

The Southeastern Conference: its roots and its members!



Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association



William Dudley

- 1894: Alabama, Ala. Poly. Inst., Georgia, Ga Poly. Inst., North Carolina, Sewanee and Vanderbilt
- 1895: Clemson, Cumberland, Kentucky, LSU, Mercer, Mississippi, Mississippi A&M Southwestern Presbyterian University, Tennessee, Texas, Tulane, and the University of Nashville

Functions of the SIAA

- ✓ annual conventions
- ✓ officiating
- ✓ limiting players to five years of eligibility
- ✓ banning professional athletes
- ✓ requiring athletes to attend the school they represent
- ✓ banning instructors and professors from playing - Darn!
- ✓ suspensions of individuals and schools
- ✓ expenses

Greatest Team of the SIAA (or any other era)!

University of the South (Sewanee) - 1899



On the road, beat **LSU**, **Ole Miss**, **Texas**, **Texas A&M**, and **Tulane** in six days by a combined score of 91-0. Also beat **Auburn** (only team to score on them), **Georgia**, **Georgia Tech** and **Tennessee**

Other SIAA notable events:



- 1905: 149 cases of paralysis and 8 deaths attributed to collegiate football. The Intercollegiate Athletic Assoc. formed in NY. Four years later the IAA became the NCAA and the SIAA schools became members of the NCAA



- 1907: SIAA -first investigation of rules violations (Auburn and Alabama accusing each other of using ringers)
- GA Tech beat Cumberland College 222 to 0

The Southern Conference

- In 1922, Bama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Ga Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Miss. State, North Carolina, NC State, Tennessee, Virginia, Va Tech and Washington and Lee formed a new conference.
- In 1923, Florida, LSU, Ole Miss, South Carolina, Tulane, Vandy, and VMI joined.
- In 1928, Sewanee and Duke were added

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- **1931**: filming of games and practices becomes common, radio broadcasts and photographers on the field were banned by the Southern Conference
- **1932**: in Knoxville, the conference was split into two geographical conferences (10 coastal schools) which kept the Southern Conference Name (continued bans) and a new conference for the other 13 members (embraced filming, photos, and radio)
- **1933**: the SEC formed with Alabama, Auburn, Florida, Georgia, Ga Tech, Kentucky, LSU, MS State, Ole Miss, Sewanee, Tennessee, Tulane and Vanderbilt

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Gov. Conner

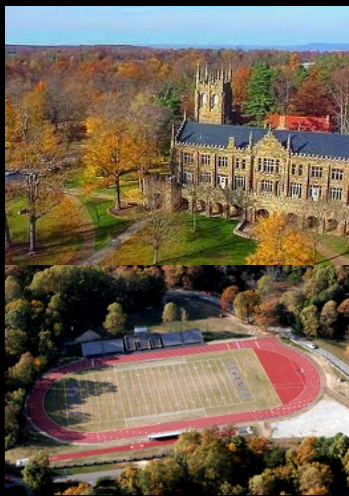
- Primary representative was the college president (still that way today and the first conference in the nation to do this)
- Grant in aid allowed in 1935 to keep players in school during the depression
- Martin Sennett Conner – first commissioner (expected to enforce rules and regulations, investigate alleged violations, act as a communication center)

Original Goals of the SEC

- 1) Promote mutual trust and friendly relations among members
- 2) Control athletics and keeping games within the bounds of educational activities
- 3) Promote clean sportsmanship
- 4) Develop public appreciation of the educational rather than the commercial values of intercollegiate sports

Three charter members left the SEC

Univ. of the South (Sewanee)



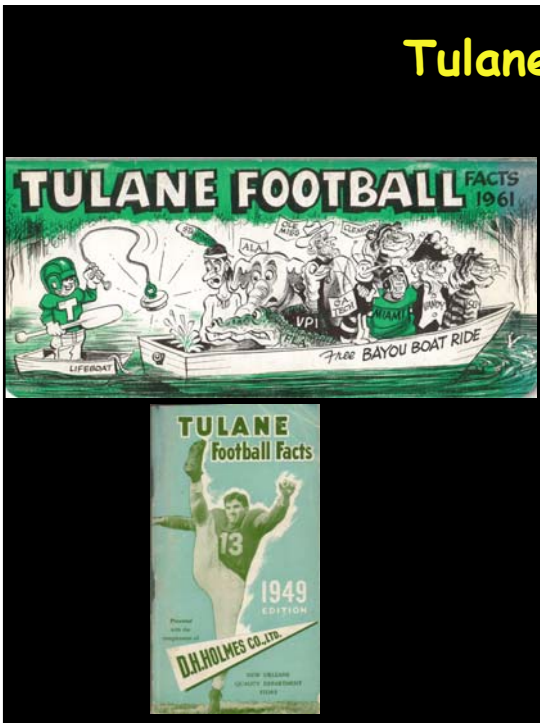
- Did not enjoy the growth experienced by other members
- In seven years, had not won a conference game
- Withdrew from the SEC in 1940
- Now in Division III

Georgia Tech



- At encouragement of Coach Bobby Dodd, left the SEC
- Wanted to be an successful independent like Notre Dame
- Did not like conference scholarship limitations

Tulane



- 1966 left the conference
- Had experienced budget cuts (had only 38 players on scholarship)
- Claimed it couldn't complete with money schools

Trophies of the SEC



Alabama Football!



Big Al and Elephants?!?



Arkansas Football!



Reynolds Razorback Stadium

They really are college graduates!



1910 →



Auburn Football



Jordan Hare Stadium

Tigers and War Eagles?



University of Florida Football!



Albert E. and Aberta



- The alligator has only been around for about a century, but was adopted as the official mascot in the 1970's.
- Ol' Al was replaced in the late 90's with the current gator head logo

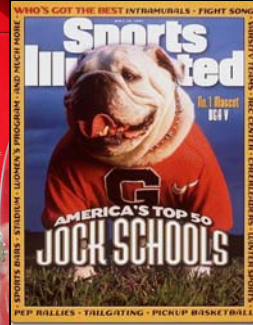


Georgia Football!



Stanford Stadium "Between the Hedges"

Uga - Frank 'Sonny' Seiler, Savannah, GA



Most famous bulldog in Columbia may not be Uga!



Kentucky Football!



Commonwealth Stadium

KY - school of firsts!



Nat Northingham

1st team in SEC to play football - 1881

1st team to have players wear letters instead of numbers - Jones twins: 1A and 1B

You will see unusual things at LSU!



Mike the Tiger!



Mississippi State Bulldogs



Davis Wade Stadium – Second oldest in Div. I

Bulldogs-1905 and Cowbells -1940's



Missouri Tigers!



Missouri Tigers!



Missouri is catless by choice!

Missouri has "Tigers for Tigers" whereas LSU's Mike lives better than many heads of state and rides in a gilded wagon

There is may be a jayhawk here (need to drill hole and put in a gator, two bulldogs, a chicken, pig, etc)

Ole Miss ~~Rebels~~ Black Bears?



Vault Hemingway Stadium

The Grove



South Carolina Gamecocks



The Cock Pit!



South Carolina Gamecocks



Cockaboose
Railroad



University of Tennessee



Neyland Stadium



Texas A&M



Kyle Field

Texas A&M Aggies- as weird as LSU?



Vanderbilt Commodores



Vanderbilt Stadium



Vandy Makes Changes!!!

- 2003 - President Gee abolished the Dept. of Athletics and the position of athletic director
- Athletics now under the Division of Student Life and under the supervision of Vice Chancellor of University Affairs



SEC football experts: who is this?



- Ol' Blue - the official Kentucky mascot!
- Has never been to campus
- A neutered, male bobcat
- Lives behind the Salato Wildlife Education Center in Frankfort, Ky
- Cannot abide crowds or crowd noise

Final Destination: Atlanta!
Treat every conference game as
if it was Kansas!

