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The Windy City Seminole Club

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From the Board

Mike McGee
2005 President

Hello again and Go Noles! We are ready for yet another exciting year for the Windy City Seminole Club. Our board from last year has remained in tact, and we have even added a couple of new, hard working board members—Courtney Lohmann and Carrie Williams. Their time and effort continue to make our club the best group of Seminoles outside Tallahassee. Already, others have expressed interest in helping with club events. We encourage all of you to hold a position on the board, or you may simply help plan and organize an upcoming event. Your ideas are also welcome. Being involved with our club is a great way to reconnect with our fine university.

As Windy City Seminole club members, you will be provided with information about our upcoming events through this newsletter, event-specific email announcements and the club website www.windycityseminoles.com. Last year, we proudly awarded a \$2,000 scholarship to a Chicago area FSU freshman. Jaime Kornick, who lived in Kellum Hall during her freshman year, was the recipient. While she was home for the holidays, Jaime and her mother attended our War Party for the FSU/West Virginia Gator Bowl football game.

Arrangements have already been made to award the scholarship this fall to another 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, the club held many fun-filled game-watching War Parties. We thank all of those who attended the parties in addition to those who planned, organized and ran them. Kudos to Pete Lohmann for helping with our raffles. On that note, congratulations to Elizabeth Lohmann, Pete and Jackie's daughter, who is now enrolled at FSU. Hopefully, our War Parties taught Elizabeth an early lesson or two in Seminole spirit. If you missed out on our club events, be sure to catch them this year. Our game-watching parties will be held at our home, Kincade's. Other events, such as the Southern School BBQ and the ACC/Big Ten Challenge game watching party, which will benefit the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Chicago, will be held elsewhere. Just read your email and visit our website for further details.

Please continue to become and renew your membership with the Windy City Seminole Club. Without your dues, we could not meet our annual budget. Cheers to another great year! Go Noles!

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Membership News

We offer two membership options: single and family/couple. FSU students, alumni and all other fans are eligible for membership. It is easy to sign up or renew. Just fill out and send us the membership form on the adjacent page, send us an email or visit the club website.

Members and guests are welcome at all club functions. To pick up your T-shirt, simply attend one of our War Parties. Thank you in advance for initiating or renewing your club membership. Upon receipt of your membership application, we will put you on our email list so that you will receive our event-specific announcements.

2004 FSU Football Schedule

Sep. 5	Miami	7:00 pm
Sep. 10	The Citadel	5:45 pm
Sep. 17	at Boston College	TBD
Sep. 24	OPEN	
Oct. 1	Syracuse	TBD
Oct. 8	at Wake Forest	TBD
Oct. 15	at Virginia	TBD
Oct. 22	at Duke	TBD
Oct. 29	Maryland	TBD
Nov. 5	N.C. State	TBD
Nov. 12	at Clemson	TBD
Nov. 19	OPEN	
Nov. 26	Florida	2:30 pm

War Party Location

Our War Parties will again be held 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. If you don't see other Windy City Seminoles, you are in the wrong room. Keep heading towards the back. Once there, you will notice that the back room has a wonderful bar and plenty of TVs (big screen and flat screen), allowing you to watch the games in comfort and style. Simply put, Kincade's is the best Chicago venue for watching the Noles. See you soon for food, drink, fun and FSU football!

Our parties are open to all Seminole fans and we hold raffles for each and every game.



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

Raffles EVERY week!!

FSU Football Preview

For 2005, the Seminoles return the dynamic running back tandem of Leon Washington and Lorenzo Booker. Washington was a near unanimous choice for 1st team All-ACC, which is not surprising in view of his 2004 season and his spectacular MVP performance in the 2005 Toyota Gator Bowl. Booker completes the 1-2 punch that should frequently visit the endzone.

The Noles will break in two redshirt freshmen at quarterback. Expect to see Xavier Lee and Drew Weatherford both get plenty of snaps. While inexperienced, both were highly sought national recruits just two years ago. Lee's all-time Florida high school passing yardage record still stands.

In front of them, the Noles return several lettermen along the offensive line, which will be lead by new offensive line coach Mark McHale. The new zone blocking scheme implemented by McHale should allow Washington and Booker to combine for over a mile of yardage. The receiving corps is talented as well. Look for Chris Davis and Willie Reid to have exceptional seasons.

Defensively, the Seminoles were spectacular in 2004, having perhaps the best season ever for the unit. Most of the unit returns,

including the outstanding linebacker corps of A.J. Nicholson, Ernie Sims and Buster Davis. Unfortunately, cornerback Antonio Cromartie, an All-American candidate, will miss this season after undergoing successful knee surgery. However, preseason All-ACC selection Pat Watkins will anchor the secondary. Keep an eye on young cornerbacks J.R. Bryant and Tony Carter, as they look to make up for the loss of Cromartie. The defensive line will be tested, but Kamerion Wimbley looks to be a prototypical FSU sack machine.

The offseason saw the addition of the nation's top recruiting class. Incoming wide receiver Fred Rouse and running back Antone Smith will soon be household names for all Seminole fans.

Head Coach Bobby Bowden enters his 30th season at Florida State as the all-time winningest coach in major college football history. Expect Coach Bowden to get his lion's share of victories this season. Windy City Seminole Club prediction: 10-2.

Contact Us

You can contact us via email at: WindyCitySeminoles@yahoo.com. All event information is sent via email and is accessible through the club website at: www.WindyCitySeminoles.com.

Windy City Seminole Club 2005 Membership Application

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Year Graduated _____ Major _____ Occupation _____

Single \$25 Couple \$40
Shirt Size M L XL (Circle One) Pick up your shirt at one of our War Parties

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 2005-2006 season with yet another top-ranked recruiting class. Despite the disappointments of last season, the back-to-back years of recruiting success proves that head coach Leonard Hamilton will get the job done at Florida State. The WCSC will participate in a basketball game watching fund raiser benefiting the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Chicago. This event will take place during the ACC/Big Ten Challenge and will allow us to mix and mingle with Chicago area fans and alumni of a variety of schools. The ACC has beaten the Big Ten every year since the two conferences began play. Last year, the Noles defeated the Golden Gophers of Minnesota during the challenge. This year, the Noles will host the Purdue University Boilermakers. Be sure to join us for the ACC/Big Ten Challenge benefit and for our select War Parties for other FSU basketball games. All information will be sent by email and posted on the WCS website.

Our Windy City Scholar

The proud recipient of our first annual \$2,000 scholarship was Jaime Kornick.

Jaime grew up in Arlington Heights, Illinois and attended Buffalo Grove High School, where she graduated on the honor roll in June 2004.

During high school, Jaime swam, ran track and also participated in gymnastics. As a teacher intern, Jaime tutored high school freshmen. She also worked for the Arlington Heights and Buffalo Grove Park Districts.

At Florida State, Jaime has already acclimated to student life by excelling in the classroom, participating in intramural sports and making sure she attends the home FSU football games (go figure!).

We are certainly pleased to have Jaime as our first ever Windy City Seminole Club scholar, and we cannot wait to award another scholarship this fall.

Special Thanks...

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

Terry Johnson (past FSU Alumni Association liaison), W. Barry Adams (President, FSU Alumni Association), Pete Lohmann (Raffle Extraordinaire), Jeff Duncan (webmaster), and, of course, the staff at Kincade's.

This should be another exciting year for the Windy City Seminole Club. We hope this newsletter has given you a small taste of the excitement to come. See you soon. Go Noles!