

SoCon History



The Southern Conference, which began its 87th season of intercollegiate competition in 2007, is a national leader in emphasizing the development of the student-athlete and defining the league's role in helping to build lifelong leaders and role models.

The Southern Conference is the nation's fifth-oldest NCAA Division I collegiate athletic association. Only the Big Ten (1896), the Missouri Valley (1907), the Pacific 10 (1915) and the Southwestern Athletic (1920) conferences are older in terms of origination.

The Southern Conference has also excelled as the premier Football Championship Subdivision conference. Southern Conference member Appalachian State has won the last two Football Championship Subdivision titles. The Conference currently consists of 11 members in four states throughout the Southeast and sponsors 19 varsity sports and championships that produce participants for NCAA Division I Championships.

Academic excellence has been a major part of the Southern Conference's tradition. League athletes have been recognized countless times on Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-America and district teams. A total of 19 Rhodes Scholarship winners



The Southern Conference moved its offices into the historic Beaumont Mill in Spartanburg, SC in January, 2005. The mill was constructed in 1890 alongside Chinquapin Creek. The main products in 1900 were carpet warps, seamless bags (for corn and grain), and wrapping twines for domestic market. In 1907, the mill operated with 12,360 spindles and 252 automatic looms. During WWII, Beaumont Mill produced "duck" which was the fabric made to outfit GIs in rafts and ammunition belts. The mill closed in 1999 and was partially dismantled in 2002. The Southern Conference was the first tenant in the revitalized mill

have been selected from conference institutions.

The Southern Conference office is located in the historic Beaumont Mill in Spartanburg, S.C. A textile mill that was in operation from 1880 until 1999, the Beaumont Mill was renovated in 2004 and today offers the SoCon a first class meeting area and offices as well as a spacious library for storage of the conference's historical documents.

Membership History

The Southern Conference was formed on February 25, 1921 at a meeting in Atlanta, Ga. as 14 institutions from the 30-member Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SIAA) reorganized as the Southern Conference. Those charter members included Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Washington & Lee. Athletic competition began in the fall of 1921.

In 1922, six more schools - Florida, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Tulane and Vanderbilt - joined the fold. A year later, the University of the South joined the ranks. VMI became a member in 1925 and Duke

was added 1929. Since then, conference membership has experienced a series of membership changes with 42 institutions having been affiliated with the league. The league has undergone two major transitions during its history.

The first occurred in December 1932 when the Southeastern Conference was formed from the 23-school Southern Conference. The league's 13 members west and south of the Appalachian Mountains reorganized to help reduce the extensive travel demands that were present in the league at the time. In 1936, the Southern Conference invited The Citadel, William & Mary, Davidson, Furman, Richmond and Wake Forest to join the membership.

The second major shift came about in 1953 when Clemson, Duke, Maryland, North Carolina, North Carolina State, South Carolina and Wake Forest withdrew from the league to form the Atlantic Coast Conference. This change was brought about due to the desire of many of those schools to schedule a greater number of regular season basketball games against local rivals.

Today, the league continues to thrive with a membership that spans four Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina and



25th Anniversary of Women's Championships

The Southern Conference will celebrate 25 years of women's championships in 2007-08. A year-long celebration of women's sports will highlight student-athletes, coaches and teams. Commissioner Ken Germann spearheaded the Southern Conference's expansion to include women's athletics. The Germann Cup, named in honor of the former commissioner, annually recognizes the top women's athletics programs in the conference. From its humble beginnings, women's athletics have become an integral part of the Southern Conference and its success. The league crowns champions in nine women's sports including cross country, soccer, volleyball, indoor track & field, basketball, tennis, golf, outdoor track & field and softball.

2007 Football

Georgia. Current league members are Appalachian State, College of Charleston, The Citadel, Davidson, Elon, Furman, Georgia Southern, UNC Greensboro, Chattanooga, Western Carolina and Wofford. On July 1, 2008, Samford will officially join the league, bringing membership of the conference to 12.

Leadership

John Iamarino was officially named commissioner of the conference on January 2, 2006. Previously, Iamarino served as commissioner of the Northeast Conference. In nine years with the New Jersey-based league, Iamarino promoted the conference through an ambitious agenda which improved competition, upgraded compliance-related matters and increased the marketing and brand awareness of the conference and its member institutions.

The Southern Conference named its first commissioner in December 1950. Duke head football coach Wallace Wade made the transition from Blue Devil football coach to athletics administration as the first person at the helm of the conference.

Lloyd Jordan replaced Wade as the commissioner in 1960 and served a 14-year term until Ken Germann became the league head in 1974. Germann was the commissioner for 13 years and orchestrated the league's expansion to include women's athletics. In 1987, he was succeeded by Dave Hart who spearheaded the transfer of the league office from Charlotte, N.C. to Asheville, N.C.

Wright Waters succeeded Hart upon his retirement in 1991. Under Waters' leadership, the Southern Conference expanded to 12 members, added three women's sports and posted record revenue from the basketball Tournament. Waters, who is currently the commissioner of the Sun Belt Conference, was followed by Alfred B. White in 1998. White, a veteran member of the NCAA office, introduced the current SoCon logo and elevated the conference's commitment to marketing and development of corporate partners. He became the president of the Asheville franchise of the National Basketball Development League in 2001.

Danny Morrison headed the conference from 2001-2005 and orchestrated the



The Atlanta Memorial Auditorium was the site for the first Southern Conference Basketball Championship in 1922. The SoCon basketball tournament is the longest of its kind in college basketball history.

league's move from Asheville, N.C. to historic Beaumont Mill in Spartanburg, S.C. Under Morrison's leadership, the conference increased its marketing and promotional efforts.

Championship History

The first Southern Conference Championship was the league basketball tournament held in Atlanta in 1922. The North Carolina Tar Heels won the tournament to become the first recognized league champion in any sport. The Southern Conference Tournament remains the oldest of its kind in college basketball.

The Southern Conference began sponsoring women's sports during the 1983-84 season. That year, league championships were held in volleyball, basketball and tennis. Cross country joined the mix in 1985 and the league began holding indoor and outdoor track championships in 1988. Most recently, the conference instituted golf and softball championships in the spring of 1994 and added soccer in the fall of 1994.

The Southern Conference currently declares champions in 10 men's sports - football, soccer, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track and field, wrestling, baseball, tennis and golf - and nine women's sports - soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, indoor track and field, outdoor track & field, tennis, golf and softball.

Football

The Southern Conference has the most prolific history among Football Championship Subdivision conferences. The league boasts the best winning percentage in the history of the Championship Subdivision Playoffs (.633). League players have garnered more than 200 All-America selections and numerous national player or coach of the year awards. The conference has had at least one team in the Top 10 of the final Football Championship Subdivision poll for 22 consecutive years with at least two teams finishing in the Top 20 in every season since 1982.

The conference has placed multiple representatives in the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs in 19-of-23 seasons, with 14 Championship Game appearances and six national titles. Appalachian State has won the last two national championships. The SoCon has had at least one team reach the semifinals in seven of the last eight years and in 12 of the last 14 seasons.

Prior to the conference's reclassification in 1981, Southern Conference football teams appeared in a total of 34 bowl games, posting a record of 16-17-2. There are nearly 40 former Southern Conference players in the College Football Hall of Fame. One of the most recognizable of these names is former North Carolina running back

Charlie "Choo Choo" Justice. Justice helped guide North Carolina to three bowl appearances. He was a first team All-America selection in 1948 and 1949. In 1949, Justice earned first team all-conference honors for the fourth consecutive season, becoming the first player in league history to achieve that feat.

Another of the league's football products that made it to the College Football Hall of Fame is Sam Huff of West Virginia. Huff was a three-year starter on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Mountaineers. In 1955, Huff earned first team All-America honors on the field and was a first team Academic All-America for his work in the classroom. He played 12 seasons in the National Football League for the New York Giants and the Washington Redskins. He was a five-time All-Pro defensive lineman and is also a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In recent years, the SoCon has continued to produce outstanding student-athletes. Georgia Southern's Adrian Peterson captured the Walter Payton Award presented annually to Division I-AA's most outstanding offensive player in 1999. Furman's Louis Ivory was awarded the honor in 2000. Appalachian State's Dexter Coakley was a three-time all-conference selection and consensus All-America in 1994, '95 and '96 before going on to stardom with the Dallas Cowboys. Coakley won a pair of Buck Buchanan Awards, given to I-AA's top defensive player each year. Terrell Owens went from catching passes at Chattanooga to a stellar NFL career. Western Carolina's David Patten and Appalachian State's Matt Stevens were both members of the New England Patriots Super Bowl Champion team in 2002 and Patten also earned Super Bowl rings with the Patriots in 2004 and '05.

Basketball

Men's basketball was the first sport in which the conference produced a championship. The league tournament is the nation's oldest, with the inaugural championship held in Atlanta in 1922.

Not only was the Southern Conference Tournament the first of its kind, the league also helped change the face of college basketball. In 1980, the league began a season-long experiment with a 22-foot three-point field goal with the approval of the NCAA Rules Committee. Ronnie Carr of Western Carolina made the first three-

Southern Conference Members	
Alabama (1921-1932)	Mississippi State (1921-1932)
Appalachian State (1971-present)	North Carolina (1921-1953)
Auburn (1921-1932)	North Carolina at Greensboro (1997-present)
College of Charleston (1998-present)	North Carolina State (1921-1953)
Chattanooga (1976-present)	Richmond (1936-1976)
The Citadel (1936-present)	South Carolina (1922-1953)
Clemson (1921-1953)	Tennessee (1921-1932)
Davidson (1936-1988, 1991-present)	Tulane (1922-1932)
Duke (1928-1953)	University of the South (1922-1932)
East Carolina (1964-1976)	Vanderbilt (1922-1932)
East Tennessee State (1978-2005)	Virginia (1921-1937)
Elon (2003-present)	VMI (1924-2003)
Florida (1922-1932)	Virginia Tech (1921-1965)
Furman (1936-present)	Wake Forest (1936-1953)
George Washington (1936-1970)	Washington & Lee (1921-1958)
Georgia (1921-1932)	West Virginia (1950-1968)
Georgia Southern (1991-present)	Western Carolina (1976-present)
Georgia Tech (1921-1932)	William & Mary (1936-1977)
Kentucky (1921-1932)	Wofford (1997-present)
Louisiana State (1922-1932)	
Marshall (1976-1997)	
Maryland (1921-1953)	
Mississippi (1922-1932)	

Bold indicates current conference member

point field goal in college basketball history in a game against Middle Tennessee State on Nov. 29, 1980.

Another college basketball tradition that originated in the SoCon is the traditional cutting of the nets by the winning team. According to *USA Today*, the practice of net cutting originated in 1947 with North Carolina State head coach Everett Case. As a first-year head coach, Case led the Wolfpack to the SoCon Tournament title. To commemorate the event, Case celebrated by claiming the nets as a souvenir of the win.

Basketball coaching legend Red Auerbach gives credit to former George Washington coach Bill Reinhart, who coached in the SoCon for nearly 30 years, as one of the originators of the modern fast-break.

West Virginia's 10 tournament championships are still the most in league history. The Mountaineers were led by the incomparable Jerry West from 1958 through '60. West, a two-time All-America selection, spurred West Virginia to the Final Four in 1959. The Mountaineers lost in the championship game that season to California, 71-70, but West earned Final Four Most Valuable Player honors. West

was a three-time Southern Conference tournament MVP, a two-time league regular season MVP, and was twice named the conference's Athlete of the Year. He went on to a spectacular career with the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979. He was a 14-time NBA All-Star while with the Lakers. It is West's silhouette that comprises the NBA's globally recognized logo.

Frank Selvy set the NCAA record for points in a game while at Furman. As a Paladin senior on Feb. 13, 1954, Selvy scored 100 points in a game against Newberry, a record that still stands. Selvy was the Southern Conference Most Valuable Player in 1953 and 1954 and the league's Athlete of the Year in 1954. He went on to a 10-year career in the NBA.

Rod Hundley was another West Virginia star during the 1950s. "Hot Rod" made a name for himself as one of the most spectacular players to tour the league during his era. Hundley averaged 24.5 points per game in his three seasons as a Mountaineer and was an all-conference and all-tournament performer in each of those



Samford University Joins Southern Conference for 2008-09

Samford University has accepted an invitation to join the Southern Conference beginning July 1, 2008. In 2003-04, The Birmingham, Ala.-based university was ranked seventh in the inaugural national Academic Progress Ratings (APR). Over the last five years, more than 50 percent of Samford's student-athletes earned a grade point average of 3.00 or better. In the last three academic years, Samford student-athletes have earned an average grade point average of 2.85. Founded in 1841 and located in Birmingham, Samford is the largest independently supported university in Alabama. With an enrollment of more than 4,500 students, Samford sponsors 17 sports for men and women. Samford has established a record of success as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) winning 11 team titles the last four seasons. Nine coaches have been honored as OVC Coach of the Year with eight student-athletes earning conference Player of the Year recognition.

three years. He was the Southern Conference Most Valuable Player and Athlete-of-the-Year as a senior in 1957. He was the first player selected in the 1957 NBA draft and enjoyed a six-year career in that league.

East Tennessee State's Keith "Mister" Jennings made his mark on the college basketball world in the early 1990s. Despite standing less than six feet tall, Jennings was a two-time all-conference choice and the league's Player of the Year and Athlete of the Year in 1991. Jennings played with the Golden State Warriors of the NBA.

More recently, Western Carolina's Kevin Martin was a first round pick of the Sacramento Kings in 2004. Martin was second in the nation in scoring as a junior at 24.9 points per game before leaving a year early for the NBA.

Besides West Virginia's team in 1959, the Southern Conference has been represented in the Final Four on two other occasions. North Carolina advanced to the NCAA championship game in 1943 before falling 43-40 to Oklahoma State. North Carolina State finished third in the tournament in 1950.

Women's basketball competition began in the Southern Conference in 1983-84 with seven teams. In the sport's history, seven schools have won the league's tournament at least once with Chattanooga winning 10 and Appalachian State owning six titles. UNC Greensboro won the 1998 tournament as head coach Lynne Agee became the first coach to take a team to the NCAA Tournament in all three Divisions - I, II and III. In 2001, Chattanooga head coach Wes Moore became the first coach in NCAA history to take three different teams to the NCAA Tournament in all three Divisions.

Since 1984, seven different teams have claimed at least a share of the regular season crown. Chattanooga has the most overall titles with 12, six of them shared. Chattanooga owns the most outright championships with seven. Only three players have won the conference Player of the Year award twice: East Tennessee State's DeShawne Blocker in 1992-93 and 1994-95; Furman's Jackie Smith, 1997-98 and 1998-99; and Chattanooga's Damita Bullock, who won the award in 2000 and 2001.

Other Sports

In baseball, Wake Forest advanced to the championship game of the NCAA College World Series in 1949. Demon Deacon second baseman Charles Teague was named the CWS Most Valuable Player. The Citadel made history in 1990 by becoming the first military school to make an appearance at the College World Series. The Bulldogs were joined that season at the CWS by current conference member Georgia Southern.

One of the Southern Conference's more famous baseball alums is Duke's Dick Groat. The Blue Devil shortstop, who was also a basketball standout, was the conference's Athlete of the Year in 1951 and 1952. He went on to a 14-year career in the major leagues. In 1960, he was named the National League MVP after he led the league in batting with a .325 average for the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates.

Among Southern Conference alums to grace Major League Baseball fields have been Atlee Hammaker (East Tennessee State), Jeff Montgomery (Marshall) and Mike Ramsey (Appalachian State). Other SoCon players to go on to a career in the major leagues include Angels third baseman Dallas McPherson (The Citadel), pitchers Britt Reames (The Citadel) and Ryan Glynn (VMI) who both pitched with Oakland in 2005 and Furman's Tom Mastny, a pitcher with the Cleveland Indians (2007).

Arnold Palmer, perhaps the most famous golfer to have ever lived, competed under the Southern Conference banner as a collegian at Wake Forest. He took medalist honors at the Southern Conference Tournament in 1948 and 1949 and was the tournament's runner-up in 1950. Palmer was the medalist at the NCAA Golf Championships in 1949 and 1950. He went on to become one of the most accomplished golfers to play on the professional tour. Palmer won 60 tournaments while competing on the PGA Tour and has added 10 more victories as a member of the Senior PGA Tour. He has also won eight major championships - four Masters, two British Opens, one U.S. Open and one U.S. Amateur.

Women's sports are relatively young in the league's history. In 2007-08, the Southern Conference will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary of women's championship. Furman golfer Dottie Pepper was named the Southern Conference Women's Athlete of

the Decade in conjunction with that event. Appalachian State's Mary Jayne Harrelson won the NCAA Outdoor title at 1500 meters in 1999 and 2001. Furman's Brandi Jackson won the NCAA Women's Golf East Regional in the spring of 2003.

Coaches and Administrators

The Southern Conference has also been a breeding ground for some of college athletics' most recognized coaches and administrators.

Legendary basketball coaches Adolph Rupp of Kentucky and Everett Case of North Carolina State both worked the sidelines in the Southern Conference. Rupp guided the Wildcats to a 30-5 mark during the 1931 and 1932 seasons. Yet, for all his coaching accomplishments, Rupp never led Kentucky to a Southern Conference tournament championship. Case mentored the Wolfpack to six consecutive Southern Conference Tournament championships from 1947 through 1952.

Lefty Driesell coached Davidson to three Southern Conference Tournament

championships in 1966, 1968 and 1969. Driesell also won the league's Coach of the Year award four straight times from 1963 through 1966. Former Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins earned league Coach of the Year honors three times in the late '70s and early '80s while at Appalachian State and is in his first season as head coach at the College of Charleston.

Terry Holland saw his basketball coaching career take off at Davidson when he returned to his alma mater in 1970. Holland was honored as the Southern Conference Coach of the Year for three consecutive seasons from 1970-72 and led the Wildcats to the conference tournament title and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1970. J. Dallas Shirley, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame, spent 21 years as the assistant to the commissioner and supervisor of officials in the Southern Conference. He also served as president of the International Association Basketball Officials and the United States Olympic Basketball Committee.

Even the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant got his coaching start in the Southern

Conference as he guided the Maryland Terrapins in 1945. A legendary Southern Conference football coach is the late Frank Howard of Clemson, who guided the Tigers as a league member from 1940-52. The incomparable Howard won 69 Southern Conference games which still ranks tied for fourth on the league's all-time coaching victories list.

The Southern Conference has been represented on the sidelines at five Super Bowls in recent years. Bobby Ross, who piloted the San Diego Chargers to the 1996 Super Bowl, was the head coach at The Citadel from 1973-77. Former Buffalo Bills head coach Marv Levy directed William & Mary from 1964-68. He was succeeded at William & Mary by Lou Holtz. William & Mary competed in the Southern Conference from 1936-77.

Southern Conference Commissioners



Wallace Wade
1951-60



Lloyd Jordan
1960-73



Ken Germann
1974-86



Dave Hart, Sr.
1986-91



Wright Waters
1991-98



Alfred White
1998-2001



Danny Morrison
2001-05



John Iamarino
2006-Present



2007 Football



John Iamarino Commissioner

A new era in Southern Conference history was ushered in when the league's Council of Presidents named John Iamarino commissioner on January 2, 2006. The eighth commissioner in the 87-year history of the conference, Iamarino has emphasized a strategic plan that calls for greater emphasis on the student-athlete in Southern Conference championships, increased television and video-streaming coverage, an aggressive policy toward conference and non-conference scheduling, and a commitment to rules compliance.

In Iamarino's short tenure, he reorganized the conference operation with the creation of a director of championships and the addition of a director of multi media services. A new television deal was struck with SportSouth in which more games in more sports will be aired throughout the Southern Conference footprint.

Iamarino, 52, has spent the past 23 years at the conference level, working at both the Sun Belt Conference and the Northeast Conference. Prior to joining the SoCon, he served as Commissioner of the NEC for nine years. During that time, the conference launched its first web-site, increased television coverage from 12 to 30 basketball games, worked to implement 30 grants-in-aid for the previously non-scholarship football programs, and initiated the league's aggressive marketing and merchandising efforts.

Under his leadership, the NEC added new championships in the women's sports of lacrosse, swimming & diving and field hockey. More recently, he was instrumental in the formation of the Gridiron Classic, a post-season game between the champions of the NEC and Pioneer Football League.

At the Sun Belt, he spent 13 years (1984-97) in a variety of publicity, compliance and administrative positions, rising to the level of Associate Commissioner. When the original Sun Belt merged with the then-American South Conference in 1991, Iamarino was the lone staffer from the original organization to move to the new Sun Belt, heading the transition team for the unprecedented merger of two Division I conferences.



He entered the field of intercollegiate athletics as Assistant Sports Information Director at Georgetown in 1979, working two years there before moving on to become Sports Information Director at Jacksonville.

He is active nationally with experience as a member of the NCAA Baseball Rules Committee, the Division I-AA Football Governance Committee and a special sub-committee of the Collegiate Commissioners' Association studying the I-AA football playoffs. He recently served as Vice President of the CCA representing Division I-AA and served a term on the NCAA's Special Events Committee.

Iamarino is a 1977 graduate of St. Bonaventure, where he earned magna cum laude honors majoring in journalism. A native of Monsey, N.Y., he resides in Spartanburg, S.C. with his wife, Mary Ann, and son P.J. (11).

Iamarino At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Monsey, N.Y.

EDUCATION:

B.A., St. Bonaventure, 1977

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Sports Information Director, Georgetown, 1979-81
Sports Information Director, Jacksonville, 1981-84
Media Relations Director, Sun Belt Conference, 1984-88
Assistant Commissioner, Sun Belt Conference, 1988-91
Associate Commissioner, Sun Belt Conference, 1991-97
Commissioner, Northeast Conference, 1997-06
Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2006-present



Geoff Cabe

Senior Associate Commissioner

The senior member of the Southern Conference staff, Geoff Cabe is in his 19th year as a member of the league's staff, having joined the conference in July, 1988 as an intern in the media relations department. He was promoted to media relations director in 1991 and rose to the rank of assistant commissioner in 1991. In 1995, he assumed responsibility for

overseeing the league's championship events.

Cabe was named an associate commissioner in 1999 and senior associate commissioner in 2002. In his most recent role, Cabe is responsible for many of the conference's athletic competition functions, including developing the conference's playing and television schedules. He also serves as the primary liaison with the league's athletics directors and serves as the director of the conference's men's basketball championships.

He has served as the interim commissioner on two occasions in his tenure. He was appointed to the position on June 15, 2005 following the resignation of former commissioner Danny Morrison, who became the director of athletics at TCU. Cabe had previously served a stint as interim commissioner in 2001 following the departure of Alfred White as commissioner. When the Southern Conference hosted the first and second rounds of the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships in Greenville, S.C., Cabe served as the tournament director for the highly successful event. He is also a member of the Steering Committee for the NCAA FCS National Championship Game in Chattanooga, Tenn.

When the Southern Conference hosted the first and second rounds of the 2001 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship in Greenville, S.C., Cabe served as tournament director of the highly-successful event. For the last 11 years, Cabe has been the tournament director of the Southern Conference Men's Basketball Championship.

Born July 15, 1966 at Highlands, N.C., Cabe graduated from Highlands High in 1984. At Highlands High School, he lettered in four sports and was an All-Western North Carolina honorable mention selection in basketball. He graduated from UNC Asheville in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in mass communications. Cabe worked as a sports correspondent for the Asheville *Citizen-Times* and has been a contributing writer to the *Blue Ribbon College Basketball Yearbook*.

Cabe was married to the former Amy Hinson on June 12, 2004. The couple has one daughter, Alicen Carol (1) and a stepson, Austin (13).

Cabe At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Highlands, N.C.

EDUCATION:

B.S., UNC Asheville, 1988

EXPERIENCE:

Media Relations Assistant, Southern Conference, 1988-91
Assistant Media Relations Director, Southern Conference, 1989-91
Assistant Commissioner/Media Relations, Southern Conference, 1991-95
Assistant Commissioner/Championships, Southern Conference, 1995-99
Associate Commissioner/External Affairs, Southern Conference, 1999-02
Senior Associate Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2002-present



Sue Arakas

Associate Commissioner

In her 14th year as a member of the Southern Conference staff, Sue Arakas oversees the conference's budget, financial resources, office operations, and meeting planning. She also supervised the management of daily business operations and administers all policies and procedures of the conference. The conference internship

program is also under her supervision.

In addition, Arakas serves as the league's Senior Woman Administrator. She oversees the management of its nine women's sports, as well as being responsible for the coordination of Championship events for women's soccer, women's golf, volleyball, women's basketball and softball. She also serves as the staff liaison for various league sport and standing committees and has overseen planning for celebration of the Southern Conference's 25th anniversary of women's championships.

While with the SoCon, Arakas has been involved in national organizations such as NACWAA, most recently as a 2004 graduate of NACWAA/HERS East, a professional leadership development institute. She currently serves as the chair of the Conference Woman Administrators, whose membership includes women administrators from conferences in Division I, II and III and the junior college levels.

Arakas joined the league office on June 1, 1994 as an administrative assistant and was promoted to Assistant Commissioner for Internal Operations in January, 1997. She was named Associate Commissioner in July, 1999.

She and her husband, Tommy, have a son and daughter-in-law, Stamati and Cyndi Arakas, who are product managers in Baltimore, Md. for DeWalt Power Tools and Black & Decker. They also have a daughter and son-in-law, Katina and Scott Kenyon, who both work for Dell Computers in El Salvador, and granddaughter Nina. Sue and Tommy reside in Asheville, N.C.

Arakas At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Asheville, N.C.

EXPERIENCE:

Administrative Assistant, Southern Conference, 1994-97
Assistant Commissioner for Internal Affairs, Southern Conference, 1997-99
Associate Commissioner, Southern Conference, 1999-present



Doug King Associate Commissioner

A veteran with 10 years experience in athletics dealing with compliance issues, Douglas King joined the Southern Conference staff in February, 2003 as Assistant Commissioner for Compliance. He was promoted to Associate Commissioner in 2005.

In his role with the league office, King assists each Southern Conference institution with its campus compliance program administering the conference's NCAA Special Assistance Fund, NCAA Student-Athlete Opportunity Funds, Coaches Certification Exam and the National Letter of Intent Program. King serves as a liaison between the member institutions and NCAA Membership Services and Enforcement staffs while providing interpretations of NCAA and Conference legislation.

In addition to his compliance responsibilities, King is the conference administrator responsible for overseeing the wrestling, men's and women's cross country and men's golf championships. He serves on the NCAA's Progress Toward Degree Waiver committee and the NCAA Division I Academic/Eligibility/Compliance Cabinet.

King joined the conference after a five-year stint at Houston. He had served as a Compliance Coordinator for two years, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance for two years and Director of Football Operations for one season. As Houston's Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, he was responsible for certifying the initial and continuing eligibility of more than 350 Cougar student-athletes.

He served as a Compliance Assistant at New Mexico in 1997-98 before moving to Houston.

A 1991 graduate of Bentley where he earned a bachelor's degree in management with a minor in pre-law, the Swanzey, N. H. native was a member of the lacrosse team and served on the college's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

King and Scout "The Wonderdog" reside in Spartanburg, S.C.

King At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Swanzey, N.H.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Bentley, 1991

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Compliance Coordinator, New Mexico, 1997-98
Compliance Coordinator, Houston, 1998-00
Assistant Athletics Director, Houston, 2000-02
Director of Football Operations, Houston, 2002-03
Assistant Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2003-04
Associate Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2005-present



Mike Ballweg Assistant Commissioner

With more than 30 years experience in intercollegiate athletics, Mike Ballweg was named assistant commissioner of the Southern Conference on August 16, 2006. He is responsible for the conference's public relations efforts and the day-to-day operation of the league's media relations

operation.

A native of Blacksburg, Va., Ballweg is a 1975 graduate of Virginia Tech where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

During his undergraduate college days, he worked as an intern in the sports information office at Virginia Tech under Mr. Wendy Weisend (a member of the College Sports Information Directors Hall of Fame). He served as the assistant athletics director and sports information director at Hampton (1975-81); director of sports media relations at Ohio (1981-83); sports information director at West Virginia (1983-84) and Virginia Commonwealth (1984-92). He spent two years as the assistant executive director at the Blockbuster Bowl and Raycom in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (1992-94) before serving as assistant athletics director at Rhode Island for 11 years.

Ballweg is a member of the College Sports Information Director's of America (CoSIDA) and is a member of the Site Selection Committee. He has served as the national chair of the CoSIDA Publications Committee. His publications have earned a total of 38 CoSIDA citations for excellence.

Ballweg and his wife, Shari, reside in Boiling Springs, S.C. A native of Sarasota, Fla., she is assistant vice president and lead trainer for Citizens Bank.

Ballweg At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Blacksburg, Va.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Virginia Tech, 1975

EXPERIENCE:

Sports Information Director, Hampton, 1975-81
Director of Sports media Relations, Ohio, 1981-83
Sports Information Director, West Virginia University, 1983-84
Sports Information Director, Virginia Commonwealth University, 1984-92
Assistant Executive Director, Blockbuster Bowl/Raycom, 1992-94
Assistant Athletics Director, Rhode Island, 1994-06
Assistant Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2006-present



Mandi Copeland **Director of Multimedia Services**

In her eighth year with the Southern Conference, Mandi Copeland is taking on a new role as the league's director of multimedia. She joined the league on May 31, 2000 as assistant director of public affairs and served as director of media services for two years before moving to the newly-created multimedia position.

Copeland is responsible for overseeing the conference's video streaming efforts as well as the design and development of the league's website, www.SoConSports.com. She is also responsible for various aspects of television and radio. Copeland also serves as the conference's technology consultant and works with the SoCon Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

Copeland is an active member of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) and the ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-America Committee, serving as a district coordinator with the program. She has assisted at numerous NCAA championship events, including several NCAA Women's Basketball and Baseball Regional Tournaments, the 2003 Women's Final Four in Atlanta, Ga., and the 2006 College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Copeland graduated from Florida State in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in communications. She transferred to Florida State in 1995 after lettering in tennis at West Virginia as a freshman. She earned her master's degree in physical education in 2000 from Florida State. She served as a graduate assistant with the Florida State sports information office serving as the primary contact for softball, women's soccer and swimming & diving, as well as assisting with football and men's and women's basketball.

Born in Royal Oak, Mich., Copeland graduated from Riverside High in Greer, S.C., in 1994. At Riverside High, Copeland was a five-year letter winner in tennis, receiving all-conference honors all five years and served as team captain for two seasons. She also served as an athletic trainer for football and baseball.

Copeland At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Greer, S.C.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Florida State, 1998

M.S., Florida State, 2000

EXPERIENCE:

Sports Information Student Assistant, Florida State, 1997-98
Sports Information Graduate Assistant, Florida State, 1998-2000
Assistant Director for Public Affairs, Southern Conference, 2000-05
Director of Media Services, Southern Conference, 2005-2007
Director of Multimedia, 2007-present



Brandon Neff **Director of Championships**

After serving as an external affairs assistant for one year, Brandon Neff was promoted to the newly-created director of championships position in 2007. In his position, he is responsible for championship administration at conference championships and overseeing the league's

19 championship events. He plans and manages conference championships and develops championship policies and directives. He also coordinates the Southern Conference's merchandise and sales program.

He served as an athletic administrative intern at the Mid-Continent Conference where his duties included assisting with the day-to-day operations of the office, including working with the compliance program, conference championships, media relations and event management.

Neff spent three years as assistant commissioner of the Iowa Community College Athletic Association. He also gained experience as a fan service representative for the Chicago Bears and as a production assistant with Championship Productions.

Neff earned his bachelor's degree in exercise sport science with an emphasis in sport management from Iowa State in 2003. He earned a master's in sport management from Northern Illinois in 2006 where he served as a graduate assistant for intramurals and sport clubs in 2005-06.

A native of Alta, Iowa, Neff was married to the former Stephanie Tucker on August 18, 2007. A native of Oskaloosa, Iowa, she is a registered dietician at Spartanburg Regional Hospital. The couple resides in Spartanburg.

Neff At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Alta, Iowa

EDUCATION:

B.S., Iowa State, 2003

M.S., Northern Illinois, 2006

EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Commissioner, Iowa Community College Athletic Conference, 2001-04
Fan Services Representative, Chicago Bears, 2005
Athletic Administrative Intern, Mid-Continent Conference, 2006
External Affairs Assistant, Southern Conference, 2006-07
Director of Championships, Southern Conference, 2007-present

2007 Football



Laura Hayes

Assistant to the Commissioner

A member of the Southern Conference staff since May 16, 2007, Laura Hayes handles a variety of administrative tasks in her role as assistant to the commissioner.

She assists with the daily management of the conference's business operations and financial endeavors and aids with the planning and execution of conference meetings. She serves as a liaison between the league office and Southern Conference member schools and coordinates the conference's Graduate Scholarship program.

A native of San Antonio, Texas, she earned her insurance license from Greenville Technical College in 1999. She worked in the insurance and banking industry before moving to the Southern Conference. An avid reader, she enjoys kick boxing.

She and her husband Lewis have a daughter Ashton (20) and a son, Brennen (10). Her husband is the fire chief at Croft Station in Spartanburg.

Hayes At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

San Antonio, Texas

EDUCATION:

Greenville Technical College, 1999

EXPERIENCE:

L.M. Hubert Household Management, 1994-97

Arthur State Bank, 1997-00

State Farm Insurance, 2000-04

Allstate Insurance, 2004-05

George Johnson Insurance, 2005-06

The Palladian Group, 2006-07

Assistant to the Commissioner, Southern Conference, 2007-present



Don Lucas

Coordinator of Football Officials

Don Lucas is in his 15th season as the Southern Conference's Coordinator of Football Officials.

A native of Winston-Salem, N.C., Lucas earned a bachelor's and master's degree in health and physical education from Western Carolina. He is a retired teacher, coach, parks and recreation director and school administrator for 33 years.

Lucas was a long-time Southern Conference football and men's basketball official. He officiated football games for 15 seasons and worked men's basketball games for 14 years in both the Southern Conference and the Bog East Conference. He also refereed two I-AA semifinals playoff games and one Division II national championship contest. He also called two North Carolina East-West All-Star Games.

Lucas won the Silver Whistle Award in 1987 and 1989 as the Southern Conference's top football official. He also served two years as president of the SoCon Football Officials Association and one year as president of the North State Football Officials Association.

He was born on May 7, 1947 and is married to the former Donna Ashe of Sylvia, N.C. They have a son, Matt, who is a graduate of North Carolina State and is the assistant tennis coach at Princeton.

Lucas At-A-Glance

HOMETOWN:

Winston-Salem, N.C.

EDUCATION:

B.S., Western Carolina, 1969

M.S., Western Carolina, 1971

EXPERIENCE:

Coordinator of Officials, South Atlantic Conference

Coordinator of Officials, Southern Conference, 1988-present

New Additions to the SoCon Staff:

Mike Mitchell Director of Marketing
Jonathan Caskey Assistant Director of Media Relations
Curt Cassell Media Relations Assistant

2007 Football Officials

Official	Hometown	First Year	Official	Hometown	First Year	Official	Hometown	First Year
Garland Berry	Roanoke, Va.	1989	Marshall Jumper	Lexington, S.C.	2000	Robbie Spires	Lexington, S.C.	2005
Greg Brock	Seneca, S.C.	2002	David LaFountaine	Fayetteville, Ga.	2003	Vincent Swift	Lithonia, Ga.	2005
Robert Broome	Charlotte, N.C.	2005	Larry Leatherwood	Waynesville, N.C.	1978	Knox Tate	Charlotte, N.C.	1989
Rodney Burnette	Charlotte, N.C.	2005	Larry Mallam	Fayetteville, Ga.	2005	Jack Tiller	Johnston, S.C.	1977
Jeff Chandler	Manchester, Tenn.	2006	Scott Maslin	Franklin, N.C.	2002	Gerald Trexler	Lewisville, N.C.	1988
Chris Christmas	Winston-Salem, N.C.	2002	Jon Middlebrooks	Atlanta, Ga.	2005	Harry Tyson	Wilson, N.C.	2005
Kevin Cody	Pinehurst, N.C.	2004	Terry Mock	Marietta, Ga.	2005	Steve Wilson	Beaufort, S.C.	2000
Michael Crowley	Monroe, N.C.	2003	Robert Mohr	Matthews, N.C.	1991	Greg Zimmerman	Atlanta, Ga.	2003
Alan Eck	Cumming, Ga.	2005	Jay Neal	Davidson, N.C.	2003	Observers		
Joe Golob	Greensboro, N.C.	2007	Larry Neal	Lawrenceville, Ga.	2005	Observer	Hometown	First Year
Tim Graham	Kernersville, N.C.	1999	Chris Phelps	Greenwood, S.C.	2002	Tom Best	Arden, S.C.	2005
David Goodwin	Charlotte, N.C.	2006	Brett Polk	Asheville, N.C.	2003	Ron Buckner	Fort Mill, S.C.	2003
Thomas Graham	Thomasville, Ga.	2006	Rob Nance	Fayetteville, Ga.	2005	Gene Hartleb	Cumming, Ga.	2006
Art Hardin	Winston-Salem, N.C.	1996	Chris Rape	Charlotte, N.C.	2005	Tom Hughston	Charleston, S.C.	2001
Jeff Heaser	Loganville, Ga.	2001	Ed Rhodes	Charleston, S.C.	1999	Frank Jump	Signal Mountain, Tenn.	1995
Johnny Hibbett	Corryton, Tenn.	2002	Wayne Rigsby	Greer, S.C.	2001	Jack McElwee	Charleston, S.C.	2006
Dana Hinnant	Rockford, Tenn.	1999	Tony Ross	LaGrange, Ga.	2005	Roger Pedrick	Anderson, S.C.	2006
Matt Hollifield	Jefferson City, Tenn.	2003	Rick Schilling	Roanoke, Va.	1988	Claude Saunders	Charlotte, N.C.	2002
Bob Johnson	Charlotte, N.C.	1995	Tripp Self	Macon, Ga.	2002	Gene Stancil	Irmo, S.C.	2005
Kip Johnson	Greensboro, N.C.	2003	Jim Shire	Hartsville, S.C.	2000	Ralph Stout	Mountain City, Tenn.	1988
Riley Johnson	Seneca, S.C.	2002	Randy Shuford	Chattanooga, Tenn.	2006	Monty Williams	Greensboro, N.C.	1988
Wayne Johnson	Durham, N.C.	2004	Doug Smith	Mebane, N.C.	1999	Steve Wilson	Beaufort, S.C.	2006
Jeff Jones	Ware Shoals, S.C.	2004	Lee Smith	Gaffney, S.C.	1999			

SoCon Players of the Week

Each week, the Southern Conference office will select players of the week for offense, defense and freshman. Winners will be made available on Mondays on the SoCon web site or by contacting the league office.

Postseason Awards

Following the conclusion of the regular season, voting is conducted on the all-conference teams by the league's coaches and members of the Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA). Each group votes on a first- and second-team all-conference squad, as well as an Offensive Player of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and a Coach of the Year. The league's coaches also vote on the Jacobs Blocking Trophy, awarded to the top lineman in the conference.

Football Coaches Teleconference

The Southern Conference will sponsor a weekly teleconference each Tuesday during the football season from 10:00 a.m. until 10:48 a.m. beginning August 28. The final regular season call will be on November 13, with one for postseason teams only on November 20. Each call is recorded and will be available on the conference web site (www.soconsports.com) later that day. Any additional conference calls will be announced by the league office. For more information, contact Mike Ballweg at (864) 591-5100.

Time (Eastern) Coach, School

10:00-10:06	Jerry Moore, Appalachian State
10:06-10:12	Kevin Higgins, The Citadel
10:12-10:18	Pete Lembo, Elon
10:18-10:24	Bobby Lamb, Furman
10:24-10:30	Chris Hatcher, Georgia Southern
10:30-10:36	Rodney Allison, Chattanooga
10:36-10:42	Kent Briggs, Western Carolina
10:42-10:48	Mike Ayers, Wofford

The toll-free call-in number is 866-375-5101

Southern Conference Sports Media Association

The Southern Conference Sports Media Association (SCSMA) is an independent organization of conference sportswriters, sportscasters and media relations staff who further the institutions that comprise the Southern Conference. The organization annually selects and recognizes an all-conference football, men's and women's basketball and baseball team as well as coach of the year, player of the year and freshman of the year. The organization also works toward the best interests of its members to increase knowledge and prestige of the league.

For more information on the SCSMA and its activities, contact Mike Ballweg (864-591-5100).

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SoCon Games on the Radio

Appalachian State	WKBC-FM 97.3
The Citadel	WTMZ-AM 910
Elon	WPCM-AM 920
Furman	WGOG-FM 96.3
Georgia Southern	WPMX-FM 102.9
Chattanooga	WGOW-FM 102.3
Western Carolina	WWCU-FM 90.5
Wofford	WSPG-AM 1400

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The Southern Conference annually awards the Commissioner's Cup to the top men's program in the league based on a points system. Each school received points based on their finish during the regular season and is awarded two additional points for winning the conference tournament. In sports where there is not a regular season champion (golf, track & field and cross country), the final results at the championship determine the points for those schools.

The Commissioner's Cup was inaugurated in 1970. Only six member institutions have won the cup with Appalachian State winning the most with 27. Chattanooga broke Appalachian State's streak of 13 straight when it won the 2004-05 cup. Appalachian State has won the last two trophies. William & Mary (5), East Carolina (4), East Tennessee State (1) and Furman (1) have each won the Commissioner's Cup.

Annual Champions		1969-70		1975-76		1981-82	
Year	Team	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1969-70	East Carolina	1t.	William & Mary	1.	William & Mary	1.	Appalachian State
	William & Mary	1t.	East Carolina	2.	East Carolina	2.	East Tennessee State
1970-71	William & Mary	3.	The Citadel	3.	Appalachian State	3.	Furman
1971-72	William & Mary	4.	Furman	4.	Furman	4.	VMI
1972-73	William & Mary	5.	Davidson	5.	Richmond	5.	The Citadel
1973-74	East Carolina	6.	George Washington	6.	VMI	6.	Chattanooga
1974-75	East Carolina	7.	VMI	7.	The Citadel	7.	Davidson
1975-76	William & Mary	8.	Richmond	8.	Davidson	8.	Western Carolina
1976-77	East Carolina	1970-71		1976-77		1982-83	
	East Carolina	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1977-78	Appalachian State	1.	William & Mary	1.	East Carolina	1.	East Tennessee State
1978-79	Appalachian State	2.	East Carolina	2.	William & Mary	2.	Appalachian State
1979-80	Appalachian State	3.	The Citadel	3.	Appalachian State	3.	Furman
1980-81	Appalachian State	4.	Furman	4.	Furman	4.	Chattanooga
1981-82	Appalachian State	5.	Davidson	5.	VMI	5.	VMI
1982-83	East Tennessee State	6.	VMI	6.	The Citadel	6.	Marshall
1983-84	Appalachian State	7.	Richmond	7.	Davidson	7.	Chattanooga
1984-85	Appalachian State	1972-72		1977-78		1983-84	
	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1985-86	Appalachian State	1.	William & Mary	1.	Appalachian State	1.	Appalachian State
1986-87	Appalachian State	2.	East Carolina	2.	VMI	2.	Marshall
1987-88	Appalachian State	3.	Furman	3.	Marshall	3.	Chattanooga
1988-89	Appalachian State	4.	The Citadel	4.	The Citadel	4.	Furman
1989-90	Appalachian State	5.	Richmond	5.	Furman	5.	VMI
1990-91	Furman	6.	Davidson	6.	Chattanooga	6.	Marshall
1991-92	Appalachian State	7.	VMI	7.	Davidson	7.	The Citadel
1992-93	Appalachian State	1972-73		1978-79		1984-85	
	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1993-94	Appalachian State	1.	William & Mary	1.	Appalachian State	1.	Appalachian State
1994-95	Appalachian State	2.	East Carolina	2.	Furman	2.	Marshall
1995-96	Appalachian State	3.	Appalachian State	3.	The Citadel	3.	Chattanooga
1996-97	Appalachian State	4.	Furman	4.	Marshall	4.	Furman
1997-98	Appalachian State	5.	Davidson	5.	VMI	5.	Western Carolina
1998-99	Appalachian State	6.	The Citadel	6.	Chattanooga	6.	The Citadel
1999-00	Appalachian State	7.	VMI	7.	Davidson	7.	VMI
2000-01	Appalachian State	8.	Richmond	8.	Western Carolina	8.	East Tennessee State
2001-02	Appalachian State	1973-74		1979-80		1985-86	
	Appalachian State	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
2002-03	Appalachian State	1.	East Carolina	1.	Appalachian State	1.	Appalachian State
2003-04	Appalachian State	2t.	Appalachian State	2.	East Tennessee State	2.	Marshall
2004-05	Chattanooga	2t.	William & Mary	3.	Furman	3.	Chattanooga
2005-06	Appalachian State	4.	Richmond	4.	Marshall	4.	The Citadel
2006-07	Appalachian State	5.	Furman	5.	VMI	5.	Marshall
		6.	The Citadel	6.	Chattanooga	6.	VMI
		7.	VMI	7.	Davidson	7.	Furman
		8.	Richmond	8.	Western Carolina	8.	East Tennessee State
		1974-75		1980-81		1988-89	
		Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
		1.	East Carolina	1.	Appalachian State	1.	Appalachian State
		2.	Appalachian State	2.	East Tennessee State	2.	Marshall
		3.	William & Mary	3.	Furman	3.	Chattanooga
		4.	Richmond	4.	Marshall	4.	Furman
		5.	Furman	5.	VMI	5.	Western Carolina
		6.	VMI	6.	The Citadel	6.	The Citadel
		7.	The Citadel	7.	Chattanooga	7.	VMI
		8.	Davidson	8.	Davidson	8.	East Tennessee State

Commissioner's Cup



2007 Football

1986-87

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State.	59.5
2. Marshall	53
3. Furman	52
4. Chattanooga	48
5. VMI	47
6. The Citadel	39.5
7. Western Carolina	39
8. Davidson	37.5
9. East Tennessee State	31.5

1987-88

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	55.5
2. East Tennessee State	46
3. Furman	45.5
4. VMI	41.5
5. Chattanooga	41
6. Marshall	40
7. Western Carolina	32.5
8. The Citadel	28
9. Davidson	26

1988-89

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	61
2. Furman	50
3. VMI	45
4. The Citadel	43.5
5. East Tennessee State	42
6. Chattanooga	40
7. Marshall	38.5
8. Western Carolina	26

1989-90

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	59.5
2. East Tennessee State	49
3. VMI	47
4. Furman	44.5
5. Marshall	42
6. The Citadel	38.5
7. Chattanooga	32.5
8. Western Carolina	30

1990-91

Place	Points
1. Furman	49.5
2. Appalachian State	48.5
3. East Tennessee State	44
4. Marshall	43.5
5. VMI	38
6. The Citadel	37.5
7. Chattanooga	36
8. Western Carolina	34

1991-92

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	63
2. East Tennessee State	57
3. Furman	52
4. Marshall	51
5. Chattanooga	42
6t. Western Carolina	40
6t. The Citadel	40
6t. VMI	40
9. Georgia Southern	22
10. Davidson	10

1992-93

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	69.5
2. East Tennessee State	59.5
3. The Citadel	56.5
4. Furman	52
5. Chattanooga	51
6. Marshall	49
7t. Georgia Southern	47
7t. VMI	47
9. Davidson	45
10. Western Carolina	43.5

1993-94

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	73
2. East Tennessee State	59.5
3. Western Carolina	55
4. Marshall	52.5
5t. Georgia Southern	50.5
5t. Chattanooga	50.5
7. Furman	49.5
8t. The Citadel	45.5
8t. VMI	45.5
10. Davidson	40.5

1994-95

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	78.5
2. East Tennessee State	65.5
3. The Citadel	54
4t. Marshall	56.5
4t. VMI	56.5
6. Chattanooga	50
7. Western Carolina	48.5
8t. Furman	47.5
8t. Georgia Southern	47.5
10. Davidson	46.5

1995-96

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State.	73
2. East Tennessee State	61
3. VMI	58
4. Marshall	52.5
5. Chattanooga	50
6. Furman	48
7. Western Carolina	46
8. Davidson	45.5
9. Georgia Southern	44.5
10. The Citadel	41.5

1996-1997

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	68.5
2. Marshall	62.5
3. East Tennessee State	62
4. Furman	57
5. VMI	53
6t. Chattanooga	52
6t. The Citadel	52
8. Western Carolina	49.5
9. Davidson	45
10. Georgia Southern	40.5
11. UNC Greensboro	8

1997-98

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	78.5
2. East Tennessee State	68.5
3. Chattanooga	68
4. Furman	64
5. The Citadel	63
6. Davidson	59.5
7. VMI	58
8. UNC Greensboro	56
9. Western Carolina	47
10. Georgia Southern	46
11. Wofford	44.5

1998-99

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	87.5
2. East Tennessee State	76.5
3. Chattanooga	74.5
4. The Citadel	68.5
5. Davidson	67
6. Western Carolina	62
7. VMI	61.5
8. Furman	61
9. UNC Greensboro	60.5
10t. College of Charleston	54
10t. Georgia Southern	54
12. Wofford	42

1999-00

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	90.5
2. Furman	74
3. Chattanooga	71
4. East Tennessee State	70
5. UNC Greensboro	65
6. Davidson	60.5
7. The Citadel	59.5
8. Georgia Southern	58.5
9. VMI	58
10. College of Charleston	48
11. Western Carolina	44
12. Wofford	43

2000-01

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	99.5
2. VMI	77.5
3. Furman	73.5
4. UNC Greensboro	73
5. The Citadel	69.5
6. East Tennessee State	69
7. Chattanooga	66.5
8. Georgia Southern	56
9. Davidson	54.5
10. Western Carolina	48
11. College of Charleston	44
12. Wofford	35

2001-02

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	79.5
2. Furman	70
3t. UNC Greensboro	68.5
3t. Chattanooga	68.5
5. East Tennessee State	67.5
6. Western Carolina	66
7. The Citadel	65
8. Davidson	64
9. Georgia Southern	56.5
10. VMI	53.5
11. College of Charleston	51.5
12. Wofford	40.5

2002-03

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	96
2t. East Tennessee State	67
2t. Furman	67
4. Chattanooga	66
5. Western Carolina	61.5
6. The Citadel	61
7. Davidson	59.5
8. VMI	58
9. College of Charleston	56
10. Georgia Southern	52.5
11. Wofford	52
12. UNC Greensboro	49.5

2003-04

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	78.5
2. East Tennessee State	76.5
3. Chattanooga	69
4. The Citadel	68
5t. Furman	67
5t. UNC Greensboro	67
7. Davidson	65.5
8. Georgia Southern	54.5
9. College of Charleston	51
10. Western Carolina	48.5
11. Wofford	46
12. Elon	39.5
13. VMI*	9

2004-05

Place	Points
1. Chattanooga	82.5
2. Appalachian State	81
3. UNC Greensboro	72.5
4. Furman	67
5. Davidson	64.5
6. East Tennessee State	58.5
7. Georgia Southern	58
8t. The Citadel	54
8t. Western Carolina	54
10. College of Charleston	51
11. Wofford	44
12. Elon	40
13. VMI*	9

2005-06

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	71
2. Chattanooga	69
3. Davidson	67
4. Furman	63
5. Elon	58.5
6. UNC Greensboro	54.5
7. Western Carolina	52
8t. The Citadel	48
8t. Georgia Southern	48
10. College of Charleston	47.5
11. Wofford	41.5
12. VMI*	6

2006-07

Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	86.5
2. UNC Greensboro	70.5
3. Chattanooga	64
4. Davidson	60.5
5. Furman	57
6. Western Carolina	51.5
7. Elon	51
8. College of Charleston	46.5
9. The Citadel	44
10. Wofford	41.5
11. Georgia Southern	41
12. VMI*	9

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The Southern Conference annually awards the Germann Cup to the top women's program in the league based on a points system. Each school received points based on their finish during the regular season and is awarded two additional points for winning the conference tournament. In sports where there is not a regular season champion (golf, track & field and cross country), the final results at the championship determine the points for those schools.

The Germann Cup was first awarded in 1987 and is named in honor of former Southern Conference Commissioner Ken Germann, who passed away in 2005. Only three schools have won the cup beginning with Appalachian State from 1987-92. Furman won the cup 12 consecutive times between 1992-03 before the College of Charleston won the 2004-05 cup. Appalachian State has won the last two Germann Cups.

Annual Champions	
1986-87	Appalachian State
1987-88	Appalachian State
1988-89	Appalachian State
1989-90	Appalachian State
1990-91	Appalachian State
1991-92	Appalachian State
1992-93	Furman
1993-94	Furman
1994-95	Furman
1995-96	Furman
1996-97	Furman
1997-98	Furman
1998-99	Furman
1999-00	Furman
2000-01	Furman
2001-02	Furman
2002-03	Furman
2003-04	Furman
2004-05	College of Charleston
2005-06	Appalachian State
2006-07	Appalachian State

1986-87	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	30
2. East Tennessee State	24.5
3. Marshall	19.5
4. Furman	19
5. Chattanooga	18.5
6. Western Carolina	17
7. Davidson	9.5

1987-88	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	33
2. East Tennessee State	26
3. Marshall	25.5
4. Chattanooga	25
5. Furman	20.5
6. Western Carolina	20
7. Davidson	11

1988-89	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	30.5
2t. East Tennessee State	23.5
2t. Marshall	23.5
4. Chattanooga	19
5. Western Carolina	15.5
6. Furman	14

1989-90	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	27
2. East Tennessee State	23.5
3. Furman	21
4. Western Carolina	18.5
5. Marshall	18
6. Chattanooga	17

1990-91	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	28
2. Chattanooga	24.5
3. Furman	22
4t. Marshall	18.5
4t. Western Carolina	18.5
6. East Tennessee State	14.5

1991-92	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	30
2. Furman	26
3. Marshall	24
4t. Chattanooga	22
4t. East Tennessee State	22
6. Western Carolina	19
7. Davidson	3
7t. Georgia Southern	3

1992-93	
Place	Points
1. Furman	51.5
2. Appalachian State	50.5
3. East Tennessee State	41.5
4. Western Carolina	40
5. Chattanooga	36
6. Marshall	35
7. Davidson	29
8. Georgia Southern	19.5

1993-94	
Place	Points
1. Furman	72
2. Appalachian State	59
3. East Tennessee State	51
4. Chattanooga	44.5
5t. Western Carolina	41
5t. Marshall	41
7. Georgia Southern	36
8. Davidson	29.5

1994-95	
Place	Points
1. Furman	77.5
2. Appalachian State	62.5
3. East Tennessee State	58.5
4. Chattanooga	47
5. Georgia Southern	45.5
6. Western Carolina	41
7. Marshall	39
8. Davidson	37

1995-96	
Place	Points
1. Furman	74
2. Appalachian State	64
3. Chattanooga	48.5
4. East Tennessee State	47.5
5t. Marshall	46
5t. Western Carolina	46
7. Georgia Southern	43
8. Davidson	39

1996-97	
Place	Points
1. Furman	69
2. Chattanooga	63.5
3. Appalachian State	59.5
4. Marshall	55.5
5. East Tennessee State	46
6. Western Carolina	44
7. Davidson	38.5
8. Georgia Southern	38

1997-98	
Place	Points
1. Furman	78.5
2. Chattanooga	70.5
3. UNC Greensboro	62.5
4. Appalachian State	60.5
5. East Tennessee State	59.5
6. Davidson	51

1998-99	
Place	Points
1. Furman	83.5
2. Chattanooga	75.5
3. UNC Greensboro	73
4. Appalachian State	64
5. Western Carolina	60
6. Davidson	59
7. East Tennessee State	55
8t. College of Charleston	46
8t. Georgia Southern	46
9. Wofford	43
10. VMI	19
11. The Citadel	11

1999-2000	
Place	Points
1. Furman	98
2. Chattanooga	80.5
3. East Tennessee State	72.5
4. UNC Greensboro	66.5
5. Appalachian State	66.5
6. Western Carolina	62
7. Georgia Southern	52
8. College of Charleston	49.5
9. Davidson	42
10. Wofford	31
11. VMI	16
12. The Citadel	14.5
13. UNC Wilmington*	8

2000-01	
Place	Points
1. Furman	96.5
2. Chattanooga	81
3. UNC Greensboro	75
4. App State	71
5. Western Carolina	63.5
6. East Tennessee State	62.5
7. Georgia Southern	58
8. College of Charleston	54
9. Davidson	47.5
10. Wofford	31
11. VMI	16
12. The Citadel	12

2001-02	
Place	Points
1. Furman	85
2. Chattanooga	78
3. UNC Greensboro	74.5
4. Western Carolina	72
5. Appalachian State	70.5
6. Georgia Southern	67
7t. College of Charleston	58.5
7t. East Tennessee State	58.5
9. Davidson	42.5
10. Wofford	35.5
11. The Citadel	13
12. VMI	11

2002-03	
Place	Points
1. Furman	83.5
2. Chattanooga	78
3. Georgia Southern	74.5
4. College of Charleston	70.5
5. Appalachian State	69
6. Western Carolina	68.5

2003-04	
Place	Points
1. Furman	84
2. Chattanooga	83
3t. Appalachian State	70.5
3t. College of Charleston	70.5
5. East Tennessee State	66.5
6. Georgia Southern	62.5
7. Western Carolina	60
8. UNC Greensboro	55.5
9. Elon	53.5
10. Davidson	50
11. Wofford	30.5
12. The Citadel	13.5

2004-05	
Place	Points
1. College of Charleston	83.5
2. Furman	83
3. Appalachian State	73
4. Chattanooga	71
5t. East Tennessee State	62.5
5t. Elon	62.5
7. Georgia Southern	61.5
8. Western Carolina	57.5
9. UNC Greensboro	52
10. Davidson	51.5
11. Wofford	25
12. The Citadel	16

2005-06	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	71.5
2. College of Charleston	67
3. Western Carolina	66.5
4. Furman	65
5. Chattanooga	64.5
6. Davidson	55.5
7. Georgia Southern	52.5
8. UNC Greensboro	48
9. Elon	47
10. Wofford	28.5
12. The Citadel	19

2006-07	
Place	Points
1. Appalachian State	70
2. Furman	67.5
3. Western Carolina	66.5
4. College of Charleston	66
5. Chattanooga	63.5
6t. Davidson	53
6t. Elon	53
8. UNC Greensboro	51.5
9. Georgia Southern	51
10. Wofford	24
11. The Citadel	23.5

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Bob Waters **Male Athlete of the Year**

Marques Murrell
Appalachian State
Football



Female Athlete of the Year

Lanni Marchant
Chattanooga
Cross Country & Track

Dorothy Hicks **Graduate Scholar**

Heather Reynolds
Georgia Southern
Women's Tennis



Dave Hart **Graduate Scholar**

Chris Chalko
Elon
Men's Basketball



Renaissance Graduate Scholar

John Brandt
Wofford
Baseball



Renaissance Graduate Scholar

Teryn Schuetz
College of Charleston
Women's Soccer

Sony Graduate Scholar

Spence Gibbs
Furman
Baseball



David Knight Graduate Scholar

Jessica Lange
Furman
Women's Basketball



TIAA-CREF Graduate Scholar

Adi Filipovic
Furman
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