Penn State	Jan. 31, 1998
12. 10,007	vs. Florida	Feb. 7, 1998
13. 10,003	vs. Auburn	Jan. 15, 2000

\*SEC Record and largest single-meet crowd in the nation in 1997 and the first sell out of Coleman Coliseum for a women's event.

\*\*Largest attendance in the nation that year.

## Alabama's Yearly Home Attendance Averages

Rank	Average	Year
1.	10,301	1997
2.	9,815	1998
3.	9,510	2000
4.	9,427	1999
5.	9,301	1996
6.	8,983	2002
7.	8,496	2001
8.	7,997	1995
9.	6,211	1993
10.	5,711	1994



*“There is nothing like it...  
The feeling you get when stick an  
uneven bars landing and you  
hear the crowd erupt.  
It’s amazing.”*

—Lexa Evans

The Tide holds the SEC record for single meet attendance and season attendance. In fact, the top 10 attendance figures in SEC history all belong to Alabama.

The trip from Alabama’s inaugural meet in 1975 to the packed houses of the last dozen years has been a long one. Success in terms of “box office receipts” came gradually, built by each generation of Alabama gymnasts

“I remember in the early days, looking up into the stands between rotations and being able to count the crowd . . . easily,” Sarah Patterson said. “But we worked at it, every year, in ways big and small. It was important to us not only to have a great team, but that people see that team as well.”

The fan support shown the Alabama gymnastics team not only heralds the program’s success, it sparks that success.

“The crowd can elevate your performance another notch, to a level above where it has been,” Patterson said. “We have used that in a lot of different respects.

“I like the type of crowd we have; I think they’ve become extremely educated in the sport of gymnastics, and they continue to get better every year. Another thing I like about our fans is that I’ve never known someone to come to one of our meets for the first time who did not enjoy it and want to come back.”

Patterson is well aware of the potential impact the team she guides can have on the community. “Our program has been in the forefront, and it’s nice to know that our fan support is also in the forefront. The growth of the sport and our fan base has helped us reach a goal in that our ladies can be role models. The importance of excelling both as a student and as an athlete is one of the best ways we can serve as role models to the young girls of the state, and I think that’s important.”

“It’s nice to be a trendsetter,” Patterson said. “When people think gymnastics and crowds and fan support, they think of The University of Alabama.”

## No Vacancy at Coleman

*“Lights twinkled in a square around the floor. More lights danced in a circle across the sky. Otherwise it was dusk indoors Saturday night as the gymnasts from Alabama and Georgia marched into Coleman Coliseum.*

*They couldn’t see the faces, but they could hear the voices. Rolling. Cresting. Crashing and building again. It sounded like more voices than usual, more voices than ever, Alabama senior Meredith Willard said, because “it sounded extra loud.”*

*Guided by the voices, they understood. As the lights came up, a light went on. As far as they could see, they could see faces. This was bigger than big. This was capacity. This was history.”*

— Kevin Scarbinsky, Birmingham News  
On Alabama’s record attendance  
against Georgia Saturday, Feb. 1, 1997

One fan after another made their way into Coleman Coliseum Saturday, February 1 until finally, just before 7:00 p.m. and the start of the Alabama-Georgia gymnastics meet, history was made and Alabama Gymnastics sold out.

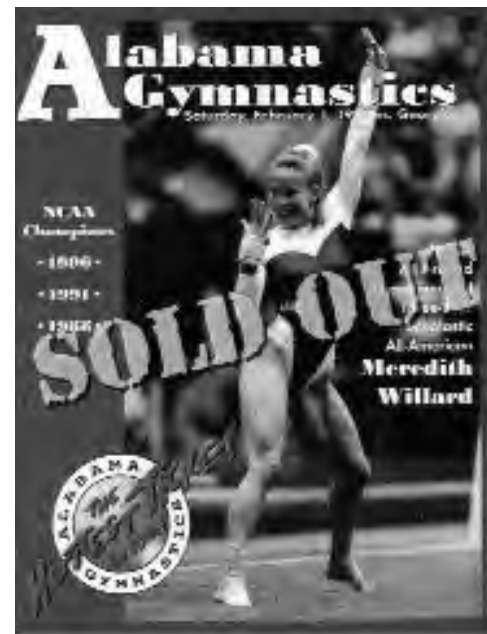
A capacity crowd of 15,043 filled Alabama’s home arena. It is the largest crowd to ever see a women’s athletic event in Alabama and the largest crowd to ever see an SEC Gymnastics contest.

Alabama had come close before. A total of 13,563 fans showed up in 1996 for the Alabama-Georgia meet. The year before Sarah Patterson’s program broke the 10,000 mark in grand fashion as 12,021 fans poured into the coliseum to see Alabama-Georgia. Those three marks stand atop the SEC’s all-time gymnastics attendance list. Two of the three are among the 10 largest crowds to ever see a collegiate gymnastics meet.

The all-time record for collegiate gymnastics attendance, 15,238, belongs to Utah and was set in 1991. Alabama’s challenge for the record was foiled not by lack of fans, but lack of seats. Reportedly more than 400 fans were turned away from the doors of the coliseum. The Alabama mark is the largest crowd to see a collegiate gymnastics meet since 1993.

Sarah Patterson, who has worked unceasingly throughout her career toward the sell-out, was gratified after 18 seasons to look up into the stands and see the building filled.

“This was a special moment in time. We’ve had a lot of national champions and All-Americans in our program, but none of them got to stand in front of a sold-out crowd. Our gymnasts were a part of history



tonight.”

It was a moment in time shaped by Sarah, David and 18 years worth of Crimson Tide gymnasts. Even with three NCAA Championships under her belt, Sarah is still out there every day, promoting her program, asking those who have never been to come watch and asking those who have been to come back.

The easy sell is those who have already seen an Alabama gymnastics meet. In addition to being able to watch a level of excellence that has kept Alabama in the top-4 nationally for a dozen years, Alabama meets exude a family atmosphere and level of fun and excitement that sells itself.

Maybe Ray Melick of the Birmingham Post-Herald, with a little help from from All-American Meredith Willard, summed it up best.

“Cool?”

*A three-time scholastic All-American selection, member of numerous honor societies, one of 28 student-athletes across the nation selected to serve on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, and the best word Meredith Willard could come up with was ‘cool.’*

*‘Fifteen thousand people,’ Willard said. ‘That is really cool.’*

*No, Meredith. Fifteen thousand and 43 people buying every ticket available inside Coleman Coliseum to see an Alabama gymnastics meet is not ‘cool.’ It’s ‘hot.’*

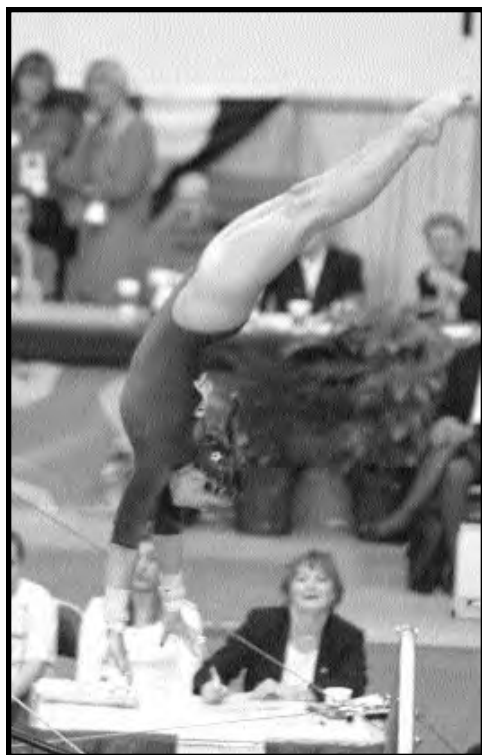
*As in, ‘The Hottest Ticket in Town.’”*

— Ray Melick, Birmingham Post Herald  
On Alabama’s record attendance  
against Georgia Saturday, Feb. 1



2002 INDUCTEES

# The Alabama Gymnastics Hall of Fame



## Natalie Barrington

A native of Mississauga, Canada, Natalie Barrington was the first international student-athlete to ever compete for the Alabama Gymnastics program. It didn't take her long to feel right at home though. Nor did it take her long at all to claim one event as her own. Even though she competed in all events during her career, Barrington was the queen of the uneven bars. Her long lines, grace and ability made her as good on the uneven bars as anyone in the country. And not only was she outstanding on the bars, she was consistently outstanding, scoring 9.875 or better 40 times during her career.

"The combination of her long lines, grace and hard work made Natalie one of the nation's best not just now and then, but consistently, week in and week out," head coach Sarah Patterson said.

She was a three-year All-American on the uneven bars and the Southeastern Conference Uneven Bars Champion as a junior. She earned All-SEC as a junior and second team All-SEC as a sophomore and senior. In her junior year, she produced a perfect uneven bars routine, scoring a 10.0 against Georgia which was just one of 11 routines on which she scored 9.9 or better that season. As a senior she helped lead the Tide to NCAA title No. 4 and as a sophomore she helped Alabama to the SEC Championship.

The gym wasn't the only place that Barrington excelled. She earned Scholastic All-American and Academic All-SEC honors three times each during her career.



## Andréé Pickens

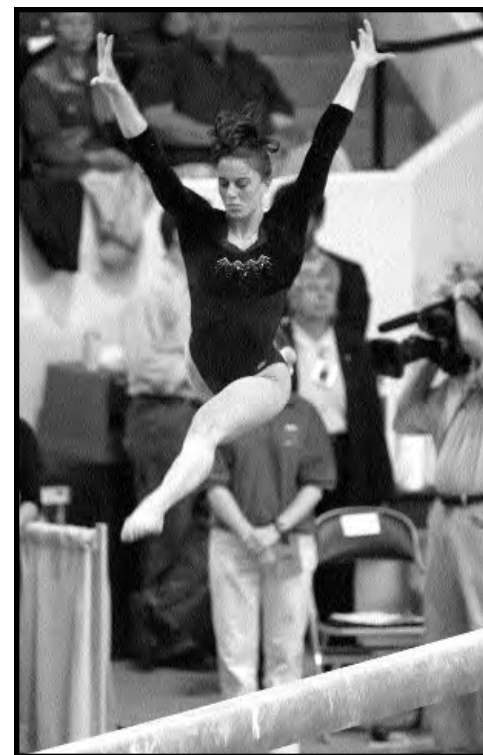
Andréé Pickens made a career of being spectacular. During her storied career she won two NCAA Championships, earned 14 All-American honors and was named both national gymnast of the year and Southeastern Conference Athlete of the Year as a senior.

"Andréé Pickens was not just an outstanding athlete, she was an outstanding leader and role model," head coach Sarah Patterson said. "She proved what you can do when you focus all your energy, talent and desire."

In addition to being named SEC Athlete of the Year as a senior, Pickens was SEC Gymnast of the Year three times during her career, becoming the first gymnast to win the award multiple times. She won seven SEC titles during her career including two all-around championships.

She was also named Academic All-SEC three years in a row and Scholastic All-American as a senior. She was president of Alabama's Student-Athlete Advisory Board, leading that organization's community outreach. She earned the SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship for her own hard work in that area.

In the last dual meet of her career against UCLA, Pickens set the school all-around record at 39.850. And as a senior, she led Alabama to its fourth national championship, with five All-American performances. Her last routine won her the NCAA Uneven Bars title to go with the NCAA Balance Beam championship she won as a freshman.



## Raegan Tomasek

At first, there were all the questions. Raegan Tomasek had a question for every occasion, preceded by a raised hand and a tilt of the head.

"Raegan asked more questions her first year than any freshman we've ever had," assistant head coach David Patterson said. "But they were good questions."

As her career went on, it became apparent that Tomasek had found her answers along the way. As a freshman, she earned a 10.0 on the balance beam, becoming only the second freshman in Alabama history to do so. She also earned Scholastic All-American honors as a rookie. As a sophomore she moved into the all-around lineup and added Academic All-SEC honors to her resume for the first of three times in her career. She also helped lead the Tide to the 2000 SEC Championship.

The Mastic Beach, NY native came into her own as a junior, becoming a regular in the all-around lineup. At season's end, Tomasek, named the Tide's "Most Improved", earned All-American honors on the balance beam.

As a senior, she earned second team All-SEC honors and she was SEC Gymnast of the Week after winning the all-around at Georgia in February. As a senior, Tomasek chipped in a 9.925 to the Tide's NCAA record balance beam performance at the NCAA Regional Championships. Her steady performance throughout her senior season was instrumental in leading the Crimson Tide to the 2002 NCAA Championship.



Angie Alexander

1982 INDUCTEE  
All-SEC



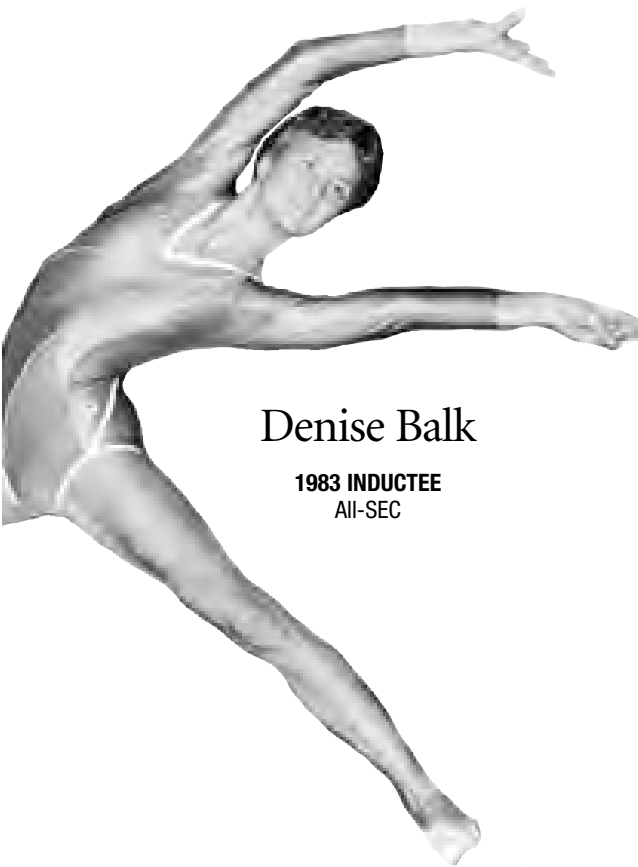
Julie Garrett

1983 INDUCTEE  
Three-time All-American • SEC Champion •  
Two-time All-SEC • Regional Champion • NCAA  
Post-graduate Scholarship



Patti Kleckner

1983 INDUCTEE  
All-SEC



Denise Balk

1983 INDUCTEE  
All-SEC



Luann Guzzetti

1983 INDUCTEE  
All-SEC



Ann Wilhide

1983 INDUCTEE  
All-SEC

**Did You Know...**

Julie Garrett was the first Alabama gymnast to be named All-American.



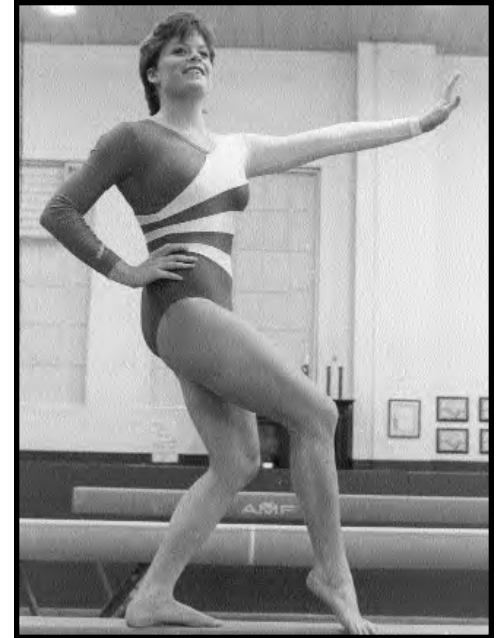
**Patti Rice**

**1984 INDUCTEE**  
SEC Champion • All-SEC • Academic All-SEC



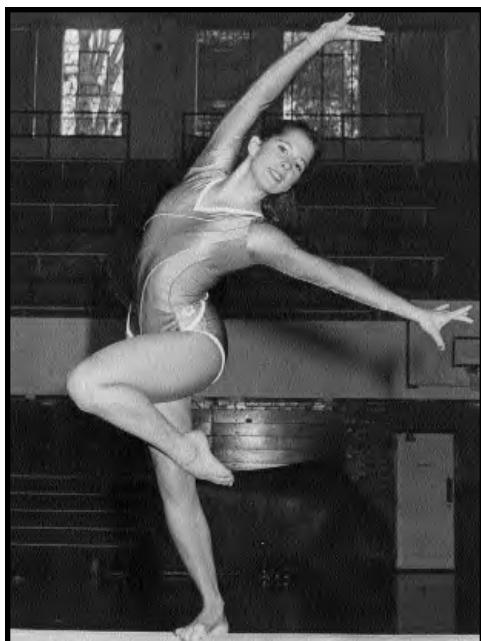
**Penney Hauschild**

**1986 INDUCTEE**  
Four-time NCAA Champion • 10-time All-American  
Two-time Broderick Award Winner  
AMF American Award • SEC Athlete of the Year  
SEC Champion • Five-time Regional Champion  
Two-time All-SEC • World University Games



**Kathy Bilodeau**

**1988 INDUCTEE**  
1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC  
Championship Team • Two-time All-American  
Two-time Academic All-SEC



**Barbara Mack**

**1985 INDUCTEE**  
All-American • SEC Champion • AMF American  
Award • Rhodes Scholarship Finalist • Paul W.  
Bryant Award • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship  
Two-time Regional Champion • Two-time Academic  
All-SEC



**Julie Estin**

**1987 INDUCTEE**  
Six-time All-American • Two-time SEC Champion  
Five-time Regional Champion • NCAA Postgraduate  
Scholarship • SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year •  
Four-time All-SEC • Two-time GTE Academic All-  
American • Paul W. Bryant Award • Three-time  
Academic All-SEC



**Kelly Good**

**1989 INDUCTEE**  
1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC  
Championship Team • All-American • GTE District IV  
Academic All-American • NCAA Postgraduate  
Scholarship • SEC Postgraduate Scholarship  
Two-time Academic All-SEC

**Did You Know...**

Former SEC All-Around Champion Patti Rice received her MBA from Harvard School of Business.



Marie Robbins

**1990 INDUCTEE**

1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC Championship Team • Four-time All-American • Two-time SEC Champion • Two-time Regional Champion • Two-time All-SEC • Paul W. Bryant Award • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship • Three-time Academic All-SEC



Kim Masters

**1991 INDUCTEE**

1988 & 1991 NCAA Championship Teams • 1988 & 1990 SEC Championship Teams • Three-time All-American • Two-time All-SEC • Four-time Regional Champion • Academic All-SEC



Gina Basile

**1992 INDUCTEE**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • 1990 SEC Championship Team • NCAA Champion • All-American • All-SEC • Two-time Academic All-SEC • SEC Champion • Regional Champion



Cheri Way

**1990 INDUCTEE**

1988 NCAA Championship Team • 1988 SEC Championship Team • Three-time All-American • Two-time Academic All-SEC • Four-time Regional Champion



Tina Rinker

**1991 INDUCTEE**

1988 & 1991 NCAA Championship Teams • 1988 & 1990 SEC Championship Team • All-American • Two-time All-SEC • Regional Champion • Three-Time Academic All-SEC



Katherine Kelleher

**1992 INDUCTEE**

1991 NCAA Championship Team • 1990 SEC Championship Team • Three-time All-American • NCAA & SEC Postgraduate Scholarship • Alabama NCAA Woman of the Year • Two-time All-SEC • Three-time Academic All-SEC • Paul W. Bryant Award • SEC Champion • Two-Time Regional Champion • Scholastic All-American

**Did You Know...**

Former Alabama Gymnast Marie Robbins served as chairperson of the NCAA Gymnastics Committee the past three seasons.



**Dee Foster**

**1993 INDUCTEE**

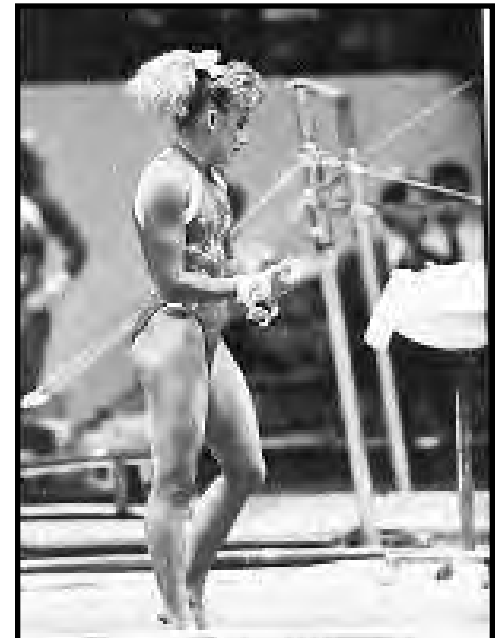
1991 NCAA Championship team • 1990 SEC Championship team • Honda Award for Gymnastics  
 NCAA All-Around Champion • SEC Athlete of the Year  
 • 17-time All-American • Four-time SEC Champion  
 Nine-time Regional Champion • Four-time All-SEC  
 1993 Alabama Amateur Athlete of the Year



**Shea McFall**

**1994 INDUCTEE**

1991 NCAA Championship Team  
 Two-time All-American  
 Three-time Academic  
 All-SEC • Scholastic All-American



**Kara Stilp**

**1994 INDUCTEE**

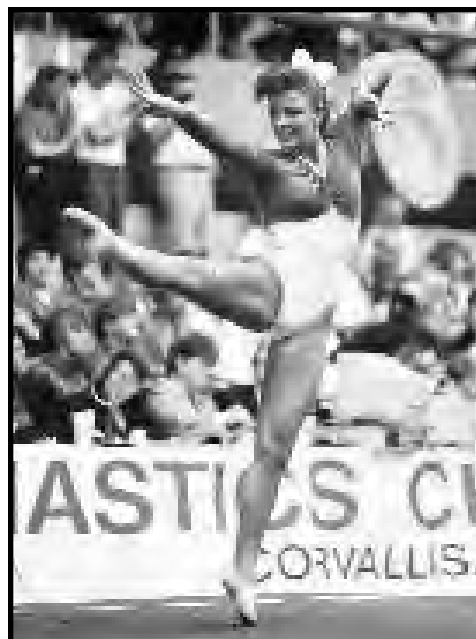
1991 NCAA Championship Team  
 Two-time All-America • Scholastic All-American  
 Academic All-SEC



**Dana Dobransky**

**1993 INDUCTEE**

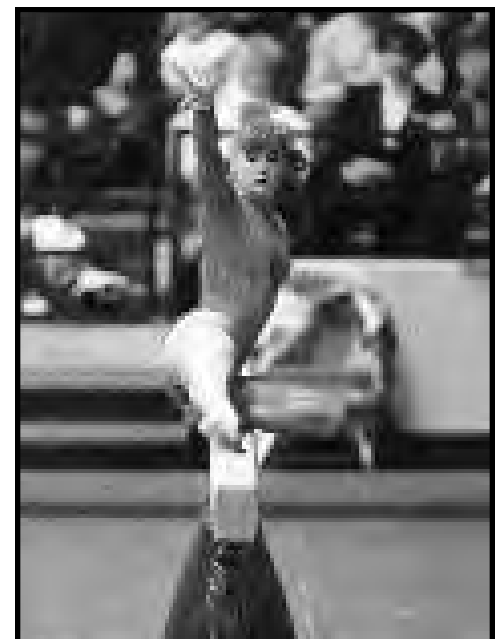
1991 NCAA Championship team • 1990 SEC Championship team • Two-time National Champion  
 • Five-time All-American • NCAA Post-graduate Scholarship • SEC Post-graduate Scholarship •  
 NCAA Woman of the Year - State Honoree • Second Team GTE Academic All-American • Academic All-SEC • All-SEC • Regional Champion • SEC Champion



**Sheryl Dundas**

**1994 INDUCTEE**

1991 NCAA Championship Team  
 NCAA Central Region Balance Beam Champion  
 Phi Eta Sigma • All-American • Academic All-SEC  
 Scholastic All-American



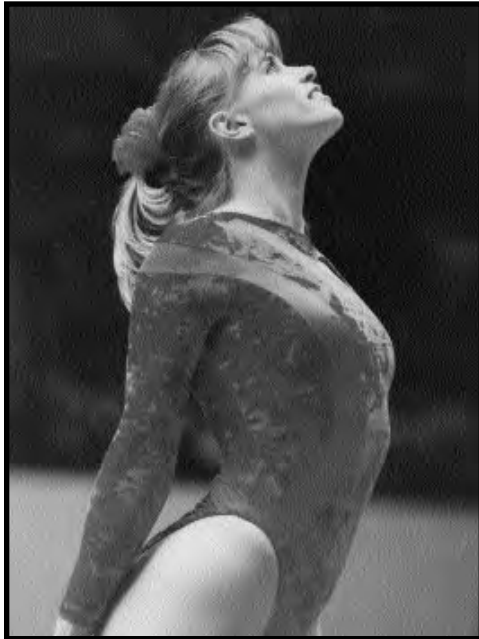
**Chasity Junkin**

**1995 INDUCTEE**

1995 SEC Championship Team  
 Two-time All-American • AAI Senior Award Finalist  
 Three-year Scholastic All-American  
 Three-year Academic All-SEC

**Did You Know...**

Dana Dobransky closed out her career with back-to-back NCAA Balance Beam Championships.



**Marna Neubauer**

**1996 INDUCTEE**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad All-American • Two-time Second Team All-American • NCAA Floor Exercise Team Record • Two-year Scholastic All-American • Two-year Academic All-SEC



**Kim Bonaventura**

**1997 INDUCTEE**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad All-American • Three-time Second Team All-American • NCAA Central Regional Champion



**Meredith Willard**

**1997 INDUCTEE**

1996 NCAA Championship Team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad NCAA All-Around Champion • 11-time All-American NCAA "Top-Eight" Award • Southeastern Conference "Scholar-Athlete of the Year" • 1997 H. Boyd McWhorter SEC Postgraduate Scholarship Winner • 1997 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner • 1997 Southeastern Conference "Gymnast of the Year" • 1997 NCAA "Woman of the Year" finalist • NCAA Central Regional Champion • Four-year Scholastic All-American • 1997 GTE Academic All-American



**Kim Kelly**

**1996 INDUCTEE**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record • Five-time All-American • Four-time Second Team All-American • NCAA Team Vault Record • NCAA Team Floor Exercise Record • Five-time Regional Champion • Two-time SEC Champion • Three-year All-SEC • Scholastic All-American • Two-year Academic All-SEC



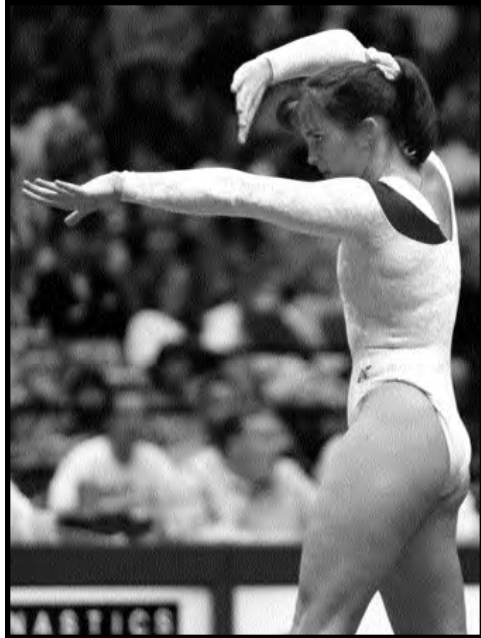
**Stephanie Woods**

**1997 INDUCTEE**

1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • NCAA Team Record squad • Three-time All-American • NCAA Uneven Bars Champion • Four-time All-American • Second Team All-American • Three-time NCAA Central Regional Champion • SEC Uneven Bars Champion

**Did You Know...**

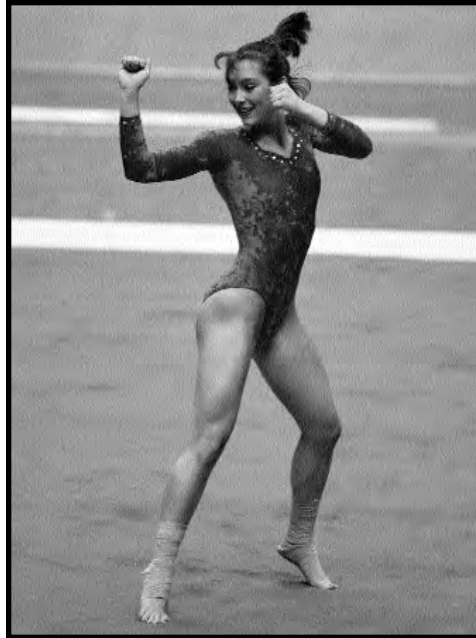
Meredith Willard won the Tide's fourth NCAA All-Around title during her junior season in 1996.



**Merritt Booth**

**1998 INDUCTEE**

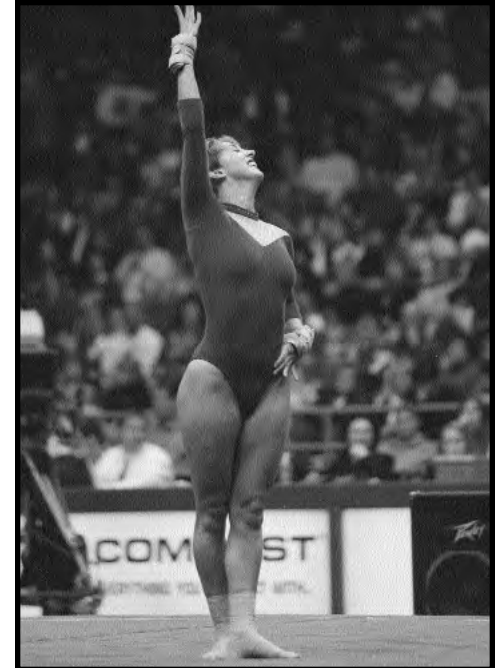
1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • Three-time All-American • Three-time second team All-American • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year Academic All-SEC • NCAA Woman of the Year finalist • GTE Academic All-American • NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Winner



**Shay Murphy**

**1998 INDUCTEE**

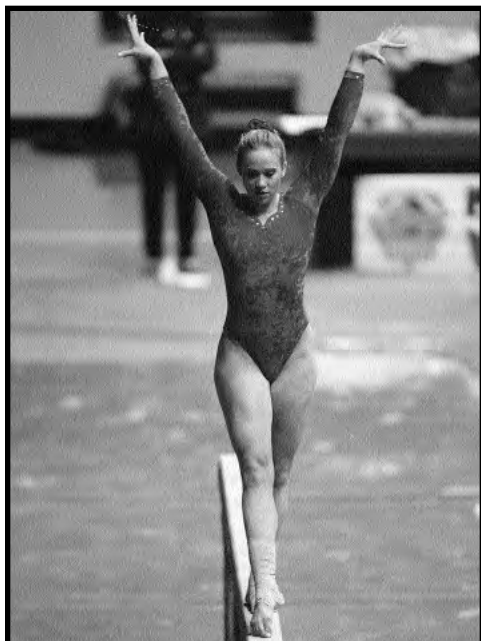
1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • All-American • Second team All-American • Three-year Academic All-SEC • Scored a 10.0 on the floor exercise in 1998 • NCAA Team Record squad



**Gwen Spidle**

**1999 INDUCTEE**

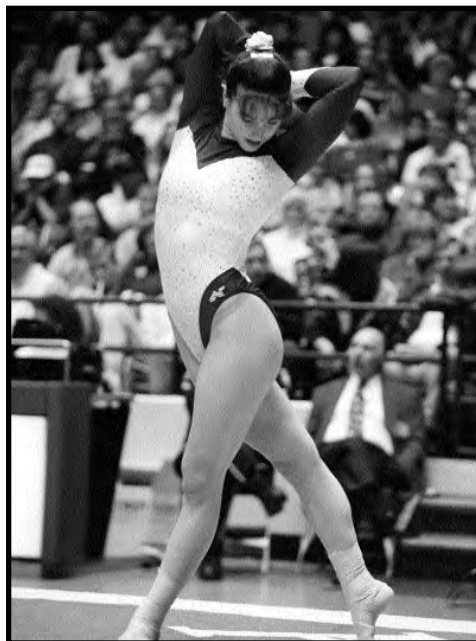
1996 NCAA Championship team  
Three-time All-American • Two-time second team All-American • Three-year Academic All-SEC  
NCAA Team Record squad



**Danielle McAdams**

**1998 INDUCTEE**

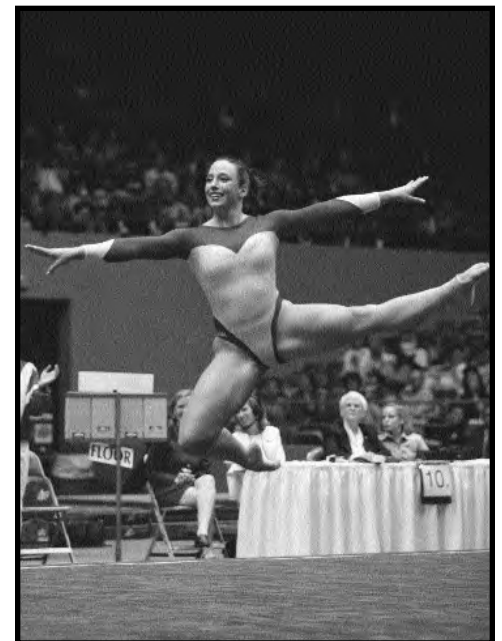
1996 NCAA Championship team • 1995 SEC Championship team • All-American • Two-time second team All-American • Four-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year Academic All-SEC • Scored a 10.0 on the vault at the 1996 NCAA Championships • NCAA Team Record squad



**Mandy Chapman**

**1999 INDUCTEE**

1996 NCAA Championship team  
Second Team Balance Beam All-American  
Three-year Scholastic All-American  
Two-year All-SEC • Three-year Academic All-SEC



**Lexa Evans**

**2000 INDUCTEE**

2000 SEC Championship team  
NCAA Woman of the Year — State of Alabama  
Second team Floor Exercise All-American  
Three-year Academic All-SEC  
Three-year Scholastic All-American

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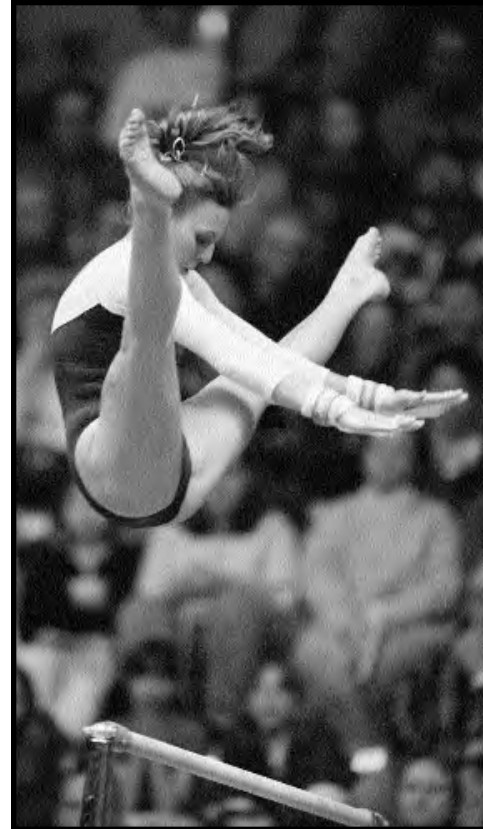
Lissy Smith, competed on the balance beam in every meet of her career and did not have a single fall in two different seasons, and for her career she only had four falls in 60 routines.



Katie Hornecker

**2001 INDUCTEE**

2000 SEC Championship team • All-American Two-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year Academic All-SEC • Second team All-SEC



Dara Stewart

**2001 INDUCTEE**

2000 SEC Championship team • Two-time All-American • Second team All-American • Two-year Scholastic All-American • Three-year Academic All-SEC • 1998 and 2000 NCAA Regional Uneven Bars Champion • Second team All-SEC



Lissy Smith

**2001 INDUCTEE**

2000 SEC Championship team  
Two-time All-American • Second team All-American  
Three-year Scholastics All-American  
Three-year Academic All-SEC • All-SEC  
2001 SEC Balance Beam Champion  
1999, 2000, 2001 NCAA Regional Balance Beam Champion



# Alabama's Year-by-Year Results



**1975**

1975 Riki Sutton 4-4

Jan. 10 Georgia College 83.75, **ALABAMA 65.80**  
 Jan. 18 LSU 77.00, **Alabama 72.50**  
 Jan. 25 Auburn 76.85, **Alabama 61.00**, Jefferson State 58.10  
 Jan. 31 **ALABAMA 70.95**, Miss. Univ. for Women 47.10  
 Feb. 15 **ALABAMA 56.90**, UAB 42.45  
 Feb. 22 Memphis State 65.36, **ALABAMA 60.85**, Jefferson State  
 (State Championship at Alabama) Athens College 81.65,  
 Auburn 81.35, **Alabama 63.80**, Jefferson State 63.30  
 (Regional Meet at Summit, Miss.) **Alabama 70.05—6th place**

1976 Sheila Hill 3-7

No individual meet records available from this season.

1977 Phyllis Draper 1-7

Georgia 91.90, **Alabama 90.3**  
**Alabama 76.15**, South Carolina 74.30  
 Auburn 122.05, **Alabama 107.30**  
 Florida 121.80, **Alabama 98.20**  
 LSU, **Alabama** (LSU won, no scores available)  
 Jefferson St., Georgia College, **Alabama** (Jeff. St. won, no scores available)  
 Memphis State 110.0, **Alabama 107.90**  
 (State Championship) **Alabama—3rd place**  
 (Regional Championship) **Alabama 8th**

1978 Tom Steele 6-7

Jan. 14 Jefferson State 116.75, **Alabama 110.15**  
 Jan. 22 **Alabama 117.95**, South Carolina 114.05  
 Jan. 27 **Alabama 122.00**, Georgia College 117.85, Appalachian  
 State 117.85  
 Jan. 28 Georgia 134.75, Appalachian State 117.90, **Alabama**  
**113.00**  
 Feb. 4 **Alabama 117.00**, East Tenn. State 101.40  
 Feb. 11 Auburn 129.40, **Alabama 121.60**, Miss. Univ. for  
 Women 120.75, Furman 99.25  
 Feb. 25 Indiana State 131.97, Jefferson State 121.48, Memphis  
 State 116.24, **Alabama 113.32**  
 (State Championship) Jacksonville State 131.95, Auburn  
 125.95, **Alabama 122.10**  
 (AIAW Region III Championship) Georgia 134.80,  
 Jacksonville State 130.15, Auburn 117.90, Florida  
 117.00, Miss. Univ. for Women 117.00, **Alabama 106.30**

1979 Sarah Campbell 7-7

March 19, '78 JACKSONVILLE STATE 134.00, **Alabama 123.80**  
 Dec. 8 **Alabama 115.05**, MISS. UNIV. FOR WOMEN 113.15  
 Dec. 10 **ALABAMA 120.40**, Memphis State 116.70  
 Jan. 13, '79 Bowling Green State 124.30, Indiana 122.25, **Alabama**  
**114.25**, Western Kentucky 111.75  
 Jan. 15 Appalachian State 126.40, **Alabama 120.05**, East  
 Tennessee State 59.55  
 Jan. 20 AUBURN 117.95, **Alabama 116.45**  
 Jan. 21 **ALABAMA 119.10**, Jefferson State 118.40  
 Jan. 22 Georgia 130.45, **ALABAMA 121.10**  
 Feb. 3 Florida 121.50, **ALABAMA 119.30**  
 Feb. 6 **ALABAMA 122.65**, Georgia College 118.75, Miss. Univ.  
 for Women 106.85  
 Feb. 27 (State Championship at Alabama) Jacksonville State  
 131.95, Auburn 125.95, **Alabama 122.10**  
 (AIAW Region III Championship at Jacksonville State)  
 Georgia 135.20, Jacksonville State 134.30, Auburn  
 127.75, Florida 120.300, **Alabama 119.55**

1980 Sarah Campbell 16-4

Dec. 8, '79 **ALABAMA 131.50**, Indiana 127.45  
 Jan. 19 **Alabama 122.95**, AUBURN 117.10, Kentucky 115.00  
 Jan. 11 UNC 127.70, **Alabama 125.60**, Towson State 120.75  
 Jan. 19 **ALABAMA 130.35**, Auburn 127.70, East Tennessee  
 State 112.35  
 Jan. 26 **ALABAMA 133.10**, Texas A&M 130.50, Western  
 Kentucky 118.25  
 Feb. 1 **Alabama 135.95**, MEMPHIS STATE 126.05  
 Feb. 3 **Alabama 132.25**, JEFFERSON STATE 122.80, Georgia  
 College 122.50  
 Feb. 8 Louisville 135.05, GEORGIA 131.20, **Alabama 128.20**  
 Feb. 9 **Alabama 128.65**, Duke 124.70, GEORGIA COLLEGE  
 115.20  
 Feb. 16 Jacksonville State 139.80, **ALABAMA 136.20**, SE  
 Missouri State 128.70, Southern Miss 46.05  
 March 1 **Alabama 137.32**, JEFFERSON STATE 111.68  
 March 21-22 (AIAW Region III Championship at Alabama) Jacksonville  
 State 139.05, Georgia 138.45, Florida 138.00, **Alabama**  
**136.30**, Auburn 132.05

1981 Sarah Campbell 14-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 4th**  
 Nov. 11, '80 **Alabama 134.70**, Illinois State 127.65, SE MISSOURI  
 STATE 125.30, Emporia State 106.45  
 Dec. 4, '80 **Alabama 130.95**, SLIPPERY ROCK 125.75  
 Dec. 6, '80 PITT 136.30, **Alabama 130.325**, Maryland 118.00  
 Jan. 8 **ALABAMA 131.30**, Missouri 130.30  
 Jan. 16 **ALABAMA 134.04**, Kentucky 120.10  
 Jan. 24 **Alabama 126.70**, EAST TENNESSEE STATE 115.90  
 Jan. 30 **ALABAMA 134.80**, Auburn 125.50  
 Feb. 13 **ALABAMA 141.45**, Georgia 138.75, UNC 135.75,  
 Georgia College 125.65  
 Feb. 24 **Alabama 137.95**, JACKSONVILLE STATE 137.20  
 Feb. 27 **ALABAMA 140.10**, Southern Miss 103.75  
 Feb. 20-21 (SEC Championship at LSU) LSU 141.10, Florida 139.90,  
 Georgia 135.05, **Alabama 134.15**, Auburn 125.45,  
 Kentucky 125.25  
 March 7 (State Championship at Alabama) **Alabama 142.00**,  
 Jacksonville State 138.50, Auburn 135.55  
 March 27-28 (AIAW Region III Championship at Florida) Florida  
 145.25, **Alabama 138.25**, Georgia 136.20, Jacksonville  
 State 135.15, Auburn 129.20



**1982**

1982 Sarah Campbell 17-2

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FINISH — 2nd**  
**AIAW NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 4th**  
 Nov. 11, '81 **Alabama 137.90**, AUBURN 131.65  
 Dec. 4, '81 **ALABAMA 141.70**, Memphis State 130.90  
 Dec. 10, '81 LSU 145.35, **Alabama 140.75**  
 Jan. 14 **ALABAMA 143.05**, Illinois-Chicago Circle 139.75  
 Jan. 23 GEORGIA 140.25, **Alabama 140.05**, Eastern Kentucky  
 128.75, Georgia College 125.00  
 Jan. 29 **ALABAMA 141.25** Georgia College 127.50, Texas  
 Christian 117.60, Texas Women's Univ. 90.85  
 Feb. 5 (Duke Invitational) **Alabama 140.30**, Maryland 133.50,  
 West Virginia 131.70, Kentucky 129.85  
 Feb. 11 **ALABAMA 141.50**, Jacksonville State 136.20  
 Feb. 14 **Alabama 143.45**, Southern Illinois 136.70, MISSOURI  
 139.65, 136.70  
 Feb. 19-20 (SEC Championship at ) Florida 145.60, **Alabama**  
**144.55**, LSU 144.15, Georgia 142.05, Kentucky 135.00,  
 Auburn 134.95  
 Feb. 26 **ALABAMA 142.90**, Georgia College 130.75, East  
 Tennessee State 128.45  
 March 5 **ALABAMA 143.85**, Auburn 138.35  
 March 12-13 (NCAA S.E. Regional Championship at Florida) Florida  
 145.45, **Alabama 142.80**, LSU 142.05, UNC 137.40  
 March 19-20 (AIAW Regional Championship at Georgia) Florida  
 144.85, **Alabama 143.90**, Georgia 143.70, Auburn  
 139.40, Jacksonville 136.75  
 April 3-4 (AIAW National Championship, at Memphis State) Florida  
 143.90, **Alabama 142.85**, West Virginia 141.40, Georgia  
 141.30, Ohio State 141.05, BYU 140.85, Minnesota  
 140.65, Oklahoma State 138.80, Utah State 137.45, Oral  
 Roberts 136.95, Washington State 134.40, Southern  
 Illinois 133.25



1983 Sarah Patterson 15-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 2nd**  
**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL FINISH - 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 4th**  
 Jan. 14 **ALABAMA 180.25**, LSU 175.25, Minnesota 174.70, Auburn 167.10  
 Jan. 22 FLORIDA 179.20, **Alabama 175.40**  
 Jan. 27 **Alabama 178.35**, PENN STATE 176.30  
 Jan. 29 **Alabama 178.95**, WEST VIRGINIA 168.60  
 Feb. 4-5 **ALABAMA 181.75**, Georgia 178.25, Ohio State 175.25, Nebraska 174.35, Maryland 169.55  
 Feb. 9 **Alabama 176.90**, JACKSONVILLE STATE 174.65  
 Feb. 11 **ALABAMA 183.60**, UNC 172.55  
 Feb. 18 (SEC Championship at Florida) Florida 181.95, **Alabama 181.75**, LSU 176.70, Georgia 175.10, Kentucky 170.50  
**ALABAMA 182.10**, Auburn 65.05  
 Feb. 25 **ALABAMA 182.80**, Illinois-Chicago Circle 166.35  
 March 4 **ALABAMA 185.40**, Georgia 178.65, Missouri 177.05  
 March 10 (South Region Championship at Florida) **Alabama 184.75**, Florida 184.65, LSU 182.65, Georgia 179.25, Oklahoma 178.80, Oklahoma State 174.95  
 March 26 (NCAA Championship at Utah) Utah 184.65, Arizona State 183.30, Cal State Fullerton 179.25, **Alabama 179.05**, Florida 177.85, UCLA 177.80, LSU 177.80, Ohio State 176.65, Oregon State 173.55, Nebraska 165.55



1984

1984 Sarah Patterson 15-5

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 3rd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH - 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 6th**  
 Dec. 2, 1983 **Alabama 178.70**, GEORGIA 178.30  
 Jan. 20 **ALABAMA 180.90**, Florida 179.95  
 Jan. 28 **Alabama 178.75**, PENN STATE 178.10  
 Feb. 3 Georgia 181.70, **ALABAMA 181.45**, Ohio State 179.30, Oklahoma 177.45, Nebraska 174.75, Maryland 174.10  
 Feb. 9 **Alabama 181.20**, UNC 173.80  
 Feb. 17 (SEC Championship at Florida) Florida 184.15, Georgia 177.05, **Alabama 175.90**, LSU 173.20, Kentucky 165.35, Auburn 161.55  
 Feb. 24 UCLA 179.70, Arizona 179.40, Ohio State 178.80, Oregon ST. 178.00, **Alabama 177.55**, BYU 173.15, Missouri 172.80  
 March 2 **ALABAMA 182.35**, Jacksonville State 175.45, Auburn 166.10, Georgia College 164.60  
 March 4 **Alabama 179.80**, MISSOURI 177.75  
 March 14 **ALABAMA 179.10**, Auburn 168.10  
 March 24 (NCAA Central Regional at Missouri) **Alabama 180.50**, Southern Illinois 173.55, Missouri 173.30, Illinois 173.00, Illinois State 171.85, Indiana St. 129.60  
 April 7-8 (NCAA Championship at UCLA) Utah 186.05, UCLA 185.55, Cal State Fullerton 183.90, Arizona State 183.65, Florida 182.20, **Alabama 180.80**, Penn State 179.45, Washington 178.55, Georgia 177.60, Arizona 176.90

1985 Sarah Patterson 16-4

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH - 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH - 4th**  
 Dec. 8, 1984 **Alabama 182.50**, Georgia 180.80  
 Jan. 10 **Alabama 179.00**, Northern Illinois 169.90, Auburn 156.35  
 Jan. 12 **Alabama 181.60**, UNC 173.45, Cornell 169.20, James Madison 139.40  
 Jan. 18 **Alabama 183.40**, LSU 177.70  
 Jan. 26 **Alabama 180.85**, Jacksonville State 177.30  
 Feb. 1-2 **Alabama 186.20**, Ohio State, Oklahoma, Maryland, Georgia (scores not available)  
 Feb. 7 Georgia (score not available), **Alabama 181.95**  
 Feb. 16 Florida 186.60, **Alabama 185.65**  
 Feb. 22-23 (SEC Championship at Alabama) Florida 185.65, **Alabama 183.85**, Georgia 181.80, LSU 180.50, Kentucky 173.45, Auburn 158.90  
 March 1 **Alabama 185.40**, Penn State 179.65  
 March 9 Arizona State 187.45, **Alabama 185.60**, Arizona 182.60, Minnesota 180.30  
 March 11 Utah 189.10, **Alabama 187.50**, Cal State Fullerton 187.25  
 March 30 (NCAA Central Regional at Alabama) **Alabama 186.35**, LSU 181.50, Michigan State 178.35, Illinois 177.80, Illinois State 177.25, Missouri 173.85  
 April 12-13 (NCAA Championship at Utah) Utah 188.35, Arizona State 186.60, Florida 184.30, **Alabama 184.05**, Cal State Fullerton 183.50, Oregon State 183.15, Georgia 180.90, Ohio State 179.75, Penn State 179.00, Oklahoma 177.40



1986

1986 Sarah Patterson 18-2

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 2nd**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**  
 Jan. 11 **Alabama 181.95**, Missouri 174.35  
 Jan. 17 Georgia 185.45, **Alabama 183.60**  
 Jan. 24 **Alabama 182.60**, Penn State 179.75, Michigan State 178.75, New Hampshire 170.85  
 Jan. 31 **Alabama 184.55**, Jacksonville State 169.55  
 Feb. 7 **Alabama 185.40**, Georgia 183.05, Illinois State 173.70, Maryland 172.90  
 Feb. 14 **Alabama 183.75**, Florida 183.50  
 Feb. 22 (SEC Championship at Florida) Georgia 185.15, Florida 184.10, **Alabama 183.75**, LSU 176.60, Kentucky 175.95, Auburn 171.40  
 Feb. 28 **Alabama 182.65**, LSU 180.65  
 March 7 Arizona State 189.20, **Alabama 186.05**, Florida 184.00, Penn State 183.50, Cal State Fullerton 183.45  
 March 15 **Alabama 184.60**, Florida 184.10, LSU 181.25  
 March 22 **Alabama 188.55**, LSU (score not available), UNC 179.55  
 March 27 **Alabama 190.95**, Auburn 180.10  
 April 5 (NCAA Regional Championship at LSU) LSU 185.25, **Alabama 185.05**, Michigan State 183.45, Indiana State 177.95, Missouri 177.65, Southern Illinois 175.55  
 April 18-19 (NCAA Championship at Florida) Utah 186.95, Arizona State 186.70, **Alabama 186.35**, Georgia 185.45, Cal State Fullerton 185.00, Penn State 182.70, UCLA 181.70, Florida 181.30, LSU 180.55, Ohio State 177.80

1987 Sarah Patterson 12-5

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 4th**  
 Jan. 16 **ALABAMA 180.15**, LSU 179.35, Auburn 174.65  
 Jan. 23 **Alabama 183.10**, Missouri 176.85, Iowa State 169.30  
 Jan. 30 GEORGIA 186.05, **Alabama 184.55**  
 Feb. 14 Georgia 188.20, **ALABAMA 186.85**, Oklahoma 183.45, Minnesota 180.45  
 Feb. 21 **ALABAMA 188.70**, Utah 187.95  
 Feb. 27 LSU 186.50, Alabama 184.95  
 March 3 **ALABAMA 188.75**, Penn State 183.40  
 March 9 UTAH 190.95, **Alabama 187.35**, Oklahoma 187.30, UCLA 186.10  
 March 15 Georgia 189.35, **ALABAMA 189.05**  
 March 20 **ALABAMA 190.90**, Arizona State 188.40  
 March 28 (SEC Championship at Georgia) Georgia 189.40, Florida 185.65, **Alabama 185.30**, LSU 184.45, Auburn 181.40, Kentucky 180.95  
 April 2 **Alabama 188.80**, AUBURN 184.55  
 April 11 (NCAA Central Regional at Alabama) **Alabama 189.05**, LSU 186.80, Michigan State 183.60, Illinois 183.30, Minnesota 180.20, Auburn 178.60, Illinois State 178.00  
 April 24-25 (NCAA Championship at Utah) Georgia 187.90, Utah 187.55, UCLA 187.00, **Alabama 186.60**, Arizona State 184.00, Florida 183.80, LSU 181.50, Ohio State 180.20, Washington 179.85, Nebraska 179.50, Arizona 179.45, Oregon State 174.50

1988 Sarah Patterson 14-3-2

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**  
 Jan. 16 **ALABAMA 187.75**, Auburn 181.60  
 Jan. 22 **Alabama 184.35**, PENN STATE 180.55, New Hampshire 174.10  
 Jan. 28 **Alabama 187.10**, LSU 187.10, Houston Baptist 181.55  
 Feb. 6 **ALABAMA 188.95**, Georgia 188.95, Utah 186.85, Wisconsin 180.15, Minnesota 177.30  
 Feb. 13 **ALABAMA 188.75**, Arizona State 185.65  
 Feb. 27 **Alabama 186.00**, KENTUCKY 180.15, Iowa State 175.35  
 March 6 GEORGIA 189.95, **Alabama 189.35**, Arizona 188.20, N.C. State 176.60  
 March 10 ARIZONA ST. 189.30, **Alabama 186.80**, Nebraska 186.30  
 March 14 UTAH 190.50, **Alabama 188.80**  
 March 26 (SEC Championship at Alabama) **Alabama 190.15**, Georgia 189.20, Florida 188.85, LSU 187.40, Kentucky 183.40, Auburn 183.20  
 March 31 **Alabama 187.30**, AUBURN 183.20  
 April 9 (NCAA Central Regional at LSU) **Alabama 191.75**, LSU 190.05, Michigan State 187.15, Auburn 186.10, Minnesota 181.80, Missouri 181.75, Illinois 181.70  
 April 22-23 (NCAA Championship at Utah) **Alabama 190.05**, Utah 189.50, UCLA 188.80, LSU 187.90, Georgia 186.80, Florida 186.65, Oregon State 186.50, Arizona State 185.10, Arizona 184.00, Nebraska 183.55, Penn State 179.70, Michigan State 178.80

1989 Sarah Patterson 13-3

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**  
 Jan. 13 **Alabama 188.35**, AUBURN 177.25  
 Jan. 21 **ALABAMA 188.65**, Penn State 182.50  
 Jan. 27 **ALABAMA 188.25**, Oklahoma 185.40, Minnesota 182.60  
 Jan. 30 UTAH 191.55, **Alabama 187.55**  
 Feb. 3 **ALABAMA 191.60**, Arizona 189.85  
 Feb. 10 FLORIDA 191.95, **Alabama 191.05**  
 Feb. 18 **ALABAMA 194.30**, Utah 192.55  
 Feb. 25 **ALABAMA 190.95**, Maryland 185.20, Wisconsin 185.20  
 March 3 **Alabama 192.00**, OKLAHOMA 189.80, Missouri 183.45  
 March 5 GEORGIA 191.00, **Alabama 187.85**, Nebraska 187.70, Penn State 181.55  
 March 18 (SEC Championship at Florida) Florida 191.50, **Alabama 191.05**, Georgia 190.40, LSU 187.40, Auburn 185.05, Kentucky 182.65  
 March 23 **ALABAMA 193.70**, Auburn 187.90

Did You Know...

Alabama swept the post season in 1988, winning its first SEC and NCAA Championships along with its fifth NCAA Regional title.



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April 1 (NCAA Central Regional at Alabama) **Alabama 192.75**, LSU 187.55, Michigan State 186.70, Minnesota 186.10, Auburn 185.65, Wisconsin 182.40, Illinois 181.85

April 14-15 (NCAA Championship at Georgia) Georgia 192.65, UCLA 192.60, **Alabama 192.10**, Nebraska 190.80, Utah 190.20, Cal State Fullerton 189.45, Arizona State 187.90, Oregon State 187.90, Oklahoma 187.05, Florida 187.00, Arizona 186.50, Ohio St. 186.40

## 1990 Sarah Patterson 14-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**

Jan. 13 **ALABAMA 190.00**, Auburn 183.30, Oklahoma 181.95

Jan. 20 **Alabama 188.40**, Wisconsin 185.30, MINNESOTA 184.40

Jan. 27 **Alabama 187.00**, PENN STATE 184.10

Feb. 3 **ALABAMA 189.85**, LSU 186.45

Feb. 10 **ALABAMA 191.75**, Georgia 190.85, Florida 185.65

Feb. 19 **UTAH 193.700**, **Alabama 192.10**

Feb. 23 **ALABAMA 191.90**, Nebraska 189.80, Arizona 186.30, Oregon State 185.55

March 3 **ALABAMA 192.30**, Utah 192.05

March 16 **Alabama 192.55**, OKLAHOMA 190.35

March 24 (SEC Championship at Georgia) **Alabama 193.55**, LSU 192.05, Georgia 191.85, Auburn 188.15, Florida 188.00, Kentucky 186.30

March 30 **Alabama 192.65**, AUBURN 188.40

April 7 (NCAA Central Regional at Minnesota) **Alabama 194.15**, LSU 190.85, Minnesota 188.65, Auburn 187.125, Illinois 186.525, SE Missouri State 185.40, Missouri 185.075

April 20-21 (NCAA Championship at Oregon State) Utah 194.90, **Alabama 194.575**, Georgia 193.225, UCLA 193.10, Nebraska 192.225, LSU 192.10, Oregon State 189.95, Cal State Fullerton 189.70, Towson State 187.975, Arizona 187.175, Florida 187.175, Ohio State 183.65

## 1991 Sarah Patterson 16-0

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**

Jan. 19 **Alabama 188.65**, AUBURN 185.95

Jan. 25 **ALABAMA 192.10**, Penn State 189.50

Feb. 2 **Alabama 192.75**, GEORGIA 191.80, LSU 190.20

Feb. 9 **ALABAMA 192.00**, Arizona State 188.85, Auburn 186.75, Minnesota 183.75

Feb. 16 **ALABAMA 194.15**, UCLA 191.15

Feb. 22 **Alabama 193.25**, OKLAHOMA 189.95, Missouri 188.45

Feb. 24 **Alabama 192.80**, NEBRASKA 187.20, Arizona State 186.65

March 2 **Alabama 192.50**, FLORIDA 192.40

March 8 **Alabama 192.55**, ARIZONA 190.45, Michigan State 174.55

March 16 **ALABAMA 194.20**, Nebraska 189.95

March 23 (SEC Championship at Kentucky) Georgia 194.10, **Alabama 194.05**, LSU 192.40, Florida 191.30, Auburn 189.25, Kentucky 186.00

April 6 (NCAA Central Regional at Auburn) **Alabama 195.575**, Auburn 192.15, LSU 191.75, SE Missouri State 189.025, Northern Illinois 186.925, Missouri 186.675, Iowa 186.425

April 19-20 (NCAA Championship at Alabama) **Alabama 195.125**, Utah 194.375, Georgia 193.375, Oregon State 192.35, Penn State 190.95, Florida 189.70, LSU 188.60, BYU 187.70, Arizona State 187.65, Auburn 187.65, Arizona 187.475, Utah State 185.95

## 1992 Sarah Patterson 9-4

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**

Jan. 11 **Alabama 191.35**, AUBURN 189.90

Jan. 17 **ALABAMA 192.35**, N.C. State 181.35

Jan. 19 **Alabama 189.55**, ARIZONA ST. 188.95

Jan. 25 **ALABAMA 193.30**, Nebraska 187.40

Jan. 31 **Alabama 191.85**, KENTUCKY 189.55

Feb. 7 **Alabama 192.10**, LSU 188.55

Feb. 16 Arizona 192.05, Oregon State 192.00, **Alabama 191.95**, NEBRASKA 187.60

Feb. 22 Georgia 195.35, **ALABAMA 194.80**

March 8 **ALABAMA 194.30**, Florida 191.10

March 14 GEORGIA 195.70, **Alabama 194.00**

March 20 **ALABAMA 195.55**, Auburn 190.20

March 28 (SEC Championship at LSU) Georgia 196.40, **Alabama 194.50**, Auburn 191.35, Florida 189.60, LSU 188.65, Kentucky 185.95

April 11 (NCAA Central Regional at Missouri) **Alabama 193.125**, Michigan 189.775, Auburn 188.525, Missouri 188.325, Iowa 187.35, SE Missouri State 185.525, LSU 184.85

April 24-25 (NCAA Championship at Minnesota) Utah 195.65, Georgia 194.60, **Alabama 193.35**, Penn State 192.70, Arizona 191.95, Oregon State 191.30, Arizona State 191.00, California 190.70, UCLA 189.80, Stanford 189.10, Florida 188.70, BYU 187.70

## 1993 Sarah Patterson 9-2

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**

Jan. 16 **Alabama 194.95**, AUBURN 191.30

Jan. 22 GEORGIA 195.65, **Alabama 193.10**

Jan. 30 **ALABAMA 195.35**, Kentucky 188.90

Feb. 6 **ALABAMA 195.10**, SE Missouri State 188.65, Minnesota 184.25

Feb. 12 **ALABAMA 196.10**, LSU 192.50

Feb. 19 **Alabama 193.95**, PENN STATE 191.90

Feb. 26 Georgia 196.75, **ALABAMA 195.90**

March 5 **Alabama 195.05**, FLORIDA 192.45, Michigan 191.55, Michigan State 189.25

March 20 (SEC Championship at Alabama) Georgia 197.05, **Alabama 196.05**, Auburn 193.20, LSU 192.90, Florida 192.10, Kentucky 189.35

April 3 (NCAA Central Regional at LSU) **Alabama 196.075**, LSU 194.70, Auburn 194.20, Michigan 193.00, Michigan State 192.175, Missouri 189.825, SE Missouri State 189.00

April 15-17 (NCAA Championship at Oregon State) (top six qualified for finals) Georgia 196.40, Utah 196.325, **Alabama 195.275**, UCLA 194.125, Arizona 194.025, Auburn 193.775, Oregon State 193.425, LSU 193.425, Michigan 193.125, Florida 192.95, Penn State 192.70, Arizona State 192.175 (Super Six) Georgia 198.00, **Alabama 196.825**, Utah 195.825, UCLA 194.925, Auburn 194.725, Arizona 194.075

## 1994 Sarah Patterson 7-3-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**

Jan. 15 **ALABAMA 194.00**, Auburn 188.575

Jan. 23 ARIZONA ST. 192.60, **Alabama 192.15**, Stanford 189.625

Jan. 28 **Alabama 192.125**, KENTUCKY 188.325

Feb. 5 Georgia 195.275, **ALABAMA 194.00**

Feb. 11 **ALABAMA 193.95**, Penn State 192.275

Feb. 18 **Alabama 194.925**, LSU 194.925

Feb. 25 **ALABAMA 194.125**, Florida 192.725

March 5 **Alabama 195.05**, AUBURN 191.825

March 12 GEORGIA 196.65, **Alabama 193.75**

March 18 **ALABAMA 196.25**, LSU 195.55

March 26 (SEC Championship at Auburn) Georgia 196.70, **Alabama 195.175**, LSU 194.15, Florida 194.125, Auburn 192.70, Kentucky 189.75

April 9 (Central Regional at Alabama) **Alabama 196.90**, LSU 194.40, Michigan 193.60, Auburn 191.475, Minnesota 187.30, Missouri 185.075, Iowa State 184.225

April 21-23 (NCAA Championships at Utah) (SuperSix) Utah 196.40, **Alabama 196.35**, Georgia 195.85, Michigan 195.15, UCLA 194.975, Florida 194.85

## 1995 Sarah Patterson 15-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**

Jan. 13 **Alabama 193.825**, AUBURN 189.625

Jan. 20 **Alabama 193.900**, PENN STATE 193.024, Oregon State 191.550

Jan. 28 **ALABAMA 194.800**, Kentucky 191.425

Feb. 3 **ALABAMA 196.700**, LSU 195.550

Feb. 12 GEORGIA 196.200, **Alabama 194.825**

Feb. 18 **ALABAMA 195.875**, Arizona State 193.625, Illinois State 187.975

Feb. 26 (Captain Crouch Invitational at S.E. Missouri) **Alabama 196.100**, SOUTHEAST MISSOURI ST. 193.975, Missouri 190.100, Texas Women's 188.450, Bowling Green State 187.375

March 4 **ALABAMA 197.200**, Georgia 195.225

March 10 **Alabama 195.525**, FLORIDA 194.600, Kentucky 190.600

March 17 **ALABAMA 196.375**, Auburn 188.650

March 25 (SEC Championship at Florida) **Alabama 196.175**, LSU 196.125, Georgia 195.875, Florida 195.650, Kentucky 191.975, Auburn 190.675

April 9 (Central Regional at Michigan) **Alabama 196.675**, Michigan 195.725, LSU 195.075, Illinois State 189.875, Illinois-Chicago 189.600, Northern Illinois 189.450, SE Missouri State 188.900

April 21-23 (NCAA Championships at Georgia) (SuperSix) Utah 196.650, **Alabama 196.425**, Michigan 196.425, UCLA 196.150, Georgia 196.075, Oregon State 194.850

## 1996 Sarah Patterson 12-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**

Jan. 13 **Alabama 194.450**, AUBURN 189.600

Jan. 19 **ALABAMA 195.725**, Penn State 191.700, Nebraska 189.450

Jan. 27 **ALABAMA 196.725**, Florida 193.675

Feb. 2 GEORGIA 197.425, **Alabama 196.125**

Feb. 10 **Alabama 196.950**, KENTUCKY 195.400

Feb. 16 **ALABAMA 196.675**, UMass

Feb. 23 **Alabama 196.500**, LSU 193.275

March 1 **ALABAMA 197.550**, Georgia 196.675

March 9 (Corvette Cup at Missouri) **Alabama 195.175**, MISSOURI 188.450, Illinois State, 187.825, Bowling Green, 187.050

March 16 **ALABAMA 196.875**, Auburn 193.975

March 25 (SEC Championship at Kentucky) Georgia 197.450, **Alabama 196.950**, Florida 195.650, Kentucky 195.250, LSU 193.150, Auburn 191.150

April 13 (Central Regional at LSU) **Alabama 198.075**, Michigan 195.725, LSU 195.075, Illinois State 189.875, Illinois-Chicago 189.600, Northern Illinois 189.450, SE Missouri State 188.900

April 25-27 (NCAA Championships at Alabama) (SuperSix) **Alabama 198.025**, UCLA 197.475, Utah 196.775, Georgia 196.775, Oregon State 196.525, Michigan 196.375

## 1997 Sarah Patterson 13-2

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 4th**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 2nd**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 9th**

Jan. 11 **Alabama 193.750**, PENN ST. 190.300

Jan. 18 **ALABAMA 195.700**, Auburn 189.850

Jan. 24 **Alabama 196.750**, FLORIDA 195.475

Feb. 1 Georgia 196.525, **ALABAMA 196.350**

Feb. 7 **ALABAMA 196.525**, Kentucky 193.525

Feb. 14 (Heart's Invitational at N.C. State) **Alabama 196.250**, N.C. STATE 192.575, New Hampshire 191.700, Kent 191.525, Rhode Island 189.275

Feb. 21 **ALABAMA 197.325**, LSU 195.650

Feb. 28 GEORGIA 197.875, **Alabama 196.600**

### Did You Know...

Alabama finished in the top two at the NCAA Championships five of the six years between 1991 and 1996.



March 8 **ALABAMA 196.850**, Michigan State 193.750, West Va. 192.525, SE Missouri 191.650  
 March 15 **Alabama 195.300**, AUBURN 194.700  
 March 22 (SEC Championship at Georgia) Georgia 198.375, Florida 196.050, LSU 196.025, **Alabama 195.775**, Kentucky 195.075, Auburn 192.550  
 April 5 (Central Regional at Michigan) Michigan 197.700, **Alabama 196.250**, LSU 196.175, Minnesota 195.125, Michigan State 194.700, Iowa State 194.475, SE Missouri State 193.450  
 April 21-23 (NCAA Championships at Florida) (Prelims Session 1) Georgia 197.075, UCLA 196.425, Nebraska 196.025, Utah 196.025, Penn St. 194.300, LSU 193.825 (Prelims Session 2) Arizona State 196.275, Michigan 196.200, Florida 196.075, Washington 195.975, **Alabama 195.600**, Minnesota 194.775

1998 Sarah Patterson 10-3

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 4th**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**  
 Jan. 10 MINNESOTA 192.925, **Alabama 192.300**  
 Jan. 17 Georgia 196.550, **ALABAMA 195.650**  
 Jan. 23 **Alabama 193.825**, AUBURN 190.450  
 Jan. 31 **ALABAMA 195.575**, Auburn 193.125  
 Feb. 7 **ALABAMA 195.800**, Florida 194.775  
 Feb. 14 GEORGIA 197.900, **Alabama 196.500**  
 Feb. 20 **Alabama 195.600**, KENTUCKY 193.750  
 Feb. 27 **ALABAMA 195.775**, Arizona State 194.975, N.C. State 193.425, UMass 191.800  
 March 6 **Alabama 194.975**, LSU 195.475, Penn State 194.175  
 March 14 **ALABAMA 196.950**, Utah State 193.500  
 March 21 (SEC Championship at LSU) Georgia 197.600, Florida 196.725, LSU 196.450, **Alabama 195.400**, Kentucky 193.525, Auburn 192.425  
 April 4 (Central Regional at Alabama) **ALABAMA 196.550**, Michigan 196.00, LSU 195.250, Iowa State 193.400, Minnesota 192.800, Illinois 191.575, Michigan State 190.000  
 April 16-18 (NCAA Championships at UCLA) (SuperSix) Georgia 197.725, Florida 196.350, **Alabama 196.300**, Utah 195.025, UCLA 195.750, Arizona State 195.450

1999 Sarah Patterson 8-3

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 3rd**  
 Jan. 8 **ALABAMA 195.075**, Ohio State 190.275  
 Jan. 16 Georgia 196.450, **Alabama 195.725**  
 Jan. 22 **ALABAMA 196.800**, Auburn 190.950  
 Jan. 30 **ALABAMA 196.025**, Minnesota 194.650  
 Feb. 6 **Alabama 195.875**, Florida 195.225  
 Feb. 13 Georgia 197.300, **ALABAMA 196.350**  
 Feb. 19 Penn State 197.025, **Alabama 196.825**  
 Feb. 21 **Alabama 197.800**, UMass 193.850  
 Feb. 26 **ALABAMA 196.875**, Kentucky 194.925  
 March 6 **ALABAMA 197.825**, LSU 196.475  
 March 13 **Alabama 196.850**, Utah State 195.575  
 March 27 SEC Championships (Tuscaloosa) Georgia 197.475, **Alabama 196.775**, Florida 195.875, LSU 195.375, Kentucky 194.875, Auburn 194.000  
 April 10 NCAA Region 4 Championships (Morgantown, WV) **Alabama 196.625**, WEST VIRGINIA 195.275, NC State 194.900, Maryland 194.125, Ohio State 193.050, Towson State 192.850  
 April 23 (NCAA Championships at Utah) (SuperSix) Georgia 196.850, Michigan 196.550, **Alabama 195.950**, Arizona State 195.900, UCLA 195.850, Nebraska 194.800

2000 Sarah Patterson 14-3

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 5th**  
 Jan. 8 Super Six Challenge at UGA **Alabama 195.750**, GEORGIA 195.400, Michigan 194.925, Nebraska 193.325, UCLA 193.300, Florida 193.025  
 Jan. 15 **ALABAMA 195.525**, Auburn 191.950  
 Jan. 21 **ALABAMA 196.125**, Florida 192.725



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Jan. 28 GEORGIA 197.175, **Alabama 197.050**  
 Jan. 30 **Alabama 197.000**, AUBURN 194.175  
 Feb. 4 LSU 196.325, **Alabama 195.250**  
 Feb. 11 **ALABAMA 196.100**, UNC 191.300  
 Feb. 18 ARIZONA STATE 195.850, **Alabama 195.300**, Minnesota 195.150, Utah 194.675  
 Feb. 25 **Alabama 196.125**, KENTUCKY 193.925  
 March 4 **ALABAMA 196.950**, Georgia 195.850  
 March 11 **ALABAMA 196.500**, Penn State 195.375  
 March 18 SEC Championships (Gainesville) **Alabama 197.200**, LSU 196.825, Georgia 196.825, FLORIDA 195.775, Kentucky 194.650, Auburn 192.500  
 April 1 NCAA Region 4 Championships (Tuscaloosa) **ALABAMA 197.300**, Iowa State 196.100, Central Michigan 193.200, Ohio State 193.625, Kent State 193.100, Michigan State 192.925  
 April 14 (NCAA Championships at Boise, Idaho) (SuperSix) UCLA 197.300, Utah 196.875, Georgia 196.800, Nebraska 196.725, **Alabama 196.500**, Michigan 195.725

2001 Sarah Patterson 15-2-1

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 4th**  
 Jan. 6 Super Six Challenge at Alabama **Alabama 195.350**, Georgia 195.350, Stanford 195.300, Michigan 194.475, Florida 194.425, Penn State 193.275  
 Jan. 12 **ALABAMA 195.525**, Auburn 192.350  
 Jan. 19 **Alabama 196.650**, Florida 195.550  
 Jan. 28 UCLA 197.500, **Alabama 196.975**, CS- Fullerton 194.400, Southern Utah 191.525  
 Feb. 2 **Alabama 197.350**, LSU 194.700  
 Feb. 9 **Alabama 197.075**, Auburn 194.675  
 Feb. 16 **ALABAMA 197.500**, Georgia 197.350  
 Feb. 24 **ALABAMA 195.900**, Kentucky 195.825  
 March 3 GEORGIA 197.225, **Alabama 197.075**  
 March 17 **Alabama 197.525**, PENN STATE 196.650, Rutgers 189.775, Cornell 184.600  
 March 23 SEC Championships (Birmingham) Georgia 198.00, **Alabama 197.425**, Florida 196.375, LSU 196.825, Kentucky 194.650, Auburn 192.500

April 7 NCAA Central Region Championships (Tuscaloosa) **ALABAMA 198.000**, Arizona State 195.950, Minnesota 195.800, Ohio State 195.150, Kentucky 194.925, Kent State 192.675  
 April 14 (NCAA Championships at Athens, Ga.) (SuperSix) UCLA 197.300, Utah 196.875, Georgia 196.800, Nebraska 196.725, **Alabama 196.500**, Michigan 195.725

2002 Sarah Patterson 12-3-0

**SEC CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 2nd**  
**CENTRAL REGIONAL FINISH — 1st**  
**NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH — 1st**  
 Jan. 6 Super Six Challenge at Florida Georgia 196.525, **Alabama 195.725**, UCLA 195.650, FLORIDA 193.800, LSU 193.825, Penn State 193.375  
 Jan. 18 **ALABAMA 195.675**, Georgia 195.025  
 Jan. 26 **ALABAMA 195.675**, Denver 195.225  
 Feb. 2 **ALABAMA 196.925**, Nebraska 196.100  
 Feb. 8 LSU 196.925, **Alabama 196.575**  
 Feb. 10 (in Birmingham) **Alabama 197.250**, Auburn 193.525  
 Feb. 15 GEORGIA 196.950, **Alabama 197.200**  
 Feb. 22 **ALABAMA 196.925**, Florida 194.950  
 March 1 **Alabama 196.700**, AUBURN 193.350  
 March 8 **Alabama 197.425**, KENTUCKY 195.100  
 March 16 **ALABAMA 197.650**, UCLA 197.000  
 March 23 SEC Championships (Birmingham) Georgia 197.025, **Alabama 196.925**, Florida 196.425, LSU 196.225, Kentucky 194.325, Auburn 194.325  
 April 6 NCAA Central Region Championships (W.Va.) **Alabama 197.900**, Minnesota 196.050, West Virginia 194.850, Kentucky 194.225, Michigan State 194.225, North Carolina 193.150  
 April 19 (NCAA Championships at Tuscaloosa) (SuperSix) **Alabama 197.575**, Georgia 197.250, Nebraska 196.425, Stanford 196.025, UCLA 197.15, Utah 196.95

Did You Know...

Sarah and David Patterson are the longest tenured coaching on the Alabama Athletics Department staff by over a decade.



# Alabama's All-Time Roster

1975

**3rd State Championship,  
4th AIAW Regionals**

Deane Chapman, Fr.  
Carmen Charnock, Fr.  
Lucy Harris, Sr.  
Joy Kelly, Sr.  
Pam McAnery, Jr.  
Debbie Moore, So.  
Francie Scarborough, So.  
Susan Smith, So.  
Janice Stramiello, So.  
*Head Coach:* Riki Sutton

1976

**2nd State Championship,  
4th AIAW Regionals**

Cindy Beckler, Fr.  
Sherry Johnson, Fr.  
Beth Mandy, So.  
Becky Payne, Fr.  
Patty Sprado, Fr.  
Beth Troxell, Fr.  
Harriet Troxell, Fr.  
Snow White, Fr.  
*Head Coach:* Sheila Hill



**Judie Norton**  
1977-80

1977

**3rd State Championship,  
8th AIAW Regionals**

Cindy Beckler, So.  
Melissa Hunt, Fr.  
Beth Mandy, So.  
Judie Norton, Fr.  
Patty Sprado, So.  
Carla Spruill, So.  
Janice Stramiello, So.  
Snow White, So.  
*Head Coach:* Phyllis Draper

1978

**3rd State Championship,  
6th AIAW Regionals**

Holley Brauer, So.  
Cindy Dorman, Jr.  
Beth Mandy, Jr.  
Judie Norton, So.  
Patty Sprado, Jr.  
Snow White, Jr.  
Kathy Willis, Fr.  
Ann Wood, Fr.  
*Head Coach:* Tom Steele

1979

**2nd State Championship,  
5th AIAW Regionals**

Debra Bodley, Jr.  
Leslie Chrisman, Fr.  
Judie Norton, Jr.  
Snow White, Sr.  
Kathy Willis, So.  
Stacey Willis, Fr.  
Ann Wood, So.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Campbell  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

1980

**4th Place AIAW Regionals**

Susan Blake, Fr.  
Beth Cook, Jr.  
Alison Green, Fr.  
LuAnn Guzzetti, Fr.  
Patti Kleckner, Fr.  
Staci Murin, Fr.  
Judie Norton, Sr.  
Lisa Palk, Fr.  
Ann Wilhide, Fr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Campbell  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

1981

**1st Place AIAW Regionals**

Angie Alexander, Fr.  
Cindy DeLucas, Fr.  
Alison Green, So.  
LuAnn Guzzetti, So.  
Patti Kleckner, So.  
Stacy Murin, So.  
Lisa Palk, So.  
Ann Wilhide, So.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Campbell  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

1982

**2nd place AIAW**

Angie Alexander, So.  
Denise Balk, Jr.  
Kim Drane, Fr.  
Julia Garrett, Jr.  
LuAnn Guzzetti, Jr.  
Nora Kirk, Fr.  
Patti Kleckner, Jr.  
Barbara Mack, Fr.  
Ann Wilhide, Jr.

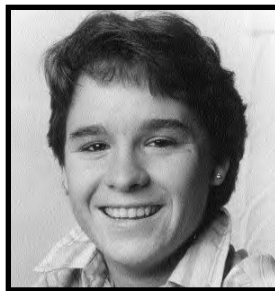
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Campbell  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

1983

**4th place NCAA**

Denise Balk, Sr.  
Beverly Fry, Fr.  
Julie Garrett, Sr.  
LuAnn Guzzetti, Sr.  
Penney Hauschild, Fr.  
Stacey Helm, Fr.  
Nora Kirk, So.  
Patricia Kleckner, Sr.  
Barbara Mack, So.  
Patti Rice, So.  
Ann Wilhide, Sr.  
Wendy Wilfong, Fr.

*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson



**Cindy Wilson**  
1984-86

1984

**6th place NCAA**

Julie Estin, Fr.  
Beverly Fry, So.  
Penney Hauschild, So.  
Stacey Helm, So.  
Nora Kirk, So.  
Barbara Mack, Jr.  
Patti Rice, So.  
Wendy Wilfong, Fr.  
Cindy Wilson, Fr.

*Head Coach:*

Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson



**Alli Beldon**  
1985-88

1985

**4th place NCAA**

Alli Beldon, Fr.  
Kathy Bilodeau, Fr.  
Julie Estin, So.  
Lisa Farley, Fr.  
Penney Hauschild, Jr.  
Stephanie Kehr, Fr.  
Barbara Mack, Sr.  
Patti Rice, Sr.  
Cindy Wilson, So.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

1986

**3rd place NCAA**

Alli Beldon, So.  
Kathy Bilodeau, So.  
Julie Estin, Jr.  
Lisa Farley, So.  
Kelly Good, Fr.  
Penney Hauschild, Sr.  
Jamie Jenkins, Fr.  
Stephanie Kehr, So.  
Patty O'Donohue, Fr.  
Cindy Wilson, Jr.  
Ann Winston, Fr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Marc Cohen

1987

**4th place NCAA**

Alli Beldon, Jr.  
Kathy Bilodeau, Jr.  
Ali Blumberg, Fr.  
Julie Estin, Sr.  
Lisa Farley, Jr.  
Kelly Good, So.  
Jamie Jenkins, So.  
Marie Robbins, Fr.  
Tracey Tillman, Fr.  
Cheri Way, Fr.  
Ann Winston, So.

*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Marc Cohen

1988

**NCAA Champions  
SEC Champions**

Wendy Anderson, Fr.  
Alli Beldon, Sr.  
Kathy Bilodeau, Sr.  
Ali Blumberg, So.  
Kelly Good, Jr.  
Kim Masters, Fr.  
Susie Pierce, Fr.  
Tina Rinker, Fr.  
Marie Robbins, So.  
Tracey Tillman, So.  
Cheri Way, So.

*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Marc Cohen

1989

**3rd place NCAA**

Wendy Anderson, So.  
Gina Basile, Fr.  
Ali Blumberg, Jr.  
Kelly Good, Sr.  
Katherine Kelleher, Fr.  
Kim Masters, So.  
Michelle Maxwell, Fr.  
Shea McFall, Fr.  
Tina Rinker, So.  
Marie Robbins, Jr.  
Tracey Tillman, Jr.  
Cheri Way, Jr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Marc Cohen



**1990**  
**2nd place NCAA**  
**SEC Champions**

Gina Basile, So.  
Ali Blumberg, Sr.  
Dana Dobransky, Fr.  
Dee Foster, Fr.  
Katherine Kelleher, So.  
Shea McFall, So.  
Kim Masters, Jr.  
Tina Rinker, Jr.  
Marie Robbins, Sr.  
Tracey Tillman, Sr.  
Cheri Way, Sr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson



**Martin Watson**  
1991-93

**1991**  
**1st place NCAA**

Gina Basile, Jr.  
Dana Dobransky So.  
Keri Duley, Fr.  
Sheryl Dundas, Fr.  
Dee Foster, So.  
Katherine Kelleher, Jr.  
Shea McFall, Jr.  
Kim Masters, Sr.  
Tina Rinker, Sr.  
Kara Stilp, Fr.  
Marti Watson, Fr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

**1992**  
**3rd place NCAA**

Gina Basile, Sr.  
Dana Dobransky, Jr.  
Keri Duley, So.  
Sheryl Dundas, So.  
Dee Foster, Jr.  
Chasity Junkin, Fr.  
Katherine Kelleher, Sr.  
Shea McFall, Sr.  
Kara Stilp, So.  
Gretchen Stockley, Fr.  
Holly Voorheis, Fr.  
Marti Watson, So.

*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson

**1993**  
**2nd place NCAA**

Dana Dobransky, Sr.  
Keri Duley, Jr.  
Sheryl Dundas, Jr.  
Dee Foster, Sr.  
Chasity Junkin, So.  
Kim Kelly, Fr.  
Marna Neubauer, Fr.  
Jenny McKernan, Fr.  
Kara Stilp, Jr.  
Gretchen Stockley, So.  
Marti Watson, Jr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Scott Mackall

**1994**  
**2nd place NCAA**

Kim Bonaventura, Fr.  
Keri Duley, Sr.  
Sheryl Dundas, Sr.  
Kim Gigante, Fr.  
Chasity Junkin, Jr.  
Kim Kelly, So.  
Marna Neubauer, So.  
Kara Stilp, Sr.  
Gretchen Stockley, Jr.  
Marti Watson, Sr.  
Meredith Willard, Fr.  
Stephanie Woods, Fr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Scott Mackall

**1995**  
**2nd place NCAA**  
**SEC Champions**

Kim Bonaventura, So.  
Merritt Booth, Fr.  
Chasity Junkin, Sr.  
Kim Kelly, Jr.  
Danielle McAdams, Fr.  
Shay Murphy, Fr.  
Heather Nasser, Fr.  
Marna Neubauer, Jr.  
Meredith Willard, So.  
Stephanie Woods, So.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Scott Mackall

**1996**  
**NCAA Champions**

Kim Bonaventura, Jr.  
Merritt Booth, So.  
Mandy Chapman, Fr.  
Lisa Gianni, Fr.  
Kim Kelly, Sr.  
Danielle McAdams, So.  
Shay Murphy, So.  
Heather Nasser, So.  
Marna Neubauer, Sr.  
Gwen Spidle, Fr.  
Meredith Willard, Jr.  
Stephanie Woods, Jr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Scott Mackall

**1997**  
**9th place NCAA**

Kim Bonaventura, Sr.  
Merritt Booth, Jr.  
Mandy Chapman, So.  
Lexa Evans, Fr.  
Becca Fields, Fr.  
Lisa Gianni, So.  
Lauren Graffeo, Fr.  
Heidi Harriman, Fr.  
Gina Logan, Fr.  
Danielle McAdams, Jr.  
Shay Murphy, Jr.  
Heather Nasser, Jr.  
Rachel Rochelli, Fr.  
Gwen Spidle, So.  
Meredith Willard, Sr.  
Stephanie Woods, Sr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Head Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Bryan Raschilla



**Robin Hawkins**  
1998-2001

**1998**  
**3rd place NCAA**

Merritt Booth, Sr.  
Mandy Chapman, Jr.  
Lexa Evans, So.  
Becca Fields, So.

Robin Hawkins, Fr.  
Katie Hornecker, Fr.  
Gina Logan, So.  
April Makinson, Fr.  
Danielle McAdams, Sr.  
Shay Murphy, Sr.  
Lissy Smith, Fr.  
Gwen Spidle, Jr.  
Dara Stewart, Fr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Head Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Bryan Raschilla  
*Volunteer Coach:*  
Dana Dobransky

**1999**  
**3rd place NCAA**

Natalie Barrington, Fr.  
Mandy Chapman, Sr.  
Lexa Evans, Jr.  
Krista Gole, Fr.  
Robin Hawkins, So.  
Katie Hornecker, So.  
Gina Logan, Jr.  
April Makinson, So.  
Alexa Martinez, Fr.  
Whitney Morgan, Fr.  
André Pickens, Fr.  
Lissy Smith, So.  
Gwen Spidle, Sr.  
Dara Stewart, So.  
Raegan Tomasek, Fr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Head Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Bryan Raschilla  
*Volunteer Coach:*  
Dana Dobransky

**2000**  
**5th place NCAA**  
**SEC Champions**

Natalie Barrington, So.  
Lexa Evans, Sr.  
Krista Gole, So.  
Robin Hawkins, Jr.  
Katie Hornecker, Jr.  
Gina Logan, Sr.  
April Makinson, Jr.  
Alexa Martinez, So.  
Whitney Morgan, So.  
André Pickens, So.  
Sara Scarborough, Fr.  
Lissy Smith, Jr.  
Kristin Sterner, Fr.  
Dara Stewart, Jr.  
Raegan Tomasek, So.

*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Head Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Bryan Raschilla  
*Volunteer Coach:*  
Tom Haley

**2001**  
**4th place NCAA**

Natalie Barrington, Jr.  
Helen Burgin, Fr.  
Tiffany Byrd, Fr.  
Robin Hawkins, Sr.  
Erin Holdefer, Fr.  
Lauren Holdefer, Fr.  
Katie Hornecker, Sr.  
Stephanie Kite, Fr.  
Alexa Martinez, Jr.  
Whitney Morgan, Jr.  
André Pickens, Jr.  
Jeana Rice, Fr.  
Sara Scarborough, So.  
Lissy Smith, Sr.  
Kristin Sterner, So.  
Dara Stewart, Sr.  
Raegan Tomasek, Jr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Head Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Bryan Raschilla  
*Volunteer Coach:*  
Tom Haley

**2002**  
**1st place NCAA**

Natalie Barrington, Sr.  
Alexis Brion, Fr.  
Helen Burgin, So.  
Tiffany Byrd, So.  
Erin Holdefer, So.  
Lauren Holdefer, So.  
Shannon Hrozek, Fr.  
Stephanie Kite, So.  
Alexa Martinez, Sr.  
Whitney Morgan, Sr.  
André Pickens, Sr.  
Michelle Reeser, Fr.  
Jeana Rice, So.  
Sara Scarborough, Jr.  
Kristin Sterner, Jr.  
Raegan Tomasek, Sr.  
*Head Coach:*  
Sarah Patterson  
*Assistant Head Coach:*  
David Patterson  
*Assistant Coach:*  
Bryan Raschilla  
*Volunteer Coach:*  
Dana Dobransky



# The Alabama Record Book



From the left — Dee Foster, Kim Kelly, Meredith Willard and Shay Murphy all earned 10.0s on the floor exercise during their Crimson Tide careers. Kelly was the most prolific, scoring 10s in three of her last four routines of her career.

## Individual Records

### All-Around

<b>39.850</b>	<b>Andréé Pickens</b>	<b>UCLA 3/16/02</b>
39.800	Dee Foster	NCAA Central Regional 4/3/93, NCAA - Super Six 4/16/93
39.775	Meredith Willard	Quad Meet 3/8/97
39.750	Dee Foster	Kentucky 1/30/93, UGA 2/26/93
39.750	Kim Kelly	LSU 3/18/94, NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96

### Vault

10.000	Dee Foster	UGA 3/14/92, Auburn 1/16/93, Georgia 1/22/93, Kentucky 1/30/96, NCAA - Super Six 4/16/96
10.000	Kim Kelly	UGA 3/12/94, UGA 3/4/95, SEC 3/25/95, NCAA Central Regional 4/8/95, Auburn 3/19/96, NCAA - Super Six 4/26/96
10.000	Danielle McAdams	NCAA - Super Six 4/26/96
<b>10.000</b>	<b>Andréé Pickens</b>	<b>UMass 2/21/99, Kentucky 2/26/99, LSU 2/8/02, UCLA 3/16/02</b>
9.975	Kim Kelly	LSU 3/18/94, SEC Champ. 3/26/94, NCAA 4/21/94
9.975	Chasity Junkin	SEC Champ. 3/25/95
9.975	Merritt Booth	SEC Champ. 3/25/95
9.975	Kim Bonaventura	Kentucky 2/7/97
<b>9.975</b>	<b>Andréé Pickens</b>	<b>Nebraska 2/2/02, Georgia 2/15/02, Florida 2/22/02, Auburn 3/1/02</b>

### Uneven Bars

10.000	Dee Foster	LSU 2/12/93
<b>10.000</b>	<b>Andréé Pickens</b>	<b>Minnesota 1/30/99, UMass 2/21/99, UGA 3/4/00, UGA 2/16/01, Auburn 2/10/02</b>
10.000	Natalie Barrington	UGA 2/16/01
9.975	Stephanie Woods	NCAA - Event Finals 4/27/96
<b>9.975</b>	<b>Andréé Pickens</b>	<b>Auburn 1/22/99, Penn State 2/19/99, Regionals 4/6/02</b>
9.975	Dara Stewart	NCAA Regional 4/1/00

### Balance Beam

10.000	Dana Dobransky	UGA 2/26/93, NCAA - Event Finals 4/17/93
10.000	Stephanie Woods	Kentucky 2/7/97
10.000	Raegan Tomasek	UMass 2/21/99
9.975	Danielle McAdams	Florida 1/24/97
9.975	Lissy Smith	UMass 2/21/99

### Floor Exercise

10.000	Dee Foster	SE Missouri St./Minnesota 2/6/93, UGA 2/26/93
10.000	Kim Kelly	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96, NCAA - Super Six 4/26/96, NCAA - Event Finals 4/27/96
10.000	Meredith Willard	LSU 2/21/97, Quad Meet 3/8/97
10.000	Shay Murphy	Utah State 3/14/98
9.975	Dee Foster	NCAA Central Regional 4/3/93
9.975	Kim Kelly	LSU 3/18/94, NCAA - Event Finals 4/23/94, NCAA - Prelims 4/25/96
<b>9.975</b>	<b>Andréé Pickens</b>	<b>Minnesota 1/30/99, UCLA 3/16/02</b>
9.975	Jeana Rice	UGA 2/16/01, NCAA Central Regional 4/7/01
<b>9.975</b>	<b>Kristin Sterner</b>	<b>UGA 2/16/01, Nebraska 2/2/02</b>
<b>9.975</b>	<b>Michelle Reeser</b>	<b>Auburn 2/10/02</b>

## Team Records

### Team Total

198.075	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96
198.025	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/26/96
198.000	NCAA Regional 4/3/01
<b>197.900</b>	<b>NCAA Regional 4/6/02</b>
197.825	LSU 3/6/99
197.800	UMass 2/21/99
<b>197.650</b>	<b>UCLA 3/16/02</b>
197.550	Georgia 3/1/96
197.525	Penn State 3/17/01
197.500	Georgia 2/16/01
197.425	SEC Championship 3/23/01
<b>197.425</b>	<b>Kentucky 3/8/02</b>
197.350	LSU 2/2/01
197.325	LSU 2/21/97
197.300	NCAA Reg. 4/1/00
<b>197.250</b>	<b>Georgia 2/15/02</b>
197.200	Georgia 3/4/95
197.200	SEC Championships 3/18/00
197.075	Auburn 2/9/01
197.075	Georgia 3/3/01
197.050	Georgia 1/28/00
197.000	Auburn 1/30/00

### Vault

49.775	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/26/96
49.750	SEC Championships 3/35/95
49.550	NCAA Champ. - Prelims 4/25/96
49.550	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96
49.525	NCAA Central Regional 4/8/95

### Uneven Bars

49.625	NCAA Central Regional 4/7/01
49.600	Penn State 2/19/99
<b>49.575</b>	<b>NCAA SE Regional 4/6/02</b>
49.550	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96
49.550	Minnesota 1/30/99
49.550	Auburn 1/30/00

### Balance Beam

<b>49.725*</b>	<b>NCAA SE Regional 4/6/02</b>
49.625	UMass 1/21/99
49.500	NCAA Central Regional 4/8/95
49.500	Quad Meet 3/8/97
49.475	Florida 1/24/97
49.475	LSU 3/6/99
49.475	NCAA Central Regional 4/7/01

### Floor Exercise

49.700	Georgia 2/16/01
49.625	NCAA Champ. - Super Six 4/26/96
<b>49.600</b>	<b>Nebraska 2/2/02</b>
49.575	NCAA Central Regional 4/13/96
49.575	Utah State 3/14/98

\* NCAA Record

Scores in bold marks posted last season.



# Coleman Coliseum Records

## Individual Records

### All-Around

<b>39.850</b>	<b>André Pickens (UA)</b>	<b>3/16/02</b>
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### Vault

10.00	Dee Foster (UA)	1/30/93
	Hope Spivey-Sheeley (UGA)	2/26/93
	Jenny Hansen (UK)	3/20/93, 4/25/96
	Kim Kelly (UA)	3/4/95, 3/16/96, 4/26/96
	Kim Arnold (UGA)	3/4/95
	Leah Brown (UGA)	4/25/96, 4/26/96, 4/27/96
	Danielle McAdams (UA)	4/26/96
	<b>André Pickens (UA)</b>	<b>2/26/99, 3/16/02</b>

### Uneven Bars

10.00	Dee Foster (UA)	2/12/93
	André Pickens (UA)	1/30/99, 3/4/00, 2/24/01
	Natalie Barrington (UA)	2/24/01

### Balance Beam

10.00	Dana Dobransky (UA)	2/26/93
	Stephanie Woods (UA)	2/7/97

### Floor Exercise

10.00	Dee Foster (UA)	2/6/93
	Hope Spivey-Sheeley (UGA)	2/26/93, 3/20/93
	Kim Kelly (UA)	4/26/96, 4/27/96
	Heidi Hornbeek (Ariz)	4/27/96
	Meredith Willard (UA)	2/21/97, 3/8/97
	Shay Murphy (UA)	3/14/98

## Team Records

### Team Total

198.025	Alabama	4/26/96
198.000	Alabama	4/7/01
197.825	Alabama	3/6/99
<b>197.650</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>3/16/02</b>
197.550	Alabama	3/1/96

### Vault

49.775	Alabama	4/26/96
49.675	Georgia	4/26/96

### Uneven Bars

<b>49.625</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>4/7/01</b>
49.550	Alabama	1/30/99
49.550	Georgia	3/20/93
49.525	Alabama	3/14/98
49.525	Alabama	3/4/00

### Balance Beam

49.500	Alabama	3/8/97
49.500	UCLA	4/26/96

### Floor Exercise

49.700	Alabama	2/16/01
49.625	Alabama	4/26/96
<b>49.600</b>	<b>Alabama</b>	<b>2/2/02</b>
49.575	Alabama	3/14/98



### Did You Know...

André Pickens scored a school and Coleman Coliseum record 39.850 all-around score against UCLA last season.



AN ALABAMA FAN'S GUIDE

# Following Collegiate Gymnastics

The intricacies of collegiate gymnastics are difficult to judge, but the basics of the sport are easy to spot.

In a dual meet, the host team begins on vault, followed by the uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise. The visitor flip-flops with the host, starting on bars, and moving onto the vault, floor exercise and finishing on the balance beam.

If there are more than two teams competing, each team will start on a different event, following the home order, vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

Each team can put up a maximum of six competitors on each event. The best five scores are added together for the team's event score.

In dual meet situations, there are two judges on each event. The two scores are averaged together to calculate the final score of a gymnast's routine. At championship events, there are as many as six judges on one event.

The major difference in recent years have come on the vault. Before the 2001 season, two vaults were performed and the higher scoring of the two counted. Now a gymnast is allowed only one attempt and its score calculated into the final tally. And this season, collegiate gymnastics switched from the traditional 'horse' vault, to the 'table' vault, which has more surface for a gymnast to hit and propel herself off with, making it safer in many regards.

The following guide lists the requirements for each gymnast's routine on each event. It is a simple outline of the complex criteria a judge looks for while evaluating a gymnast's routine.

## UNEVEN BARS, FLOOR EXERCISE & BALANCE BEAM

These three events are judged using a rating system that evaluates each element on the following scale:

- A — easy part
- B — part with medium difficulty value
- C — part with higher difficulty value
- D — part with very high difficulty value
- E — part with highest difficulty value

Routines require the following to start from a 9.5 value:

- 3 "A" elements
- 3 "B" elements
- 2 "C" elements

How can a routine start from a 10.0?

Using "D" and "E" elements and difficult combinations the gymnast can earn extra bonus points. There are .5 in bonus available. A minimum of .1 must come from D/E elements and a minimum of .1 must come from difficult combinations.



### Special Deductions

- Out of bounds (floor exercise) each time - (0.1)
- Fall to knees or seat - (0.5)
- Fall with support on hands - (0.3)
- Floor routine under one minute, ten seconds or floor routine and balance beams over one minute, thirty seconds - (0.2)
- Fall off of the apparatus - (0.5 each time)
- Extra swing on uneven bars - (0.3 each time)
- There are numerous other possible deductions ranging from .1 to .4 for a variety of faults in proper technique.

### BALANCE BEAM

Special requirements worth (.2) each:

- Dance or acro/dance combination
- Full turn
- Large leap or jump requiring a split
- Element close to the beam
- Acrobatic series with two or more flight elements

Special requirements worth (.1) each:

- C level dismount or B level dismount preceded by a C element

### UNEVEN BARS

Special requirements worth (.2) each:

- Two bar changes
- One flight element of C value or higher
- Different flight element, minimum of B
- Minimum of B level dismount

### FLOOR EXERCISE

Special requirements worth (.2) each:

- Dance series of two or more leaps
- One acro series with two saltos
- One acro series with three elements, one being a salto
- Three different saltos within the exercise
- Minimum of a full turn on one foot
- A minimum of a C level dismount

### VAULT

Vaults are divided into four categories: hand-springs and twisting vaults, forward saltos, backward saltos and round-off entry (Yurchenkos). Each of these vaults is assigned a value up to 10.0 points. The vault is judged in the areas of pre-flight (board to horse), repulsion (push off the horse), after-flight (distance and height), and landing.

Vault deductions include:

- Body position faults (up to 0.5)
- Steps after landing (0.1 to 0.3)
- Off-center landing (up to 0.3)
- Aid from coach during vault (no score)
- Flashing incorrect vault number (0.3)

### Common Vaults seen in Collegiate Competition

Half on, half off, front tuck	9.9
Half on, half off, front pike	10.0
Half on, Half off, front layout	10.0
Handspring front somersault, tuck position	9.8
Handspring front somersault, pike position	9.9
Handspring front somersault, tuck position 1/2 twist	9.9
Handspring front somersault, pike position 1/2 twist	10.0
Tsukahara layout position	9.8
Tsukahara tuck position, full twist	9.9
Tsukahara layout position, full twist	10.0
Roundoff entry (Yurchenko) layout	9.8
Roundoff entry (Yurchenko) layout, full twist	10.0
Roundoff entry (Yurchenko) layout, 1 1/2 twist	10.0
Roundoff entry (Yurchenko) half off, front layout	10.0
Handspring double twist	9.9