

THE RENAISSANCE OF SEMINOLE FOOTBALL



In 1851, the Florida Legislature established the Seminary West of the Suwanee in Tallahassee, Florida that by 1947 led to the creation of a coeducational institution known as Florida State University.

In 1951, exactly one century after the founding of the school, a band of loyal Seminoles met in the old Cherokee Hotel to envision a future of greatness for Florida State University, and the original Seminole Boosters, Inc. was conceived. Since that historic meeting, Florida State Athletics has won 17 national championships and established itself as one of the iconic brands in sports.

In the years prior to Coach Bowden's Dynasty, the football program was just beginning to mature but lacked the alumni network and vast financial capabilities of our competition. The reorganization in 1974 prepared the way for the arrival of Bobby Bowden and was highlighted by the Dynasty Years from 1987-2000 when Florida State University won two National Championships in Football and set records for continuous seasons ranked in the top five. Coach Bowden's reign of success and dynamic personality changed our University forever, and Florida State University grew in numbers as well as prestige.

As a result, Seminole Boosters grew from a relatively obscure fund raising organization to a powerhouse, massing considerable wealth in the endowment, funding world-class facilities and providing the annual support needed to sustain the growing needs of the football program.

In 1989, the legendary A-Team was created with the task of securing legislative support for the construction of University Center. Key to the approval was demonstrating to lawmakers Florida State University's commitment and ability to generate financial support for the project. It was then that the ambitious goal of raising \$10 million dollars in six months was tasked to the A-Team. There was frantic opposition to the plan from many corners, much of it from rivals who wanted to see the Seminoles remain in their "erector set." Through the genius of the A-Team and our allies in the Legislature, Florida State's football facilities were elevated to become some of the most magnificent in the nation. Almost all of those twelve heroic Seminole warriors are gone now, but many lived long enough to see the championships and enjoyed seeing our Seminoles' take their rightful place on the national stage. They embraced the challenge, and they had the vision to see that Bobby Bowden's Dynasty was just beginning.

After decades of success, three National Championships, thirteen conference titles and three Heisman winners, the program stands at a critical juncture. There is a great need for additional resources in order to move the program forward in the spirit of the dynasty years.

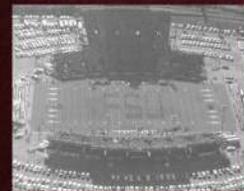
In 2019, FSU is reaching out to its most loyal donors to ask for their generous support as we embark on the *Renaissance* of Seminole football. They will forever be known in FSU history for taking a stand and providing what was necessary to restore our place at the top of college football.



1851
FSWS established



1947
FSWS goes co-ed



1950
Doak S. Campbell Stadium dedicated



1951
Historic meeting at Cherokee Hotel



1954
Legislative Act FSU to play UF



1976
Bobby Bowden hired



1989
The legendary A Team

2020
The *Renaissance* of FSU Football begins