

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Unit Strategic Plan and Annual Report -- Academic Year 2007-08

_____ Academic Unit X Administrative/Support Unit

I. Unit Title: Athletics (All departments)

School/College or University Division: Athletics

Unit Administrator: Jeremy McClain

II Outcomes Assessment Plan*

A. Unit/User Outcome	B. Data Collection and Analysis	C. Results of Evaluation	D. Use of Evaluation Results
A: Honor commitments to the team(s) and to the athletic department as a whole.	Eligibility report; grade checks and graduation rates 1: Eligibility completion 2: Class attendance and performance and graduation 3: Number of disciplinary actions taken	FY08 Benchmark Year	None, additional data collection is necessary.
B. Follow all university policies and procedures	NCAA requirements report; survey; DSU requirements report 1: Timelines 2: Paperwork completion – scholarship, housing, etc. 3: Class registration and graduation	FY08 Benchmark Year	

***Assessment Team Members:** Dana George, Gerald Jordan, Ronnie Mayers, Randy Grierson, and Jeremy McClain

III. Division/Department/Unit Goals for the Current Year

A. Goal # 1: Increase the graduation rate of student athletes. Have a minimum of 65% graduation rate of the student athlete in a five-year period

1. Institutional Goal which was supported by this goal: SP Goal 2

2. Evaluation Procedure(s):

Check graduation rates of all student-athletes annually. The Registrar will verify all student athletes who have graduated in this five-year period. The athletes' graduation rates are required to be published for the State of Mississippi when competing for the Halbrook Award. This award honors the schools with the highest graduation rate of athletes over a five-year period. This data will allow us to track our progress

3. Actual Results of Evaluation:

The graduation rate of the DSU Student-Athletes will increase annually and by the end of year five, be at least equal to 65%.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:

These results help the Athletic Department support:

1. The need for more academic guidance and supervision with student athletes. The department recently hired a full-time Coordinator of Academic Performance. This hire along with construction on the academic performance building which was completed in March 2005 has tremendously aided this effort. This building provides a dedicated space for academic performance and a computer lab.
2. The need to recruit students who have higher class rank, ACT/SAT scores, and GPA's. There is a positive correlation between high grade point and ACT scores with graduation rate.

B. Goal #2: Improve the facilities available for sports activities. Provide the facilities and physical environment which contribute to the intellectual, cultural, moral, physical, and social growth and development of the student and the surrounding community.

1. Institutional Goal which was supported by this goal: SP Goal 4

2. Evaluation Procedure(s):

The football field, basketball court, baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, swimming pool, soccer fields, golf course and cross country trail all meet NCAA guidelines. This is checked by having the facilities meet the specified dimensions required for the

NCAA championships. These venues need enhancements necessary to provide a fan friendly experience. Feedback is given daily by constituents to the program.

3. Actual Results of Evaluation:

1. Construction of the Billy Dorgan, Jr. Student-Athlete Performance Center has been completed.
2. The J.A. "Bud" Thigpen Baseball Annex has been completed
3. The Robert L. Crawford Center construction has been completed
4. The Dave "Boo" Ferriss Museum has been completed.
5. Renovation of the coliseum including training, weight facility, and locker rooms has been completed.
6. Renovation of the Chadwick-Dickson training room and football equipment area has been completed.
7. Renovation of the dugouts at the softball field has been completed.
8. Federal funds of \$1.34 million have been approved for Statesmen Boulevard, a new entrance way into the athletic facilities.
9. A master site plan for athletics has been developed.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:

Constructed and planned facilities meet the needs of the student-athletes and the desires of the administration, coaches, donors, and fans.

C. Goal # 3: Enhance the development of the total person by providing opportunities to meet the interests of the students, both as participants and spectators, in a wide variety of cultural, athletic, and other extracurricular activities
Initiation of the CHAMPS/Life Skill Program

1. Institutional Goal which was supported by this goal: SP Goals 1, 4, & 5

2. Evaluation Procedure(s):

Annual survey provided to all freshmen upon entering DSU requests information regarding sport offerings.

3. Actual Results of Evaluation:

The results of the survey indicate the 13 sports offered are sufficiently meeting the needs. There is an indication that Women's Volleyball and Women's Golf would be good additions.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:

DSU is investigating the process of adding Women's Volleyball and/or Women's Golf. DSU is the only institution in the Gulf South Conference without a Volleyball program. Most importantly, there is interest in these programs in our state and at this institution.

D. Goal #4: Recruit quality student-athletes to enhance the athletics and academics prowess of the institution.

1. Institutional Goal which was supported by this goal: SP Goals 2 & 4

2. Evaluation Procedure(s):

Annual assessment of squad size and usefulness.

3. Actual Results of Evaluation:

Each sport maximizes the number of student-athletes on squad. If the number is not maximized, then annually the numbers increase.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:

Coaches and administrators communicate the need for increased squad sizes up to the maximum squad number feasible.

Division/Department Goals for Coming Year:

All departmental goals are on-going

IV. Data and information for department:

13 Sports

Football

Men's Soccer

Women's Soccer

Women's Cross Country

Men's Swimming

Women's Swimming

Men's Basketball
 Women's Basketball
 Women's Tennis
 Men's Tennis
 Men's Golf
 Softball
 Baseball

V. Personnel:

Name	Degree	Position	Teaching Dept.
Jeremy McClain	M.B.A.	Director of Athletics	
Ronnie Mayers	M.Ed.	Assistant Athletic Director	HPER
Ray Bridges	D.D.	Assistant Athletic Director	HPER
Dana George	M.B.A.	Assistant Athletic Director	
Dr. Rose Strahan	Ph. D.	Faculty Athletic Representative	Math
Kelcey Stienreide	B.S.	Administrative Assistant	
Ron Roberts	M.E.	Head Football Coach	
Darrin Hicks	B.B.A.	Asst. Football Coach	
Clint Rountree	B.S.	Asst. Football Coach	
Chet Pobolish	B.E.	Asst. Football Coach	
Steve Smith	B.S.	Asst. Football Coach	
Randy Grierson	Ed. D.	Asst. Football Coach	HPER
Mike Kinnison	M.E.	Head Baseball Coach	Math
Rodney Batts	M.E.	Asst. Baseball Coach	HPER
Stephen Wagener	M.E.	Asst. Baseball Coach	
Casey Burgoyne	M.E.	Head Softball Coach	
David Martinez	M.E.	Asst. Softball Coach	
Gerald Jordan	M.E., LAT	Head Athletic Trainer	AT
Jason Conner	M.E.	Head M. Basketball Coach	
B.J. Ellis	M.E.	Asst. M. Basketball Coach	
Sandra Rushing	M.E.	Head W. Basketball Coach	
Mechan Vanderpool	M.E.	Asst. W. Basketball Coach	
Brian Hein	M.E.	Head Swimming Coach	HPER
Sam Dunning	B.S.	Head Golf Coach	

Jim Allen	B.S.	Head Men's & Women's Soccer Coach
Asa Atkinson	M.E.	Head M & W. Tennis Coach
Doug Pinkerton	M.E.	Head Women's Cross Country HPER
Matt Jones	M.S.E.	Director of Athletic Communications
Jim Ervin	M.E.	Asst. Director of Athletic Communications

Noteworthy activities and accomplishments:

**DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS
2007 Year-In-Review and Brag Facts**

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Renovations completed at Walter-Sillers Coliseum, University Field, and Chadwick-Dickson Fieldhouse.
- Twenty-station computer lab opened in Billy Dorgan, Jr Performance Center.
- Successfully implemented Champs Life Skills program
- Implemented handbook/calendar program.

FOOTBALL

- Overall Record: 10-2
- Gulf South Conference Record: 8-0 / Conference Title
- Head Coach Ron Roberts was named GSC Coach of the Year.
- Michael Eubanks (LB) was named a national finalist (Top 3) for the Harlon Hill Trophy. The Harlon Hill is annually awarded to the NCAA DII Player of the Year.
- Michael Eubanks (LB) was named the Gulf South Conference Defensive Player of the Year.
- Michael Eubanks (LB) was named an All-American by D2football.com, and Daktronics.
- Michael Eubanks (LB) was named a First Team All-American by D2football.com, Daktronics, and Dopke.
- Michael Eubanks (LB) was named First Team All-Region by Daktronics.
- Statesmen placed 10 on the Daktronics All-Southeast Region Team.
- Monterio James (CB) was named an All-American by D2football.com.
- Statesmen place 10 on All-Gulf South Conference First or Second Team.
- Statesmen placed 32 on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

- Lady Statesmen finished twelfth at the Gulf South Conference Championships.
- DSU's Natasha Smith competed in the NCAA South Regional, finishing 86th.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

- Overall Record: 33-1
- Gulf South Conference Record: 16-0/ Claimed GSC West Division Championship
- Lady Statesmen captured the Gulf South Conference Championship for a third straight year at the DeSoto Civic Center in Southaven.

- DSU won the NCAA South Region Championship game over Valdosta State University.
- DSU advanced to the NCAA Final Four before being defeated by South Dakota State University.
- Jennifer Rushing was named a Kodak All-American.
- Jennifer Rushing won the first-ever Gillom Trophy, which is presented to best women's basketball player in the state of Mississippi.
- Jennifer Rushing (G) and Lakira Boyd (C) were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team, while Jessica Boyd (G) made Second Team.
- Coach Sandra Rushing was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year.
- Finished the season ranked No. 2 in the final Women's Basketball Coaches Association/USA Today Top 25 Poll.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

- Overall Record: 14-12
- Gulf South Conference Record: 8-6
- Ernesto Green was named second-team All-Conference.

SOFTBALL

- Overall Record: 33-26
- Gulf South Conference Record: 18-10 / 3rd in GSC West Division
- Six Lady Statesmen were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First or Second Team.
- Brittany Tillery (OF) was named to the All-South Region Second Team by Daktronics.
- Lady Statesmen placed 13 on GSC Academic Honor Roll.

BASEBALL

- Overall Record: 48-11
- Gulf South Conference Record: 17-1 / West Division Champions
- Rickey Noland and Clay Sartain were named to the 2008 Rawlings/ABCA All-American Third Team.
- Rickey Noland, Clay Sartain, and Korey Cunningham made the 2008 Rawlings/ ABCA South Central All-Region First Team. While Chris Clark, Devin Goodwin, Hunter Jobes, and Kenny Smalley made the Second Team.
- Rickey Noland, Hunter Jobes, and Clay Sartain were named to the 2008 NCBWA All-American Honorable Mention Team.
- Clay Sartain was named to the 2008 Daktronics All-American Second Team.
- Nine Statesmen were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First or Second Team.
- Rickey Noland was named a finalist (top 3) for the Ferriss Trophy, given annually to the best player in the state of Mississippi.
- 10 Statesmen were named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

MEN'S GOLF

- Statesmen finished 7th at the Gulf South Conference Championships.
- Delta State University finished in the top 5 in five tournaments this season.
- Chase Smith was named to the All-GSC Second Team.

MEN'S TENNIS

- Overall Record: 11-6
- Gulf South Conference Record: 6-5/ 3rd in GSC West
- Finished third at the Gulf South Conference Championships in May.

- Statesmen advanced to the NCAA South Regional hosted by Valdosta State University. DSU advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to West Florida.
- Pasqual Laplace and Rafael Weigard were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

- Overall Record: 14-4
- Gulf South Conference Record: 10-1/ GSC West Division Champions
- Lady Statesmen advanced to the NCAA South Regional hosted by Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. DSU lost in the second round to Valdosta State University.
- Cecile Benzaki, Katharina Nett, and Milena Aruajo were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team, while Krystle Ozols was named to the Second Team.
- Cecile Benzaki was named GSC West Player of the Year.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

- Delta State University placed second at the New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships.
- Head Coach Brian Hein was named NSISC Coach of the Year.
- Merve Terziuglo was named NSISC Most Valuable Swimmer.
- The Lady Statesmen finished 22nd at the NCAA DII nationals.

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

- Statesmen finished third at New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships.
- Delta State University placed 19th at the NCAA Division II National Championships.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

- Overall Record: 6-14
- Gulf South Conference Record: 1-5 / 10th place
- Lady Statesmen placed 13 players on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.
- Bridget Duke became first Lady Statesmen to receive All-GSC First Team honors.

MEN'S SOCCER

- Overall Record: 8-10-1
- Gulf South Conference Record: 1-2-1/ Tied for 5th place
- Nine Statesmen were named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

New position(s) requested, with justification:

None

VI. Degree Program Addition/Deletions and/or Major Curriculum Changes: N/A

Recommended change of status: None