

**DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY: NON-ACADEMIC ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Academic Year 2005-06**

**I. Unit Title:** Athletics Department

**Division or School/College:** Athletics

**Unit Administrator:** Brad Teague

## II. Student Learner Outcomes

<p><b>Learning Outcome</b> <i>What should a graduate in this major know, value, or be able to do at graduation and beyond?</i></p>	<p><b>Data Collection and Analysis</b> <i>What assessment tools and/or methods will you use to determine achievement of the learning outcome? Describe how the data from these tools and/or methods will be collected. Explain the procedure to analyze the data.</i></p>	<p><b>Results of Evaluation</b> <i>What were the findings of the analysis? List any specific recommendations.</i></p>	<p><b>Use of Evaluation Results</b> <i>What changes in curriculum, courses, or procedures were made as a result of the program learning outcome assessment process?</i></p>
<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>

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

This is a report on progress towards goals for the **current year**. These are operational goals for the unit that are NOT tied directly to student learning outcomes which are reported in the table above. An example might be the implementation of a personnel development plan to enhance the skills of the staff in a unit.

#### A. Goal # 1

Increase the graduation rate of student athletes. Have a minimum of 75% graduation rate of the student athlete in a five-year period

##### 1. Institutional Goal which was supported by this goal:

QEP#4, SG#1,2

##### 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 rates of athletes over the last four years are as follows: FY06 has not been calculated.

Year	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05
Women	72%	73%	73%	77%	85%
Men	69%	66%	63%	65%	61%
Total	70%	68%	66%	68%	67%

##### 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.

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. All coaches agree with the need to recruit better students

**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:**

QEP#1, SP#3,4

**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 Visitors Area at Parker Field construction has been advertised for bid.
5. Renovation of the coliseum including training and weight facility has been completed.
6. 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.

(1) Annual Graduate Survey – 2005

Athletics Program Satisfaction - 1.9 on Likert Scale (1 very satisfied, 2 satisfied, etc.)

Demonstrates satisfaction with athletics.

(2) National Graduation Rates (Cohort) – 1999 Division II Public Schools Group

All Students 43%, Student – Athletes 49%

(3) Delta State University Graduation Rates (Cohort) 1999

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**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

**1. Institutional Goal which was supported by this goal:**

QEP#1, SP#3,5

**2. Evaluation Procedure(s):**

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

**3. Actual Results of Evaluation:**

Survey revealed the needs were being met. The survey demonstrated no significant interest in any new sport.

**4. Use of Evaluation Results:**

Plans are being made to add Women's Volleyball. DSU is the only institution in the Gulf South Conference without a Volleyball program. Funding is the problem currently.

**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# 4,5

**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.

#### 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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Teaching Dept.</b>
Dr. Brad Teague	Ph. D.	Athletic Director	Education
Ray Bridges	D.D.	Assistant Athletic Director	HPER
Dana George	M. E.	Assistant Athletic Director	
Ronnie Mayers	M. E.	Assistant Athletic Director	HPER
Dr. Rose Strahan	Ph. D.	Faculty Athletic Representative	Math
Kim Pongetti		Administrative Assistant	
Rick Rhoades	M.E.	Head Football Coach	
Mike Bloomgren	M. E.	Asst. Football Coach	
Ron Roberts	M.E.	Asst. Football Coach	
J. D. Davis	B.S.	Asst. Football Coach	

Mike Kershaw	M.E.	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
David Kuhn	M.E.	Head Softball Coach	
Joy Long	M.E.	Asst. Softball Coach	
Gerald Jordan	M.E., LAT	Head Athletic Trainer	AT
Steve Rives	M.E.	Head M. Basketball Coach	
Jason Conner	M.E.	Asst. M. Basketball Coach	
Sandra Rushing	M.E.	Head W. Basketball Coach	
Scottie Batts	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	B.S.E.	Sports Information Director	

**Noteworthy activities and accomplishments:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Private donations increased 10%
- Memberships increased 10%
- Advertisement sales increased 15%
- Five Year NCAA self study completed
- Crawford Baseball Center completed
- Alyse Hasty named to Top Ten Athletes in GSC

**FOOTBALL**

- Overall Record: 7-4
- Gulf South Conference Record: 6-3 / Tied for Third
- Scott Eyster (QB) was named a national finalist for the Harlon Hill Trophy. The Harlon Hill is annually awarded to the NCAA DII Player of the Year.

- Scott Eyster (QB) was named the Gulf South Conference Offensive Player of the Year.
- Scott Eyster (QB) was named an Honorable Mention All-American by D2football.com.
- Scott Eyster (QB) set a new Delta State University career passing record (9,961-yards) and total offense record (10,340-yards), while extending his touchdown passes record (80).
- Scott Eyster (QB) was named a finalist for the CellularSouth Charles Conerly Award.
- Michael Eubanks (LB) was named a Third Team All-American by Dopke
- Michael Eubanks (LB) set a new school record for sacks in a season (13.5).
- Michael Eubanks (LB) and Scott Eyster (QB) were named First Team All-Region by Daktronics.
- Statesmen placed nine on the All-Gulf South Conference First or Second Team.
- Scott Eyster (QB) and Michael Eubanks (LB) were named to the Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team and CoSIDA Academic All-Region Team.
- Statesmen placed 24 on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.
- Ryan Barker (C) signed a professional contract with the Arena2 Football League.

### **WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY**

- Lady Statesmen finished sixth at the Gulf South Conference Championships.
- DSU competed in the NCAA South Regional for a second consecutive year finishing 14<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA South Regional hosted by Florida Southern College in Tampa, Fla.
- Delta State placed second at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Invitational
- Freshman Kristin Williams eclipsed seven school records during the season.
- Kristin Williams was named to the All-Gulf South Conference Second Team.

### **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

- Overall Record: 30-3
- Gulf South Conference Record: 14-2 / Tied for GSC West Division Championship
- Lady Statesmen captured the Gulf South Conference Championship with a 64-53 victory over Henderson State University at the BancorpSouth Center in Tupelo.
- DSU advanced to the NCAA South Region Championship game before falling 44-40 to Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark.
- Lawanda Stewart (C) was named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team and Daktronics All-South Region Second Team.
- Jennifer Rushing (G) was named to the All-Gulf South Conference Second Team.
- Coach Sandra Rushing was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year.

- Amber Gean (G) eclipsed the 1,000 point plateau for her career.
- Amber Gean (G) and Natale Ellington (G) were named to the Gulf South Conference All-Academic Team and CoSIDA All-Region Academic Team.
- Lady Statesmen set new Gulf South Conference single-season record for lowest points per game allowed with 46.8.
- Lady Statesmen finished the season ranked in the top five in six defensive categories in the NCAA.
- Finished the season ranked No. 12 in the final Women's Basketball Coaches Association/USA Today Top 25 Poll.

### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

- Overall Record: 30-2
- Gulf South Conference Record: 16-0 / GSC West Division Champions
- Statesmen captured the Gulf South Conference Championship with a 71-67 victory over Montevallo at the BancorpSouth Center in Tupelo.
- Finished the regular season ranked No.1 in the nation by the National Basketball Coaches Association.
- Statesmen at one time held nation's longest winning streak at 26 games.
- Coach Steve Rives was named the NCAA Division II National Coach of the Year and the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year.
- Jasper Johnson (F) was named the NCAA Division II National Player of the Year.
- Jasper Johnson (F) captured Delta State's first CellularSouth Bailey Howell Trophy. The Howell Trophy is awarded annually to the state of Mississippi's top collegiate basketball player.
- Jasper Johnson (F) was a unanimous First Team All-American.
- Jasper Johnson (F) and Jeremy Richardson (G) were named to the Daktronics All-South Region First Team.
- Jasper Johnson (F) and Jeremy Richardson (G) were selected to play in the first NCAA/NABC Division II All-Star Game at the Final Four in Springfield, Mass.
- Jasper Johnson and Jeremy Richardson were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team.
- Delta State hosted the NCAA South Region Basketball Tournament at Walter Sillers Coliseum.
- Statesmen advanced to the South Region semifinals before falling to Arkansas-Monticello 83-68.
- Coach Steve Rives eclipsed the 400-win plateau for his career.
- Coach Steve Rives announced his retirement in April after 20 seasons on the sidelines for Delta State University.
- Jason Conner, a longtime assistant to Rives, was named the new men's basketball coach at Delta State University in late May.

## **SOFTBALL**

- Overall Record: 49-23
- Gulf South Conference Record: 22-9 / GSC West Division Champions
- Lady Statesmen set new school record for victories in a season with 49.
- Coach David Kuhn was named the Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year.
- Lady Statesmen advanced all the way to the Gulf South Conference Tournament Championship game before falling to the University of Alabama-Huntsville.
- Alyse Hasty (CF) became the first Lady Statesmen in history to garner National Fastpitch Coaches Association First Team All-American accolades.
- Alyse Hasty was named the Gulf South Conference West Player of the Year for a second consecutive season.
- Alyse Hasty set the GSC and DSU record for career stolen bases (135) and single-season stolen bases (59).
- Alyse Hasty set new single-season DSU records for games played (72), hits (101), runs scored (77), home runs (18), slugging percentage (.782) and RBI (65).
- Alyse Hasty finished her career as the holder of 14 DSU single-season and career records.
- Alyse Hasty was named to the prestigious Gulf South Conference “Top Ten.”
- Alyse Hasty and Bre Myers were named to the CoSIDA Academic All-Region Team.
- Eight Lady Statesmen were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First or Second Team.
- Alyse Hasty, Bre Myers and Amber Hass were named to the NFCA All-Region Team.
- Alyse Hasty and Bre Myers were named NFCA All-American Scholar Athletes.
- Alyse Hasty was nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year.
- Ashlee Nodhturft (SS) was nominated for the NCAA Top VIII Awards.
- Ashlee Nodhturft set a new DSU record for doubles in a season with 23.
- Lady Statesmen place seven on GSC Academic Honor Roll.
- Alyse Hasty was awarded the Charles S. Kerg Senior Athlete of the Year Award. The Kerg Award is presented annually to the top male and female student-athlete at Delta State University.

## **BASEBALL**

- Overall Record: 37-17
- Gulf South Conference Record: 20-4 / GSC West Champions
- Statesmen finished the regular season by claiming their 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive GSC West Division title.
- Coach Mike Kinnison recorded his 450<sup>th</sup> career victory at Delta State University.

- Rusty Rayborn (SP) and Bryan Williamson (LF) were named Rawlings/ABCA All-Americans by the American Baseball Coaches Association.
- Rusty Rayborn was named a Third Team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association.
- Rusty Rayborn was named the Rawlings/ABCA South Central Region Pitcher of the Year.
- Rusty Rayborn was named the Gulf South Conference Pitcher and Player of the Year.
- Rusty Rayborn and Bryan Williamson were named to the Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association South Central Region First Team.
- Seven Statesmen were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First or Second Team.
- Derek Norris (C) was named GSC West Freshman of the Year.
- Hunter Johnson (1B) and Gary Scott Gabbert (DH) were named to the GSC All-Academic Team.
- Hunter Johnson and Gary Scott Gabbert were named to the CoSIDA All-Region Academic Team.
- 13 Statesmen were named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

### **MEN'S GOLF**

- Statesmen finished 11<sup>th</sup> at the Gulf South Conference Championships.
- Delta State University finished in the top five in six out of 11 tournaments this season.
- Finished second at the Indian Bayou Classic hosted by the University of North Alabama.
- The Statesmen return seven golfers off last season's squad.
- Matt Sellers was named the Most Valuable Golfer for the Statesmen this year.
- Ben Whalen, a freshman from Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada, had the opportunity to qualify as an amateur for the United States Open hosted by the PGA Tour.

### **MEN'S TENNIS**

- Overall Record: 11-11
- Gulf South Conference Record: 2-1
- Final National Ranking: No. 26
- Finished third at the Gulf South Conference Championships in May.
- Statesmen advanced to the NCAA South Regional hosted by Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. DSU advanced to the second round before falling to Valdosta State.

- David Voravonga and Thomas Pasquet were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team, while Benjamin Plonoget was a Second Team selection.

### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

- Overall Record: 15-7
- Gulf South Conference Record: 6-1
- Final National Ranking: No. 37
- Finished third at the Gulf South Conference Championships in May.
- Lady Statesmen advanced to the NCAA South Regional hosted by Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga. DSU lost in the opening round to the University of North Alabama.
- Helene Thalamy and Paula Uchida were named to the All-Gulf South Conference First Team, while Mindy Salas and Milena Araujo were named to the Second Team.
- Helene Thalamy was named to the GSC All-Academic Team.

### **WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING**

- Lady Statesmen finished third at New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships.
- Delta State University placed 14<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II National Championships.
- Six Lady Statesmen qualified for the NCAA DII nationals.
- Jennifer Artichuk and Petya Petrova garnered All-NSISC honors.
- Kristin Balius was named a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American.
- Kristin Blaius was awarded the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence. The award is given annually to a graduating senior who has excelled in the classroom and on the field of competition.

### **MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING**

- Statesmen finished third at New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Championships.
- Delta State University placed 10<sup>th</sup> at the NCAA Division II National Championships.
- 12 Statesmen qualified for the NCAA DII nationals.
- Five Statesmen garnered All-NSISC honors.

- Tripp Davis was named a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American.
- Tripp Davis was awarded the prestigious NCAA Post-Graduate Scholarship for Academic Excellence. The award is given annually to a graduating senior who has excelled in the classroom and on the field of competition.
- Tripp Davis was awarded the Charles S. Kerg Senior Athlete of the Year Award. The Kerg Award is presented annually to the top male and female student-athlete at Delta State University.

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

- Overall Record: 0-19
- Gulf South Conference Record: 0-9 / 11<sup>th</sup> place
- Ann-Renee' Foster was named an Honorable Mention Academic All-American by National Soccer Coaches Association.
- Lady Statesmen placed 12 players on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

### **MEN'S SOCCER**

- Overall Record: 2-17
- Gulf South Conference Record: 0-8 / 9<sup>th</sup> place
- Evan Griffith (G) finished the year ranked in the NCAA Top 25 in Shots-on-Goal defended and saves.
- Seven Statesmen were named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll.
- Statesmen recorded the program's first-ever victory with a 4-0 victory over Central Baptist on September 13, 2005 at University Field in Cleveland.

#### **New position(s) requested, with justification:**

None

#### **Recommended change of status**

Ronnie Mayers retired as Head Swim Coach and continued on as Director of Aquatics and Assistant Athletics Director

#### **VI. Division/Department Goals for Coming Year**

This is a statement of goals for the **coming year**. These are operational goals for the unit that are NOT tied directly to student learning outcomes.

**A. Goal # 1**

Graduation rates will improve.

**1. Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:**

SG#1,2

**2. Expected Results:**

Students will persist to graduation in greater numbers.

**3. Evaluation Procedure(s):**

Registrar's data

**4. Use of Evaluation Results:**

Student recruitment quality will be enhanced to achieve.

**B. Goal # 2**

External support will increase.

**1. Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:**

SG#4,5

**2. Expected Results:**

Attendance, donations, advertising sales will increase due to externally focused staff.

**3. Evaluation Procedure(s):**

Annual figures

**4. Use of Evaluation Results:**

Quotas will be met or changes will be made.

**C. Goal # 3**

Facilities will be improved and enhanced.

**1. Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:**

SG#4,5

**2. Expected Results:**

Student athletes and spectators will have the best facilities of all Division II programs.

**3. Evaluation Procedure(s):**

Evaluation of conference member facilities and various national facilities. Evaluations provided by Student-Athletes and fans.

**4. Use of Evaluation Results:**

Information provided will direct toward type of facilities and enhancements necessary.