



Alumni Association



The Windy City Seminole Club

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From the President

Mike McGee
2004 President

Hello again and Go Noles! What a difference a year makes. Determined to continue our progress, we are gearing up for another exciting year for the Windy City Seminole Club. Unfortunately, a few of our board members from last year have moved out of state. We cannot thank them enough for their time and efforts to make our club the best group of Seminoles outside Tallahassee. We have filled their vacated positions with two new board members, Marla Burton and Elliot Nathanson. We are thankful that Marla and Elliot have volunteered their time and welcome them as board members. We encourage all of you to hold a position on the board. It is a great way to give back to the university. The best part is that it is not too time consuming.

As members, you will again be provided with information about our upcoming events through newsletters, event-specific Email announcements, and the club website at www.windycityseminoles.com. Last year, our major events took place over the Notre Dame football weekend. On Friday night, we held a pep rally party at Rock Bottom in downtown Chicago, and an overwhelming 2,000 Seminoles from across the country attended. We also organized a bus ride to/from the game and raised enough money to start a scholarship fund for a local Chicago area FSU freshman. We plan to award the scholarship this fall to an FSU freshman, so if you know of any potential

applicants, please have them contact us by Email or through the club website.

Over the past year, we had many fun-filled football and basketball game-watching War Parties. Attendance was at an all-time high. We also had several other social events, including our famous Cubs rooftop outing in July. Once again, the events were successful. If you missed out, be sure to catch this year's events. This year's game-watching parties will be held at our new home, Kincade's (see below).

We hope that all of you will take advantage of the opportunity to become a member of the Windy City Seminole Club, or to renew your membership, as the case may be. We set record membership numbers last year and hope that this trend continues. If you are not on our Email list, please don't forget to send your Email address so that you can receive our event announcements.

We look forward to another great year!

Go Noles!

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Membership News

The Windy City Seminole Club offers two membership options: single and family/couple. FSU students and alumni and any other individuals interested in Florida State are eligible for membership. It has never been easier to sign up or renew. Simply fill out and send us the membership form on the adjacent page, send us an Email or visit the club website.

Members are invited to all club functions. Our goal is to promote FSU and strengthen the ties between the club, its members and the university. We hope all of you will get involved and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

2004 FSU Football Schedule

Sep. 6	at Miami	7:00 pm
Sep. 11	OPEN	
Sep. 18	AL-Birmingham	5:30 pm
Sep. 25	Clemson	TBD
Oct. 2	North Carolina	TBD
Oct. 9	at Syracuse	TBD
Oct. 16	Virginia	TBD
Oct. 23	at Wake Forest	TBD
Oct. 30	at Maryland	TBD
Nov. 6	Duke	TBD
Nov. 11	at N.C. State	6:30 pm
Nov. 22	OPEN	N/A
Nov. 29	Florida	7:00 pm

Please note that all times are Central

NEW War Party Location

In an effort to provide our members with the BEST War Party location, we will now have our War Parties at Kincade's, which is located at 950 W. Armitage in Chicago (near the corner of Armitage and Sheffield). The Armitage El station for the Ravenswood (Brown) Line is just steps from the bar. Enjoy great food and drink specials and cheer on the nation's best team! Kincade's is managed by FSU's very own Greg Weinstein (Class of 1985).

Kincade's is a great Lincoln Park bar. We will have use of the FAR back room at Kincade's. There is a wonderful bar in the back room and plenty of TVs (big screen and flat screen). Kincade's will be a great place to catch the Noles in action. If you think you made your way all the way to the back of Kincade's, you probably didn't. Keep going and we'll see you for food, fun and FSU football!

While our parties are open to all, we want you to become a club member. See you at Kincade's. Go Noles!

Kincade's
950 W. Armitage
Chicago, IL 60614
(773) 348-0010

Raffles EVERY week!!

FSU Football Preview

The Seminoles are hoping the fourth time is a charm for Chris Rix, who will be Bobby Bowden's first-ever four-year starter at quarterback. Though his inconsistent play has caused many FSU fans to turn gray over the past three years, there is no doubting Rix is as talented as any signal-caller in the nation, and experience is certainly on his side heading into 2004. The Noles head into the season ranked No. 5 by the AP.

In front of Rix, the Noles return all five starters along the offensive line, a group that should be the backbone for the FSU offense. Electrifying sophomore Lorenzo Booker and junior Leon Washington will team up to replace running back Greg Jones, and All-American candidate receiver Craphonso Thorpe returns from last season's broken leg.

Defensively, the Seminoles' lineup was gutted by graduation. Only defensive end Eric Moore returns among the standout front seven from 2003, and he hopes to improve on his 7.5 sacks of a year ago and become the next great FSU pass rusher. Keep an eye on young linebackers A.J. Nicholson and Ernie Sims as well as playmaking defensive backs Jerome Carter and B.J. Ward, both of whom are seniors.

Bobby Bowden, in his 28 years in Tallahassee, has created high expectations for the football program. And with those expectations comes pressure — the pressure to stay ahead of Penn State's Joe Paterno for the all-time coaching victories lead and the pressure to keep churning out double-digit-win seasons and major bowl game appearances. That's pressure he doesn't mind at 74 years young.

"With Miami set as the opening game, you know that motivation is not going to be a problem," Bowden said looking forward to this season. "We've got a long way to go, but we've got real talent out there. ... I'm excited." Windy City Seminole Club prediction: 12-0 (why not?)

Contact Us

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about membership, how to serve on the board, and how to join one of our committees. You can contact us via Email at: WindyCitySeminoles@yahoo.com.

Additionally, all event information is sent via email and is accessible through the club website at: www.WindyCitySeminoles.com.

Windy City Seminole Club 2004 Membership Application

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Year Graduated _____ Major _____ Occupation _____

Single \$25 Couple \$40
 Shirt Size M L XL (Circle One)

Please make checks payable to **The Windy City Seminole Club** and mail this application and your check to: **Windy City Seminole Club, P.O. Box 2555, Chicago, IL 60690-2555.**

FSU Basketball Preview

FSU will enter the 2004-2005 season ranked in the top 30. Without a doubt, Leonard Hamilton continues to improve the quality of Seminole basketball. Last season, the Noles were invited to the NIT and just missed the "Big Dance." Anything but a trip to the field of 65 will be a letdown this season. We're excited that we will once again have select War Parties for FSU basketball games. Event information for Seminole Basketball War Parties will be sent by Email and posted on the WCS website.

The Event of the Past Year

October 31, 2003 was an evening to remember. In case you missed it...it was the party of the year. The Windy City Seminole Club hosted a pep rally for all Seminole fans ready to see the Noles take on the Irish in South Bend. In a close one, the Noles defeated the Irish 37-0.

Seminole fans came out in droves to kick off the weekend in style. The turn out was incredible. Nole fans filled the Rock Bottom Brewery...the banquet rooms were overflowing, the rooftop was jammed, and even downstairs was saturated in Garnet and

Gold. To say the least, the turnout was overwhelming, and the event was a huge success for the Windy City Seminole Club.

For those of you who missed out on the fun...we sure hope to see you this fall. Come out and join us at Kincade's!

Special Thanks...

We would like to give special thanks to the following people for their help this past year:

Terry Johnson (FSU Alumni Association liaison), Tina Olson (past Treasurer), Robyn Campagna (past Secretary), Mark Campagna (past Vice President), Derek Casteel (past board member), Andy Curtis (past board member), Carol and Terry Lee (WCSC logo designers), Jeff Duncan (webmaster), Jeremy Harpley (web design work), Heather Voorn and Laura Desmond (Notre Dame weekend).

This should be another exciting year for Windy City Seminoles as we continue to build the premier alumni club of the Florida State University. We hope this newsletter has given you a taste of the excitement to come. We'll see you this fall. Go Noles!