Athletics
Annual Report
2001-2002
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY: ANNUAL REPORT
for the Year 2001-2002
and Budget for 2003-2004

Athletic Department
Dr. Jim Jordan, Athletic Director

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FOOTBALL
**Overall Record 7-3
**Preseason ranked #1 in the nation and remained #1 until fifth week of the season
**Offensive Lineman Chris Booker was named to five First-Team All-American teams
**Chris Booker and Jerrod Beckett were named to the All-GSC First-Team
**Josh Bright, Rico McDonald, Shelton Belton and Blake Koenigsberger were named All-GSC Second-Team
**Shane Rodgers and Chris Booker were named All-South Region
**Josh Bright, Dan Cirilli, Reed Stringer and Shane Rodgers named to the All-Academic All-GSC
**Justin Ballard, Chad Blalock, Westlay Bayas, Chris Booker, John Coenbourg, William House, Chris Jones, Woody Stringer, Adam Sykes and Max Weathers named to GSC Academic Honor Roll
**Josh Bright, Dan Cirilli, Reed Stringer and Shane Rodgers, earned First-Team Verizon Academic All-American District VI

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
**Finished 10th in the GSC Cross Country Meet
**Won the school's first ever Cross Country Meet, winning the DSU/Wendy's Invitational
**Elizabeth Riddell and Jarrett Trotter named to All-Academic All-GSC
**Kari Girdley, Chastity May, Amy Rowe, Brooke Rutledge, Gillian Smoot listed on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
**Overall Record: 24-6
**Gulf South Conference Record: 13-3
*Won its 4th Straight Gulf South Conference Title
**Hosted 3rd Straight NCAA South Region Tournament
**Megan Teel Earned First-Team All-Gulf South Conference Honors
**Head Coach Lloyd Clark earned his fifth Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year laurel in 2002
**Head Coach Lloyd Clark is retiring finishing his 19-year career with 494-98 record at DSU.
**Coach Lloyd Clark won 12 GSC Titles, 11 NCAA Regional titles and 3 NCAA Division II National Titles during his 19-year career.
**Amber Gear, Megan Teel and Tasha Watt were named to the Gulf South Conference All-Tournament Team
**Terri Crudup, Amber Gear, Leah Jones, and Megan Teel were named to the Gulf South Conference Academic Honor Roll.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
**Overall Record: 22-7
**Gulf South Conference Record: 12-4
* Made the semi-finals of the Gulf South Conference Tournament
**Earned a bid to the NCAA South Region Tournament
**Walter Jackson Earned First-Team All-Gulf South Conference Honors
**Jason Broom and Ramon Gary were named to the Gulf South Conference Academic Honor Roll.
**Head coach Steve Rives made his sixth NCAA Tournament Appearance.
**Ernie Ryans was named to the Gulf South Conference All-Tournament Team

SOFTBALL
**Overall Record: 42-17 - GSC 16-4
**Finished Second in the GSC West Division
**Finished third at this year's GSC Tournament
**Earned School's first ever NCAA South Region Tournament Bid.
**Defeated Kentucky State 10-0 for first-ever Regional Tournament Win
**Nicki Genre Named First-Team All-GSC and GSC West Division Pitcher of the Year
**Joy Long, Leslie Pourciau, Meggan Lee, and Casey Bourgoyn named First-Team All-GSC
**Angela Armstrong named Second-Team All-GSC
**Nicki Genre and Leslie Pourciau named First-Team NFCA All-Region
**Joy Long named Second-Team NFCA All-Region
**Nicki Genre, Casey Bourgoyn, Jayme Brooks earned GSC All-Tournament Honors
BASEBALL
**Overall Record: 50-8**
**DSU's second straight 50-win season under Coach Mike Kinnison**
**Won a school record 20 Gulf South Conference wins against 2 losses.**
**Hosted 2002 NCAA South Central Region Baseball Tournament**
**Head Coach Mike Kinnison was named South Central Region Coach of the Year for the second time.**
**DSU won its second straight NCAA South Central Region Baseball Tournament and made its second consecutive trip to the NCAA Division II World Series in Montgomery, Ala.**
**Andy Dillard and Jay Garner were named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-American Squad**
**Andy Dillard, Steven Tomaszewski, Edwin Maysonet, Jay Garner, Dusty Hughes, Clint Turman, and J.J. Joiner earned First-Team All-Gulf South Conference honors.**
**Eric Smith and Reeves Smith were named Second-Team All-Gulf South Conference.**
**Jay Garner, Andy Dillard, Steven Tomaszewski were named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-South Central Region Team.**
**Andy Dillard was named Gulf South Conference Player of the Year and NCAA South Central Region Player of the Year.**
**Jay Garner was named South Central Region Pitcher of the Year.**
**Eric Smith was named to the Gulf South Conference All-Tournament Team.**
**Steven Tomaszewski was named the South Central Region Tournament Most Valuable Player.**
**J.J. Joiner, Jud Thigpen and Nathan Price were named to the South Central Region All-Tournament Team.**
**Jay Garner earned Verizon Second-Team Academic All-American.**
**Jay Garner and Steven Tomaszewski earned Academic All-Gulf South Conference honors.**
**Andy Dillard, Patrick Ferriss, Chad Greenlee, Bryan Harvey, Justin King, Brad Lightsey, Joel Lyons, Lea Milton, Brad Montgomery, Dusty Rabby and John Ross Shelton were listed on the Gulf South Conference's Academic Honor Roll.**

MEN'S GOLF
**Finished 7th at the GSC Championships.**
**Jay Hale finished 12th in the GSC to earn Second-Team All-GSC laurels.**
**Jay Hale was named to the Verizon Academic All-American Third Team and Verizon Academic All-American District VI First-Team.**
**Jay Hale and Morgan Stewart received invitation to play in the NCAA Division II Regional.**
**Jay Hale was named All-Academic All-GSC.**
**Kenny LaSager, Craig Mangum, Clark Richardson, Pierre Andre Roy, and Michael Smith named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll.**
**Teresa Anderson, Tara Beausoleil, Casey Bourgoyne, Brenna Brooks, Jayme Brooks, Melissa Demara, Nicki Genre, Laura Harrness, Joy Long, Jen Meeks, Dunia Meseyton and Emily Randolph listed on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.**

MEN'S TENNIS
**Overall Record: 11-9**
**Finished ranked 30th in the nation.**
**Tied for fourth in the GSC Tournament.**
**Julie Hugon, Alex Alvez, Stephen Pfau, Jeffrey Ferriss named First-Team All-GSC.**
**Alex Alvez named GSC Freshman of the Year.**
**Fabien Guardiola named to the GSC Academic Honor Roll.**

WOMEN'S TENNIS
**Overall Record: 16-9**
**Finished ranked 21st in the nation.**
**Tied for third in the GSC Tournament.**
**Made fourth straight NCAA Regionals.**
**Defeated North Alabama for first-ever NCAA Regional victory.**
**Yolandi Beukes, Shani van der Merwe, and Gretel Hach named first-team All-GSC.**
**Natalie van Blerk and Shani van der Merwe listed on the GSC Academic Honor Roll.**

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
**Won New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Title for fifth time.**
**Had two swimmers qualify for NCAA Division II Championships – Tara Bailey and Ashley Droke.**
**Tara Bailey and Ashley Droke earned NCAA Division II All-American.**
**Academically Ranked Number 15th in the Nation among All NCAA Division II Schools (2.92).**
**Posted Highest Finish ever at Nationals, finishing 21st.**
**Shelley Baker Niley Aydin, Meadow, Tara Bailey, Kristen Demoruelle, Jennifer Armstrong, Ashley Droke, Krisi Turo and Julie Calamari earned All-NSIC honors.**
**12 Lady Statesmen earned Academic All-NISC honors – Jennifer Armstrong, Nilay Aydin, Kristen Demoruelle, Ashley Droke, Tara Bailey, Lyn Meadow, Lisa Todd, Krisi Turo, Katherine Waggoner, Noelle Werle, and Ann Marie Mayers.**
**Lady Statesmen Academic All-American Team for 10 straight semesters.**
MEN'S SWIMMING

**Won New South Intercollegiate Swim Conference Title for the fourth straight time.**

**Had record 9 swimmers and one diver qualified for NCAA Division II Championships.**

**Justin Whitaker became the first DSU swimmer to win an NCAA Division II Individual Swimming Championship, winning the 100-yard backstroke.**

**Patrick Krebs became the first ever DSU diver to qualify for the NCAA Championships.**

**Qualified Nine Swimmers and Divers for the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships — Justin Whitaker, Patrick Krebs, John David Deville, Jared Woodford, Brian Shaw, Derrick McDonnell, David Young Chris Edmaiston, Onurkan Guvensel, and Ryan Rogers.**

**Justin Whitaker, Patrick Krebs, John David Deville, Jared Woodford, Brian Shaw, Derrick McDonnell, David Young, Onurkan Guvensel, and Ryan Rogers earned NCAA Division II All-American Honors.**

**Finished 12th at the NCAA Division II Swimming and Diving Championships.**

**Academically Ranked Number 1 in the Nation among All NCAA Division II Schools (3.19 GPA).**

**Justin Whitaker, Chris Edmaiston, John David Deville, Jared Woodford, Patrick Krebs and Derrick McDonnell were named All-NSISC.**

**Jared Woodford and Onurkan Guvensel named NCAA Division II Academic All-Americans. This marks the most individual swimmers in a season to earn the Academic All-American swimming honors pushing the total in DSU history to three.**

**The Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame will honor Justin Whitaker in August. The Hall of Fame has a picture of all individual and team All-Americans. Whitaker is the first collegiate swimmer in the state of Mississippi to win an individual NCAA Swimming National Championship.**

**8 Statesmen named Academic All-NSISC laurels — Tugay Angay, Nick Drago, Onurkan Guvensel, Dusan Kwiatkowski, Patrick Krebs, Derrick McDonnell, Neil Slowe, Jared Woodford, and David Young.**

### Personnel-Staff

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III. Goals and Assessments
The Department of Athletics has three goals that it continuously works to accomplish in order to enhance the campus and community through intercollegiate athletics. These goals are consistent with the stated mission of Delta State University.

Goal #1
Provide a variety of sports events that meet the needs of student with equivalent funding for men’s and women’s sports.

Institutional Goal #10
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 extra-curricular activities.

Expected Results
Provide sports that meet the interest of the students who attend Delta State University.

Actual Results
After evaluation of programs, these additions are recommended in order to meet the needs and interests of student athletes at Delta State University.

   (1) Men and Women’s Soccer
   (2) Women’s Golf

Assessment Procedures
The interest in the sport of Soccer for men and women has increased in this region. Both programs can help bring quality student athletes to our campus. Our evaluation indicated for these programs to be competitive we will need to hire coaches with soccer experience and recruit soccer athletes who have the ability to play at this level.

   Women’s Golf can be added with just a budget. The men’s coach could do both because of the location of the University golf course and Cleveland Country club. We would need to provide an additional graduate assistant to help.

Use of Results
Plans are being made to add the following sports:
   (a) Men’s and Women’s Soccer
       Initial funding has been raised to start Men’s and Women’s Soccer.

Goal #2
Increase the retention and rate of graduation of student athletes.

Institutional Goal #8
Have a 75% graduation rate of the student athlete over a five year period.
Assessment Procedures

Check graduation rates of all student-athletes who entered the program five years prior. 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.

Actual Results

The graduation rate of athletes who entered in the Fall of 1997-98 are as follows:

- Women athletes: 73%
- Men athletes: 66%
- With an average graduation rate of: 68%

Use of Results

These results help the Athletic Department support:

1. The need for more academic guidance and supervision with student athletes. Funds have been pledged to build a Fitness Center with an academic component to help tutor student athletes.

2. The need to support the retention program involving all faculty and staff. We can do this by communicating with the Faculty and Student Affairs office.

3. 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.

Goal #3

Improve the facilities available for sports activities.

Institutional Goal #16

Provide the facilities and physical environment, which contributes to the intellectual, cultural, moral, physical, and social growth and development of the student and the surrounding community.

Expected Results

To have facilities that are safe for participants and spectators. The facilities will need to meet the NCAA requirements and guidelines.

Assessment Procedures

The football field, basketball court, baseball field, softball field, tennis courts, swimming pool, 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. However, there is a need to build a new Tennis Complex where all courts are in one location.

Actual Results of Facility Improvement:

1. New bleachers for student area installed in Coliseum.
2. Swimming Pool – completed and used for the 2002 season.
Intercollegiate Athletics

Delta State University conducts an active recruiting program for its intercollegiate athletic program, with an emphasis on player ability and the ability to meet entrance requirements at Delta State. No distinction is made based on race, creed, color, or national origin in recruiting athletes. There are no quotas for minorities in the recruiting program at Delta State. Any individual not on scholarship who wishes to participate in the intercollegiate athletic program is given the opportunity to "try out" and if the player's ability merits, the individual may be awarded a scholarship. There is one African American staff member in the Athletic Department: a football assistant.

The following statistical data indicate the participation of athletes on the basis of racial composition:

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PLAN OF COMPLIANCE  
2002-2003

1. Describe the special efforts made in 2002-2003 to employ, train, and promote members of the “other race”. NA

2. Describe faculty exchange arrangements between “other race” institutions and indicate number of faculty members involved. NA

3. Describe any special efforts made to assist incumbent minority personnel to upgrade credentials for promotions to higher ranked positions. Indicate the number of employees involved. NA

4. Identify distinguished professorships of “other race” personnel brought to the Campus in 2002-2003. NA

5. Describe the cooperative programs involving both faculty and students between “other race” institutions and indicate the number of persons involved. NA

6. Identify new programs approved in 2002-2003, which will have a potential of attracting “other race” students and faculty members.  
Men & Women’s Soccer

7. Identify and describe efforts and accomplishments in strengthening existing programs and thereby attracting “other race” students and faculty members.  

Minority athletes have been a strength in our Athletic Program and we will continue to recruit them.