GENERAL INFORMATION
Full name: Georgia State University
Location: Atlanta, GA
Founded: 1913
Enrollment: 31,000
Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Blue and White
Arena: GSU Sports Arena (3,400)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
President: Dr. Mark Becker
Director of Athletics: Cheryl L. Levick

BASKETBALL INFORMATION
2009-10 Record: 12-20, 5-13 CAA/T9th
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/1
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 5/6
First Year of NCAA Basketball: 1963-64
All-Time Record: 450-821
NCAA Appearances: (2) 1991, 2001
NIT Appearances (1): 2002

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Graduate Managers: Justin Wheeler, Markeal King

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[Image]
Rod Barnes is the only person in Southeastern Conference history to earn All-SEC honors as a player and then be named SEC Coach of the Year.
Rod Barnes has coached Ole Miss to 27 wins, the NCAA Sweet 16, and a No. 9 national ranking in 2001.

He led Ole Miss to 3 NCAA tournaments, 4 postseason berths, and 3 20-win seasons.

Every GSU senior under Coach Barnes has graduated, with a total of 11 Panthers earning degrees the last three years.
Mark P. Becker, the seventh president of Georgia State University, began his tenure on Jan. 1, 2009.

Becker has launched a major strategic planning initiative focused on positioning the university, as it sets its sights on its second century, to become one of the world's premier urban universities. Embracing its commitments to recognized excellence in education and research, as well as its unique location in and commitment to Atlanta, the university is poised to rise to new levels of accomplishment and impact.

Under Becker's leadership, GSU recently launched the Second Century Initiative for faculty excellence, most often referred to as “2CI.” This initiative will bring 100 additional faculty members to Georgia State over five years to build internationally recognized scholarly strength and critical mass in areas of priority.

Becker is a member of the Central Atlanta Progress Executive Committee; Atlanta Committee for Progress Board of Directors; Georgia Aquarium Board; Woodruff Arts Center Board of Trustees; Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Georgia Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Georgia Research Alliance Board of Trustees; 191 Club Board of Governors; ARCHE (Atlanta Regional Council for Higher Education) Board; and the World Affairs Council of Atlanta Board of Directors.

From 1989 to 2000, Becker was a professor and associate dean for academic affairs at University of Michigan's School of Public Health. He also has held academic appointments at the University of Washington, the University of Florida and Cornell University.

Becker earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics from Towson State University and his doctorate in statistics from the Pennsylvania State University.

During his career, Becker has been involved in several professional associations, including the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the International Biometric Society and the American Statistical Association, where he is a fellow. He has been principal investigator on research grants from the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, and he has published extensively in leading journals of medicine, public health, and statistics. Becker has served on a number of editorial boards, was co-editor of Sociological Methodology, and was a guest editor for Sociological Methods and Research and for the Journal of the American Statistical Association.

Becker and his wife, Laura Voisinet, have two grown children, Matthew and Julia.
Cheryl L. Levick carries a resume of experience and success from prestigious athletics programs across the nation in her position as Director of Athletics at Georgia State University.

Charged with leading GSU athletics in an era of unprecedented opportunity, Cheryl Levick has quickly put her stamp on the Panther program with the kickoff of Georgia State football and the continued growth of the overall program. Highlights of her first year on the job include historic increases in fundraising, numerous facilities upgrades—most notably the GSU Football Practice Complex—successful launch of ticketing and marketing campaigns for football, and rebranding of the school’s mascot and athletic logos.

Under Levick’s leadership, Georgia State student-athletes have excelled in the classroom, posting a grade point average over 3.0 while completing more than 4,000 hours of community service in 2009-10.

Levick came to Georgia State in March 2009 from the University of Maryland, where she served as chief of staff/executive senior athletic director, overseeing daily management of the 27-sport program. Her impressive career includes a total of seven years as director of athletics at Santa Clara University and Saint Louis University as well as nearly two decades in senior administrative positions at Maryland and Stanford University and stints with the Pacific 10 Conference and the NCAA headquarters.

Levick was named the 2001 Division I Athletic Administrator of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA). In 2005-06, she received the General Sports TURF Systems Athletic Director of the Year Award for the NCAA Division I Central Region, and she was recognized in both 1998 and 1999 as one of the nation’s Top 25 Female Sports Executives by Street & Smith’s Sports Business Journal. She is a past president of the NCAA Division I-AAA Athletic Directors Association.

Before going to Maryland in 2007, she served three years (2004-07) as director of athletics at Saint Louis, where she led the transition from Conference USA to the Atlantic 10 Conference and served as the lead fundraiser for a new $80 million on-campus arena and practice complex. In 2006, she received the Carl O. Bauer Award as the top amateur sports figure in the St. Louis area.

Levick also spent four years (2003-07) as director of athletics and recreation at Santa Clara University. She oversaw a major renovation of the Broncos’ basketball arena while securing approval for a $42.75 million commitment within the University’s capital campaign.

Prior to Santa Clara, Levick worked 12 years at Stanford as senior associate athletic director and senior woman administrator. She served as the primary administrator for 33 varsity programs that won 44 national championships and six straight Sears Cup titles during her tenure.

Levick previously served as assistant commissioner of the Pac-10 Conference, assistant director of communications and women’s programs at the NCAA, women’s gymnastics coach and associate athletic director at Slippery Rock University, and assistant gymnastics coach and synchronized swim coach at Indiana University. She began her career at Pattonville Senior High School in St. Louis, Mo., coaching gymnastics and women’s track.

Levick is a 1974 graduate of the University of Missouri, and she holds a masters degree in athletic administration from Indiana University. She has two daughters: Heather, who is married to Michael Klass, and Melissa.

THE LEVICK FAMILY: (l-r) Michael, Heather, Cheryl and Melissa.
ATHLETICS
SUCCESS

Under the leadership of Director of Athletics Cheryl L. Levick, Georgia State looks to build championship-level programs in all its sports.

The Panthers have won eight CAA team titles since joining the league in 2005.

BILL CURRY
1989 Bobby Dodd National Coach of the Year

SHARON BALDWIN-TENER
2001 Naismith National Coach of the Year

GEORGIA STATE’S NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS

ROD BARNES
2001 Naismith National Coach of the Year
PANTHER TRADITION

TAAC Champions
2001 NCAA TOURNAMENT
GEORGIA STATE’S CONFERENCE TITLES

1990-91 TAAC Tournament
1999-00 TAAC Regular Season (Co-Champions)
2000-01 TAAC Regular Season
2000-01 TAAC Tournament
2001-02 A-Sun Regular Season

Hello Cinderella
Hampton, Georgia State win shockers

NCAA Tournament win over Wisconsin
Back-to-Back Postseason Berths with 2001 NCAA Tournament and 2002 NIT
School-Record 29 Wins in 2001
Won or Shared First-Place in Conference
Three Straight Years (2000-01-02)
Three 20-Win Seasons Since 2001
25-Game Homecourt Winning Streak (2000-02)
786 WINS

Lefty's Legacy

The head coach at Georgia State from 1997-2003, Charles “Lefty” Driesell is one of the winningest coaches in college basketball history.

Ranks ninth all-time in NCAA Division I wins

The first coach in NCAA history to win 100 games at four different schools

Inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2007

Record of 786-394 from 1960-2003

Led four schools (Davidson, Maryland, James Madison & Georgia State) to the NCAA Tournament

Recorded 22 20-win seasons

Won 21 conference titles

Earned 21 postseason bids

THE LEFTY LEDGER

Davidson, 1960-69
Record: 176-65 (9 yrs.)

Maryland, 1969-86
Record: 348-159 (17 yrs.)

James Madison, 1989-97
Record: 159-111 (8 yrs.)

GEORGIA STATE, 1997-2003
Record: 103-59 (6 yrs.)

MOST NCAA DIVISION I WINS

902 Bob Knight
879 Dean Smith
876 Adolph Rupp
868 Mike Krzyzewski
830 Jim Phelan
823 Jim Calhoun
804 Eddie Sutton
799 Jim Boeheim
786 LEFTY DRIESSELL

DRIESSELL Cares

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Driesell Court
RASHAD CHASE was named CAA All-Rookie in 2006.

JOE DUKES earned All-CAA honors in 2009 & 2010.

LEONARD MENDEZ became Georgia State’s first All-CAA selection in 2008.
GEORGIA STATE’S RETIRED JERSEYS

THOMAS TERRELL (above) and SHERNARD LONG won back-to-back conference MVP awards.

JIM ADAMS, Academic All-America, 1966

THOMAS TERRELL
2002

SHERNARD LONG
2001

NATE WILLIAMS was one of three straight Panthers to win the conference scoring title from 2001-03. The two-time All-Atlantic Sun selection is enjoying a pro career overseas.
BRAD STRICKER
played with the Denver Nuggets in the 2007-08 preseason.

NATE WILLIAMS (2001-04)
spent time with the New Orleans Hornets and Charlotte Bobcats. He now plays in Europe.

IN THE NBA

GEORGE PENDLETON (1975-77)
Drafted by Indiana Pacers, 1977 (4th)

JOE BROWN (1981-83)
Drafted by Cleveland Cavaliers, 1983 (9th)

LANARD COPELAND (1985-89)
Philadelphia 76ers, 1989-90
Los Angeles Clippers, 1991-92

NATE WILLIAMS (2001-04)
New Orleans Hornets, 2005-06 (preseason)
Charlotte Bobcats, 2006 (summer league)

LAMONT MCINTOSH (2000-04)
Atlanta Hawks, 2005 (summer league)

BRAD STRICKER (1998-99)
Denver Nuggets, 2007-08 (preseason)
San Antonio Spurs, 2008-09 (summer league)
LAMONT McINTOSH
Germany - Artland Dragons

HERMAN FAVORS
France - Antibes

THOMAS TERRELL
is a top player in Spain

LANARD COPELAND
The former Panther has enjoyed a 17-year professional career in the Australian National Basketball League. He is the fourth-leading scorer in league history and a three-time all-star.

LEONARD MENDEZ

Recent GSU graduates TREY HAMPTON (Germany), LEONARD MENDEZ (Germany) and JOE DUKES (Turkey) are currently playing in Europe.

TREY HAMPTON
Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the Georgia State Sports Arena offers a first-class facility for Panther student-athletes and fans.

The Sports Arena court is named for legendary head coach Charles “Lefty” Driesell.
The Georgia State Sports Arena was the site of the ESPN Slam Dunk Contest and Three-Point Shootout during the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four in both 2002 and 2007.

The facility also served as the venue for the badminton competition at the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The home of Georgia State basketball since 1973, the facility has received numerous upgrades in the last few years, including a video board, a new floor and an escalator. New for 2010-11 is student seating in both end zones.

The Panthers have hosted many top opponents at the Sports Arena, including Georgia Tech and Florida State in recent years.
FIRST CLASS FACILITIES FOR THE PANTHERS
The conference made its presence known nationally with a league-record six teams advancing to postseason play in 2009-10.

Eleven CAA teams have earned postseason berths over the last two seasons.

Stretching along the East Coast, the CAA footprint includes six of the nation’s top media markets – New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Baltimore.

Regarded as one of the nation’s top collegiate conferences, the CAA has produced:
16 national team champions in five different sports
33 individual national champions
12 national players of the year
12 national coaches of the year
12 Honda Award winners
The CAA Championship title game is nationally televised on the ESPN network.

Over 100 CAA games are televised annually.

GEORGIA STATE’S ALL-CAA PLAYERS:

#2 Joe Dukes (2009 & 2010)
#21 Leonard Mendez (2008)
Located in the Southeast’s governmental, financial, retail, health and legal center in downtown Atlanta, GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY IS A PLACE where teaching, research and service are woven together to create a meaningful learning experience.

Georgia State University offers educational opportunities at both the graduate and undergraduate levels by blending the best of theoretical and applied inquiry, scholarly and professional pursuits and scientific and artistic expression.

An urban research university nestled in the heart of downtown Atlanta, Georgia State’s location allows students to learn not only in the classroom, but also in the surrounding city, where high-profile companies can provide hands-on experience.

Founded in 1913, Georgia State has earned the highest Carnegie classification for research institutions.

Georgia State offers 52 bachelor’s, master’s, specialist’s and doctoral degree programs in 250 fields of study, offered through six college-level units: the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Law, the College of Education, and the College of Health and Human Services.

The Parker H. Petit Science Center opened in 2010.
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

is one of the nation's leading urban research universities, educating Georgia’s most diverse student population. With an enrollment over 31,000 students, it is the second largest institution in the University System of Georgia. Students arrive from every county in Georgia, every state in the nation and nearly 150 countries.

GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

The undergraduate program at Georgia State University’s J. Mack Robinson College of Business is ranked among the nation’s Top 50 business schools, according to the U.S. News & World Report guide to “America’s Best Colleges.”
Atlanta's location puts it within a two-hour flight of 80 percent of the nation's 150 largest metro areas.

Many publications rank Atlanta among the nation's top cities, including:

- FORTUNE's "Cities with the Most Fortune 500 Headquarters" (March 2008)
- Kiplinger magazine's "Best Places for Business & Careers" (January 2008)
- Forbes magazine's "America's Fastest Growing Large Metros" (June 2007)
- "Forbes "Best Cities for Singles" (September 2008)
- "Forbes "Best Cities for Young Professionals" (May 2007)
- "Black Enterprise's "10 Best Cities for African-Americans"
METROPOLITAN ATLANTA is home to more than 5 million people and more than 137,000 businesses. Atlanta is the nation’s fastest growing city, attracting hundreds of companies annually.

Business environment and quality of life consistently rank Atlanta at the top of major U.S. metropolitan areas for working, living and playing. The region is noted for its job creation, investment advantages, pro-active business environment and various quality-of-life indicators.

FORTUNE 1,000 companies understand the value of a metro Atlanta address, as more than 70 percent have established operations here.

FORTUNE 1,000 companies located in Atlanta include the Coca-Cola Company, Delta Air Lines, United Parcel Service, The Home Depot, Georgia Pacific, AFLAC, SunTrust Banks and Newell Rubbermaid, to name a few.
Located in the heart of one of America’s great cities

THE GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

has a profound influence on the changing landscape of downtown Atlanta. While the building blocks of the university will always be high-achieving students, world-class faculty and ground-breaking research, Georgia State boasts an ever-expanding and improving campus to accommodate that foundation.
Many more new buildings are on the horizon, including additional on-campus housing.

In the last decade, the Rialto Theater restoration, Student Center, Student Recreation Center, University Lofts, University Commons, Helen M. Aderhold classroom building and Parker H. Petit Science Teaching and Research Center have transformed the downtown cityscape at Atlanta's core.
On-campus housing at Georgia State University continues to grow, and more than 3,000 GSU students now live on campus.

The fall of 2009 saw the opening of the new freshman residence hall, which includes a dining facility. This fall, GSU opened its first Greek housing.

The University Commons, opened in 2007, is a 4.2-acre complex of four buildings surrounding a landscaped courtyard. All units come with fully-equipped kitchens, furnished bedrooms and spacious living areas.

The University Lofts, opened in 2002, contain fully-furnished, loft-style apartments that blend urban style with modern features.

Residence halls include study and community lounge space and laundry facilities. Rooms are wired for Internet and cable television.
The Freshman Hall opened in 2009 and includes a dining facility.
GSU Strength & Conditioning Coach KEN COGGINS has more than two decades of experience in training and developing athletes. He has trained many high-profile athletes, including NBA standout Derek Fisher, with whom Coggins worked at Arkansas-Little Rock.
The Panthers train in a brand new, 3,000-square foot facility that features state-of-the-art equipment.
Georgia State University is committed to providing educational, personal and community development that will enhance the quality of the student-athlete experience.

Georgia State’s Student-Athlete Development department became just the second in the nation to be certified at the highest level by the National Association of Academic Advisors for Athletics.

The Georgia State program is headed by Assistant Director of Athletics Dena Freeman-Patton, who works directly with the men’s basketball team.

Assistant Director Joanna Harris coordinates Georgia State’s Life Skills programs, including the NCAA CHAMPS program and community service endeavors.

The ATHLETIC LEARNING LAB provides student-athletes access to computers, tutoring and advisement as well as a convenient place for individual or group study.

Georgia State’s commitment to academic support and student-athlete development is paying dividends as the Panthers have enjoyed unprecedented success in the classroom.

GSU’s student-athlete population has posted a grade point average of 3.0 or better for four consecutive semesters.

2010 CAA COMMISSIONER’S ACADEMIC AWARD
Jihad Ali
Daniel Brown
James Fields
Trae Goldston
Kevin Lott
Panthers earn ultimate trophy

All six seniors on last year’s squad earned their degrees.
Every GSU senior to play for head coach Rod Barnes has graduated.

Current senior Marques Johnson graduated in August and is now in graduate school.
Under the leadership of Director of Athletics Cheryl L. Levick, Georgia State student-athletes will complete more than 4,000 hours of community service in 2010-11.
PANTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY

NATIONAL DAY OF PLAY

MS SOCIETY BIKE ATLANTA

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PICNIC
Georgia State University is located in one of the nation’s largest media markets.

Head coach ROD BARNES on the red carpet with GSU alum LUDACRIS before a movie screening at Georgia State’s Rialto.
The Atlanta Hawks, Falcons, Braves & Thrashers all play just minutes from the Georgia State campus.

Atlanta hosts many major sporting events, including the Super Bowl, the NBA All-Star Game, and the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games.

Atlanta has hosted 20 NCAA Basketball Tournaments, including the Men’s Final Four in 1977, 2002 and 2007.

The NCAA Men’s Final Four will return to Atlanta and the Georgia Dome in 2013.