

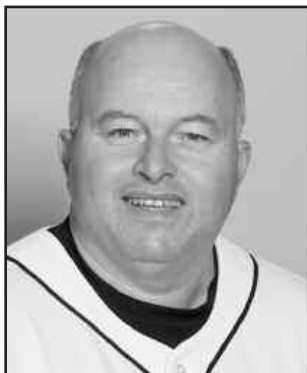
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Corky Palmer
Head Coach

(Southern Miss, 1977)
Career Record: 337-210 (Nine Years)

When Southern Miss Head Coach Corky Palmer first took over the reigns of the Golden Eagle baseball program nine years ago, his chief goal among the many was to take Southern Miss Baseball to the next level.

During the summer of 1997, when Palmer was announced as the 12th head coach in school history, he said of the program at that point in time, "I think the foundation of the program is in place. Our number one goal will be to be the best team in Conference USA, and expand from there. In college athletics, in order to be successful recruiting, you need to be playing in the postseason every year, and that is our goal."

Fast forward 10 years later and Palmer and company are doing just that. After a school-record fourth-straight postseason appearance and the most successful four-year run in school history, the Southern Miss Golden Eagles have come to be known as a team that many around the nation need to take notice.

Over the past four years, the Golden Eagles have had no less than 39 wins each season, surpassing the 40-win mark three times, and have played in four NCAA Regionals, including hosting the 2003 Hattiesburg Regional. The team has been just as successful in Conference USA play, winning the tournament and regular season titles in 2003, and reaching the 20-win mark in league play three-straight years.

With that success, the Golden Eagles have now established that tradition of competitiveness which is necessary to become a perennial power in the sport. With that being said, it's only fitting that the Hattiesburg, Miss., native – who is entering his 10th season as the head coach – has been at the helm of the program as it has soared, and continues to soar, to never-before-reached heights.

While Palmer credits his success to a solid coach-

ing staff and a bevy of hard-working recruits over the last several years, it most likely comes as no surprise that Southern Miss has become a power under his direction. It wasn't a question of whether or not the Golden Eagles would become a success under his direction, but rather when that success would come.

The academic success of the baseball program is also a source of pride for Palmer. His team boasts the best APR (Academic Progress Rates) among male sports at the University. He currently has 16 players who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better, including seven with a 3.5 GPA or better. Marc Maddox was a two-time Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year and was named to the prestigious *ESPN The Magazine*/College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American first team. That marks his fourth C-USA Scholar Athlete of the Year and the fourth *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American during Palmer's tenure.

In 2006, he guided the Golden Eagles to a 39-23 overall record, several weeks in the national rankings, a 13-11 record in the always-tough Conference USA, which tied for fourth place, and a school-record fourth-straight trip to the NCAA postseason. Palmer and company did so with a number of new faces – both in the lineup and in the pitching rotation – that were instrumental in helping Southern Miss continue to build that winning tradition.

Maddox and Daniel Best were named to the C-USA All-Conference team and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association's All-American team, the fourth year in a row that Southern Miss has had an All-American selection. Kevin Coker, Toddric Johnson and Trey Sutton were named to the All-C-USA team as well. Luke Adkins, Brian Dozier and Michael Ewing were named to the Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American team, marking the fifth-straight year a Golden Eagle has appeared on that team.

Four players were taken in Major League Baseball's amateur draft, Maddox in the ninth round and Best in the 14th round by Kansas City, Johnson in the 14th round by Oakland and Scott Massey in the 24th round by Pittsburgh.

The 2005 season saw Southern Miss finish with a 41-21 record – including a second-place finish in the C-USA standings and earned the program's sixth NCAA Tournament appearance.

The three-straight 40-win seasons, the three-straight NCAA Tournament appearances and the three-straight 20-win seasons in Conference USA play all set school records.

While the success of the 2005 season stands on its own merit, what may have gone unnoticed is how good a coaching job Palmer and his staff really did. Southern Miss entered the season with several question marks, primarily due to the loss of four All-

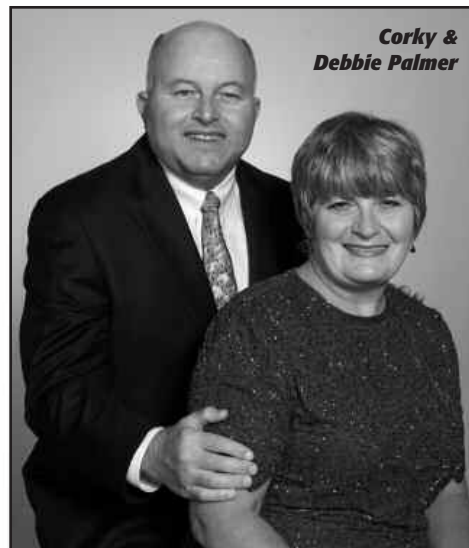
Americans – second baseman Jarrett Hoffpauir, short-stop Matt Shepherd, outfielder Ryan Frith and closer Austin Tubb – after 2004 and the loss of the ace of the pitching staff, Cliff Russum, just prior to the season. To make matters worse, the Golden Eagle pitching rotation had to endure some in-season changes when ace starter Mike Cashion's season was cut short due to Tommy John surgery. Throw into the mix four fresh-faced position starters, and a successful run wasn't exactly a given.

Catcher Brad Willcutt was named to the Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball and the NCBWA's All-America teams and was drafted in the 27th round by Milwaukee. Relief pitcher Daniel Best also was named to the NCBWA's All-American team and was a finalist for the Stopper of the Year Award. Second baseman Trey Sutton was named to the Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America team.

In 2004, Southern Miss made its second-straight trip to the NCAA Tournament, playing in the Baton Rouge Regional and posted an overall record of 45-19 and 21-9 in Conference USA, its second-straight 40-plus win season. The Golden Eagles finished in a tie for second place in Conference USA in the regular season and was the tournament runner-up.

During the season, Southern Miss defeated Ole Miss three times, a team ranked in the top 10 each time they played and earned wins during the season over top programs such as Tulane, Houston, East Carolina, Oklahoma State, TCU and the College of Charleston.

Southern Miss was nationally ranked for 15 weeks during the season and reached as high as No. 11, setting a school record. Frith, Hoffpauir, Shepherd and Tubb all earned All-American honors, Anthony DeWitt was named all-conference and Patrick Ezell earned Louisville Slugger Freshman All-



Corky & Debbie Palmer



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American honors. Ezell and Mike Cashion were named the C-USA All-Freshman Team. Tubb earned CoSIDA Academic All-American honors, the second year that a Golden Eagle was named to the prestigious academic list.

Five players were taken in the Major League Baseball draft, tying the 1990 team for the most players drafted in a year. Hoffpauir was selected in the sixth round, Shepherd in the eighth, Frith in the 17th, Tubb in 32nd and DeWitt in the 36th round.

In 2003, Southern Miss captured its first-ever Conference USA regular-season and tournament championships. The team not only was rewarded with one of the automatic bids to the NCAA regional tournament, but also was one of only 16 schools in the country picked to host a regional tournament.

Finishing with a 47-16 overall record and a 23-7 mark in league play, Southern Miss set the school record for most wins in a season, set the Conference USA mark for most league wins in a season and was ranked a then school-best No. 12 by *Baseball America* and finished the year ranked in the top 15.

Three players were selected for All-American honors with Jeff Cook also being named the Conference USA Scholar Athlete of the Year, and Clint King being named an *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-American third-team selection. Five players garnered all-conference honors, and Maddox was named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American team. Three players were drafted in the top five rounds of the Major League Baseball draft for the first time in the school's history.

For his efforts, Palmer was named the Keith LeClair/Conference USA Coach of the Year as well as the ABCA/Diamond Sports Company South Region Coach of the Year.

In 2002, Palmer guided a young squad to a fourth-place finish in Conference USA, one of the top five baseball conferences in the nation. Even though the Golden Eagles missed out on their goal of earning a spot in an NCAA regional tournament that season, several players were recognized for their outstanding performances.

Three players earned First-Team All-Conference USA honors, one was named to the second team and four were selected to the all-freshman team. Cook and Shea Douglas earned spots on the All-South Region team and four of the freshmen, Hoffpauir, Russum, Shepherd and Willcutt, were named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American team. Douglas was the second player in as many years to get drafted, when the Cleveland Indians selected him in the 31st round of the Major League Baseball draft.

Hattiesburg baseball fans have never doubted Palmer's abilities, as a player or as a coach. While his coaching career has not been limited just to the Hattiesburg area, the name Carlton Devan "Corky"

Palmer is irrevocably linked with the Hub City, and in particular, baseball in the Hub City.

A Hattiesburg native, Palmer started with a successful playing career at Hattiesburg High School that earned him three letters. He then enhanced his reputation as a player with a four-year stint as a catcher for legendary Golden Eagle coach Pete Taylor at Southern Miss,

where he was the starting catcher his final three seasons. As a team captain his senior season, Palmer began paving the way for an eventual career in coaching.

With his undergraduate degree in athletic administration and coaching in hand, Palmer took his talents to the high school ranks, where at Columbus' Lee High School and Columbia High, his teams consistently won conference titles and were in the state playoffs. In his six years at the high school level, his teams posted an impressive 102-52 record.

The following two seasons were spent at Southern Miss as an assistant coach for the 1985 and 1986 seasons, and then it was on to Meridian Community College, where, in 10 seasons, his teams posted a 409-160 record, earned five Mississippi-Louisiana Conference titles, four district and regional championships, three trips to the Junior College World Series, and, in 1996, advanced all the way to the title game. Six of Palmer's 10 Meridian Community College teams won 40 or more games.

His successes at Meridian earned him four Region 23 Coach-of-the-Year awards, and he twice was named NJCAA Division One Diamond Sports/ American Baseball Coaches Association Coach of the Year.

Then-Golden Eagle Head Coach Hill Denson lured Palmer away from Meridian CC for an assistant's role for the 1997 season, and, on Denson's retirement following the 1997 season, the search for a new coach went no further than Palmer, who on June 4, 1997, was introduced as Southern Miss' 12th head baseball coach, a position he accepted with relish.

Entering his first season at Southern Miss, Palmer found himself facing a challenging situation. Injuries, defections and a grueling schedule faced the first-year coach. After ironing out some of the kinks, Palmer still had the ability to guide his team to



a 30-28 record, keeping intact a 13-year streak of Southern Miss seasons with at least 30 victories.

But it was 1999 that left Golden Eagle fans eagerly anticipating the future. For the first time in eight seasons, Palmer guided the Golden Eagles to a 40-win season and into the second round of the NCAA Sub-Regional Tournament. That team also produced a new record for home victories, 27-3 at Pete Taylor Park, and finished the year with a 40-23 record.

That 1999 season saw Palmer produce two All-Conference USA First-Team selections in Michael Artman and Dusty Haley. The 80 double plays the Eagles turned that season was the highest total in school history, as was the number of assists (780). Under Palmer's guidance, Southern Miss established a record for the highest home winning percentage (.900) in a season, the third most victories (40) in a season and the second-best winning percentage since 1966.

The injury bug caused more problems in 2000. Several of the top players were hit hard and were forced to miss time or sit out the entire season. The Golden Eagles posted a 32-26 record, pushing the streak of 30-plus victory seasons to 14.

His 2001 team, while finishing at 27-32, gave fans plenty of reason for optimism as it took a four-game win streak into postseason play, and then proceeded to go four games deep into the Conference USA Tournament before being eliminated. After beating Houston and USF, the Golden Eagles dropped a pair of hard-fought games to eventual tournament runner-up USF.

While producing those early successes, Palmer also was working tirelessly to add what he considered the final piece of the puzzle; and, toward that end, construction started in late 2000 on the Golden Eagle Baseball Clubhouse at Pete Taylor Park.

That facility, the Rogers, Thames and Welch



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Palmer vs. All Opponents

School	Record
Alabama	1-10
Alcorn State	1-0
Arizona	1-0
Arkansas State	3-0
Baylor	0-1
Belmont	2-0
Birmingham-Southern	2-1
Buffalo	5-1
Charlotte	15-8
Cincinnati	15-7
Coll. of Charleston	1-1
Dallas Baptist	2-1
East Carolina	9-7
Eastern Illinois	8-1
Evansville	1-2
Georgia State	1-1
Houston	12-19
Illinois State	2-1
Indiana State	2-0
Jackson State	5-1
Jacksonville State	1-0
Kentucky	1-1
Lamar	1-0
Lipscomb	3-0
Louisiana-Lafayette	3-3
Louisiana-Monroe	10-4
Louisiana Tech	6-1
LSU	0-3
Louisville	16-10
Maine	0-1
Marshall	5-1
McNeese State	3-3
Memphis	21-10
Mercer	1-0
Middle Tenn. St.	3-2
Mississippi State	8-11
Mississippi Valley St.	6-0
Missouri	1-0
Murray State	1-0
Nebraska	1-0
New Orleans	10-8
Nicholls State	8-0
Northern Illinois	3-0
Northwestern	0-1
Northwestern (La.) St.	5-0
Oklahoma	0-1
Oklahoma State	1-0
Ole Miss	12-11
Rice	0-4
St. John's	1-0
Saint Louis	19-4
Samford	3-1
South Alabama	9-10
Southeast Mo. St.	2-1
Southeastern La.	11-5
Southern	1-1
Stetson	1-0
SW Missouri St.	4-1
TCU	6-6
Temple	1-0
Troy	3-4
Tulane	11-25
UAB	23-8
UCF	3-0
UNC Wilmington	1-0
USF	19-7
Wichita State	1-0
Totals	337-210

Palmer's Career Coaching Record and Highlights

Year	School	Record	Highlights
1979	Lee HS	12-12	
1980	Lee HS	15-7	Little 10 Conference Champs
1981	Lee HS	17-7	Little 10 Conference Champs
1982	Lee HS	21-7	Little 10 Conference Champs
1983	Columbia HS	20-9	South State Champs
1984	Columbia HS	17-10	
1985	*Southern Miss	28-41	
1986	*Southern Miss	31-30	First of 15 Straight Winning Seasons
1987	Meridian CC	19-27	
1988	Meridian CC	38-12	
1989	Meridian CC	46-14	
1990	Meridian CC	40-21	Miss-Lou Conference Champs
1991	Meridian CC	38-17	Miss-Lou Conference Champs
1992	Meridian CC	48-15	Miss-Lou/Region 23 Champs
1993	Meridian CC	45-10	Region 23/East District Champs
1994	Meridian CC	48-14	Miss-Lou/Region 23/South Central District Champs
1995	Meridian CC	37-18	Miss-Lou Conference Champs
1996	Meridian CC	50-12	Region 23/South Central Champs/National Runner-up
1997	*Southern Miss	34-23	
1998	Southern Miss	30-28	
1999	Southern Miss	40-23	NCAA Sub-Regionals/Best home record in school history (27-3)/Highest-ever home winning percentage (.900)
2000	Southern Miss	32-26	
2001	Southern Miss	27-32	C-USA Tournament "Final Four"
2002	Southern Miss	36-22	C-USA Regular Season Fourth Place
2003	Southern Miss	47-16	C-USA Regular Season and Tournament Champions/ NCAA Hattiesburg Regional Runner-Up/Keith LeClair Conference USA Coach of the Year/ABCA/Diamond Sports Company South Region Coach of the Year
2004	Southern Miss	45-19	C-USA Regular Season – Tied for Second Place/C-USA Tournament Runnerup/NCAA Tournament – Baton Rouge Regional/Nationally Ranked For 15 Weeks, including a school record No. 11 ranking, highest in the program's history
2005	Southern Miss	41-21	C-USA Regular Season – Tied for Second Place/C-USA Final Four/NCAA Tournament-Oxford Regional
2006	Southern Miss	39-23	NCAA Tournament-Tuscaloosa Regional
High School Record:		102- 52 (.662)	
Junior College Record:		409-160 (.719)	
*Southern Miss Record (Assistant):		93-94 (.497)	
Southern Miss Record (Head Coach):		337-210 (.616)	
Southern Miss Record (Overall):		430-304 (.586)	
Overall Record as Head Coach:		848-422 (.668)	

Baseball Center, houses coaches' offices, the home dressing room, a training facility and a players' lounge, along with other amenities that have allowed Palmer's program to significantly increase its recruiting ability, and thus move the Southern Miss program to a consistently higher level that will permit his team to compete yearly for C-USA titles, as well as NCAA Tournament berths.

Now, the program is taking a step further in the facility arena with current construction on luxury suites and a new press box, further enhancing the overall experience that is "The Pete".

Palmer's domination has been such that his team's

record is a winning one against 47 of the 67 teams that have appeared on the Golden Eagle schedule in Palmer's tenure. He is even with another seven teams, and has a losing record against only 13 schools.

In Conference USA, the record book shows Southern Miss with a winning record against six of the other nine teams in the league, and losing marks only to Houston, Rice and Tulane. The Golden Eagle record against the other six schools stands at 61-26 (.701).

Those who might doubt Palmer's vision obviously are not aware of his history with the sport, a history that gives him a keen appreciation of the game itself, along with the necessary desire and ability to suc-



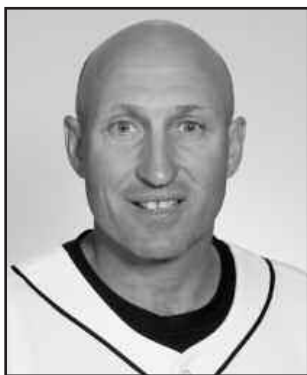
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successful at every level of the game. Those who are aware of his background and successes know that the Southern Miss baseball program remains in good hands and on a solid foundation that will produce even more outstanding results in the years ahead.

In 1998, Palmer received his highest Golden Eagle honor when he was elected to the Southern Miss M Club Sports Hall of Fame. Then, this past fall, Palmer received the highest honor that could ever be bestowed upon a Southern Miss alumnus, as he was inducted into the Southern Miss Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. And it was the latter honor that gives Palmer the greatest joy.

"It was a great honor and the highest honor you can receive here as a graduate of Southern Miss," Palmer said. "It was special, and I went in with some very distinguished alumni. I'm honored that the school selected me."

Palmer and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 31 years and reside in the Hattiesburg area. Debbie is a Southern Miss graduate with a degree in nursing.



Scott Berry
Associate Head Coach

(Southwest Missouri State, 1986)

Scott Berry is in his fourth year as the associate head coach, fifth year serving as the pitching coach and seventh season overall on the Southern Miss baseball staff.

Berry, who was promoted to his current position in 2003, also continues working with the catchers, has recruiting responsibilities and assists with the program's camps and clinics. Prior to the 2003 season, he served as the team's hitting coach and worked with the team's catchers and outfielders.

Southern Miss has had an All-American pitcher for four-straight years, tying TCU for the second-longest streak in the nation and that is a credit to the job Berry has done.

Last season, he coached his fourth-straight

closer to All-American honors as Daniel Best posted a 6-2 record with a 2.22 ERA and tied the school single-season record with 13 saves. Best also earned All-American distinction in 2005, when he recorded 11 saves with a 3-0 record and an 0.46 ERA. He was a finalist for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award in 2005 and was drafted in the 14th round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft by Kansas City.

Two of Berry's pitchers, Ryan Belanger and Cliff Rasmus, registered eight wins last season and the team's ERA improved from 5.13 in 2005 to 4.80 last season. Southern Miss struck out 416 batters and walked only 211. Catcher Kevin Coker earned All-Conference USA honors and senior Scott Massey also was drafted in the 24th round by Pittsburgh.

In 2005, Patrick Ezell, the Conference USA Preseason Pitcher of the Year, led the starters with seven wins against just three losses, while Matt Caire followed with a 6-3 record. Relief pitcher Tyler Perrett led the way with a 5-0 record in 24 appearances.

Catcher Brad Willcutt, one of the best to ever play behind the dish at Southern Miss, was selected as a third-team All-American as a senior and was drafted in the 27th round by Milwaukee.

In 2004, two of Berry's pitchers finished with eight or more wins and four finished with six or more wins. The staff posted 468 strikeouts and only 224 walks. Senior Austin Tubb was named to several All-American teams, the CoSIDA Academic All-American team and was drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals. Senior Anthony DeWitt was named to the Conference



USA second team and was drafted by the Houston Astros. Freshman Patrick Ezell was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American, and fellow freshman Mike Cashion was named to the C-USA All-Freshman team as well as the C-USA All-Tournament team.

In his first year as the pitching coach in 2003, Berry worked with a staff that produced four hurlers with eight-or-more victories and a sparkling 3.45 ERA, the top in Conference USA. That staff recorded 460 strikeouts, walked just 219, and limited opponents to a .257 batting average. Austin Tubb was named to the

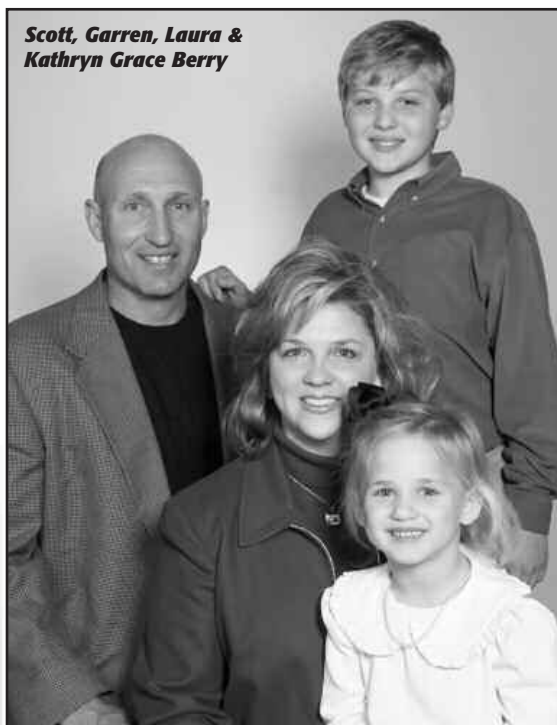
NCBWA All-American team and Bob McCrory was named to the All-CUSA team.

When Berry mentored the Golden Eagle hitters, fans saw the batting average improve from .279 during the 2001 season to a .304 average in 2002. The Golden Eagles had seven players hit .300 or better and three players with 40 or more RBIs. And even with Berry working primarily in other areas, that hitting success carried over to the 2003 season when Southern Miss hitters compiled a .319 batting average, with eight players finishing at .300 or better. Golden Eagle hitters banged out 89 home runs and 142 doubles.

After completing an unbelievable four-year stint as the head coach at Meridian Community College from 1997-2000, including two trips to the National Junior College World Series, Berry rejoined his mentor, Corky Palmer, at Southern Miss prior to the 2001 season.

A native of Neosho, Mo., he compiled an impressive record of 185-58, including two seasons of 50 wins or more. During his four-year tenure at Meridian, Berry's squad spent

Scott, Garren, Laura & Kathryn Grace Berry





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the entire time in the top 10 of the national polls. He had over 25 players sign NCAA Division I scholarships and currently has nine former players in the professional ranks.

For his efforts, Berry was honored as a three-time Region 23 Coach of the Year, three-time district coach of the year, three-time Louisville Slugger Coach of the Year Award and twice named Diamond Sports ABCA Region Coach of the Year.

In 2000, Meridian finished fifth in the nation with a 46-19 record and took its second trip under Berry to the National Junior College World Series. The program made its first trip to the college world series under Berry in 1998, when they posted a 52-12 record and ended the season as the No. 5 team in the nation.

His first season, 1997, saw his squad ranked as the top team in the country from the preseason poll until the final regular season poll. That team posted a 50-8 record and advanced to the district finals before their season ended.

Berry's first stint with Palmer started in 1991, when he was hired as an assistant coach at Meridian. After a six-year tenure as the assistant coach, he took over the reins of the Meridian program, when Palmer returned to Southern Miss to join Hill Denson's staff.

He completed his bachelor's degree in secondary education with an emphasis in physical education from Southwest Missouri State University in 1986 and also received his master's degree from SMSU in 1989 with a degree in secondary education with an emphasis in administration.

His collegiate career began at Crowder College, where he was a two-time all-region selection as a catcher and was named the team's most valuable player as a sophomore. Berry was forced to end his playing career early with a back injury. He spent

the last two years of his undergraduate tenure as a student assistant at SMSU.

He, and his wife, Laura, have two children, Garren, and Kathryn Grace. Laura received her bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Miss in speech communication. He is the son of Marilyn Berry and the late James Berry of Neosho, Mo.



Lane Burroughs
Assistant Coach

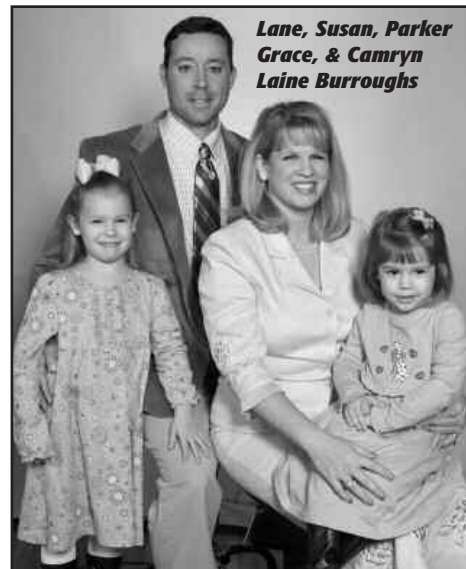
(Mississippi College, 1995)

Lane Burroughs is in his ninth season as an assistant coach on the Southern Miss baseball staff. He serves as the program's recruiting coordinator and coaches the hitters and infielders and will run the offense from the third-base box. He also works with the program's camps and clinics.

Last season, Burroughs coached All-American Marc Maddox, who left Southern Miss after setting six career offensive records and was second in another category. He was drafted in the ninth round of the Major League Baseball amateur draft by Kansas City. Kevin Coker, Toddric Johnson and Trey Sutton earned All-Conference USA honors and Luke Adkins, Brian Dozier and Michael Eving were named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American team.

Southern Miss hit .314 with 92 doubles, 19 triples and 81 home runs with seven players hitting .300 or better, with three of them better than .350. The Golden Eagles were among the top three in the Conference USA in 11 offensive categories.

In 2005, All-American Brad



Lane, Susan, Parker Grace, & Camryn Laine Burroughs

Willcutt left Southern Miss holding five career offensive records and was second in three more categories. He got drafted in the 27th round by Milwaukee. Three other players, Jason Lowery, Maddox and Sutton each earned All-Conference USA honors as well.

The Southern Miss offense was productive, combining for an average of .313 with 149 doubles, 10 triples and 60 home runs. In all, seven regular starters and one reserve had batting averages of .300 or better, with three of them hitting better than .340.

In 2004, the Golden Eagles hit .316, with 139 doubles, 19 triples and 90 home runs. They finished with a .394 on-base percentage and a .512 slugging percentage. The team ranked in the Top 30 nationally in batting average, slugging percentage, home runs per game and scoring.

Three players finished above .300, one player hit above .400 and five players finished with 70 or more hits, including two with 100 or more hits. Three players that Burroughs coached were selected for All-American honors.

Jarrett Hoffpauir was the toughest to strikeout in NCAA Division I baseball that season, striking out only eight times in 269 at bats and was No. 3 nationally in RBIs. He compiled a .405 batting average with a school-record 109 hits and a club-record 92 RBIs. Matt Shepherd finished with 104 hits and was ranked in the top 30 nationally in doubles and runs scored. Ryan Frith ranked No. 10 in the nation in home runs with 22 round trippers.

Southern Miss compiled a .319 batting average in 2003, with eight players finishing at .300 or better. Golden Eagle hitters banged out 89 home runs and 142 doubles and scored 497 runs. The Golden Eagles broke the school record for runs, RBIs and total bases, tied the record for hits and was the second-highest slugging percentage.





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Burroughs rejoined Corky Palmer, his former coach, when he came to Southern Miss in 1998. He previously served as an assistant coach at Northwestern (La.) State for two years, helping to guide the Demons to the Southland Conference championship in 1998.

Before his stint at Northwestern State, Burroughs was the assistant coach at East Mississippi Community College in 1997. He started his coaching career at his alma mater, Mississippi College, where he served as a graduate assistant for two seasons.

Burroughs played two seasons for Palmer at Meridian Community College before finishing his career at Mississippi College. He was selected for the Larry Scott Memorial Award while playing at Meridian. While at Mississippi College, he was an All-Gulf South Conference honoree and named the team's most valuable player.

He played his prep career for hall of fame coach Jerry Boatner, the all-time winningest coach in Mississippi high school history, at West Lauderdale High School in Collinsville, Miss.

Burroughs completed his associate of arts degree from Meridian in 1993, his bachelor's degree in history in 1995 and his master's degree in social science in 1996, both from Mississippi College.

He and his wife, Susan, and their two daughters, Parker Grace, born on Sept. 16, 2001, and Camryn Laine, born Aug. 27, 2003, reside in Hattiesburg. Susan is a graduate of the Southern Miss School of Nursing.



Graham Martin
Volunteer Assistant Coach

(Southeastern Louisiana, 2003)

Graham Martin is in his first year as the volunteer assistant coach for the Southern Miss baseball program. He works with the outfielders, instructs base running, assists with hitting, serves as the first-base coach and coordinates the Southern Miss Baseball camps and clinics.

Martin returned to coaching in July 2006 after

spending a year in private business. Prior to that, he served as the assistant baseball coach at Southeastern Louisiana University from 2003 until 2005.

While at SLU, he handled daily baseball operations on and off the field. He oversaw the baseball facility and supervised \$200,000 of baseball renovations that took place in 2003.

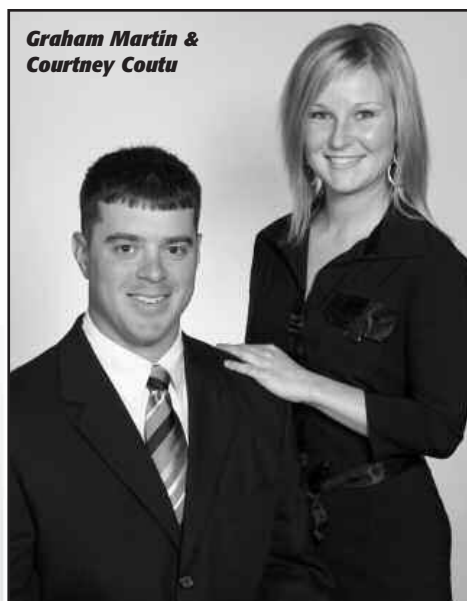
He headed fundraising projects for the baseball program, assisted in all aspects of team travel, handled equipment issue and the school's contract with Easton. He also supervised the team's academics, served as the team's compliance liaison, coordinated the camps and clinics, coached the outfielders and hitters and served as the recruiting coordinator.

In 2005, he helped lead SLU to its first conference tournament bid since 1999, finishing 2-2, the first tournament wins in the school's history. The Lions led the Southland Conference in batting average, hits, runs scored and RBIs.

He coached the top two hit leaders in the conference, two of the top seven batting average leaders and one of his players was collected the second most RBIs. Randy Roth was drafted in the 10th round by St. Louis and Steve Clevenger was drafted in the seventh round the following year.

Martin, who earned his bachelor's degree from SLU in 2003, was a three-year letterwinner from 2001-03 as a pitcher and outfielder. While a student, he assisted the facilities department with the upkeep and manicure of their athletic fields and stadiums. He was a two-year president of the student-athlete advisory committee, coordinating all fundraising and community service events.

Martin is engaged to Courtney Coutu, who hails from Maple Ridge, British Columbia, Canada. The couple plan to be married on June 19, 2007.



Graham Martin & Courtney Coutu



Beau Griffin
Director of Baseball Operations

(Southern Miss, 2005)

Former Golden Eagle standout Beau Griffin is in his first year as the Director of Baseball Operations.

Griffin assists with the day-to-day operations of the Golden Eagle baseball office, which also includes working with academics, camps, game-day operations, on-campus recruiting and the equipment operation. He also assists with administration of the Dugout Club, handling the membership database and administration of the preseason banquet. In addition to his baseball duties, Griffin assists with the operation of the Corky Palmer Golf Tournament each fall.

Griffin was a four-year starter at third base for the Golden Eagles from 2002-05. He came to Southern Miss in 2002 as part of the most heralded recruiting class in the school's history.

He helped lead USM to the 2003 regular season and conference championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances. Griffin was named to the C-USA All-Tournament team in 2003. As a senior in 2005, he hit .305 with 15 doubles, one triple, two home runs and 41 RBIs. He finished with over 100 fielding assists during each of his sophomore and junior seasons and had 92 as a senior.

He graduated from Southern Miss in May 2005 with a bachelor's degree in environmental biology. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in sport management, also from Southern Miss and will complete the requirements this summer.

Griffin is the son of Kyle and Lynette Griffin of Youngsville, La.

Golden Eagle Fact

Southern Miss has been ranked in the Top 25 in the nation for home attendance for the past 14 years, including Top 20 the past three years (2006 - 15; 2005 - 16, 2004 - 18).



Coaching Staff

Molly Cannell Certified Athletic Trainer For Baseball



Molly Cannell is in her first year as the certified athletic trainer for baseball, and serves as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Southern Miss. Her duties involve the care, rehabilitation and prevention of athletic injuries for the program. She also supervises, provides clinical instruction and evaluates students in the athletic training education program.

Cannell was hired as an Assistant Athletic Trainer at Southern Miss in July 2007, after serving as the graduate assistant athletic trainer at Alabama from 2004-06. She worked with the softball program, covering practice and games and handling training room duties associated with the sport. Cannell also supervised, provided clinical instruction and evaluation of students in their athletic training education program.

She also has gained other valuable experience working for Druid City Hospital Systems in their sports medicine department as a part-time outreach athletic trainer in Tuscaloosa, Ala. She also has provided athletic healthcare services to elementary and high school athletes around the country.

Outside of her sports medicine realm, Cannell spent time as an event management assistant in the Alabama athletics department. She assisted with the event management and facility supervision for football and volleyball and was responsible for coordinating the arrangements for the visiting teams. She served as the assistant director for the 2005 Southeastern Conference Volleyball Tournament.

Cannell was a student assistant athletic trainer at Ohio State from 2001 until 2004. While there, she worked with the football, softball, men's and women's gymnastics, women's tennis, cross country and track and field teams, traveling with the track and field and women's tennis programs. She also earned field experience at several high schools in the Columbus area.

Cannell earned her bachelor's degree from Ohio State in 2004 and her master's degree from Alabama in 2006. She holds professional memberships in the National Athletic Training Association, the Southeastern Athletic Training Association and the Alabama Athletic Training

Association. She is an active member of the Alabama Sport Management Association and holds certifications by the NATA, the American Heart Association in heart and CPR and by the American Red Cross in first aid.

Marty Windham Assistant Equipment Manager



Marty Windham is in his ninth year as assistant equipment manager at Southern Miss. He assists with the football equipment operation, as well as overseeing the needs for the sports of baseball, men's and women's track,

women's cross country, softball and soccer.

The Bay Springs, Miss., native is no stranger to

the Southern Miss family, having served as a graduate assistant in the equipment office and as an undergraduate assistant for three seasons prior to that.

Windham got an early start on his vocation when he served as manager for the Bay Springs High School football team, while also competing in baseball for three seasons.

He continued to serve as a football manager at Jones County Community College before arriving at Southern Miss.

The Southern Miss alum earned his bachelor's degree in coaching in 1997, before adding a master's of science in sport administration in 1998. He is a member of the Athletic Equipment Manager's Association and received his certification in June 1998.

The Southern Miss Equipment Department was honored as the best equipment operation in Conference USA for 1999-00 and 2001-02, as voted on by the other equipment managers in the conference.

Windham married the former Brandy Mixon of Sumrall, Miss., in June 2004. He is the staff advisor for the Association of Baptist Students at Southern Miss.

Support Staff



Jackson Walker

*Pete Taylor Park
Public Address
Announcer*



Brittany Moody

Student Secretary



Justin Russell

Student Manager



Chris Kirtland

Student Manager



Tiffany Beckham

*Academic
Counselor/Life Skills*



Jareel Combest

*Assistant
Director/Facilities &
Game Management*



Brian LeHeup

*Graduate
Assistant/Marketing*



Jenny Ladner

Student Athletic Trainer



Kelly Martin

Student Athletic Trainer



Eric Stanford

Student Athletic Trainer



Shane Coghlan

*Associate Director of
Athletics/Internal
Affairs*



Tim Atkinson

*Assistant Director of
Athletics/Facilities &
Game Management*



Greg Herring

*Assistant Director of
Athletics/Marketing &
Sales*



Brandon Bang

Coordinator of Sales



Jay McDowell

*Sports Video
Coordinator*



Stacey Breazeale

Director of Academics



Tracy Robinson

*Director of Student
Services*



Diamond Darlings

The Southern Miss Diamond Darlings have been an important part of the baseball program for many years. This group's mission is to support the baseball program and spread the word about the

Golden Eagles throughout the community. This volunteer group of female students is seen in every area of "The Pete" on game days, handling a range of activities, including selling programs and merchandise,

assisting the Dugout Club with their activities, helping out with game-day promotions, serving as bat handlers for the Golden Eagles and the visiting teams and leading the crowds in the seventh-inning stretch.



Greer Garraway
Junior Co-Captain
Nursing
Hattiesburg, Miss.



Megan Smith
Senior Co-Captain
Advertising and Marketing
Leaksville, Miss.



Teri Adams
Senior
Music Education
Cantonment, Fla.



Kayla Boyte
Freshman
Opera and Musical
Theatre
Sumrall, Miss.



Erin Biggers
Senior
Child Life
West, Miss.



Leslie Burge
Junior
Broadcast Journalism/
Political Science
Lumberton, Miss.



Ami Bumpus
Senior
Deaf Education
Hattiesburg, Miss.



Jessica Cole
Sophomore
Marine Biology
Hattiesburg, Miss.



Sarah Conque
Sophomore
Athletic Training
Carencio, La.



Heather Crites
Senior
Speech Pathology
Petal, Miss.



Katie Duvieilh
Freshman
Pharmacy
New Orleans, La.



Lauren Goodman
Senior
Polymer Science
Collinsville, Miss.



Fabiola Gutierrez
Freshman
Mass Communications &
Journalism
Kenner, La.



Lindsay Hays
Junior
Business Administration
Liberty, Miss.



Victoria Jones
Senior
Coaching
Vanceleave, Miss.



Stefanie McDavid
Sophomore
Broadcast Journalism
Ocean Springs, MS



Michelle Mullins
Sophomore
Elementary Education
Baker, La.



Bobbi Sue Pack
Freshman
Sports Broadcasting
Satsuma, Ala.



Tiffany Paul
Freshman
Administration of Justice
Foley, Ala.



Amber Renee Peterson
Freshman
Public Relations
Gulfport, Miss.



Lauren Robbins
Freshman
Nursing
Mobile, Ala.



Crissy Sanford
Junior
Marketing
Petal, Miss.



Lauren Smith
Freshman
Exercise Science
Petal, Miss.



Aimee Sundeen
Freshman
Biology
Petal, Miss.



Rachel Thompson
Sophomore
History & Political Science
Biloxi, Miss.



Rebecca Wilks
Freshman
Management & Marketing
Byram, Miss.



Addie Williams
Junior
Fashion
Merchandising/Marketing
Dauphin Island, Ala.



Ashley Williamson
Sophomore
Elementary/Special
Education
Madison, Miss.

Not Pictured: Whitney Coker (Junior/Marketing); Natalie Comeaux (Junior/Accounting); Santee Ezell (Freshman/Forensic Science & Biology); Kelly Flynt (Freshman/Fashion Merchandising & Marketing)



The President



Dr. Shelby F. Thames
President

In 1955, Shelby F. Thames left his rural farm and became a member of the freshman class at Mississippi Southern College. He graduated from Southern Miss with a Masters degree in organic chemistry and entered the doctoral program at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville receiving a PhD in organic chemistry. Proud to call it his personal alma mater, in 1964 Thames was hired as assistant professor of chemistry and became a permanent part of the Southern Miss family.

On May 1, 2002, he took office as the eighth President of the University of Southern Mississippi continuing an illustrious career of 41 years of service at Southern Miss. Like the leaders who served before him, Thames feels a deep sense of ownership and pride in this distinguished University. It's a passion for education, student development and for the people of Mississippi.

His previous administrative positions at Southern Miss include chair of the Department of Polymer Science, dean of the College of Science and Technology, vice president for administration and regional campuses, and executive vice president.

- In 1970, he founded the Department of Polymer Science and, in 1973, co-founded the Waterborne and High-Solids Coatings Symposium, an event that has expanded to the annual International Waterborne, High-Solids and Powder Coatings Symposium, for which he continues to serve as co-director.

- He was instrumental in the conception and implementation of a program between Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and Southern Miss Gulf Coast, which provided bachelor's degree program course work on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in more than 26 subject areas.

- Another of his many accomplishments involves three entities created to improve statewide economics: the Mississippi Polymer Institute; the International Coatings and Formulations Institute;

and Southern Diversified Products, LLC (a Mississippi University Research Authority company).

- In 1998, Southern Miss' \$29 million Polymer Science Research Center was named in honor of Thames and is now known as the Shelby Freland Thames Polymer Science Research Center.

- At the time of his selection as president of Southern Miss, Thames had a research team numbering 50 and supervised five graduate students. Most recently, this team is known for the new environmentally safe paint based on agricultural products, which emits no odor or harmful properties into the environment. One of the initial uses of the paint, called "American Pride," was in the reconstruction and repair of the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Legacy is something that has come from a predecessor. During the Thames 41-year tenure at Southern Miss, he has worked to make it a much better university today than it was when he became a student in 1955.

The Thames legacy of recent years is one of being a change agent, one that has advanced Southern Miss to new levels and a legacy that includes recovering from the worst disaster in the history of the US, Hurricane Katrina.

What is the Southern Miss collective legacy to be remembered in the years to come? The focus will not be only on an athletic team or a building or a class, but rather on the broad foundation of purpose for which we stand. "Our vision, as a leading university in engaging and empowering individuals to transform lives and communities, becomes our lasting legacy for our students and alumni," concludes Thames.

Among his numerous honors and awards are:

- Designation as the Distinguished University Research Professor of the Department of Polymer Science

- Receipt of the first distinguished professorship by the Southern Society of Coatings Technology

- 1996 Southern Miss Alumni Association Continuous Service Award

- 1998 NUC Wheeler McMillan Award for his work with agricultural products

- 1999 AAIC Anson Ellis Thompson Career Achievement Award for his career in

- Promoting the use of agricultural-based materials as industrial raw materials

- 1998 into the Southern Miss Alumni Hall of Fame.

- 2002 R&D Person of the Year by *Modern Paint and Coatings Magazine* for bridging the gap between academia and industry and his work in research activities in the area of paint and coatings

Thames currently serves on the board of directors for Conference USA and the Mississippi Technology Alliance.

He has recently been asked by Gov. Haley Barbour to serve on the board of "Momentum Mississippi," a plan created to assist in creating jobs, securing better paying jobs and building stronger businesses for the state.

Thames was also appointed by Gov. Barbour to serve on the Katrina Commission directed to rebuild the Mississippi Gulf coast area and other affected areas of Mississippi.





Director of Athletics



Richard Giannini

Director of Athletics/Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Miss Athletic Foundation

Since Richard Giannini was named Director of Athletics in 1999, his vision, leadership and unwavering work ethic has transformed the face and landscape of Southern Miss athletics that will have lasting effects for years to come.

In fact, to see the impact he has made on Golden Eagle Athletics, one need only look at all the improvements that have been made during his tenure, especially in the areas of academics, facilities, athletic achievement and increased revenue.

A tireless and innovative administrator, Giannini brought outstanding intercollegiate athletic experience to Hattiesburg, including five years as director of athletics at one of Southern Miss' longtime interstate rivals, Louisiana-Monroe.

While working for the NCAA in the mid-1970s, Giannini's responsibilities included serving as executive producer of the ABC Football Highlight Shows, as well as NCAA Tournament basketball games not aired by NBC. He also arranged and produced the first national telecast of the College Baseball World Series for HBO, and produced numerous conference football highlight films. He was also director of licensing for the NCAA.

He served as assistant sports information director at Florida (his alma mater) from 1966 to 1970, was sports information director at Duke from 1970 to 1973, became assistant athletics director at Duke in 1974, and, after working for the NCAA in 1976 and 1977 and returned to Florida as senior associate athletics director to oversee external affairs.

He left Florida in 1986 to enter the private sector, taking over as CEO and co-owner of Raycom Management Group in Charlotte, N.C., a subsidiary of Raycom Sports, where he developed numerous sporting events, including the Blockbuster Bowl, the most successful first-year bowl in NCAA history.

Giannini's successes have not gone unnoticed. He recently was inducted into the University of Florida's

College of Health and Human Performance Hall of Fame in March of 2004 and the Saint Leo University Athletics Hall of Fame in February of 2005. The Golden Eagle athletics director was a track athlete, competing in the weight events, at Furman; and graduated from the University of Florida in 1966.

He has continued to work at both the conference and national levels. He serves on several Conference USA committees, was chairman of the C-USA football athletic director's committee in 2001-02 and currently serves as the chairman of the Football, Bowl and Finance and Strategic Planning Committees. Giannini recently completed a term on the NCAA Football Issues Committee and is in the second year of a four-year term as a member of the NCAA Championships Cabinet. He also is the chairman of the NCAA postseason football licensing committee, which governs all bowl games and represents C-USA Athletics Directors at BCS meetings.

Giannini and his wife, Gayle, are parents of four daughters—Ansley Stone, Brittney Borbash, Carlyn Linker, and DeLancey, and grandparents of Tori, Parker, Sara, Kelsey, Ryleigh, and Kyle.

During Giannini's Tenure

- The graduation rates and Academic Progress Rates of Southern Miss student-athletes have been recognized as one of the best in the nation. Last year, the NCAA graduation rate for all athletes was 66 percent, football was 76 percent and men's basketball 88 percent. The APR rate had every program in compliance, with the football team ranking in the top 20 and baseball finished in the top 30. Southern Miss ranks as an academic leader in the State of Mississippi, the C-USA and the nation.
- The football team was honored by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) for having a graduation rate of 90 percent or better this past year. The program also has been honored for the past four-straight years for having a graduation rate of 70 percent or better.
- Southern Miss has had 12 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-Americans, 15 Conference USA Scholar Athletes of the Year, 151 Conference USA Academic Medalists (3.75 GPA or higher) and 479 Commissioner's Honor Roll (3.0 or better), including 71 for the 2005-06 year.
- Established the Southern Miss Athletic Foundation and has spearheaded efforts to raise more than \$48 million in property, cash and pledges for new facilities, including the development of the Circle of Champions program, which currently has 92 members, who each committed \$100,000.
- Introduced and implemented a new athletic department logo in 2003, which has tripled the amount of licensing money for the department.
- He increased the amount of endowed scholarships to 79, worth a total of \$3.25 million, and raised the athletic giving from \$750,000 to an excess of \$4 million annually through the Athletic Foundation.

- Orchestrated and renegotiated a multi-media rights agreement with ISP Sports, a national Sports Marketing Firm, which guarantees the University a sizeable rights fee and has reduced its expenses by almost \$250,000.

- Since 1999, he has overseen over \$52.8 million worth of new athletic facilities or renovations to current ones.

- He is currently overseeing a \$50 million facility upgrade, which includes renovation and expansion projects at M. M. Roberts Stadium and Reed Green Coliseum.

- A new press box and 12 suites will be added at Pete Taylor Park for the 2007 baseball season with construction beginning in the summer of 2006.

- The Athletic Center, an \$11 million edifice which replaced an aging Fairchild Fieldhouse, was erected and has been in use since 2002. It is the centerpiece of the athletics department, housing offices and meeting rooms for coaches and administrators, offices and meeting rooms for the football program, sports medicine facility, football locker rooms and a spacious and fully-furnished weight room.

- The Rogers, Thames and Welch Baseball Center at Pete Taylor Park, furnished with dressing rooms, coaches' offices, players' lounge and medical training area, was completed in 2002.

- A new women's softball facility has been in use for the past five seasons. Additions and improvements continue at that venue.

- A new artificial turf system, Momentum Turf by SportExe, was installed on Carlisle-Faulkner Field in Roberts Stadium in 2004.

- A new lighting system was installed at Roberts Stadium to meet the lighting requirements so the football games can be televised.

- The Golden Eagles have been the only Conference USA program to have won championships in the sports of football (1996, 1997, 1999 and 2003), men's basketball (2001), baseball (2003) and softball (2000, 2004).

- The football team won the Conference USA championship in 1999 and 2003 and has participated in a postseason bowl game in every year but one during his tenure at Southern Miss. Various players have earned 42 All-American honors.

- The baseball team has enjoyed the best four-year period in the program's history, making four-straight appearances in the NCAA Tournament and hosting the 2003 Hattiesburg Regional. Various players have earned 26 All-American honors.

- The softball team participated in three NCAA Tournaments and advanced to the 2000 Women's College World Series, finishing fourth in the nation. Several players earned six All-American honors.

- The track & field/cross country teams have sent 48 participants to the NCAA Regional Championships and 24 have qualified to participate in the NCAA National Championships. Fourteen of those individual achieved All-American status.



Senior Administrative Staff

Scott Carr

Deputy Director of Athletics/External Affairs



Responsibilities: Carr oversees the external affairs of the athletics department as well as serving as the sport administrator for baseball. He has direct supervision of the marketing and promotions department, ticket operations, media relations, broadcasting, community relations and the athletic department's licensing program. He works closely with the Eagle Club, assisting Associate Director of Athletics/Executive Director Dick Vogel in the continued development of the department's annual giving efforts. Carr also serves as the department's liaison with corporate sales (ISP) and the Hattiesburg community. He also oversees all major facility projects from inception to completion.

Joined Southern Miss Staff: 2001
Record at Southern Miss: Deputy Director of Athletics, External Affairs (2006-present); Associate Director of Athletics, External Affairs (2003-06); Assistant Director of Athletics for External Affairs (2002); Assistant Director of Athletics, Facilities and Event Management (2001-2002)

Prior to Southern Miss: Served in various capacities with the FedEx Orange Bowl (1997-2001); Graduate Assistant Equipment Manager at Florida (1995-97)

Education: Florida, 1997 (master's); Florida, 1995 (bachelor's)

Jason Gray

Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance and Student Services



Responsibilities: Gray supervises all services as they relate to the student-athlete, including the Student Academic Enhancement Program, Life Skills, Strength and Conditioning, and Sports Medicine. In addition, he oversees C-USA and NCAA

Compliance, life skills programs, student-athlete financial aid, the NCAA certification process, eligibility, NCAA special assistance funds, and the department's graduate assistants.

Joined Southern Miss Staff: 2007
Record at Southern Miss: Senior Associate Director of Athletics, Compliance and Student Services (2007-present)

Prior to Southern Miss: Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance at Rice (2000-07); Assistant Director of

Compliance at Baylor (1998-2000); Compliance Intern at Louisiana State (1997-98); Compliance Graduate Assistant at West Virginia (1996-97)

Education: West Virginia, 1997 (master's); Southern Miss, 1996 (bachelor's)

Diane Stark

Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Internal Affairs



Responsibilities: Stark serves as the department's chief operating officer and chief financial officer. She has direct oversight and provides leadership in the areas of budget and finance, policies and procedures, facilities, event management, personnel

and human resources, athletic equipment and property accounting, sports video, oversees athletic department secretaries, athletic camps and risk management.

Joined Southern Miss Staff: 2006
Record at Southern Miss: Senior Associate Director of Athletics, Internal Affairs (2006-present)
Prior to Southern Miss: Owner of Frames Etc., Etc. (2003-06); Associate Registrar at Louisiana-Monroe (2001-03); Associate Director of Athletics at Louisiana-Monroe (1994-01); Director of Marketing, Media and Public Relations at GNI Sports, Inc. (1991-94); Director of Scheduling and Commercial Traffic at Creative Sports Marketing (1989-91); Assistant to the Executive Director at the FedEx Orange Bowl (1987-89); Assistant to the Commissioner at the Metro Athletic Conference (1983-87); Assistant to Track and Baseball Coaches and University Fundraising Groups (1970-83).

Education: Nebraska, 1983 (bachelor's)

Sonya Varnell

Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Olympic Sports/Senior Woman Administrator



Responsibilities: Varnell provides oversight of 13 of the department's 16 intercollegiate sport programs, which includes complete management of the sport, including business and finance, facility development and fundraising. She also

directs and monitors the department's gender and minority equity plans, as well as coordinates fund raising efforts for the women's sport programs. Her other areas of responsibility include coordinating the department's performance evaluations and monitoring the hiring practice of the athletics department and provide diversity training workshops for the athletics staff.

Joined Southern Miss Staff: 1999

Record at Southern Miss: Senior Associate Director of Athletics (2005-present) and Senior Woman Administrator (1999-present); Associate Director of Athletics, Olympic Sports (1999-2005)

Prior to Southern Miss: Business Manager for Varnell Construction (1998-99); Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Bundeskanzler Scholar (1997-98); Coordinator of Multicultural Programs for Athletics at Nebraska (1993-97); Compliance and Academic Affairs Assistant for the Southeastern Conference (1991-93); Graduate Assistant Track and Field Coach at Ole Miss (1989-1991)

Playing Experience: Four year track and field letterwinner at Ole Miss (1986-89); SEC All-Academic Team (1988)

Education: Ole Miss, 1991 (master's); Ole Miss, 1989 (bachelor's)

Dr. Dennis Phillips

Faculty Athletics Representative



Responsibilities: Provides input to the athletics department in relation to budgetary matters, policy and government and compliance, also serves as the voice of the faculty on all matters relating to intercollegiate athletics.

Joined Southern Miss Athletics: 2003
Joined University: 1992

Record at Southern Miss: Graduate Coordinator of the School of Human Performance and Recreation (1999-present); Tenured Associate Professor, School of Human Performance and Recreation (1992-present)

Prior to Southern Miss: Coordination of Solicitation for the Volleyball Hall of Fame (1990-91); Assistant Director of Athletics at Springfield College (1987-90); Basketball Administrator at Southwest Baptist University (1978-87); Tenured Assistant Professor of Health, Physical Education at Southwest Baptist University (1978-87); Admission Counselor, Director of Intramurals and Physical Education teacher at Mount Marty College (1976-78); Physical Education and History teacher (1973-75).

Education: Springfield College, 1990 (doctorate); Whitworth College, 1976 (master's); Pacific Lutheran, 1973 (bachelor's).

Golden Eagle Directors of Athletics

Bernard Reed Green	1949-73
Roland Dale	1973-86
Bill McClellan	1986-99
Richard Giannini	1999-present



Athletic Staff Directory

(All phone numbers are area code 601)

Main Switchboard 266-5017

Administration (Athletic Center)

Director of Athletics/
Chief Financial Officer of Athletic Foundation Richard Giannini 266-5422
Deputy Director of Athletics/External Affairs Scott Carr 266-5422
Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Internal Affairs Diane Stark 266-5422
Senior Associate Director of Athletics/
Olympic Sports/Senior Woman Administrator Sonya Varnell 266-5017
Executive Secretary to the Director of Athletics Lynn McLelland 266-5422
Secretary, Olympic Sports Nancy Williams 266-4046
Receptionist/Secretary Hunter Graybeal 266-5017

Athletic Foundation (Pat Ferlise Center)

Chief Financial Officer Christi Holloway 266-5299

Broadcasting/Video (Athletic Center)

Director of Sports Broadcasting John Cox 266-5017
Sports Video Coordinator Jay McDowell 266-6819

Business Office (Athletic Center)

Assistant Director of Athletics/Business Operations Jane Massengale 266-5526

Cheer & Dance

Head Cheerleader Coach Tim and Cathy Giron 579-0312
Head Dance Team Coach Bridgett Hunt 297-1988

Compliance & Student Services (West Stadium)

Senior Associate Director of Athletics/Compliance and Student Services
..... Jason Gray 266-6586
Coordinator of Compliance Kristi Pierce 266-5485
Director of Student Services Tracy Robinson 266-5474
Director of Academics Stacy Breazeale 266-5488
Academic Counselor/Life Skills Lauren Hillman 266-5472
Academic Counselor/Life Skills Tiffany Beckham 266-5474
Secretary Chantay Dyess 266-5474

Eagle Club (Pat Ferlise Center)

Associate Director of Athletics/Executive Director Dick Vogel 266-5299
Athletics Gifts Specialist Vickie Delancey 266-5299
Secretary Emily Lewis 266-5299

Equipment (Athletic Center)

Director of Equipment Operations Patrick Stewart 266-6550
Assistant Equipment Manager Marty Windham 266-5678

External Affairs (Athletic Center)

Deputy Director of Athletics/External Affairs Scott Carr 266-5017
Coordinator of Development and Community Relations Reggie Collier 266-6477
Coordinator of Sales Brandon Bang 266-6866

Facilities & Event Operations (Athletic Center)

Assistant Director of Athletics/Facilities and Event Operations
..... Tim Atkinson 266-5025
Assistant Director Billy Harrington 266-6492
Facilities & Event Management Specialist Jareel Combest 266-6412

Licensing (Athletic Center)

Director of Collegiate Licensing Gene Fitts 266-5164

Marketing (Athletic Center)

Assistant Director of Athletics/Marketing & Sales Greg Herring 266-5017
Graduate Assistant Brian LeHeup 266-5017
Graduate Assistant Caleb Hill 266-5017

Media Relations (Athletic Center)

Associate Director of Athletics/Athletic Media Relations Mike Montoro 266-4503
Associate Director Shirley Hill 266-4503
Associate Director Jack Duggan 266-4503
Assistant Director Mallory Haynes 266-4503
Secretary Ty Stewart 266-4503

International Sports Properties (Pat Ferlise Center)

Assistant Vice President, GM Craig Curtis 266-7600
Associate General Manager Jamie Walker 266-7601
Account Executive Drew King 266-7602
Marketing Assistant Jen Kniese 266-4216

Sports Medicine (Athletic Center)

Assistant Director of Athletics/Sports Medicine Todd McCall 266-5579
Associate Director Tanya Watson 266-5579
Assistant Director Kevin McShan 266-5579
Assistant Director Molly Cannell 266-5799

Strength & Conditioning (Athletic Center)

Head Coach TBA 266-5017
Associate Head Coach Chaucer Funchess 266-5017

Ticket Office (Pat Ferlise Center)

Associate Director of Athletics/Internal Affairs Shane Coghlan 266-5418
Ticket Manager Joanne Morris 266-5418
Assistant Ticket Manager Travis Tuckey 266-5418

Baseball (Rogers, Thames, and Welch Baseball Center)

Head Coach Corky Palmer 266-4046
Associate Head Coach Scott Berry 266-4046
Assistant Coach Lane Burroughs 266-4046
Volunteer Assistant Coach Graham Martin 266-4046

Basketball, Men's (Reed Green Coliseum)

Head Coach Larry Eustachy 266-6355
Associate Head Coach Steve Barnes 266-6355
Assistant Coach Nate Loenser 266-6355
Assistant Coach Ricky Wilson 266-6355
Coordinator of Operations William J. "Billy" Reid 266-6355
Secretary Norma Burke 266-6355

Basketball, Women's (Reed Green Coliseum)

Head Coach Joye Lee-McNelis 266-6444
Assistant Coach Kirk Crawford 266-6444
Assistant Coach Brooks Donald-Williams 266-6444
Assistant Coach Chandra Dorsey 266-6444
Coordinator of Operations Stephen Pate 266-6444
Secretary Beth Hymel 266-6444

Football (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Jeff Bower 266-4567
Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends Randy Butler 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Defensive Coordinator/Middle Linebackers Jay Hopson 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks Jay Johnson 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Special Teams Coordinator/Defensive Backs Lyrel Pollard 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Running Backs TBA 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers Courtney Messingham 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Offensive Line Mitch Rodrigue 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Outside Linebackers Fred Tate 266-5393
Assistant Coach/Defensive Line Bill Wilt 266-5393
Associate Director of Athletics/Football Operations John Miller 266-5393
Program Coordinator/Recruiting Ronnie Sanders 266-6536
Secretary to Head Coach Lennon Thompson 266-4567

Golf, Men's (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Jerry Weeks 266-4046
Assistant Coach Tim Yelverton 266-4046

Golf, Women's (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Julie Gallup 266-4046
Graduate Assistant Coach Ofelia Lopez 266-4046

Soccer (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Gail Macklin 266-4046
Assistant Coach Claire Rea 266-4046
Graduate Assistant Coach Shawn Meyer 266-4046

Softball (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Gay McNutt 266-4046
Assistant Coach Auriel Jenkins 266-4046
Assistant Coach Robyn Killebrew 266-4046
Volunteer Assistant Coach Laurie Neelis 266-4046

Tennis, Men's (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Teddy Viator 266-4046
Graduate Assistant Coach Marc Lux 266-4046

Tennis, Women's (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Randy Rowley 266-4046
Graduate Assistant Coach Martha Montano 266-4046

Track & Field - Men's & Women's (Athletic Center)

Head Coach Wayne Williams 266-4046
Assistant Coach Greg Stringer 266-4046
Assistant Coach Kevin Stephen 266-4046
Assistant Coach/Cross Country Cassandra Goodson 266-4046

Volleyball (Reed Green Coliseum)

Head Coach Ricci Luyties 266-6355
Assistant Coach Abby Sutherland 266-6355
Graduate Assistant Coach Jazmien Stephens 266-6355
Secretary Norma Burke 266-6355



Athletic Foundation

The mission of The University of Southern Mississippi Eagle Club is to provide deserving student-athletes a means to obtain a quality education while exhibiting their athletic talents. The Eagle Club provides its members the opportunity to contribute to the success of the University, both on and off the field of competition.

Eagle Club members know they have done their part to enhance the lives of students and to advance the interests of The University of Southern Mississippi. More than 300 students in 16 different sports receive some type of benefit from athletic scholarships at Southern Miss.

In order to give these individuals a chance to realize their dreams, the scholarships must be funded. The current cost for these scholarships totals \$3.1 million annually. Loyal alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends of the University join the membership of the Eagle Club in an effort to offset these costs.

This, in turn, allows the Department of Athletics to disburse its income to other needed areas, which further enhances the success of Southern Miss as a whole.

The Eagle Club has been contributing to this effort for 20 years. During that time, athletic scholarship recipients have gone on to greatness in professional sports and in medicine, law, education, business, the arts, sciences and the humanities. Without the support of the Eagle Club members, the education of more than 3,925 students over the last 20 years would not have been possible.

The Eagle Club has already raised in excess of \$1.7 million in 2006, despite Hurricane Katrina, and continues to strive to meet its scholarship requirement of more than \$3 million. With Conference USA getting stronger each year, the Eagle Club wants to give the Golden Eagles every opportunity to be successful on the field of competition.

Athletics is an efficient avenue in which to bring national attention to the University, and the Eagle Club is part of that effort at Southern Miss. All Eagle Club members know 100 percent of their donation is



Athletic Foundation Board

Back Row (from left): Dr. Doug Rouse, H.D. "Doc" Roberts, Gene Carlisle, Bob Mixon, B.G. "Spike" Newman, Dr. Dennis Phillips (Faculty Athletic Representative), David Rimes, Mickey Hudson, Dick Simmons, Spencer Adams.

Front Row (from left): Krandall Howell, Mack Grubbs, Paul H. "Bud" Holmes, Dr. Wayne Adkison (Secretary), Richard Giannini (Director of Athletics/Chief Executive Officer), Aubrey Collum (President), Mike Landrum (Vice President), Nick Welch (Treasurer), Col. Tyler Fletcher, Paige Howell, Christi Holloway, Becky Sappington.

Not Pictured: Rosemay Aultman (President of the Southern Miss Alumni Association), Joe Bryant (President of the "M" Club), John Deakle, Dickie Dunaway, Larry Payne, Vic Roberts, Dr. Shelby F. Thames (University President), Dr. Jim Thompson (President of the Southern Miss Foundation), Dr. Christy Thornton, Billy Walker, Bill Ward.

going to assist a deserving student-athlete. They also know that giving to the University offers a sense of gratification, knowing that they helped move Southern Miss in a positive direction.

During the last nine years, athletic giving has grown tremendously. Total giving has jumped from \$750,000 to an excess of \$4 million annually. While Eagle Club giving has more than doubled, the overall endowments have grown as well, as the Eagle Club currently has 79 endowments, valuing close to \$3.25 million.

The Eagle Club is an integral part of the Southern Miss Department of Athletics. The staff is headed by Richard Giannini, Director of Athletics and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Miss Athletic Foundation. He is assisted by Dick Vogel, Associate Director of Athletics and Executive Director of the Eagle Club, who oversees all of the daily operations and fund raising. Vogel is in his 10th year on the Eagle Club staff, serving as a field representative the first three years and then Associate

Director for a year, before becoming the Executive Director in the fall of 2000.

Former Southern Miss All-American quarterback Reggie Collier serves as the Coordinator of Athletic Development and Community Relations, while Christi Holloway is the Chief Financial Officer for the Southern Miss Athletic Foundation. Vickie DeLancey, office manager, and Emily Lewis, office secretary, handle all the day-to-day administrative functions. Additionally, graduate assistant Rhian Bush and Gina Vince help with the daily operation of the Eagle Club.

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