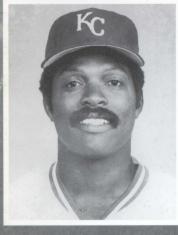
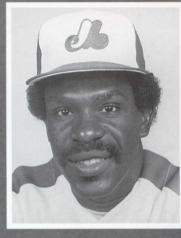
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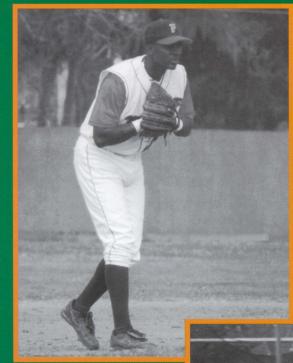
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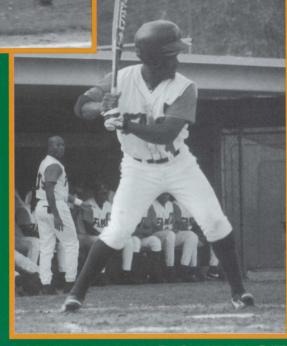
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# 1999 Baseball Roster

<b>HEAD COACH:</b> Joseph Durant • <b>ASSISTANTS:</b> Harry Sapp, Willie Brown, Brett Richardson								
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Ехр.	B/T	Birthdate	Hometown/Last School
1	ALEX SMITH	OF	5-6	175	<b>\$0.</b>	R/R	3-15-78	Miami/Carol City HS
3	ROMANO DUDLEY	OF	5-6	180	Sr.	R/R	11-16-75	LaGrange, GA/Cent. Ala CC
4	SHERWIN LOCKRIDGE	P/INF	5-11	190	Sr.	R/R	6-16-77	Welaka/Pasco-Hernando CC
5	STANLEY PEPPERS	C	5-10	195	Jr.	R/R	8-18-78	Cross City/Dixie County HS
6	JAMES AMMONS	OF	5-11	165	Fr.	R/R	5-7-79	Tallahassee/Florida High
7	ROBERT BROWN	P	6-0	170	So.	L/L	9-5-79	Auburndale/Auburndale HS
9	BRANDON HEARN	INF	6-5	190	Sr.	R/R	8-13-76	Los Angeles, CA/LA City Co.
_10	DUANE WILSON	INF/C	6-1	215	So.	R/R	11-9-78	Coll. Park, GA/Westlake HS
_11	DUSTIN MATTHEWS	INF	6-2	175	Fr.	R/R	7-17-80	Chicago, IL/W. Young H\$
12	ANDRE MCADEN	OF	6-2	190	Sr.	R/R	1-7-76	Tallahassee/Godby HS
13	MARK JOHNSON	P	6-2	175	Fr.	R/R	3-24-80	Tallahassee/Lincoln HS
14	OMAR BECKFORD	P/INF	6-2	185	Sr.	L/L	12-17-76	Cooper City/Cooper HS
15	GLYNNEL BRADLEY	INF	5-8	165	So.	R/R	5-19-79	Miami/Miami High School
16	SHERROD BROWN	OF	6-2	195	Sr.	L/L	6-23-76	Tallahassee/Lincoln HS
17	JARED BENTON	P	6-2	185	Jr.	R/R	12-5-78	Somerville, NJ/Hillsborough
18	DAMIEN BARTON	P	6-2	175	Fr.	R/L	12-1-79	Marietta, GA/Walker HS
19	MARCUS MYRICK	P	6-2	185	Sr.	R/R	5-7-76	Malone/Enterprise JC
20	VINCENT PALMER	P/INF	6-3	220	So.	R/R	12-30-79	Dominican Republic
21	ANTHONY ROBINSON	INF/P	6-2	195	Sr.	R/R	10-18-77	Tallahassee/FAMU High
22	ERIC THOMAS	Р	6-3	190	Fr.	R/R	8-7-79	Tyrone, GA/Sandy Creek HS
23	HAJI OUTLAW	P	6-3	190	Fr.	R/R	12-9-78	Evanston, IL/Evstn Township
24	GERRITT GILL	. INF	6-3	205	Jr.	R/R	8-20-77	Grand Rapids, MI/GRCC
25	MONTREY COLEMAN	P	6-4	180	Fr.	R/R	9-10-80	Columbia, SC/Columbia HS
26	BRIAN SIMS	C	6-3	185	Fr.	R/R	10-12-79	Waukegan, IL/Waukegan HS
27	MATTHEW NUNN	OF	5-11	225	So.	R/R	4-15-79	Springfield, IL/S'field HS
28	RANDY GRAYS	P	6-3	208	So.	R/R	10-28-78	Solon, OH/Solon High
29	DWAINE BACON	C/OF	5-11	190	So.	R/R	4-11-79	Ft. Washington, MD/Bishop HS
31	REGGIE GRIGGS	INF	6-6	270	Jr.	L/L	2-22-78	W. Palm Beach/Florida State

# 1999 FAMU Baseball Fast Facts

School Name	Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
National Affiliation	NCAA Division One
Conference	Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference
Colors	Orange and Green
Nickname	Rattlers
	Rattler Field (500) • Natural Grass
President	
Athletic Director	Kenneth J. "Ken" Riley
NCAA Faculty Representative	
1998 Records	21-30 Overall
	5-10 Conference/4th in South Division
Lettermen Back/Lost	
Starters Back/Lost	6/5

#### **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach	Joseph "Joe" Durant (FAMU '76)
Record at Florida A&M	
Career Record	
Assistant Coaches	Harry Sapp, Bret Richardson, Willie Brown

#### **KEY RETURNEES**

- •Stanley Peppers, C, Jr. 27 GP, .330, 9 2Bs, 18 RBIs
- •Reggie Griggs, 1B, Jr. 50 GP, .309, 9 HRs, 10 2Bs, 36 RBIs
- •Sherwin Lockridge, INF-P, Sr. 51 GP, .289, 7 HRs, 9 2Bs, 39 RBIs, 1-1, 1.80 ERA, 3 Saves
- •Anthony Robinson, INF-P, Sr. 41 GP, .252, 2 HRs, 14 RBIs
- •Gerritt Gill, INF, Sr. 26 GP, .242, 2 HRs, 5 2Bs

#### **KEY LOSSES**

- David Jones, OF .399, 63 hits, 52 runs, 24 of 28 SBs; #1 in nation in triples (0.24 per game)
- •Floyd Cobb, OF .350, 53 runs, 56 hits, 18 of 19 SBs
- •Thornton Davis, UTL .337, 10 HRs, 15 2Bs, 51 RBI
- Josh Farrow, LHP 5-3, 4.52 ERA, 62 Ks in 65 IP
- •Carlton Hunter, RHP 5-1, 4.21 ERA, 41 Ks on 66.1 IP
- DeAntwan Young, RHP 4-3, 4.81 ERA, 27 Ks in 43 IP

# 1999 FAMU Baseball Outlook

The Florida A&M Rattlers have high hopes for the 1999 campaign and with a gaggle of young pitching arms and a veteran defensive and offensive cast returning, those aspirations could be realized.

The Rattlers have been arguably the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference's most talented program the past decade since they've won six (6) conference titles since 1987 and appeared in nine finals overall and four of the last five title games.

Yet the Rattlers have not won a title since 1994 and with a firstever automatic NCAA Regional Tournament berth hanging in the balance, the drive to claim their seventh title will be intense.

For head coach Joe Durant, a title win or at least a strong title run would provide a nice backdrop to his reaching a personal milestone - his 200th career coaching victory on the collegiate level (he needs 22 wins).

A league title and an automatic bid would vault the Rattler Baseball program back into the national spotlight and considering the rugged schedule in store for FAMU, it would be a tremendous reward.

This year's schedule will feature the University of Florida, South Florida, South Alabama, Illinois, Jacksonville (Fla.) and Troy (Ala.) State, all NCAA regional participants in the last five years. Florida in fact, has been to the College World Series in four of the last eight seasons.

Here is a position-by-position preview of the 1999 Rattlers:

**INFIELD:** Florida A&M's infield should be solid with three seniors as projected starters and four

returning starters from the 1998 club.

• Massive 6-6, 270-pound junior Reggie Griggs (309, 9 HRs, 10 doubles, 36 RBI) will have to be unseated at first base after a solid debut season in 1998. Senior Omar Beckford (.235 in 12 games) sophomore Vincent Palmer (.400 in nine games) and sophomore Duane Wilson (.250, 2 HRs, 2 triples, 2 doubles in 25 games) will contend for playing time, although Beckford may see more time as a pitcher.

 Senior Sherwin Lockridge (.289, 7 HRs, 9 doubles, 3 triples, 39 RBI in 51 games) will not only be the veryday second baseman, but likely the club's closer on the mound (1-1, 1.80 ERA, three saves in six games in 1998). Sophomore Glynnel Bradley (.321 in 19 games) will likely see playing time at second in late innings, or if Lockridge should pitch or be moved to another spot.

 Senior Brandon Hearn, a lanky 6-5, 190-pounder from the West Coast, is a slick fielding shortstop, who has not been healthy for a full season since coming East in 1997. Hearn hit .169 in 25 games (22 starts) but he split time at short with Lockridge and the departed Thornton Davis, so regular time could allow him to realize his potential, Freshman Dustin Matthews and junior Gerritt Gill could get some looks here as well.

Senior Anthony "A-Rob" Robinson (.252, 5 doubles, 2 HRs), has been a fixture at the hot corner - third base - the past three years and as a veteran, he is unlikely to be moved. Gill, Palmer and Wilson will get some time at this spot since Robinson will be leaving after this season, but look for Robinson to be the starter.

**OUTFIELD:** Always a Florida A&M staple in baseball, the outfield

candidates in 1999 will be just as talented as Rattler fans have come to expect. There should be an interesting mix of returning veterans and newcomers to make the Rattlers sound and exciting defensively.

•Seniors Romano Dudley (missed 1998, academics), Andre McAden (.239, six doubles) and Sherrod Brown (.225, 3 HRs, two doubles, 11 RBI in 25 games), plus sophomores Matt Nunn (.310, HR, three doubles, 10 RBI in 22 games) and Duane Bacon (.333 in eight (8) games), will all vie for the three spots with sophomore Alex Smith (sat out 1998) and freshman James Ammons, both talented youngsters blessed with speed and good bats.

**CATCHER:** Junior Stanley Peppers (.330, 9 doubles, one HR, 18 RBI in 27 games) will battle with freshman Brian Sims and sophomore Duane Wilson for playing time behind the plate.

PITCHING: At times the bane of the Rattlers, the 1999 pitching staff will feature an interesting mix of freshmen Mark Johnson, Montrey Coleman, Damien Barton and Eric Thomas, sophomores Robert Brown (1-4, 10 games, two complete games, 42 innings pitched), Randy Grays and Vincent Palmer (0-0, 11.1 innings pitched in seven games), junior Jared Benton (1-5, 11 games, nine starts, 32.1 innings) and senior Marcus Myrick (0-1, nine games, 19.2 innings).

**OUTLOOK:** Should everything come together and the Rattlers can reverse their trend of 1998. winning those close games, look for FAMU to be in the thick of the MEAC chase and have a strong shot at the league's automatic NCAA berth.

# Head Coach Joe Durant



#### 9th Year • 178-219 Overall

A product Rattler Baseball during its' heyday of the 1970s, Joe Durant has enjoyed a long association with

the institution's baseball regime.

Appoointed head coach in 1991, the energetic native of Mobile, Alabama has guided Florida A&M to three Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles (1991, 1992 and 1994) and to the conference tournament finals in six of his eight (1991, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997) years overall.

His 1994 club became the first in school and MEAC history to advance to NCAA Division One postseason play. They took on Trans America Athletic Conference titlist Southeastern Louisiana in a best-of-three play-in series, falling after two tough games, 11-10 and 8-7.

In eight seasons, the personable mentor has a 178-219

record, having annually faced highly-regarded programs like Florida, Florida International, Jacksonville, Central Florida, Stetson, South Alabama and South Florida. This year's schedule will feature a similar refrain including perennial College World Series contender University of Florida, plus highly-regarded regional powers like South Alabama and South Florida.

The 1976 graduate of Florida A&M (Health, Physical Education and Recreation), was a catcher, leading the 1973 Rattlers in hitting, with a robust .500 batting average, outdueling teammate and

major-leaguer-to-be Andre Dawson.

Durant is an active member of the National Baseball Coaches' Association, having served on the NBCA's competition committee, which ranks Division One teams and selects them for post-season play. This year (1999) he is serving as chair of the South Region baseball committee.

His ultimate goal remains to build Florida A&M into a perennial contender for national honors and

build upon the winning legacy of Rattler Baseball.

#### THE JOSEPH DURANT FILE

	Ove	erall	С	onfe	rence	
Year	W-	L		W-	L	Comments
1998	21-	30		5-	10	4th in South Division; Lost in MEAC 2nd Round
1997	25-	27		8-	3	MEAC Finalists; South Division Champs
1996	15-	34		6-	4	MEAC Finalists; South Div. Runnerups
1995	23-	27		8-	4	MEAC Finalists; South Div. Co-Champs
1994	21-	34	- l	8-	3	MEAC Champs; South Div. Champs
1993	22-	24		7-	3	MEAC South Division Champs
1992	22-	25		*5-	1	MEAC Champions
1991	29-	18		*4-	0	MEAC Champions
8 Years	178-		THREE (3) MEAC titles; SIX (6) Finals appearances			

(\*)-Tournament Records prior to Divisional play

# The Assistant Coaches

#### HARRY SAPP

#### **Assistant Coach**

#### 6th Year at FAMU

A former star prep performer for Northside High School in nearby Havana, Florida, Sapp is in his sixth season on the Rattler coaching staff. He serves as recruiting coordinator for baseball and also tutors the infielders.

Sapp's recruiting efforts have yielded several star players highlighted by the 1997 trio of pitchers Robert Averette (Cincinnati), Derrick Lewis (Atlanta) and catcher Keith Maxwell (Pittsburgh) taken in the major league draft.

After attending FAMU in the late 1970s, Sapp played baeball in the West and Southwest, with his final stop being with the San Jose Bees of the California League (a San Francisco Giants' affiliate) in 1985. He also played service ball with the U.S. Navy's Miskawa, Japan team in 1986, hitting .375 with seven home runs and 38 stolen bases as a first baseman.

The personable Sapp has served as an area scout for the Seattle Mariners (1989-91), before becoming an assistant coach at Tallahassee Community College (1991-93). He also served as president of the Tallahassee branch of the National Adult Baseball Association (1993-94).



#### WILLIE BROWN

#### Assistant Coach

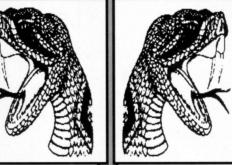
3rd Year at FAMU

Area of Reponsibility: Outfielders

Hometown: Edison, GA

Years AT FAMU: Third as a graduate assistant. Education: B.S. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Florida A&M.... Currently working on Master's in Health and Physical Education from FAMU.

Baseball Experience: Played at FAMU from 1990 to 1992. Noted power hitter, Brown's best season was 1992 when he led the club in at-bats (169), hits (48), home runs (5), RBI (40).... Was drafted by Florida Marlins in June 1992 draft, played three seasons in Marlins' farm system.... Was prep star athlete at Edison (Ga.) High....



# BRETT RICHARDSON Assistant Coach

First Year at FAMU

Area of Reponsibility: Pitching

Hometown: Tallahassee, FL

Years at FAMU: First as an assistant coach.

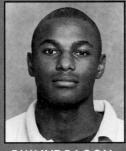
**Education:** B.S. in Health, Physical Education and Recreation from Florida A&M.... Presently working on

Master's in Sports Management at FAMU...

**Baseball Experience:** Was local prep standout at Lincoln High School as a catcher... Also was city all-star in Babe Ruth ball... Was a starting catcher for FAMU in early 1990s....



JAMES AMMONS



**DWAINE BACON** 



**DAMIEN BARTON** 



**OMAR BECKFORD** 



JARED BENTON



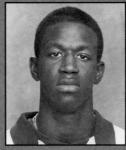
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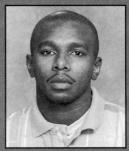
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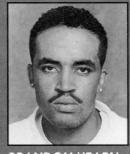
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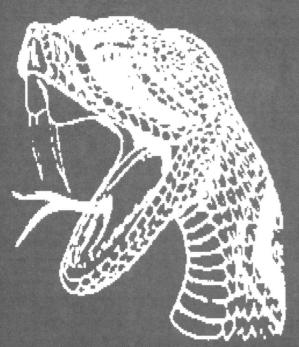
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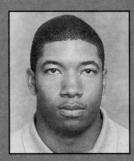
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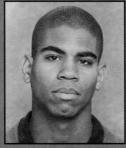




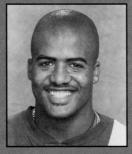
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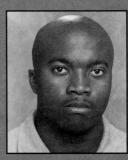
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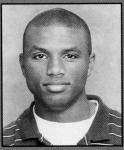
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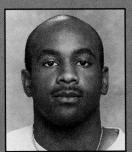
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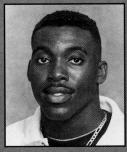




**BRIAN SIMS** 



**ALEX SMITH** 



**ERIC THOMAS** 



**DUANE WILSON** 

#### JAMES AMMONS • 6

- Outfielder
- •5-11 165 Freshman
- •DOB 5-7-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Tallahassee, FL Florida HS
- College Major: Building Construction

A multi-talented youngster, who has good range in the field and an extremely quick bat, Ammons will vie with several veterans for playing time this season... With his good bat, he may see action as a spot starter, designated hitter or pinch hitter/pinch runner.... **HIGH SCHOOL:** Was winner of the Jeff Hogan Award for Florida High's top offensive player (1997).... Was an All-Big Bend selection (1997) for the Seminoles....

#### **DWAINE BACON • 29**

- Catcher
- •5-11 181 Sophomore
- •DOB 4-11-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Fort Washington, MD Bishop HS
- College Major: Broadcast Journalism

A talented youngster who should vie for the vacant catcher's slot, Bacon is a highly-regarded prepster who has been fairly impressive in preseason drills and should bear watching.... Has power to all fields and a good throwing arm from behind the plate... 1998: Bacon played in eight (8) games, hitting .333 (four for 12) with two (2) RBI and a stolen base.... Also handled 18 fielding chances without an error.... HIGH SCHOOL: Bacon was a four-time All-Conference selection, earning first-team All-County and All-District notices in 1997.... Bacon hit a robust .397 with 10 homers and 27 RBI his senior season (1997).... Voted the Bishop High

"Sportsman of the Year."

#### **DAMIEN BARTON • 18**

- Pitcher
- •6-2 175 Freshman
- •DOB 12-1-79 Bats Right/Throws Left
- •Marietta, GA Walker HS
- College Major: Business Finance

A multi-talented prep performer who could be an everyday player, Barton will likely be pressed into service as a freshman from the pitching mound....HIGH SCHOOL: Barton went 7-2 with a 2.49 ERA, while also hitting .480 with seven (7) home runs and 41 RBI.... He is a two-time All-County pick and team cpatain his last two years.... Was club MVP as a senior... Won Best Pitcher Award (as senior) and Top Hitter (for best batting average, as junior)....

#### **OMAR BECKFORD • 14**

- Infielder/Pitcher
- •6-3 185 Senior
- •DOB 12-17-76 Bats Left/Throws Left
- Cooper City, FL Cooper City HS
- College Major: Electrical Engineering

This multi-talented youngster played a reduced role last season, going between the mound and the infield (at first base), but his versatility could prove a plus for him and the Rattlers this season.... 1998: Beckford posted a 2-2 record on the mound, starting three (3) games making five total pitching appearances.... Logged 16 strikeouts in 19.2 innings with a 4.58 ERA.... At the plate, Beckford hit .235 in 12 games (4 for 17), while playing first and pitching with an errorless performances in 26 fielding chances.... 1997: Pitched in six (6) games, with 12.46 ERA in 8.2

innings.... At the plate, Beckford hit .242 in 23 games (8 starts), playing first base, starting as a deisgnated hitter and even logging some pinchhitting at-bats..... 1996: Beckford hit .295 in 44 games as both a first baseman and a designated hitter.... He lashed six (6) doubles, belted a pair (2) of homers and bashed out one triple.. He finished third on the team in RBIs (20) and slugging percentage (.402), while fielding .973 at first base.... Was on Dean's List at FAMÜ (Business) as freshman, serving on Student Council... Is majoring in Electrical Engineering..... HIGH SCHOOL: Beckford hit .348 as a junior and .352 as a senior. He earned All-County honors both seasons... He was the team Co-Captain as a senior and played on Junior Olympics teams in 1991 and 1992... Was a four-year honor roll student at Cooper High School....

#### **JARED BENTON • 17**

- Pitcher
- •6-1 185 Junior
- •DOB 12-5-78 Bats Rights/Throws Right
- Somerville, New Jersey
- Hillsborough High
- College Major: Biological & Agricultural Systems Engineering

Benton is a youngster who pitched his way into a regular's spot in 1997, and played more consistently as a starter last season... He and Marcus Myrick will be the lone upperclassmen pitchers on the active roster in 1999, so they will be counted on to provide leadership to a young staff.... 1998: Benton posted a 1-5 record in 11 games... He had nine (9) starts logging 32.1 innings and 23 strikeouts.... 1997: Benton appeared in 13 games, starting in eight (8) games... Posted a 2-6 record with a 5.31 ERA.... Pitched 59.1 innings with 46 strikeouts in against 35 walks...HIGH SCHOOL: A two-year varsity letterwinner in baseball, Benton hit .363 as a senior, while averaging nearly two (1.86) strikeouts per nine innings... Benton was a fouryear honor roll member in high school and is majoring in Chemical Engineering....

#### **GLYNELL BRADLEY** • 15

Infielder

- •5-8 165 Sophomore
- •DOB 5-19-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Miami, FL Southridge High School
- College Major: Business Management

This young infield prospect played well last season, positioning him to make a run at a regular's role defensively.... He hopes to follow in the footsteps of family members that have gone before in Rattler Baseball (Uncles Otis J. and L.C. played in the 1970s).... 1998: Bradley hit .321 in 19 games (six starts).... HIGH SCHOOL: The South Florida native was an All-Dade County (honorable mention) pick, helping Miami High to the 1997 district title and to the Class 6-A finals... He hit .352, scoring 33 runs as a senior (1997)......

#### **ROBERT BROWN • 7**

- Pitcher
- •6-0 170 Sophomore
- •DOB 9-5-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Auburndale, FL
   Auburndale HS
- College Major: Psychology

This talented youngster was impressive at times in his collegiate debut season in 1998 and should contend for a regular's role on the Rattler pitching staff in 1999.... 1998: Brown posted a 1-4 record with 10 pitching appearances.... He had five (5) starts and two (2) complete games, logging 42 complete innings.... Recorded 23 strikeouts..... Brown was a hard-luck pitcher, since three of his four losses were by four runs or less, with one one-run loss to Bethune-Cookman (7-6).... HIGH SCHOOL: Brown was an All-Polk County selection in baseball (1997), hitting .405 at the plate, while posting a 6-3 record on the mound.... Was a six-time all-star in the Auburndale Junior and Senior Leagues...

#### SHERROD BROWN • 16

- Outfielder
- •6-0 195 Senior
- •DOB 6-23-76 Bats Left/Throws Left
- Tallahassee. FL Lincoln HS
- College Major: Electrical Engineering

This talented Tallahassee native played a more active and versatile role in the Rattler Baseball

team's plans last spring and should be a regular in the lineup this year too... A solid hitter, Brown is a player who has the range to roam the outfield effectively.... 1998: Brown hit .225 in 24 games (21 starts) with three (3) home runs, two (2) doubles and one (1) triples... He had 18 hits (in 80 at-bats) with 11 RBI.... He also had three (3) stolen bases in four (4) attempts..... 1997: Brown played in 22 games (14 starts), hitting .220 with four extra base hits (2 doubles, 2 triples), with a pair (2) of stolen bases.... 1996: Brown pitched in one game last season (3 innings), while logging 12 plate appearances in 11 games, scoring once.... Majoring in Electrical Engineering at FAMU, where he is a NASA Scholar...

HIGH SCHOOL: A solid infielder who hit over .300 at Lincoln, Brown was a superb academic performer in high school. An honor roll student who was a member of the Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society and Who's Who Among High School Students...

#### **MONTREY COLEMAN • 25**

- Pitcher
- •6-4 180 Freshman
- •DOB 9-10-80 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Columbia, SC Columbia HS
- College Major: Electrical Engineering

Coleman is a top-flight young pitcher, who should get a chance to challenge for regular mound duty in 1999.... With four starters gone from the Rattler rotation, this talented youngster will have a good chance to show his skills.... HIGH SCHOOL: Coleman was the team MVP in 1998, while earning All-Area, All-Region and All-Academic honors... Was also captain of the Columbia High baseball team....

#### **ROMANO DUDLEY • 3**

- Outfielder
- •5-6 180 Senior
- •DOB 11-16-75 Bats Right/Throws Right
- LaGrange, GA
   Cent. Alabama
   LaGrange
   HS
- College Major: Industrial Engineering

A lightning-quick youngster, with good outfielder coverage skills, Dudley returns to action this year after missing the 1998 season.... Should contend

for a starting spot in the outfield....1997: At FAMU, Dudley hit .305 (29 of 95) in 39 games, with five (5) doubles and two (2) triples... Had 11 stolen bases (12 attempts)....JUNIOR COLLEGE: Lettered two seasons at Central Alabama CC... Was second on club in stolen bases with 34 in 1996... Was a two-year starter...

HIGH SCHOOL: Dudley was a member of LaGrange's two-time 4-AAAA regional champions (1992, 1994).... He was two-time All-Area (1st team in 1994; 2nd team in 1993)... Won the Gold Glove Award (1993, 1994)... Was captain of the 1994 baseball team and led the club in stolen bases (1994)....

#### **RANDY GRAYS • 28**

- Pitcher
- •6-3 208 Sophomore
- •DOB 10-28-78 Bat Right/Throws Right
- •Solon, OH Solon High School
- College Major: Business

A solidly-built youngster with a dazzling array of pitches, Grays should get a good shot at pitching on a regular basis with several slots open in the rotation.... Has the capacity to perform either as a starter or as a relief pitcher.... HIGH SCHOOL: Was an All-League, All-County, 2nd team All-State hurler for Solon High School...

#### **GERRITT GILL • 24**

- Infielder
- •6-3 205 Junior
- •DOB 8-20-77 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Grand Rapids, MI Ottawa Hills HS
- Grand Rapids CC/Oklahoma State U.
- College Major: Journalism

This Michigan native should be in the thick of the chase for playing time at third base with senior Anthony Robinson, although he can play other spots.... Gill came to FAMU after a nomadic trek which took him to Oklahoma State then to Grand Rapids Community College.... A solidly-built youngster, who has played third base, shortstop and outfield, he was a highly-decorated prep star..... 1998: Gill played in 26 games (23 starts), hitting .242 (22 for 91) with a pair (2) of homers, five (5) doubles and nine (9) RBI.... JUNIOR COLLEGE/OKLAHOMA STATE:

Information wasn't available at press time....

HIGH SCHOOL (1992-95): Gill had a mindblowing .545 career batting average in four
seasons at Ottawa Hills High School, with 14
home runs, 107 RBI and 50 stolen bases.... He was
a four-time All-Conference pick, while also
earning All-Region and All-District notices three
years.... Was the team MVP and team captain
two straight years (junior, senior).... Played in the
Michigan East-West All-Star game played at
Detroit's fabled Tiger Stadium....

#### **REGGIE GRIGGS • 31**

- Infielder
- •6-6 270 Junior
- DOB 2-22-78
   Bats Left/Throws Left
- West Palm Beach, FL
   Wellington HS
- Florida State University
- College Major: Sports Management

This massive muscleman developed into the cleanup hitter the Rattlers have coveted for the past few years in 1998 and FAMU looks for more of the same in 1999.... Will be the starter at first base, but with his prodigious power may be utilized as a designated hitter. Defensively, Griggs has a solid arm and the savvy to dig out the wild throws at first.... COLLEGE (At FAMU -**1998):** The big guy hit .309 in 50 games (49 starts), bashing nine (9) homers and lashing 10 doubles... Finished the year third on the club in RBI (36).... (At FSU - 1997): A transfer from crosstown Florida State, Griggs hit .260 with a trio (3) homers and 10 RBI.... HIGH SCHOOL: A former preseason prep All-America by Baseball America, was first-team All-Region and All-Conference in 1996... He hit .387 with eight (8) homers and 29 RBIs..... Also played football for Wellington High School...

#### **BRANDON HEARN • 20**

- Infielder
- •6-5 190 Senior
- •DOB 8-13-76 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Los Angeles, CA Beverly Hills HS
- •El Camino, Santa Monica & Los Angeles CC
- College Major: Education

This tall, lanky youngster has great range and

throwing accuracy at shortstop but has battled injuries through his career at FAMU, which has limited his playing time... 1998: Hearn played in 25 games (22 starts at short), hitting just .169, (11 for 65), after assorted injuries kept him out of the lineup consistently... 1997: Was medically redshirted following a back injury and surgery resulting from an auto accident.... Majoring in Education at FAMU... JUNIOR COLLEGE: Hearn was All-conference (honorable mention) at shortstop in junior college, after being drafted out of high school (Colorado Rockies).... HIGH SCHOOL: Hearn hit .350 as a senior with a pair of homers and 29 RBI. He earned All-Ocean League and All-Westside honors.... Also played two seasons of prep basketball....

#### **MARK JOHNSON • 13**

- Pitcher
- •6-2 •175 •Freshman
- •DOB 3-24-80 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Tallahassee, FL Lincoln High School

Possessed of a wicked curveball and an assortment of breaking pitches that drive batters nuts, Johnson is a highly-talented youngster who has the versatility to be a reliever or a regular in the starting rotation.... **HIGH SCHOOL:** Johnson was an All-Big Bend performer for Lincoln High school as a pitcher, rating as one of the area's best mound aces.....

#### **SHERWIN LOCKRIDGE • 4**

- Infielder
- •5-11 190 Senior
- •DOB 6-16-77 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Welaka, FL Crescent City HS
- Pasco-Hernando CC
- College Major: Criminology

A terrific junior college performer who was also a standout prep athlete, Lockridge brought some immediate helpin 1998 to a Rattler infield that had lost three starters and with the versatility he displayed, he may very well be the equivalent of a franchise player for FAMU.... 1998: Lockridge hit .289 in 51 games (51 starts), with seven (7) home runs, nine (9) doubles and three (3) triples... Collected 39 RBI, getting 50 hits (173 at-bats).... Had eight (8) stolen bases in 11 tries....Turned

eight (8) double plays, playing primarily at second base.... As a pitcher, mainly in relief, Lockridge posted a 1-1 record with a nifty 1.80 ERA in 5.0 innings.... Made the All-Tournament team for his play in the MEAC Championships last year.... JUNIOR COLLEGE: At Pasco-Hernando Community College (1996, 1997), Lockridge hit .339, with 16 doubles, four (4) homers and 46 RBI.... Set a school record with eight (8) RBI in one game.... **HIGH SCHOOL**: Lockridge lettered in football and baseball, earning All-County honors in football in 1994 and capturing team and county baseball MVP honors in 1995... A three-time All-County pick (1992, 1994, 1995), the talented youngster hit .409 as a senior....

#### **ANDRE MCADEN • 12**

- Outfielder
- •6-2 190 Senior
- •DOB 1-7-76 Bats Right/Throws Rights
- •Tallahassee, FL •Godby High
- College Major: Business Administration

McAden should contend strongly for a regular's role in the outfield in this his fourth season at FAMU.... A local product, McAden makes good contact and has been aggressive at the plate in the preseason drills, showing that he is positioning himself for a run at regular duty... 1998: Played in 35 games (31 starts), hitting .239.... (26 for 109)... Hit six (6) doubles and one (1) triple.... Was five (5) of six (6) in stolen bases... 1997: Was the club's number one pinch hitter playing in 14 games, starting in five (5)... Hit .346 with two (2) doubles, a triple and one (1) homer.... Redshirted in 1995.... 1996: McAden hit only .067 in 15 at-bats (two runs scored) in 14 games.. Is majoring in Business Administration at FAMU... HIGH SCHOOL: Was a three-sport letterwinner (football, basketball, baseball) at state prep power Godby High... Was honorable mention All-State in baseball and All-Big Bend in football and baseball... Hit .488 as a senior outfielder for the Cougars... Was Prep Academic All-America, a member of the Honor Roll and winner of the Student Government Leadership Award in high school...

**DUSTIN MATTHEWS • 11** 

#### Infielder

- •6-2 175 Freshman
- •DOB 7-17-80 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Chicago, IL
   Whitney Young HS
- College Major: Business

A talented youngster who is also quite versatile, Matthews should push for playing time at shortstop.... He has great range and has the potential to be an everyday player very shortly.... HIGH SCHOOL: Was All-Catholic League as a junior... Was an All-City selection as a senior, when he was also Honorable mention high school All-America....

#### **MARCUS MYRICK • 19**

- Pitcher
- •6-2 195 Junior
- •DOB 5-7-76 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Bascom, FL Malone HS Enterprise CC
- College Major: Business Administration

A member of the huge junior college contingent brought in in 1997, Myrick's experience and skills could make him the elder statesman of the Rattler ptiching staff this year..... 1998: Myrick went 0-1 in nine (9) appearances...He logged 19.2 innings with eight (8) strikeouts.... 1997: Myrick was 1-0, appearing in eight (8) games, all in relief appearances.... He pitched 13.1 innings with an 8.10 ERA, fanning six (6) batters, while issuing 14 walks... Myrick is majoring in Business Administration at FAMU... JUNIOR COLLEGE: Myrick was a regular in the Enterprise State rotation for the 1996 season, earning strong consideration from several area colleges including FAMU....HIGH SCHOOL: Myrick played both basketball and baseball at Malone High... As a senior, he hit .341 with a pair (2) of home runs... He led Malone in batting and RBI as a sophomore and senior, earning second team All-County honors... He was first-team All-County as a freshman, when he led the county in triples.....

#### **MATTHEW NUNN • 27**

- Outfielder
- •5-11 225 Sophomore
- •DOB 4-15-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Springfield, IL Springfield HS

#### College Major: Engineering

A highly-decorated preparer in baseball, Nunn should vie for playing time in the Rattler outfield this spring, especially after hitting over .300 in about 20 games as a freshman a year ago.... The Illinois native has good range for an outfielder and has some good pop in his bat as well..... 1998: Nunn played in 22 games (9 started), hitting .310 (13 for 42).... Hit one (1) homer, three (3) doubles, driving in 10 runs.... HIGH SCHOOL: Nunn starred at Springfield (III.) High School in baseball, fashioning a career .409 batting average, setting a single-season school record with 10 homers in his senior year (1997)... He earned All-City and All-Conference honors.... Was an Academic All-State selection.... Nunn, who plans to major in Engineering at FAMU, also played American Legion Baseball... His Legion team won the 1997 district title.... Cousin David Freeman played baseball for Rattlers in early 1990s....

#### **HAJI OUTLAW • 23**

- Pitcher
- •6-3 190 Freshman
- •DOB 12-9-78 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Evanston, IL Evanston Township HS
- College Major: Engineering

A hard-throwing prepster, who has a good repetoire of pitches, Outlaw is one of the 1999 Rattler "Young Guns," who should add some punch to the FAMU pitching staff.... HIGH SCHOOL: Was all-conference and all-area for Evanston Township High School...

#### **VINCENT PALMER • 20**

- Infielder
- •6-3 220 Sophomore
- •DOB 12-30-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Augusta, GA
   Carol Morgan HS
- College Major: Chemical Engineering

Palmer has a strong arm and has shown great power in fall drills.... Will likely contend again for playing time at both short and third.... Is at FAMU on the NASA Scholars Program... 1998: Played in nine (9) games last season as freshman, hitting .400 (2 for 5) and a pair of RBI... Was utilized mostly as a pinch runner.... HIGH SCHOOL: A four-time baseball MVP, Palmer was the basketball team MVP his senior year (1997) and was the Morgan High Athlete of the Year in 1996-97....

#### STANLEY PEPPERS • 5

- Catcher
- •5-9 195 Junior
- •DOB 8-18-78 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Cross City, FL Dixie County HS
- College Major: Criminal Justice

A multi-sport star in high school, Peppers is coming off a redshirt year ready to challenge for the catcher's role vacated by 1997 hitting star Keith Maxwell, drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates.... 1998: Peppers played 27 games (25 starts), hitting a robust .330 (29 of 88).... Had eight (8) doubles, a homer and one triple, driving in 18 runs.... Threw out 14 opposing runners (57 tries)...Had 149 fielding chances, with only five (5) errors.... **HIGH SCHOOL:** Peppers whose family has FAMU sports ties (father, Dolphus played baseball; also had uncle and cousin play football), was an All-Conference performer for Dixie County High in baseball, basketball and football as a sophomore, junior and senior.... He earned All-Region honors in football in 1994 and 1996 and in baseball in 1995 and 1996.... Is majoring in Health, Physical Education and Recreation...

#### **ANTHONY ROBINSON • 21**

- Infielder
- •6-2 195 Senior
- DOB 10-18-77 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Tallahassee, FL •FAMU HS
- College Major: Physical Education

One of the club's most versatile performers, Robinson has established himself as the club's everyday third baseman, a spot he's held the past three years.... His experience and clutch hitting will make him a key player in the Rattlers' drive for the MEAC title in 1999... Has power from the plate and has improved his fielding each season.... Has versatility to play several positions and pitch as well.... CAREER: Owns .235 career batting average, but has been a clutch hitter with 48 RBI and 22 extra base hits in 131 career games.... He has 14 doubles, six (6) homers and a pair (2) triples.... 1998: The personable Rob hit .252 (27 of 104) with a pair (2) of homers and five (5) doubles, along with 14 RBI in 41 games (38 starts).... He also turned in six pitching appearances, posting a 1-2 record in 20.2 innings... Logged two (2) starts with 14 strikeouts.... 1997: Robbie hit .252 in 48 games (47 starts), with three (3) homers,

five (5) doubles and 20 RBI... Despite an up-and-down year at third, Robinson did turn five (5) double plays.... 1996: Robinson was MEAC Rookie of the Year and made the MEAC All-Tournament team... Robinson hit .202 with seven (7) extra base hits - four (4) doubles, two (2) triples and one (1) homer - plus 14 RBI is 114 atbats in 42 games... Also pitched in four games, starting and getting the win in a 9-3 romp over Coppin (Md.) State in the MEAC Tournament.... pitched 10 innings with six (6) strikeouts...

HIGH SCHOOL: Played basketball and baseball at FAMU High... Was on two state championship basketball teams, averaging 10 points and 8.0 assists per game.... In baseball, he was the club MVP with a .420 average and a pair of homers (2) his senior season....

#### **BRIAN SIMS**

- Catcher
- •6-3 185 Freshman
- •DOB 10-12-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Waukegan, IL Waukegan HS
- College Major: Psychology

This big freshman could have a bright future on the behind the plate for the Rattlers after a strong high school career... He possesses a strong bat and has a good arm from behind the plate, making him a serious contender for playing time, either as a catcher or designated hitter..... HIGH SCHOOL: Sims was the Scholar Athlete Award winner on the Waukegan High baseball team, earning All-Conference honors as a senior.... He was twice selected to the All-Lake County team (1997, 1998) and was team MVP as a junior and senior.... He also served as team captain his last two years.....

#### **ALEX SMITH • 1**

- Outfielder
- •5-6 175 Sophomore
- •DOB 3-15-78 Bats Right/Throws Right
- Miami, FL Carol City HS
- College Major: Graphic Arts

This diminutive speedster is a talented outfielder with great range and sure hands, making him ideal for patrolling the vacant centerfield spot left vacant by the graduated David Jones.... Should be the everyday leadoff man for the Rattlers... Has good power for a leadoff man so he should not only be a threat on the

bases, but a tough customer at the plate.... **HIGH SCHOOL**: A baseball and football performer for Carol City High School, Jones was All-District and All-State in both sports

#### **ERIC THOMAS**

- Pitcher
- •6-3 190 Freshman
- •DOB 8-7-79 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •Tyrone, GA Sandy Creek HS
- College Major: Undeclared

A talented and consistent prep performer, Thomas will come in and immediately vie for playing time as a member of the Rattlers' pitching staff...

HIGH SCHOOL: A four-year letterwinner in baseball for Sandy Creek High School, Thomas earned All-Area honors and honorable mention All-State honors.... The school's 1995 baseball MVP and freshman of the year, Thomas won the 1998 Patriot Award and was named to the region's .400 Club as a hitter....

#### **DUANE WILSON• 10**

- Infielder/Utility
- •6-1 215 Sophomore
- •DOB 11-9-78 Bats Right/Throws Right
- •College Park, GA Westlake HS
- College Major: Broadcast Journalism

This former prep phenom could see more playing time this season as either a catcher or at first base... 1998: Wilson played in 26 games for the Rattlers (17 starts), playing some first base and also spending some time behind the plate.... He hit .250 (16-for-64) with seven (7) RBI, two (2) home runs, two (2) doubles and two (2) triples.... also had one (1) stolen base.... Committed just one (1) error in 91 fielding chances last season.... Threw out five (5) runners attempting to steal as a catcher (34 chances).... HIGH SCHOOL: Was a four-year starter for Westlake High in the Atlanta area... Led the team in homers, RBI and hitting his final three years... Hit .480 with five (5) homers and 33 RBI as a senior (1997), earning team MVP honors.... Was Atlanta Journal-Constitution South Metro Baseball Player of the Year.... Named to AJC's All South Metro Baseball team all four years in high school... Played all infield positions and caught as well.... Also played summer league ball, starring at first base for the Gresham Park Mariners of the RBI (Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities) league (1994-97)....

# 1998: A Year In Review

#### Rattlers Set Records, But Suffer Another MEAC Title Miss

The 1998 Rattler
Baseball season could be characterized by the phrase near miss, as
Coach Joe Durant's bunch came awful close to a winning season overall, while letting a conference title bid slip through their fingers as well.

FAMU posted a 21-30 record overall, but perhaps their biggest disappoint in the year of the near miss was their 5-10 mark in the Mid-Eastern Athletic conference's Southern Division, which doomed them to a fourth place finish in the loop - their worst-ever since the league went to division play in 1993.

Key to the Rattlers' bittersweet finish was this telling fact: Sixteen (16) of FAMU's 30 losses were by five runs or less and eight (8) of them were by one run. In divisional play six of the 10 losses were one-run setbacks, meaning

that with a few breaks, the Rattlers could easily have earned a higher tournament seed.

The Rattlers opend the campaign with a three-game sweep of the Jackie Robinson Invitational Tournament, pounding Jackson State (18-4) and Texas Southern (25-5), while nipping Alabama State 7-5.

FAMU would get off to its' best start in seven years, building a 7-3 record in the first 10 games after a two-game road sweep of highly-regarded Florida International in Miami, 7-5 and 16-8.

But then a swift reversal of fortune doomed the Rattlers in late February, as pitching troubles, followed by a collective hitting slump led FAMU down a slippery path which saw them drop 27 of their final 41 games.

In the MEAC Tournament, which for the past decade had been the Rattlers' playpen (nine finals appearances since 1987 and four straight finals since 1994), saw FAMU falter in the opener to eventual champ Howard, 4-2.

Despite bombing
Coppin (Md.) State (14-3)
and Maryland-Eastern
Shore (14-5) in the loser's
bracket, the Rattlers'
desperate bid for a fifth
finals berth evaporated in
the hot sun of Daytona
Beach as archrival
Bethune-Cookman ousted
FAMU, 5-2.

Still, despite yet another disappointing campaign, there were highlights to remember from 1998:

- Outfielder David Jones hit .399 and led the club in stolen bases, but more importantly, he led the nation in triples (0.24) per game, the first FAMUAN to finish first in triples since Marquis Grissom in 1988. He lashed 10 triples, along with nine (9) doubles, and four (4) home runs.
- •Senior pitchers Josh Farrow (5-3) and Carlton

Hunter (5-1) tied for the club lead in victories, with Farrow winning the club's strikeout title with 62 Ks in 12 games.

- Outfielder Floyd Cobb led the club in runs scored (53), was second in doubles (11) and was named to the CoSIDA District III Academic All-America squad.
  - •Transfer Thornton

Davis started out like a house afire as a hitter, finishing with 15 doubles, 10 homers and 51 RBI and a .331 average, while another transfer, massive Reggie Griggs (from Florida State) came in a bashed nine (9) homers, 10 doubles, while driving in 36 runs.

Newcomer Sherwin
 Lockridge was a jack-of-all

trades, playing the infield, catching and serving a s a relief pitcher. He hit .289 with nine (9) doubles, seven (7) home runs, three (3) triples and 39 RBIs. He turned eight (8) double plays while posting a 1-1 record on the mound in relief with three (3) saves and a 1.80 earned run average.

#### 1998 Rattler Scorecard • 21-30

@Jackson (Miss.) State @Texas Southern @Alabama State JACKSONVILLE (Fla.)	W, 18-4 W, 25-5 W, 7-5 <b>2-6</b>
MERCER (Ga.)	W, 9-7
MERCER (Ga.)	6-21
at Troy (Ala.) State	2-17
at Alabama State	W, 10-7
at Florida International	W, 7-5
at Florida International	W, 16-8
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN	2-3
at Jacksonville (Fla.)	9-22
at Samford (Ala.)	W, 21-11
at Samford (Ala.)	W, 8-6
VALDOSTA (Ga.) STATE	3-10
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	6-24
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL	0-7
ALABAMA STATE	W, 6-3
ALABAMA STATE	W, 10-7
STETSON (Fla.)	7-16
STETSON (Fla.)	1-6
+NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7-8
+NORTH CAROLINA A&T	W, 7-6
+NORTH CAROLINA A&T	6-7
+NORFOLK (Va.) STATE	9-11
ALABAMA A&M	W, 11-0

+NORFOLK (Va.) STATE	W, 6-2
+at Bethune-Cookman	5-6
+at Bethune-Cookman	5-6
+at Bethune-Cookman	2-7
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	4-10
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND	5-9
at Valdosta (Ga.) State	10-17
+at Norfolk (Va.) State	4-5
+at Norfolk (Va.) State	W, 3-1
+at Norfolk (Va.) State	6-14
at Charleston (S.C.) Southern	3-18
+BETHUNE-COOKMAN	1-5
+BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W, 10-5
+BETHUNE-COOKMAN	W, 6-2
at Stetson (Fla.)	6-7
at Stetson (Fla.)	7-17
at Mercer (Ga.)	1-5
at Mercer (Ga.)	6-7
TROY (Ala.) STATE	W, 8-7
*Howard	2-4
*Coppin (Md.) State	W, 14-3
*Maryland-Eastern Shore	W, 14-5
*Bethune-Cookman	2-5
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# 1998 Final Statistics

	21-30 Overall • 5-10 in MEAC Southern Division
HITTING Farrow Jones Palmer Cobb Davis Peppers Bacon Griggs Bradley Nunn Lockridge Robinson Wilson Manuel Gill McAden Carter Beckford S.Brown Hearn Hardaway R.Brown Hunter Young Wells Benton Myrick FAMU TILS OPPS TILS	A
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# The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference

Formed in 1970, after over a year of discussions, workshops and formative planning, the **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference**, is one of two NCAA Division

One leagues made up of historically Black institutions.

The initial members included **Delaware State** 

College, Dover; Howard University, Washington, D.C.;

Morgan (Md.) State University, Baltimore; North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro; North Carolina Central University, Durham; South Carolina State University, Orangeburg and the University of Maryland at Eastern Shore, Princess Anne.

In 1978, the league appointed its' first and only commissioner, Kenneth A. Free, who has been the guiding force for the group's movement into NCAA Division One, in June of 1980.

Florida A&M and Bethune-Cookman (Fla.) College,
Daytona Beach, joined the league in 1980. North Carolina
Central departed the membership in 1979, while
Coppin State (Md.) College of

Baltimore, joined the league in

1985.

Hampton (Va.) University and Norfolk (Va.)
University joined in 1995 and 1997 respectively, giving

the league 11 members.

Current baseball-playing members are **Bethune-Cookman**, Coppin State, Delaware State, Florida A&M, Howard, Maryland at Eastern Shore, Norfolk State, North Carolina A&T.

The league was awarded a play-in bid to the

NCAA Tournament in **July** of 1994, the bid going to the winner of the annual conference tournament in May.

Overall, Howard leads with seven (7) conference titles, followed by FAMU with six (6). Bethune-Cookman has won three (3) titles. North Carolina A&T has won two (2) titles, while South Carolina State, Delaware State and Coppin State have won one (1) each.

This year's conference tournament will be hosted by Bethune-Cookman College at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex, May 5-7.

The 1999 season will also mark the first year that the MEAC Tournament winner

will receive an **automatic NCAA regional bid**, thanks to the expansion of the tournament to **64 teams**.

# MEAC BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

1972 Howard

1973 South Carolina State

1974 North Carolina A&T

1975 Howard

1976 Howard

1977 Howard

1984 Howard

1985 Bethune-Cookman

1986 Howard

1987 Florida A&M

1988 Florida A&M

1989 Delaware State

1990 Florida A&M

1991 Florida A&M

1992 Florida A&M

1993 North Carolina A&T

1994 Florida A&M

1995 Coppin State

1996 Bethune-Cookman

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# Rattler Baseball History



THE FATHERS OF FAMU BASEBALL

Dr. Oscar A. Moore (left) and Costa "Pop" Kittles (right) built Rattler Baseball into the impressive program that it is today. Between them, 14 conference titles were won for the Orange and Green from 1951 to 1978.

Florida A&M's Baseball Program, born in 1899, has a history perhaps as colorful as their elder brothers on the gridiron - a legacy replete with great teams and great players.

• George Sampson, the school's first athletic director in 1899, took the previously unsupervised activity and gave it its' first direction toward the vibrant program it is today.

• Dr. Oscar A. Moore and later Costa "Pop"
Kittles, proved to be the catalysts in elevating FAMU
Baseball beyond the run-of-the mill Black College
program, the process becoming the sports' best
known coaches at Florida A&M.

•Moore, a graduate of West Virginia State University, guided the Rattlers to six Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles, while producing FAMU's first pro player - the late William "Bill" Lucas, signed by the Milwaukeee Brayes.

"Bill" Lucas, signed by the Milwaukeee Braves.
•Lucas would later break ground, thanks to the maverick owner Ted Turner, becoming the first Black executive in major league baseball with the Atlanta Braves in the 1970's.

• Kittles, a star catcher under Moore, assumed

the program's reins in 1960, leading the Rattlers to eight SIAC titles, seven straight crowns (1960-66), six NAIA district (or regional) playoffs and one NAIA National Tournament. Overall, he compiled an impressive 401-128 record before retiring in 1982.

•Some 19 baseball players were signed or drafted during Kittles'23-year coaching stint, including three future major leaguers - Hal McRae (Cincinnati, 1965); Andre Dawson (Montreal, 1975) and Vince Coleman (St. Louis, 1982).

•That trio combined to earn 12 Major League All-Star Game berths, six (6) World Series appearances, one league MVP Award (Dawson in the National League in 1987) and two National League Rookie of the Year Awards (Dawson, 1977 and

Coleman, 1985).

After struggling for a few seasons following Kittles' retirement, the program resurged under the disciplined leadership of **Robert "Bob" Lucas**, a former Rattler star infielder in his own right, and former assistant coach, who took over in 1986, eventually guiding FAMU to three Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles (1987, 1988 and 1990).

• Marquis Grissom, now one of major league baseball's rising young stars, was a product of Lucas' five-year stint, which saw six players drafted by major league teams.

The program is now under the watchful eye of **Joseph Durant**, a 1976 FAMU graduate and former standout catcher, who assumed control of the program in 1991. He has led the Rattlers to three MEAC titles in four years, while producing at least one major league draft choice each year from 1991 through 1994.

Quality competition has never been absent from FAMU schedules as they've faced national and regional powers like Miami (Fla.), Florida State, Florida, Georgia Tech, Jacksonville, South Alabama and South Florida, among others over the years.

 Rattler diamondeers have made their mark among national leaders statistically over the years,

especially in base running.

 Vince Coleman was among Division One's dominant stolen base artists, leading the nation for two years (1981, 1982), while **Marquis Grissom** led the nation in both triples and runs scored in 1988, en route to being drafted by Montreal that June

Last season, speedy centerfielder David Jones led

Division One in triples per game (0.24), 10 years after Grissom managed the same feat

• Pitcher Melvin Gilliam led the nation in strikeout ratio (12.5 per nine innings) in 1979; Outfielder Greg **Perkins** was ranked the toughest to strike out (one K in 115 at-bats) in 1986; **Coleman** (1.56) in 1982 and Michael Poole (1.39) in 1983, rank in the Division One Top Ten in stolen bases per game in a season.

# FAMU's Pro Baseball Legacy.

The Florida A&M Baseball Program, producer of great teams and great players over the years, also has had an unheralded penchant for turning out pro baseballers.

Florida A&M's Baseball Program has also had its' share of impact on major league

managment as well.

•In the 1970s, the late Williams "Bill" Lucas, a star shortstop for FAMU in 1950s, became the first black major league executive with the Atlanta Braves.

Lucas was responsible for the entire major league and minor league operation, building Atlanta into a title contender in the 1980s, shortly after his untimely death in 1978.

•In 1992, Hal McRae became just the fifth Black to manage a major league team with the Kansas City Royals.

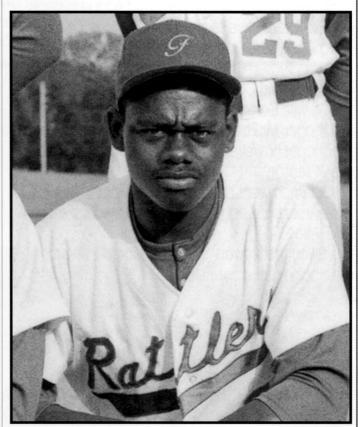
Over 40 players have either been drafted or signed as free agents since the 1950's, with four players making the majors.

The first to make the big time was Hal McRae, drafted by Cincinnati in 1965. McRae played on those Big Red Machine clubs of the 1970s, before moving to Kansas City, where he helped the Royals to post-season glory.

An All-Star as an outfielder, and designated hitter, McRae is considered by some as the one player who epitomized the designated hitter

during the early years of the concept in the American League.

Andre "The Hawk" Dawson, named one of the "Ten Greatest Rightfielders of All-Time," by **Baseball Digest** in 1994, was drafted by Montreal in 1975.



MARQUIS GRISSOM, now with Milwaukee, has appeared in three straight World Series, playing with Cleveland (1997) and Atlanta (1995, 1996)

FAMU's Pro Legacy...

**Dawson** made the majors by 1976, earning National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1977. A perennial All-Star with Montreal and later the Chicago Cubs, **Dawson** won the National League MVP Award in 1987.

The power-hitting Miami native is was the designated hitter for the Boston Red Sox in 1994, but after the strike, which ended the 1994 major league season, he signed with the Florida Marlins in his hometown, where he finished his brilliant career in 1995.

Next in the line of succession was **Vince Coleman**, drafted by St. Louis in 1982, after leading the nation in stolen bases in 1981 and 1982.

Nicknames like "The InVinceable Man of Steal" and "Vincent Van Go" followed after his meteoric major league debut in 1985, when he stole over 100 bases earning National League Rookie of the Year honors. He went on to lead the National League in steals for six consecutive seasons, helping the Cardinals to two World Series, one against Hal McRae, in his final playing season at Kansas City.

McRae and Coleman were united in Kansas City in 1994, with Coleman as the player and McRae the manager. McRae was released by the Royals as manager however, following the strike-shortened 1994 season.

Coleman went on the Seattle for their 1994 run at the American League title, then played last season in Detroit.

**Milwaukee Brewers'** outfielder **Marquis Grissom** is the babe of the quartet.

Drafted by the Montreal Expos in 1988, he made the majors by 1989, going on to win All-Star honors three times and Gold Glove Awards for his fielding prowess five times.

In the past three seasons, **Grissom** has played in the World Series, two years with **Atlanta (1995, 1996)** and last season with the **Cleveland Indians**.

The 1997 American League Championship Series MVP, Grissom already ranks among the all-time best hitters in major league postseason history.

In 1997, **FAMU had three players drafted** by major league teams: pitchers **Robert Averette** (Cincinnati) and **Derrick Lewis** (Atlanta) and catcher **Keith Maxwell** (Pittsburgh).

# Florida A&M's PRO BASEBALL ALUMNI

Players Signed or Drafted Since 1958
• Major Leaguers in **Bold** 

- 1997- Robert Averette, P, Cincinnati Derrick Lewis, P, Atlanta Keith Maxwell, C, Pittsburgh
- 1994- Wilton Person, OF, Atlanta
- 1993- Artis Johnson, OF, Chicago Cubs
- 1992- Willie Brown, OF, Florida Marlins Morisse Daniels, OF, California Curtis George, INF, Cleveland
- 1989- Sean Gilliam, OF, N.Y. Yankees
- 1988- Marquis Grissom, OF, Montreal
- 1987- Mitchell Burke, C, Pittsburgh Darren Fudge, OF, San Francisco Henry Harris, OF, L.A. Dodgers John Lewis, P, N.Y. Yankees
- 1982- Vince Coleman, OF, St. Louis
- 1981- Larry Aaron, OF, Atlanta Vince Coleman, Philadelphia Bill Lucas, Jr., INF, Atlanta
- 1979- O.J. Bradley, OF, L.A. Dodgers Melvin Gilliam, P, Texas
- 1978- Rozetta Gordon, OF, White Sox
- 1977- Eugene Harris, OF, Atlanta
- 1976- James Brockenbury, C, Atlanta William Campbell, SS, N.Y. Yankees Joe Hicks, INF, Atlanta Reggie Lucas, INF, Atlanta Waymon Winton, INF, Atlanta
- 1975- Andre Dawson, Montreal
- 1967- John Champion, OF, White Sox
- 1965- Hal McRae, OF, Cincinnati
- 1963- Robert Lucas, SS, Philadelphia
- 1962- Ulysses Wilson, SS, Philadelphia
- 1960- Howard Kelly, OF, Milwaukee
- 1958- Bill Lucas, Sr., SS, Milwaukee

# Moore-Kittles Field

#### The Home of Florida A&M Baseball

Located just south of the Florida A&M University campus on Wahnish Way is the home of the Rattler Baseball Program.

This season, the former Rattler Field will wear the name Moore-Kittles Field, honoring the founding fathers of FAMU Baseball, the late Dr. Oscar A. Moore and recently-retired coach and professor Costa "Pop" Kittles.

Thanks to the leadership of then-FAMU President Walter L. Smith, who was a driving force in moving a bill through the Florida Legislature for campus facilities, the new field was built at its' present location.

Built with a self-contained sprinkler and drainage system in

1983, a fully-electronic scoreboard was added in 1984.

The field also features two covered dugouts, a minifieldhouse which is topped by a 12-seat press box and contains restroom facilities and equipment storage areas.

Aluminum bleachers arrayed behind home plate and along the baselines seat over 500 fans.

In recent years, upgrades have been made to the facility to make it one of the better collegiate baseball fields in Florida.

A batting cage, donated by former Rattler and major league all-star Andre Dawson was built and expanded, the outfield fence was redone in wood to allow advertising to be displayed (for sponsorship/fundraising purposes), but the crowning achievement came in 1993.

Rattler Field saw night baseball for the first time, as a \$125,000-lighting system was installed, just in time for the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championships, held annually at FAMU since 1988.

Plans are underway to raise funds to erect a fieldhouse to house coaches' offices, indoor batting and workout facilities and clubhouses for both teams replete with showers and lockers.

Moore-Kittles Field is the most visible part of the successful collegiate baseball tradition at Florida A&M.



# INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

- •Most At Bats 204, by Lorenzo Spencer (in 62 games), 1985.
- Most Runs 63, Marquis Grissom (in 39 games), 1988.
- Most Hits 70, Keith Maxwell (in 52 games), 1997.
- Highest Batting Average (Appeared In At Least 75% Of Team Games) .500, by James Brockenbury (in 30 games), 1976.
- Most Doubles 15, by Thornton Davis (in 49 games), 1998.
- Most Triples \*10, by Marquis Grissom (in 39 games), 1988; by David Jones (in 41 games), 1998.
- •Most Home Runs 15, by Sean Gilliam (in 38 games), 1988; by Keith Maxwell (in 52 games), 1997.
- Most RBI 78, by Hal McRae, 1965.
- Most Stolen Bases \*65, by Vince Coleman (in 66 games), 1981.
- Most Putouts 316, by Reggie Griggs (in 50 games), 1998.
- •Most Assists 135, by Adrian West (in 48 games), 1992.
- Most Errors 41, by Djuan Tinsley (in 51 games), 1997.
- Most Innings Pitched 137.2, by Willie Mitchell (in 20 games), 1986.
- •Best Season ERA 1.27, by Robert Lavine (over 42.1 innings in 8 games), 1977.
- Most Pitching Victories 11, by Willie Mitchell (in 20 games), 1986.
- Most Pitching Decisions 17, by Willie Mitchell (in 20 games, 11-6), 1986.
- Most Strikeouts 96, by Willie Mitchell (in 20 games), 1986.

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#### **BATTING RECORDS**

#### **AT-BATS**

Year 1998 1997 1996 1995 1994 1993 1992 1991 1990 1989 1988 1987 1986 1985 1984 1983 1982 1981 1980 1979 1978 1978	Sherwin Lockridge Keith Maxwell Demetry Beamon Eddie Odom Wilton Person Artis Johnson Willie Brown Morisse Daniels Stacy Pough Sean Gilliam Sean Gilliam Marquis Grissom Harold Atkins Lorenzo Spencer Michael Poole Michael Poole Vince Coleman Vince Coleman William Lucas Danny Pendleton William Lucas Sam Miller Joe Hicks Waymon Winton Andre Dawson	<b>GP</b> 51 52 48 50 54 45 48 42 35 34 38 31 44 62 49 31 20 66 39 34 28 23 30 30 37	No. 173 180 169 160 188 155 169 142 105 125 151 117 154 204 158 93 61 179 125 114 99 75 103 110 118
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1998	Floyd Cobb	51	53
1997	Keith Maxwell	52	52
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1993	Randall Pannell	44	51
1992	Adrian West	48	38

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1990	Mike Ray	33	40	1982	Vince Coleman 20	26
1989	Sean Gilliam	34	38	1981	Vince Coleman 66	67
	Javan Melton	31	38	1980	William Lucas 39	54
1988	Marquis Grissom	39	*63			
				1979	James LeCount	36
1987	Marquis Grissom	31	38	1978	William Lucas 28	39
1986	Henry Harris	40	29	1977	Eugene Harris 23	23
1985	Henry Harris	59	39	1976	Joe Hicks 30	45
1984	Michael Poole	49	47			
				1975	Andre Dawson 31	43
1983	Michael Poole	31	29	1974	Andre Dawson 27	46
1982	Vince Coleman	20	28	1973	Waymon Winton 16	23
1981	Vince Coleman	66	36			
1980	William Lucas	39	45	1971	John Champion 36	61
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1979	Tony Gresham	30	43		•	
1978	Danny Pendleton	28	35			
1977	Sam Miller	23	21		<b>DOUBLES</b>	
1976	Joe Hicks	30	36			
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1975	Joe Hicks	29	34	1998	Thornton Davis 49	15
	Reggie Lucas	26	34	1997	Keith Maxwell 52	13
	William Campbell	29	34	1996	Maurio Watkins 47	13
1974	Andre Dawson	27	44			
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1997	Keith Maxwell	52	70			
1996	Maurio Watkins	47		1988	Sean Gilliam 38	12
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1992	Willie Brown	48	48	1986	Harold Atkins 44	9
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1989	Sean Gilliam	34	56		Willie Mitchell 43	. 6
1988	Marquis Grissom	39	64		Greg Nelson 41	6
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1984	Michael Poole	49	56		Larry Aaron 38	. 7
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Year	Player GP	No.	1991	Malcolm Hamilton	81.1
1998	Carlton Hunter 13	5-1	1990	Malcolm Hamilton	67.2
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1997	Robert Averette 15	7-4	1988	Robert Jackson	96.1
1996	Anthony Moreland 14	4-6	1987	John Lewis	72.1
1995	Anthony Moreland 14	7-5	1986	Willie Mitchell	137.2
1994	Shohn Lewis 17	7-2	1985	John Lewis	69.0
1993	David Prosser 15	5-7	1984	Phil Washington	70.0
	Derek Townsend 11	5-4	1983		34.2
1992	David Prosser 16	6-6	1980	Lorenzo Spencer	
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1986	Willie Mitchell 20	11-6	1975	Joseph Tolliver	55.0
1985	Willie Mitchell 17	4-7	1974	Joseph Tolliver	25.1
1984	Phil Washington 14	4-5	1973	C.Nicholson	54.2
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1980	Milton Prescott 11	5-3	1967	Richmond Young	. 25.2
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1976	Joseph Tolliver 14	7-3	1998	Joshua Farrow	
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1974	Charles Grimsley 9	5-1	1996	Joshua Farrow 66	
1973	G. Riggins 8	5-1	1995	Joshua Farrow 68	
1971	Tom Wilson 11	8-1	1994	Shohn Lewis 69	
1969	R. Young 6	3-1	1993	David Prosser 52	
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1998	Carlton Hunter	66.1	1987	John Lewis 57	

1986	Willie Mitchell	96
1985	John Lewis	51
1984	John Lewis	48
1983	Lorenzo Spencer	33
1980	Milton Prescott	49
1979	Melvin Gilliam	78
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1976	Robert Lavine	51
1975	Charles Grimsley	27
1974	Charles Grimsley	27
1973	C.Nicholson	39
1971	Tom Holt	59
1967	Richmond Young	25

- Most Home Runs 60, (in 39 games), 1988.
- Most RBIs 293, (in 51 games), 1998.
- Most Stolen Bases 137 (of 148 attempts, in 46 games), 1991.
- Most Innings Pitched 476.2, (in 62 games), 1985.
- •Lowest ERA 2.64, (in 30 games), 1975.
- Most Strikeouts 352, (in 52 games), 1997.
- Most Walks Allowed 404, (in 62 games), 1985.

# MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS

#### **NO HITTERS**

- •1994 Shohn Lewis, vs. North Carolina A&T (7 innings), March 23, 1994.
- •1994 James Harris, vs. North Carolina A&T (7 innings), March 23, 1994.
- •1973 Larry Scott and Sidney Small (combined), vs. Clark College (Atlanta, Ga.), 9 innings.

#### Team Single Season Highs

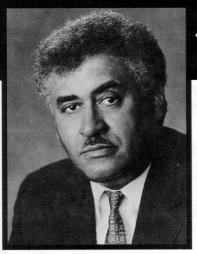
- Most At-Bats 1743, (in 62 games), 1985.
- Most Runs 375, (in 46 games), 1993.
- Most Hits 530, (in 62 games), 1985.
- •**Best Team Average** .342, (408 of 1193 in 39 games), 1988.
- Most Doubles 89, (in 51 games), 1998.
- Most Triples 34, (in 46 games), 1993.

# FAMU'S BASEBALL CONFERENCE TITLES

#### Championships Since 1951

- 1994 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference<sup>o</sup>
- 1992- Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference<sup>o</sup>
- 1991 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference<sup>o</sup>
- 1990 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference¶
- 1988 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference¶
- 1987 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference¶
- 1978 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic
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# University Administration



# Dr. FREDERICK HUMPHRIES University President

Frederick S. Humphries has the dual distinction of not only being the eighth president of Florida A&M University, but in 1998-99, he also enters the 13th year of his tenure.

He is a man with vision, possessing outstanding experience as an educator, and a determination and commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence.

A native of Apalachicola, Florida, he graduated magna cum laude, from Florida A&M in chemistry in 1957. He was awarded the Ph.D.

degree in physical chemistry by the University of Pittsburgh in 1964.

His achievements at Florida A&M are numerous, including overseeing the school's expansion to a student body of just under 11,000; awarding the school's first Ph.D. degree; heading the drive to lead the nation in the recruitment of National Merit Scholars; spearheading the school's efforts to increase grants and funding to its' numerous academic programs and leading the university to Time Magazine/Princeton Review's "College of the Year" honors in the Fall of 1997.



# KENNETH J. RILEY Director of Athletics

In 1986, Ken Riley, a favorite son of Florida A&M, responded to the call to service of his alma mater and has responded with 11 years of energy, dedication and hard work toward taking the university's athletic program to a higher level.

In the summer of 1994, he was afforded that ultimate opportunity when he was promoted to Director of Athletics, a role he has served with distinction for the past three years.

His current role as CEO of FAMU Athletics is an ongoing challenge which is drawing upon all his varied life experiences as an administrator, coach and student-athlete. He oversees the operations of a 17-sport, multi-million dollar NCAA Division One program, which has been the finest in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference over much of the past 10 years.

As head football coach at FAMU from 1986 to 1993, the Rattlers posted a 48-39-2 mark, with two Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles (1988,1990), and three seasons of NCAA Division 1-AA Top 20 finishes (1988, 1990, 1992). He was named MEAC Coach of the Year in 1988, 1990 and Black College Coach of the Year (1988) by Atlanta's 100 Percent Wrong Club.

Riley is a 1969 honors graduate, in Health and Physical Education, Riley was a Rhodes Scholar-ship nominee, who holds master's in Education Administration from the University of North Florida.

# Athletic Administration

#### **CYNTHIA DUPONT-JONES**

#### Associate AD/Senior Woman Administrator

An integral part of Florida A&M's athletic administration for the past decade, Ms. Jones continues to bring a winning combination of innovative thinking, hard work and enthusiasm to her demanding dual role as the department's chief financial officer and its' primary women's administrator.

She aptly coordinates event and fiscal operations throughout the school year, working closely with the department's business, ticket and concessions managers assuring a smooth operation.

A native of Plant City, Florida, Ms. Jones also holds the role of primary women's administrator in the FAMU Athletic Department, supervising the women's sports programs.

Jones came to FAMU Athletics in 1987, serving as Athletic Business Manager. She was promoted in 1989 to Assistant Athletic Director for Business and Finance, before being elevated to her current spot as Associate Athletic Director in the spring of 1992.

A graduate of Florida State University in Accounting, Ms. Jones also holds a masters' degree in Athletic Administration from Florida A&M University. She was an internal auditor for six years, five at Florida A&M, before joining the Athletic Department staff.



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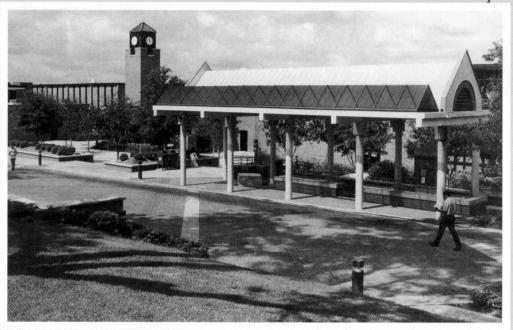


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# About Florida A&M - The University

Florida A&M University was founded on October 3, 1887, as the State Normal College for Colored Students, opening classes with fifteen students and two instructors. It's destiny: to become an institution of higher learning, striving toward even greater heights of academic excellence.

In 1997, TIME



Florida A&M's Campus Commons

Founded In 1887, The University Was Named **TIME MAGAZINE'S** "1997 College of the Year"

MAGAZINE recognized the efforts of the university under the excellent leadership of Dr,. Frederick Humphries, naming Florida A&M its 1997 College of the Year.

Today, Florida A&M University is one of nine institutions in the State University System, and excellence - "Excellence With Caring" - remains its' goal.

In 1909, the name was changed to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes (FAMC or FAMCEE). The following year, with an enrollment of 317 students, the awarded its' first degrees.

Perhaps the greatest achievement was the elevation of the school to university status in 1951.

Many of FAMU's academic programs are just as reknowned as its' athletic teams.

The music department, progenitor of the world famous "Marching 100" Band, is renowned for its' training excellence, as are the Schools of Business and Industry and Allied Health Sciences (which features Nursing and Physical Therapy) and the heralded School of Pharmacy.

At present, under the administration of Frederick S. Humphries (since 1985), enrollment has soared dramatically past the 10,000 mark (fall 1992) and the University is now leading the the nation in attracting National Merit Scholars.

Under the dynamic leadership of Humphries, a magna cum laude graduate (1957), Florida A&M is moving forward into its' second century.

### 1899-1999

# FLORIDA AGM UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS

#### Continuing a century of sports success

From humble beginnings in 1899 the athletic legacy of success that has become Florida A&M University Athletics was born.

Barely out of the cradle itself as an academic institution following its' founding in 1887, sports at Florida A&M began as unsupervised activities in the late 19th century, featuring primarily baseball and basketball.

By 1899 Jubie Bragg and George Sampson would take over faculty supervision of athletics at Florida A&M.

This act was the first of many that began the athletic program's evolution into a program of almost unmatched athletic success.

From those early days, FAMU Athletics has blossomed into a program that has 17 sports - football, basketball, baseball, swimming, track, tennis and golf for men and basketball, volleyball, softball, swimming, tennis and track for women.

Football, once deemed too rough for collegiate youngsters by the FAMU fathers of the late 1800s, has since become the crown jewel of the school's athletic program.

Rattler gridders have captured 11 national titles, over 30 conference crowns and rank among the winningest programs in college football. Presently, 11 former FAMUans are on NFL teams, part of a long list of nearly 100 former Rattlers who have played professionally in various leagues since the 1950s.

Men's Basketball, which achieved varsity status in 1932, has had its' share of success, with two of its' former greats - Mickey Clayton (Class of '75) and Clemon Johnson (Class of '78) manning the helm of the program at this juncture.

Baseball, the earliest of FAMU's sports, has sent four players in the major leagues, with current Cleveland Indians' all-star centerfielder Marquis Grissom the last of that impressive quartet.

Hal McRae (Cincinnati, Kansas City), who went on to become field manager at Kansas City; Andre Dawson (Montreal, Chicago, Boston, Florida) and Vince Coleman (St. Louis, New York, Kansas City, Seattle, Detroit) are the other members of the baseball quartet. The late William "Bill" Lucas, major league baseball's first-ever Black executive (Atlanta, 1970s) was a 1957 graduate of FAMU played baseball for the Rattlers.

Track and Field added to the legacy too, with two Olympians - Bob Hayes (1964) and Rey Robinson (1972), who blazed a trail on tracks all around the world.

Tennis provided the school's most outstanding female athlete and arguably its' best all-around athlete in Althea Gibson. She played tennis at FAMU, moving on to fame as winner of singles and doubles titles at the French Open (1956), Wimbledon and the U.S. Open (1957).

Women's Basketball, the crown jewel of Rattlerette sports, like most women's sports was not fully varsity in the true sense of the word until the advent of Title IX in the 1970s.

But thanks to Mickey Clayton and presently, Claudette Farmer, Rattlerette Basketball is one of the most consistent success stories in Division One Basketball with just three sub .500 seasons since 1977-78.

Greats like all-time scoring and rebounding leader Cathy Robinson and NCAA career steals leader Natalie White are just the more recent stars of the basketball program.

Volleyball, winners of three league titles since 1988 and Softball, winners of four conference pennants in five years, have along with women's basketball all advanced to NCAA postseason play, garnering national acclaim for those sports.

Florida A&M was one of the dominant schools in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference during its' tenure (1925-1980) and its' legacy in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference is approaching legendary proportions as well.

FAMU has won eight All-Sports Trophies for men's sports and six straight women's All-Sports Awards in the MEAC.

This brief look only attempts to scratch the surface of a century of sports success that has been Florida A&M University Athletics.

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