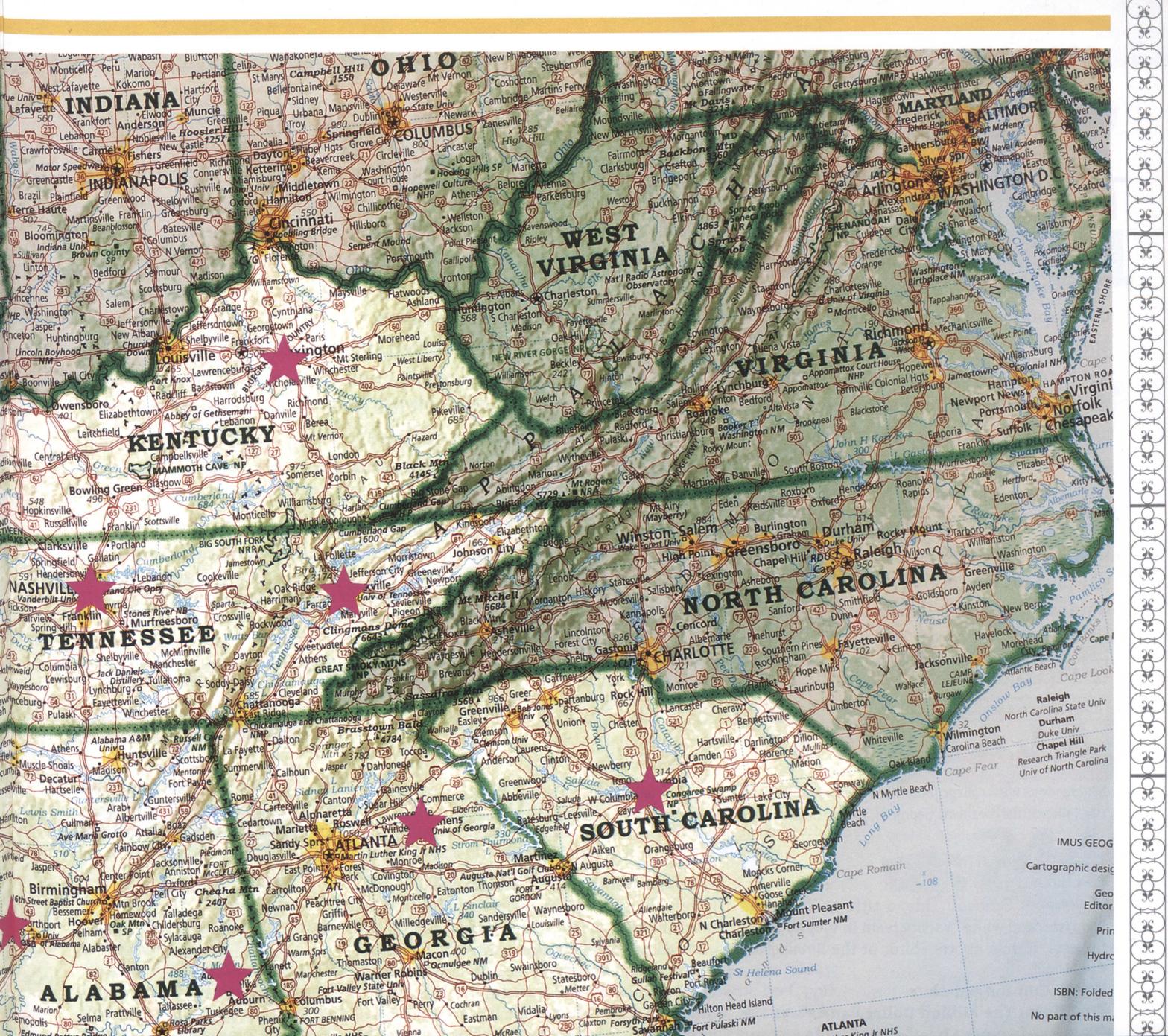


DALLAS
Cowboys Stadium
State Fair of Texas
Dealey Plaza
Southern Methodist Univ
FORT WORTH
Stockyards Nat'l Historic District
Billy Bob's Texas

Deepwater Horizon Wreckage



OH, SAY CAN YOU S-E-C

WITH MIZOU'S MOVE TO THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE, TRAVELING TIGER FANS CAN START CIRCLING DESTINATIONS IN THE SOUTHLAND.

BY MARCUS WILKINS
MIZOU SUMMER 2012





In Gainesville, Fla., a gaggle of Gator grads paint their chests orange and blue before they chomp toward The Swamp. Due west on the bayou, Cajun chefs ignite crackling frog-leg fryers while stirring steaming stockpots of gumbo. Farther north, orange-clad captains traverse the Tennessee River seeking shore space for pregame parties.

No college league revels in its football tradition like the Southeastern Conference, where autumn Saturdays are holidays, and fans embrace tailgating with religious zeal. As Mizzou athletics enters its new home, what better time for an alumni road-trip renaissance.

The conference provides plenty to explore beyond the gridiron, and Columbia (Missouri or South Carolina) fits right in. Our sister 'villes — Fayetteville, Gainesville, Knoxville, Nashville and Starkville, to

name a few — offer art, music, southern cuisine and scenic surroundings. And you can bet the cooler and charcoal that our new siblings will be dropping by CoMo en masse. SEC fans love taking the show on the road — Mizzou is increasing its visiting ticket allotment from approximately 3,800 to 6,000 — so it's a good thing I-55 is a two-way street.

"We're very excited about Mizzou's move to the SEC," says Amy Schneider, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau director. "It has given people a new awareness of tourism. We will have folks coming to Columbia who have never been here and may never have come here if it wasn't for the SEC."

Tiger fans have voiced enthusiasm about touring the SEC, too. The following pages provide a snapshot of each institution's history, traditions and sites you shouldn't miss.

ALABAMA

Synonymous with college football pageantry and prestige, Bama has won 22 SEC titles and 14 national titles. In 1913, university President George H. Denny dubbed it "The Capstone" of higher education in the state.

Town: Tuscaloosa (pop. 90,468)

Enrollment: 31,747

Nickname: Crimson Tide, a title given to the "crimson and white" varsity team in 1907 by Hugh Roberts, former sports editor of the *Birmingham Age-Herald*.

Colors: Crimson and white

Traditions: The Million Dollar Band plays the "Rammer Jammer Cheer" after a Tide victory. The Walk Of Fame, which bears hand and foot impressions of each football captain since 1940, is located beneath Denny Chimes, a bell tower dedicated in 1929. "Roll Tide" is the rallying cry

for Alabama athletics.

Eats and treats: Visit Waysider Restaurant, a favorite breakfast place where legendary football Coach Bear Bryant stopped for biscuits and cheese grits. Baumhower's Wings, created by former All-American Bob Baumhower, is a favorite sports bar. The Dreamland Bar-B-que slogan brags, when it comes to its ribs, "Ain't nothing like 'em nowhere!"

Places and spaces: The Strip, located just off campus, offers boutiques, restaurants and Bama apparel stores. Just a short stroll from the quad, River Walk on the Black Warrior River offers views of tugboats and barges.



ROLL TIDE!

Miles from CoMo

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Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Stop by a tailgate for ...
Gumbo, shrimp and crawfish with caramelized grits, California "Roll Tide Roll" salad, Crimson sunrise mimosas



NOTABLE ALUMNI:
Harper Lee, author
Bart Starr, football player
Jim Nabors, actor

TUITION \$8,600*

* In-state, two semesters' tuition and required fees. Source: U.S. News Best Colleges 2012



ARKANSAS

The U of A is nestled on 345 acres overlooking the Ozark Mountains, and the state's flagship university is known for its business, engineering and nursing programs.

Town: Fayetteville (pop. 73,580)
Enrollment: 23,199
Nickname: Razorbacks, named after the feral pig. The nickname was the Cardinals, but students voted in the new one in 1910.
Colors: Cardinal and white
Traditions: **Calling the Hogs**, one of college sports' most revered rituals, inspires Arkansas fans everywhere to chant "Woo pig sookie!" three times followed by "Razorbacks!" The sidewalks of campus, known as **Senior Walk**, feature more than 140,000 names of graduates starting with the class of 1876.
Eats and treats: Come and get it at **Mama Dean's Soul Food Kitchen**, from fried chicken, fried pork chops and ribs, to mashed potatoes and greens. The **Hog Haus Brewing Co.** offers nine full-time beers and 15 seasonal brews to sip with steak, wings or seafood. Locals rave about the atmosphere and burgers at **Hugo's**, just off the square.

Places and spaces: Pick up a brochure at the Fayetteville Visitors Center for the **All Seasons Trail**, a driving route including city landmarks, the UA campus, famous homes and scenic points. The **Arkansas Air Museum** showcases artifacts of aviation history from military aircraft to Sam Walton's first airplane. Fayetteville's energetic **Dixon Street** is the spot for live music and restaurants.



WOO PIG SOOIE!

Miles from CoMo
301

Fayetteville, Ark.

Stop by a tailgate for ...
 Bacon Explosion, baby back ribs, Razorback beer brats, Diamond Bear English Pale Ale

NOTABLE ALUMNI:
 Pat Summerall, broadcaster
 Jerry Jones, Dallas Cowboys owner
 Jimmy Dykes, actor

Mascot: **Big Red**

TUITION \$7,174*

AUBURN

Established in 1856 as the East Alabama Male College, the school became the first land-grant college in the South and was renamed the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama. The name changed to the Alabama Polytechnic Institute in 1899 and finally to Auburn University in 1960.

Town: Auburn, Ala. (pop. 53,380)
Enrollment: 25,078
Nickname: Tigers, from Oliver Goldsmith's line, "where crouching tigers wait their hapless prey ..."
Colors: Burnt orange and Navy blue
Traditions: **War Eagle**, Auburn's battle cry, has multiple origin stories. The most popular dates back to a Civil War veteran who brought his pet eagle to the 1892 Auburn-Georgia game. The bird circled the playing field as the Tigers marched to victory. **Rolling Toomer's Corner** (pictured) follows an Auburn win

when fans gather at the famous intersection to celebrate by hurling tissue into the trees.
Eats and treats: **Barbecue House**, the oldest restaurant in the city, offers barbecue beef, pork and chicken. The locals love **Mrs. Story's Dairy Bar** in adjacent Opelika, Ala., which serves only hot dogs and ice cream.
Places and spaces: Once home to Colonel Nathaniel J. Scott, **Pebble Hill** now houses the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts and Humanities, which hosts art, history and literature programs.

WAR EAGLE!

Miles from CoMo
744

Auburn, Ala.

Stop by a tailgate for ...
 Beef tenderloin, deep-fried venison, lobster guacamole, smoked Boston butt, sweet tea

NOTABLE ALUMNI:
 Bo Jackson, football & baseball player
 Charles Barkley, basketball player
 Lionel Richie, musician

Mascot: **Aubie the Tiger**

TUITION \$7,900*



Photos courtesy of Russell Cochren, University of Arkansas; Auburn University



SEC COUNTRY

FLORIDA

UF traces its roots to East Florida Seminary in 1853, which opened in Ocala and moved to Gainesville in 1866. The Florida Agricultural College was chartered in 1870 and opened in Lake City in 1884. The two schools ultimately became the University of Florida, which opened in Gainesville in September 1906.

Town: Gainesville (pop. 124,354)

Enrollment: 50,116 (Fall 2010)

Nickname: Gators, established in 1908 when Gainesville shop owner Phillip Miller ordered alligator-emblazoned Florida pennants to sell at his store.

Colors: Orange and blue

Traditions: To make the **Gator Chomp** gesture, extend the arms straight out from the body, palms facing one another, and clap them to imitate the jaws of an alligator. George Edmondson is **Mr. Two Bits**, who led Gator fans from 1949 to 2008 in the classic cheer: Two bits! Four bits! Six bits! A dollar! All for the Gators, stand up and holler!

Eats and treats: Next to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium (nicknamed The Swamp), **The Swamp Restaurant** is on several national lists for best college sports bars and restaurants. **Satchel's Pizza** might remind Columbians of Shakespeare's.

Places and spaces: Snap a photo beside the **French Fries**, formally known as "Alachua" by

sculptor John Henry. The iconic **Century Tower**, built for the university's centennial, is 157 feet tall and houses a 61-bell carillon that chimes weekdays every 15 minutes. The **Florida Museum of Natural History** includes the **Butterfly Rainforest**, which showcases hundreds of species.



▲ *Satchel's veggie pie*

IT'S GREAT TO BE A FLORIDA GATOR!



Stop by a tailgate for ...

Sausage-stuffed prawns,
whole-roasted pig,
bourbon Meyer



TUITION
\$5,656*



Mascots:
Albert & Alberta

NOTABLE ALUMNI:
Bob Vila, TV home remodeler
Faye Dunaway, actress
Darrell Hammond, actor





GEORGIA

UGA became the first state-chartered university in America in 1785 and held classes in 1801 on the banks of the Oconee River in northeast Georgia. The university predates its hometown of Athens, which was incorporated in 1806.

Town: Athens (pop. 116,714)

Enrollment: 33,367 (Fall 2010)

Nickname: Bulldogs, adopted in part because Georgia's first president, Abraham Baldwin, graduated from Yale University (also the Bulldogs).

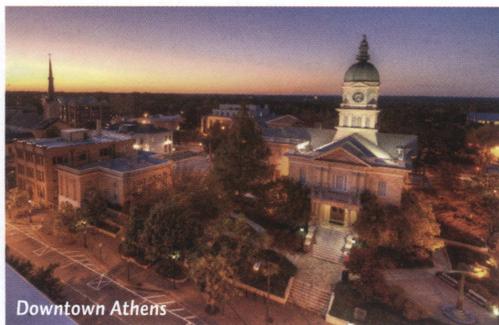
Colors: Red and black

Traditions: "Between the hedges" refers to the famous bushes that border the playing field at Sanford Stadium. The phrase "How 'bout them dogs" is a standard greeting between fans.

Eats and treats: The band R.E.M. made the

Southern-style eatery **Weaver D's Delicious Fine Foods** famous when it titled its 1994 album "Automatic for the People" after the restaurant's slogan. Tour and taste the national award-winning brews at **Terrapin Beer Co.**

Places and spaces: Students and alumni rush to ring the campus **Chapel Bell** after a Georgia victory. Named the best college music scene in America by *Rolling Stone*, Athens is home to bands R.E.M., the B-52s, Widespread Panic and venues such as the **40 Watt** and **Georgia Theater** on **Broad Street** downtown.



HOW 'BOUT THEM DOGS?



Stop by a tailgate for ...

Georgia cracker salad, boiled peanuts, Vidalia onion dip, frogmore stew, Sweetwater Sweet Georgia Brown Ale



NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Kim Basinger, actress
Ryan Seacrest, American Idol host
Herschel Walker, football player

TUITION

\$9,472*



KENTUCKY

UK traces its roots to Transylvania University (Lexington), which opened in 1783, and Kentucky University (Harrodsburg), which opened in 1858. The two merged to become the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Kentucky in 1865. It was renamed State University, Lexington, Kentucky in 1908 and ultimately the University of Kentucky in 1916.

Town: Lexington (pop. 295,803)

Enrollment: 28,094

Nickname: Wildcats, thanks to Commandant Carbusier, who in 1909 as head of the military department at old State University told a group of students that the Kentucky football team had "fought like Wildcats."

Colors: Blue and white

Traditions: Basketball is king in Kentucky, where the Cats won the national title April 2, 2012. Legendary coach Adolph Rupp led the men to 27 conference titles and four national championships from 1930 to 1972. Students rub former UK President James Patterson's foot on his memorial statue for luck. "My Old Kentucky Home" is the signature song of the Wildcat Marching Band.

Eats and treats: *USA Today* named Tolly-Ho Kentucky's best burger joint. **Billy's Bar-B-Q** was voted Lexington's

best by *Ace Magazine* and the *Kentucky Kernel*.

Places and spaces: Lexington is the "Horse Capital of the World," and **Kentucky Horse Park** is a working farm that showcases a Parade of Breeds, trail rides and a Hall of Champions. **The Arboretum** is the official botanical garden located south of Commonwealth Stadium.



GO BIG BLUE!



Stop by a tailgate for ...

pulled pork sandwiches, catfish and hush puppies, bourbon balls, sweet tea mimosas



Mascot: The Wildcat

TUITION
\$9,128*



NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Ashley Judd, actress
Pat Riley, basketball coach
Brady J. Deaton, University of Missouri chancellor

LOUISIANA STATE

Founded in 1860, the Louisiana State Seminary of Learning and Military Academy near Pineville, La., burned in 1869, resumed classes in Baton Rouge and took the name Louisiana State University in 1870. LSU merged with Louisiana State Agricultural & Mechanical College in 1877.

Town: Baton Rouge (pop. 229,553)

Enrollment: 28,985

Nickname: Tigers, derived from a Civil War infantry company, the "Louisiana Tigers"

Colors: Purple and gold

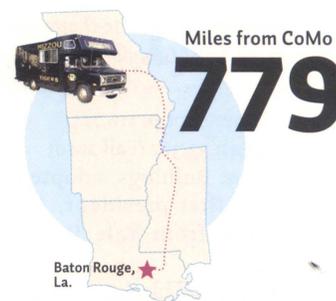
Traditions: The intentional misspelling "Geaux Tigers" on banners and T-shirts is a nod to the Cajun French history of the **Bayou Bengals**, a nickname applied by national sportscasters.

Tailgating food is art in Baton Rouge, where a typical menu includes shrimp creole, fried gator and boudin sausage.

Eats and treats: Parrain's serves only Gulf Coast seafood in the mid-city district. The shrimp burger at **Mason's Grill** was featured in *Food Network Magazine*. Near campus, **The Chimes** features an extensive beer menu, po'boy sandwiches and more.

Places and spaces: Mike's \$4 million habitat and statue next to Tiger Stadium are two of the most photographed campus icons. The **LSU Memorial Tower**, or the *campanile* — Italian for little bell — is on the grassy expanse known as the **Parade Ground**.

GEAUX TIGERS!



Stop by a tailgate for ...
fried alligator tail, crab boil, crawfish etouffé, jambalaya, barbecue shrimp, Abita Turbodog brew



NOTABLE ALUMNI:

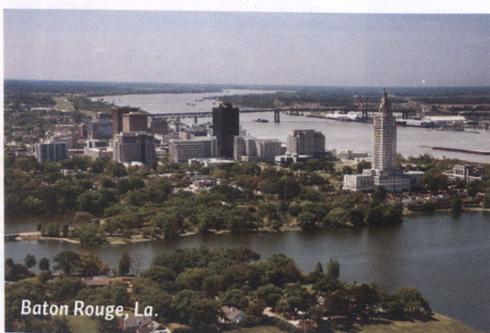
James Carville, political consultant

Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player

Joanne Woodward, actress

Mascot:
Mike the Tiger

TUITION
\$5,764*





MISSISSIPPI

Chartered in 1844 and known affectionately as Ole Miss, it is home to an acclaimed Southern studies center and the national library of the accounting profession. It also houses research programs to discover new medicines from plants and sea life, and to develop acoustic land-mine and tornado detectors.

Town: Oxford (pop. 18,916)

Enrollment: 20,844

Nickname: Rebels

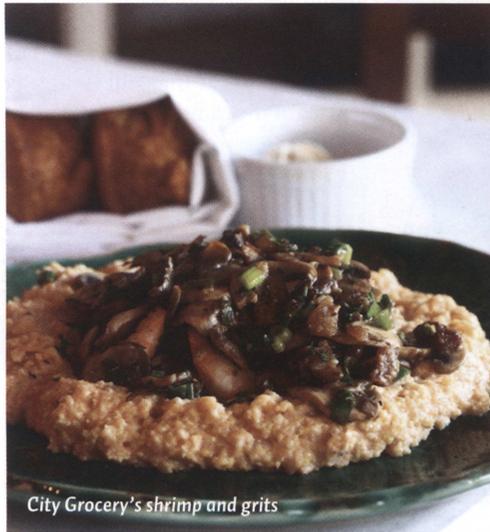
Colors: Harvard Crimson and Yale Blue

Traditions: The campus speed limit is **18 miles per hour** in honor of Ole Miss hall of famer Archie Manning, the football patriarch's jersey number. **Tailgating on the Grove**, the campus centerpiece, is ranked as the nation's best by several national media outlets. The school cheer is the "**Hotty Toddy**." Elma Meek suggested **Ole Miss** for a yearbook title contest in 1896.

Eats and treats: **Ajax Diner** was voted "best downhome soul food" in *Mississippi Magazine*. Try the French-inspired Southern fare at **City Grocery**, owned by James Beard award-winner John Currence, along with **Boure**, **Big Bad Breakfast** and **Snackbar** eateries. **Proud Larry's** urges customers to come for the food and stay for the live music.

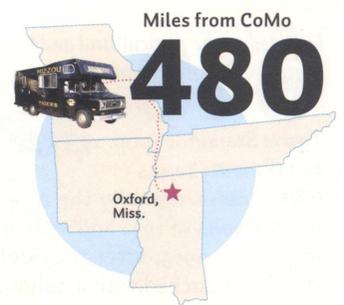
Places and spaces: Visit **Rowan Oak**, home of Nobel Prize-winning author and alumnus William Faulkner. Mizzou alumni will recognize the six ionic columns of the **Lyceum**, Ole Miss' first building and

the heart of campus. Music lovers should visit the **Blues Archive** at J.D. Williams Library, with more than 60,000 sound recordings, 20,000 photographs and more. **Square Books** is hailed as one of the country's finest independent bookstores.



City Grocery's shrimp and grits

HOTTY TODDY!



Stop by a tailgate for ... southern fried chicken, mashed potatoes, sub sandwiches, deviled eggs, Lazy Magnolia Jefferson Stout



Mascot:
Rebel Black Bear

NOTABLE ALUMNI:
William Faulkner, author
Kenny Hulsof, Missouri congressman
Eli Manning, football player

TUITION
\$5,790*



The Grove

MISSISSIPPI STATE

Founded as the Agricultural and Mechanical College of the State of Mississippi in 1878, it was renamed Mississippi State College in 1932 and Mississippi State University in 1958.

Town: Starkville (pop. 28,388)

Enrollment: 20,424

Nickname: Originally the Aggies, they became the Maroons in 1932 and settled on the Bulldogs in 1961. In 1905, after they defeated Ole Miss, students marched with a bulldog pup on top of a coffin through town in a military funeral parade to celebrate their rival's dead athletic spirit.

Colors: Maroon and white

Traditions: Fans celebrate victories by ringing cowbells because of a story about a dairy cow wandering onto the field years ago. Another tradition is the gathering of students and alumni in what is today called the **Junction**. The center of football tailgating on campus, the green space is where train tracks once crossed the campus; original rails are still embedded.

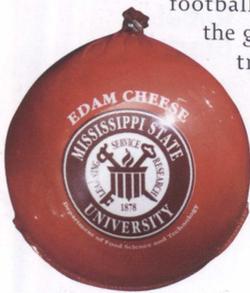
Eats and treats: In 1938, when dairy science department head F.H. Herzer wanted to manufacture a cheese

that would draw attention to MSU, he decided on three-pound cannonball Edam cheese. It is still made and sold at the **MSU Cheese Store**. Breakfast is king at the **Starkville Café**, and for fine dining and atmosphere, try **Restaurant Tyler**.

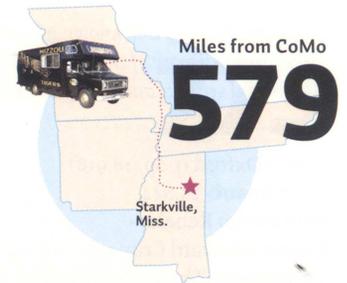
Places and spaces: Start on **Main Street** for boutique shopping, then work your way through the Southern-style architecture in the **Cotton District**. Early ROTC cadets had morning and evening drill at the **Drill Field**, a popular meeting place at the center of campus.



Davis Wade Stadium



HAIL STATE!



Stop by a tailgate for ...
Mugshots' burgers,
Bulldog wings, Lazy
Magnolia Southern
Pecan brew

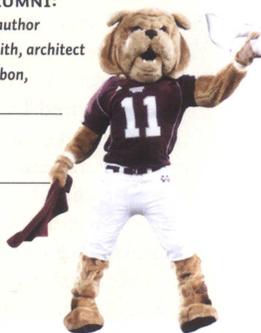


NOTABLE ALUMNI:
John Grisham, author
Janet Marie Smith, architect
Jonathan Papelbon,
baseball player

Mascot:
Bully



TUITION
\$5,805*



MISSOURI

Established in 1839 as the first public university west of the Mississippi River, Mizzou is one of only five universities in the U.S. with law, medicine, veterinary medicine and a nuclear research reactor on one campus.

Town: Columbia (pop. 108,500)

Enrollment: 33,805

Nickname: Tigers, named after a band of locals who protected Columbia during the Civil War

Colors: Black and gold

Traditions: The Big 'M' of the Midwest, or **Marching Mizzou**, blasts school songs "Fight Tiger" and "Every True Son" at sporting events. The clipped nickname **Mizzou**, used as early as 1905, has inspired decades of fans and alumni to yell

"M-I-Z!" Fans within earshot reply with "Z-O-U!"

Eats and treats:

Winner of *Good Morning America's* "Best College Eats Contest,"

Shakespeare's

Pizza is

Columbia's

signature place to grab a slice. **Booche's**, a cozy pool hall with a classic wooden bar, has the best burgers in town. Less than a football field from Francis Quadrangle, **The Heidelberg** is a great place for sandwiches, wings and conversation.

Places and spaces: The Columns are all that remain of Academic Hall, which burned in 1892. The six ionic icons are the centerpiece of **Francis Quadrangle**, which is the heart of the red campus, named for the buildings' classic brick architecture. Built in 1926, **Memorial Union** is a tribute to Mizzou students who died in service to their country.



Booche's burger

M-I-Z, Z-O-U!



Stop by a tailgate for ...
burnt ends, KC strip, gooey
butter cake, Boulevard
Unfiltered Wheat



TUITION
\$8,989*



NOTABLE ALUMNI:
Brad Pitt, actor
Jon Hamm, actor
Sheryl Crow, musician

Mascot:
Truman the Tiger



Memorial Union

Photos courtesy of Beth Newman, Mississippi State University; Megan Bean (mascot); MU Publications file photos



SOUTH CAROLINA

Founded as South Carolina College in 1801, the institution survived despite closing its doors during the Civil War and temporarily falling under Union possession. It became the University of South Carolina in 1865.

Town: Columbia (pop. 129,272)

Enrollment: 29,249

Nickname: Gamecocks, adopted in 1902 when the football team upset Clemson and students paraded with a tobacco store transparency depicting a gamecock standing over a fallen tiger.

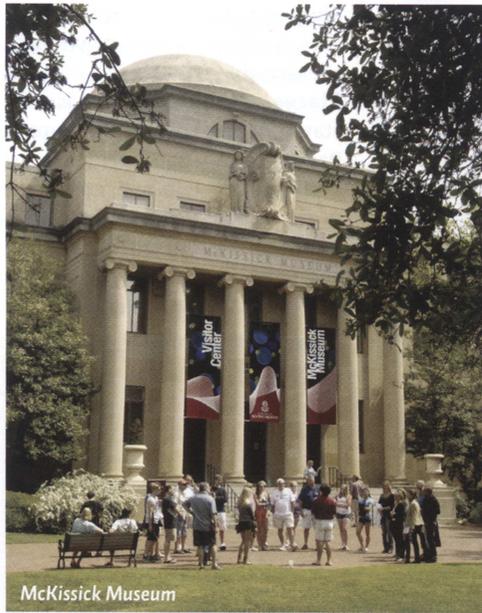
Colors: Garnet and black

Traditions: The Cockaboose Railroad, a string of 22 cabooses tricked out with tailgating amenities outside of Williams-Brice Stadium. The Gamecock football team's thundering entrance to the **2001 theme** (Strauss' "Also Sprach Zarathustra") is the most exciting in the country, according to *The Sporting News*.

Eats and treats: Garibaldi Café serves its trademark crispy flounder and a variety of Italian entrees. Students love **Sandy's Famous Hot Dogs**, and **Hudson's Smokehouse** was voted the city's best barbecue by Columbia's *Free Times*.

Places and spaces: The hottest spot in Cola (the locals' nickname for Columbia, S.C.) is the **Congaree Vista**, a former cotton warehouse district and railroad terminal transformed into an art and entertainment hub. **Five Points**, a lively

neighborhood nestled near campus, is dotted with boutiques, restaurants and bars.

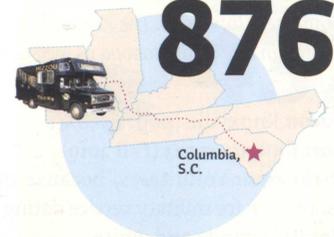


McKissick Museum

GAMECOCKS LEAD THE WAY!

Miles from CoMo

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Columbia, S.C.

Stop by a tailgate for ...
shrimp & grits, sweet potato
tots, steamed oysters, COAST
Blackbeard Imperial Stout



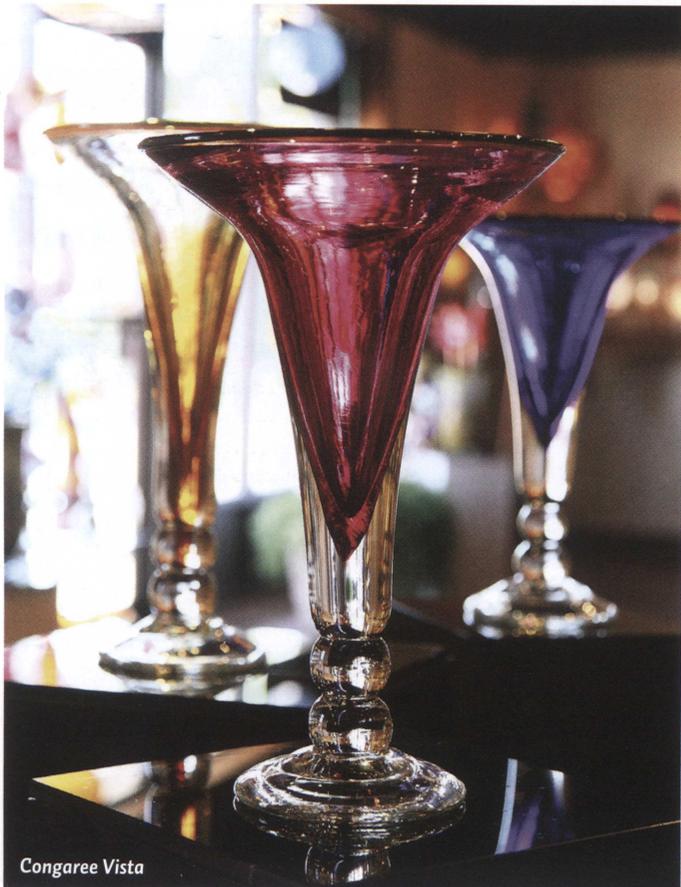
Mascot:
Cocky



NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Leeza Gibbons, TV
celebrity
Jasper Johns, artist
Charlie Weis, football
coach

TUITION
\$10,168*



Congaree Vista



Congaree Vista

TENNESSEE

Established as Blount College before Tennessee's statehood, UT has been called East Tennessee College and East Tennessee University. The Knoxville campus is the flagship institution of the UT system, which includes campuses in Martin and Chattanooga as well as a Health Science Center in Memphis.

Town: Knoxville (pop. 178,874)

Enrollment: 27,523 (Fall 2010)

Nickname: Volunteers, because of Tennesseans' reputation for military service dating to the Civil War

Colors: Orange and white

Traditions: Approximately 200 boats form the Volunteer Navy, an unusual tailgating experience outside Neyland Stadium on the Tennessee River. UT's **Pride of the Southland** band played the song "Rocky Top" during drills in 1972, and it became a fan sing-along favorite.

Eats and treats: The popular **Downtown Grill & Brewery** has seven signature beers on tap and an

eclectic menu featuring steaks and seafood along with Mexican and Italian dishes. **Pete's Coffee Shop** is a student favorite because, as its slogan says, it offers "wholesome home-cooked meals at a reasonable price."

Places and spaces: The iconic, torch-bearing statue of **The Volunteer** has presided over Circle Park since 1968. When the historic **Tennessee Theatre** opened in 1928, some called it the South's most beautiful theater. The **East Tennessee Veterans Memorial** is a public plaza with an arrangement of granite pillars bearing the names of 6,172 local veterans who died during World War I.



Ayres Hall



Pride of the Southland

V-O-L-S GO VOLS GO!



Stop by a tailgate for ...
beer can chicken, grilled sausage and peppers, baby back ribs, Boscos Bombay IPA



Mascot:
Smokey

NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Peyton Manning, football player

Kurt Vonnegut, author

Pam Tillis, musician

TUITION
\$8,396*



TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M is a member of the Association of American Universities and the state's first public institution of higher education. The "A" and "M" are only a symbolic link to the university's history and no longer stand for "Agricultural and Mechanical."

Town: College Station (pop. 95,000)

Enrollment: 49,861

Nickname: Aggies, a traditional nickname for students at agricultural and mechanical schools.

Colors: Maroon and white

Traditions: Membership in the **Corps of Cadets** once was mandatory at Texas A&M. The group of 2,000-plus male and female volunteer cadets now commissions more officers into the U.S. Armed Forces than any university outside of the service academies. "**Home of the 12th Man**" refers to the loyalty and support of the student body that remain standing throughout football games at Kyle Field. Class rings can be found nationwide, but the **Aggie Ring** is especially important to Texas A&M alumni. It is said that when an Aggie sees the ring on another Aggie's hand, a spontaneous reunion occurs.

Eats and treats: The **Dixie Chicken**, **Freebird's** and **The Hullabaloo**, which appeared on

Food Network's **Diners, Drive-ins and Dives**, are popular Aggie hangouts. For fine dining, try **Christopher's** or **The Republic**.

Places and spaces: Visit the **George Bush Presidential Library and Museum**. The **Bonfire Memorial** honors 12 students who died when the campus bonfire collapsed in 1999. The **Sam Houston Sanders Corps of Cadets Center**, houses thousands of Aggie artifacts and 3,000 military research volumes.



J.K. Williams Administration building

HOME OF THE 12TH MAN



Stop by a tailgate for ...
Texas beef ribs, barbacoa tacos, Shiner Pale Ale



Mascot:
Reveille

NOTABLE ALUMNI:

Lyle Lovett, musician

Rip Torn, actor

Martin Torrijos, former president of Panama

TUITION
\$8,387*





VANDERBILT

VU was established in 1873 with a \$1 million gift from Commodore Cornelius Vanderbilt. His wife's cousin, Methodist Bishop Holland N. McTyeire, chose the Vanderbilt University site, supervised the construction of buildings and planted many of the trees that make the campus a national arboretum.

Town: Nashville, Tenn. (pop. 1,712,358)

Enrollment: 12,859

Nickname: Commodores, after the nickname of the school's founder, is also a term for what was once the U.S. Navy's highest rank.

Colors: Black and gold

Traditions: Fans often truncate the nickname and shout "Go 'Dores!" Basketball aficionados will recognize Memorial Gymnasium's baseline benches that create an unusual court configuration.

Eats and treats: City House is known for its ribs and inventive pizzas. Swett's is one of the locals' favorites for rotisserie chicken, fried fish,

meatloaf and squash casserole. Village Pub & Beer Garden was voted the city's best neighborhood bar by *Nashville Scene* magazine.

Places and spaces: Campus is 21 blocks from the downtown riverfront, six miles from the Green Hills shopping district and close to historic neighborhoods such as Hillsboro West End, Belmont and Music Row. The Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry also make their homes in Nashville.



GO 'DORES GO!



Stop by a tailgate for ...
country ham with red-eye
gravy, fried catfish,
Yazoo SUE brew



NOTABLE ALUMNI:

- Al Gore, former U.S. vice president
- Amy Grant, musician
- Dinah Shore, actress

Mascot:
Mr. C

TUITION
\$41,332*



Vanderbilt campus



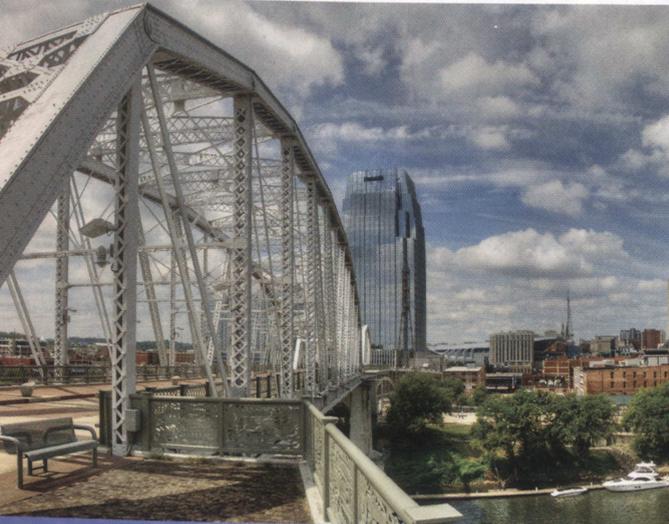
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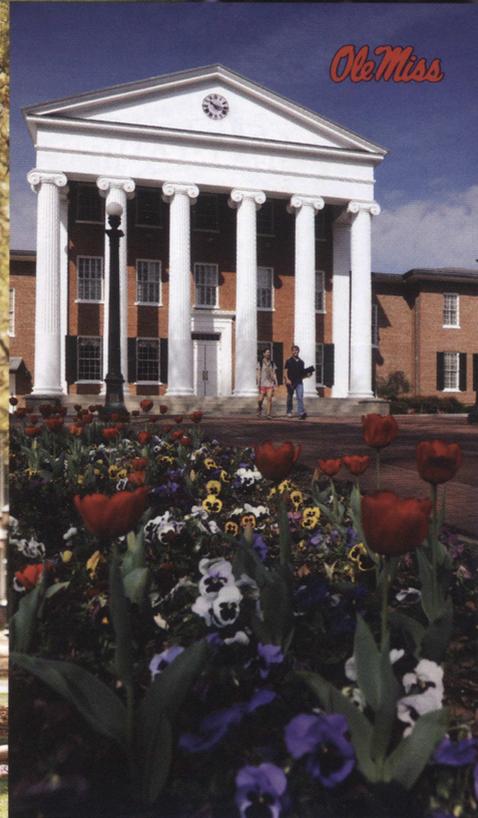
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