

# Bowden's son faces charges of fraud

**BIRMINGHAM, ALA. (AP)** — A former Alabama quarterback and a son of Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden are among seven people indicted in an alleged securities fraud conspiracy that cost investors \$10 million.

The federal grand jury indictment contends that unregistered securities were sold to 14 residents of Alabama, Florida and Tennessee in a scheme called the Millennium Fund.

Brian Burgdorf, a quarterback and captain at Alabama as a senior in 1995, and R. Stephen Bowden are accused of being salesmen of the fund.

The 49-year-old Bowden is the oldest of the coach's four sons. Burgdorf was the backup quarterback on the Alabama team that won the national title in 1992.

Another defendant, James Michael Hanks of Hoover is accused of recruiting Burgdorf and Bowden into the scheme, which allegedly billed itself as a developer of casinos in foreign countries and was closed by federal regulators in 1998.

Other defendants are William Earl Amos Jr. of Maryland, Richard E. Busch of Panama and Jacques LaTourette of France. The indictment also charges Hanks with committing tax fraud.

Burgdorf lawyer Ron Marlow told The Birmingham News that his client is innocent of all charges. Stephen Bowden's lawyer, Mark White, called said Bowden was a victim.

"Steve and his family lost a significant amount of money," White told The Associated Press on Monday.

The News has reported that court records show that Bobby Bowden lost \$1.5 million in the scam that used his son as a sales agent.

## BRIEFLY

### Tanner to be 2003 USA head coach

USC baseball head coach Ray Tanner has been selected as head coach for the 2003 USA Baseball national team. Following a summer schedule that includes about 25 games in the United States, Tanner will head USA Baseball at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

"I am extremely honored to be selected as the head coach of the national team," Tanner said. "I have had a great affiliation with USA Baseball, and I'm looking forward to coaching the best college players in the country. It is a special privilege to wear the red, white and blue while representing our great nation on the baseball diamond."

This will be Tanner's fifth stint with USA Baseball, an affiliation that began with a position as assistant coach with the USA National Team in 1993. From 1995 to 1996, Tanner was an assistant on the USA National Team that represented the United States in the 1996 summer Olympics. Tanner was also an assistant coach with the United States Olympic team in

2000 that won the gold medal in Sydney, Australia.

### USC soccer to play spring schedule

USC men's soccer team released its 2003 spring schedule Tuesday. The Gamecocks open the spring in Charleston, where it will take on the College of Charleston and Jacksonville on Feb. 22 at Patriot's Point Field. Times for both matches are to be determined.

Carolina will play its first of three home matches March 22 at 2 p.m. The Gamecocks will play host to the Winthrop Eagles at The Graveyard. The following Saturday, Hampdon-Sydney will come to Columbia. Game time for that match has not been set.

April 5 and 6, the Gamecocks will head to Bluefield, W.Va., to compete in the Mountain State Invitational at the East River Soccer Complex. Carolina will face Michigan on April 5 at 3:10 p.m. and Virginia on April 6 at 10:40 a.m.

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quainted with college baseball. Attendance has steadily risen in recent seasons, capped by last year's NCAA tournament, which turned a record-profit of more than \$2 million — up from \$1.3 million in 2001 and almost \$510,000 in 2000.

State-of-the-art stadiums are

cropping up around the country, and college programs have produced such rising stars in the majors as Troy Glaus, Jason Jennings, Mark Prior and Barry Zito.

The number of schools supporting baseball has also increased. While Howard dropped the sport and C.W. Post downgraded to Division II, Gardner-Webb, IUPUI-Fort Wayne, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Savannah State all upgraded to

Division I.

"I think college baseball is very healthy," Hall said. "There's a lot of interest in the sport now, it's growing, and more people are becoming aware of it."

A major change to the format of the College World Series should add additional excitement to the event. The two winners of the four-team brackets will meet in a best-of-three championship, instead of a one-game final — the format for the past five seasons.

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#### This week's games:

4 Pittsburgh at 10 Notre Dame  
14 Wake Forest at 15 Marquette  
Texas Tech at 21 Missouri  
19 Syracuse at West Virginia  
Dayton at 20 Xavier

22 Alabama at 1 Florida  
6 Kentucky at Ole Miss  
17 Georgia at Tennessee  
Clemson at 9 Duke  
USC at Vanderbilt

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## Black History Month Events

### February 5

"Can We Talk"  
Is Black History Necessary?  
Facilitated by Mr. Michael Goodwin,  
Coordinator of Multicultural Student Affairs  
Russell House Room 205 7:30 pm

February 8  
Family Reunion  
RH Ballroom 12 pm until 3 pm  
African American USC alumni  
to come back and reconnect.

### February 5-7

The Color Purple  
RH Theater  
Carolina Productions

February 10  
Higher Learning Movie  
Discussion RH Theater  
Carolina Productions

### February 6

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