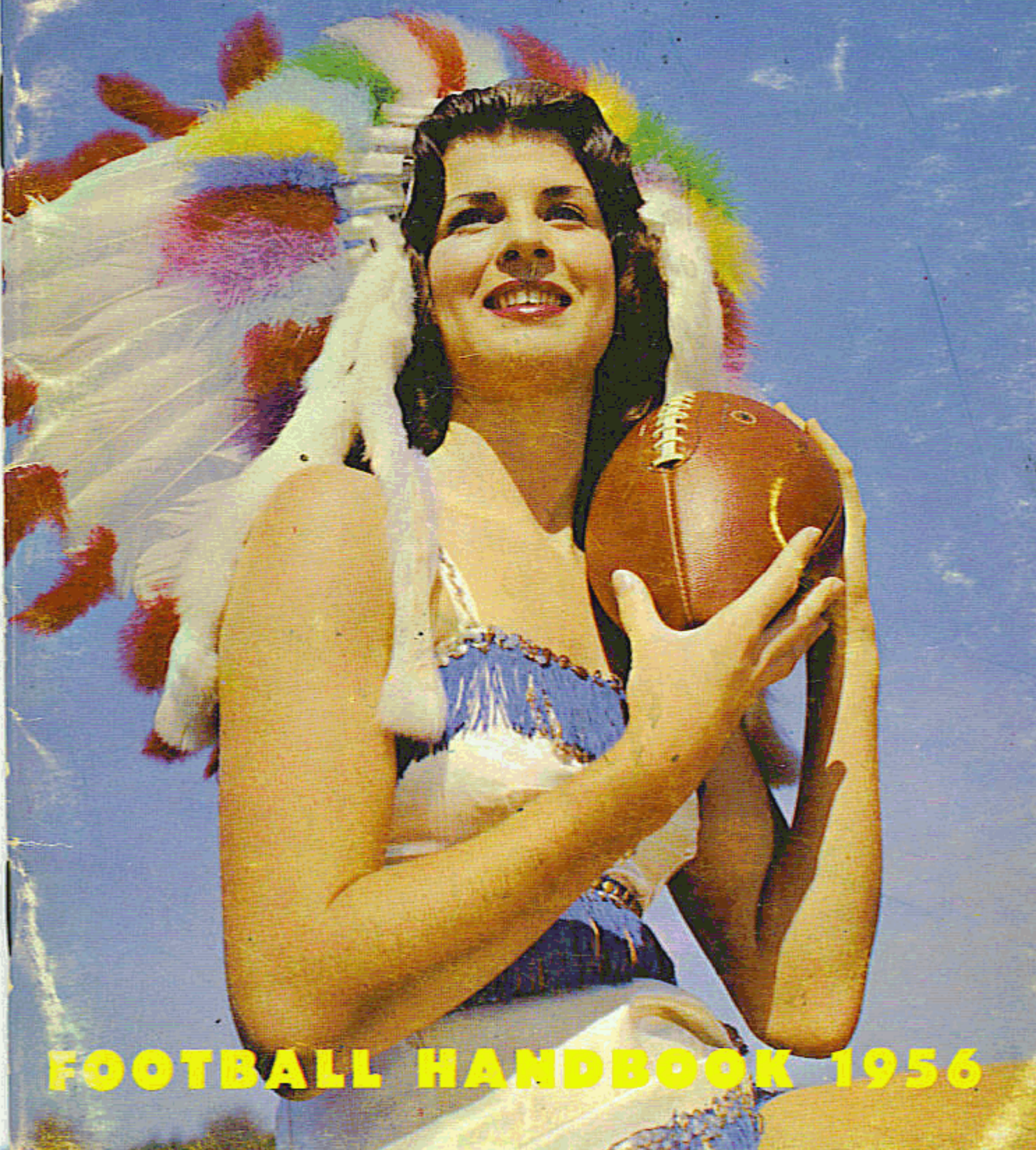


# FLORIDA STATE

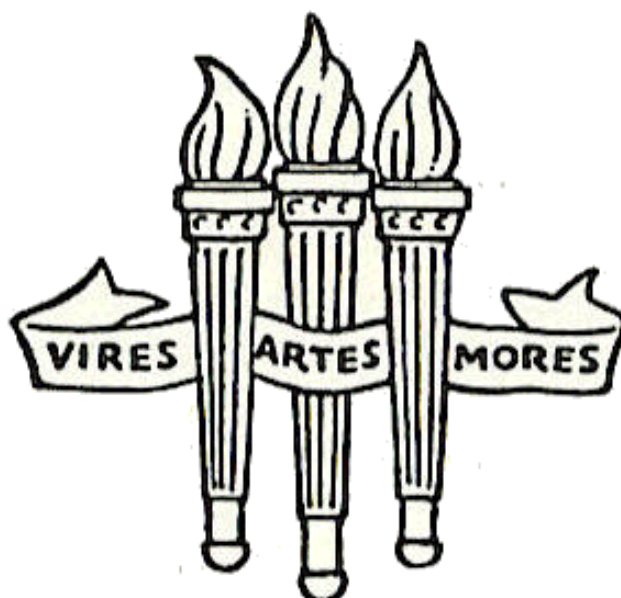


FOOTBALL HANDBOOK 1956

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SEMINOLES

1 9 5 6



*Football Handbook*

TALLAHASSEE • FLORIDA

---

# 1956 FOOTBALL HANDBOOK

has been prepared to aid the press, radio and television in its coverage of the Florida State University football team. Most of the material, compiled by Scott Marshall, is based on an analysis of Spring practice. Changes that occur before or during the season will be reported in subsequent releases.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>FSU's 1956 SCHEDULE AND '55 RECORD</b> .....	<b>3</b>
Opponents, Starting Times and Last Year's Scores	
<b>INFORMATION FOR PRESS, RADIO AND TV</b> .....	<b>4</b>
Press Accommodations and Ticket Information	
<b>THE UNIVERSITY</b> .....	<b>5</b>
The Administration, Athletic Officials and Traditions	
<b>THE 1956 SEMINOLES</b> .....	<b>15</b>
Coaches, Prospects, Profiles of the Players	
<b>FSU's 1956 OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>35</b>
Information and Schedules of the Opposition	
<b>PEEK INTO THE PAST</b> .....	<b>41</b>
Review of 1955, Statistics and All-Time Records	
<b>THE MARCHING CHIEFS</b> .....	<b>52</b>
Facts About the FSU Marching Band	

**ON THE COVER:** Cuddling the lucky football on the cover is Paula Parsons, a 19-year-old junior from Miami. She's all decked out in the regal Indian princess costume she wears while participating in Florida State's famous "Flying High" circus. Paula, a journalism major, is also a leading majorette with the Marching Chiefs, FSU's colorful band.

# FSU's 1956 SCHEDULE

Sept. 22—Ohio University . . . . .	Tallahassee	8:00 (EST)
Sept. 29—Georgia . . . . .	Athens	2:30 (EST)
Oct. 6—Virginia Tech . . . . .	Tallahassee	8:00 (EST)
Oct. 13—North Carolina State . . . . .	Raleigh	8:00 (EST)
Oct. 20—Wake Forest . . . . .	Tallahassee	2:30 (EST)
(Homecoming)		
Oct. 27—Villanova . . . . .	Philadelphia	8:30 (EST)
Nov. 2—Miami (Fla.) . . . . .	Miami	8:15 (EST)
Nov. 10—Furman . . . . .	Tallahassee	2:00 (EST)
Nov. 17—Mississippi Southern . . . . .	Tallahassee	2:00 (EST)
Nov. 24—Auburn . . . . .	Auburn	2:30 (CST)



# FSU's 1955 RECORD

(5-5-0)

FSU 7 — North Carolina State . . . . .	0
FSU 0 — Miami (Fla.) . . . . .	34
FSU 20 — Virginia Tech . . . . .	24
FSU 14 — Georgia . . . . .	47
FSU 0 — Georgia Tech . . . . .	34
FSU 16 — Villanova . . . . .	13
FSU 19 — Furman . . . . .	6
FSU 39 — Citadel . . . . .	0
FSU 6 — Mississippi Southern . . . . .	21
FSU 26 — Tampa . . . . .	7

# TO PRESS, RADIO AND TV....



**ELGIN WHITE**

This handbook has been prepared for your information and to assist you in covering Florida State's 1956 football season. Should you desire additional material, information or services contact:

**ELGIN WHITE**  
Director of Sports Publicity  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida  
**Telephone: 2-1649**

When making requests for working press tickets allow time for mailing. It is suggested space requests be forwarded to this office at least one week prior to any home contest. If wire or telephone service is required in your coverage of games, please

make the necessary arrangements through your local Western Union or telephone office.



## TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for Florida State home football games may be purchased by letter, enclosing check or money order covering price of tickets. All season tickets are preferred reserved seats.

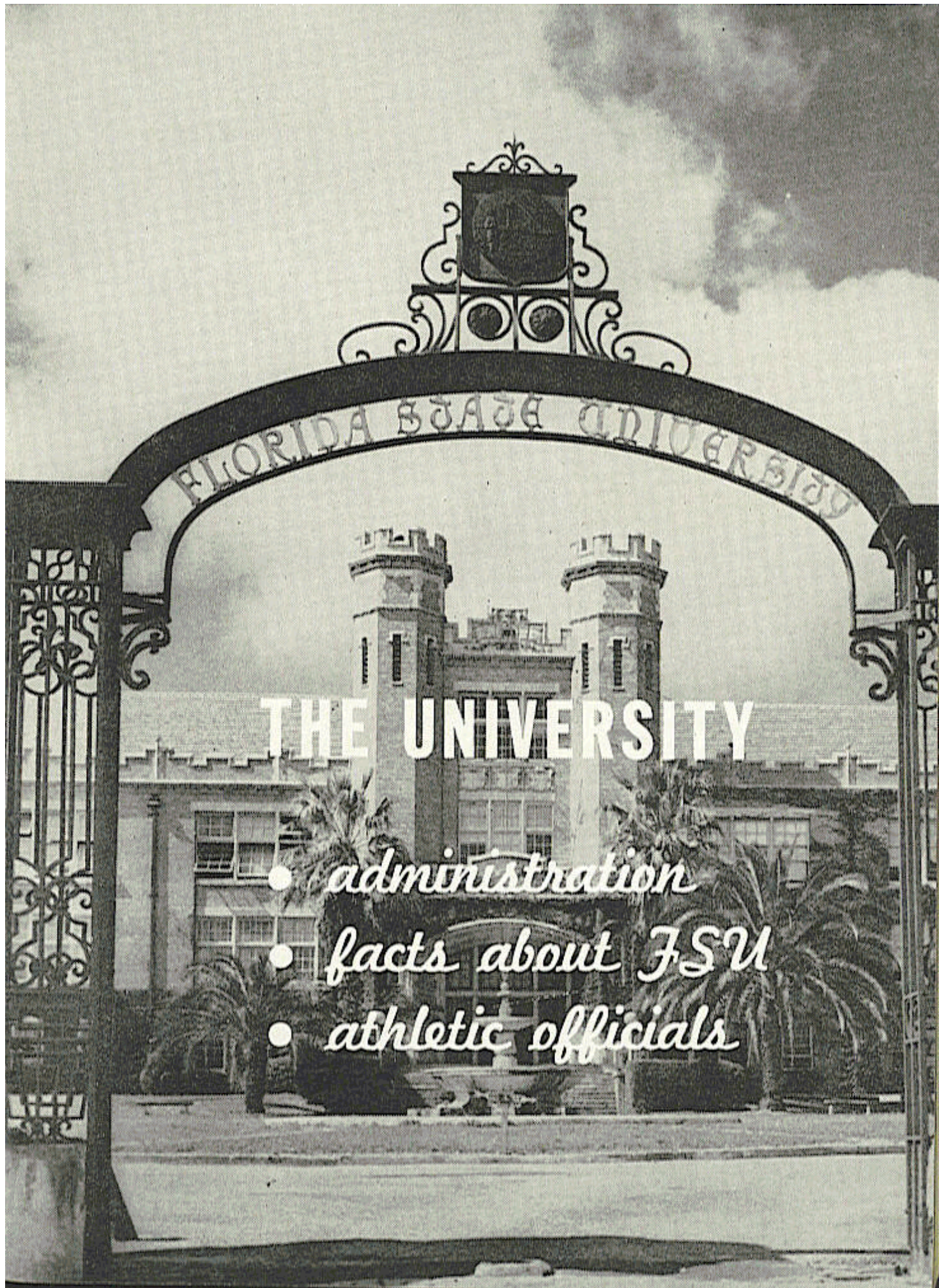
Address mail to:

**ATHLETIC TICKET OFFICE**  
Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida

**Make all checks payable to Florida State University.**

Ohio University .....	\$3.00	Georgia .....	\$4.00
Virginia Tech .....	\$3.50	N. C. State .....	\$3.50
Wake Forest .....	\$3.50	Villanova .....	\$3.80
Furman .....	\$3.00	Miami .....	\$3.50
Miss. Southern .....	\$3.00	Auburn .....	\$3.00

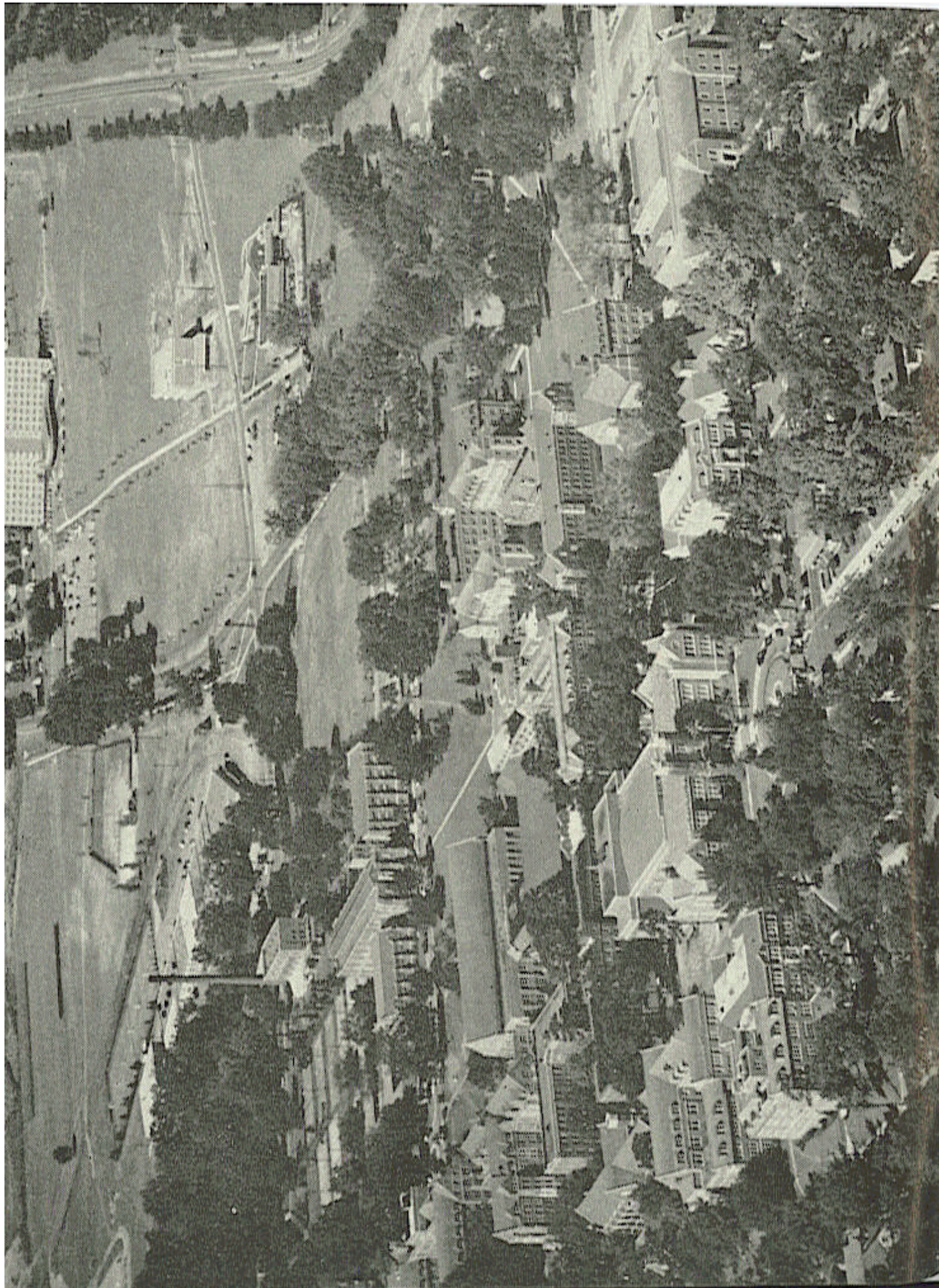
**Season tickets to all home games \$16.00.**



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

# THE UNIVERSITY

- *administration*
- *facts about FSU*
- *athletic officials*



*Facts about . . . .*

# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Florida State University is in Tallahassee, the capital city of Florida which is the center of the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government of the state. With a population of some 40,000 people, Tallahassee has long been noted for its civic mindedness and cultural tradition. Tallahassee, situated about 20 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, is one of the oldest cities in Florida and is surrounded by many points of historic interest dating back to the era of Spanish and English occupation.

The campus consists of 297 acres, the older part of which overlooks Florida's capital city.

**The newer portion of the campus follows a 50-year Master Campus Plan developed by well-known architects. It stretches westward along Highway 90 to West Hall, a new 11-story men's dormitory. It towers over a new Geology Building, a new Demonstration School, a new University Library, a new Botany and Zoology Classroom Building, a new Student Center, a modern Gymnasium and the Doak S. Campbell Stadium.**

In 1851 the legislature passed an act establishing two seminaries of learning to be situated upon the east and west sides of the Suwannee River. The Florida Institute, then established in Tallahassee on the site of Florida State University, was offered as a gift to the state. During the next 54 years the institution was known as the West Florida Seminary, Florida University and Florida State College.

By the passage of the Buckman Bill in 1905, the legislature completely reorganized the institutions of higher education within the state. Several small schools were discontinued and in their places there were established a university for men at Gainesville and a college for women at Tallahassee.

**The Florida State College for Women became Florida State University by an act of the legislature passed on May 15, 1947, which redefined the University System of Florida. For the first time since 1905, men were again admitted at Tallahassee.**

Florida State University is made up of 16 major divisions which include: College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, Division of General Education, School of Home Economics, School of Journalism, School of Library Training and Service, School of Music, School of Nursing, School of Public Administration, School of Social Welfare, Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC, Home Demonstration Office, University Extension Division and Graduate School.



# *The President . . . .*

## **DR. DOAK S. CAMPBELL**

"We're happy to have you back, George," the genial visitor to Spring football practice told Florida State's George Boyer.

Dr. Doak S. Campbell, Florida State president, still remembered. Boyer, an outstanding center as a freshman and sophomore, had just returned to FSU after having served with the armed forces.

One of the Seminoles' top fans, Dr. Campbell is now in his 15th year as president of Florida State. When he assumed the post in 1941 the former Florida State College for Women had less than 2,000 students with a faculty numbering less than 200.

He has watched the co-educational university grow to an enrollment of more than 8,000 and a faculty of more than 600.

**An avid football enthusiast, indeed, Dr. Campbell has also devoted a great deal of time to studies in higher education. He has conducted and published numerous surveys of higher institutions in the southern states.**

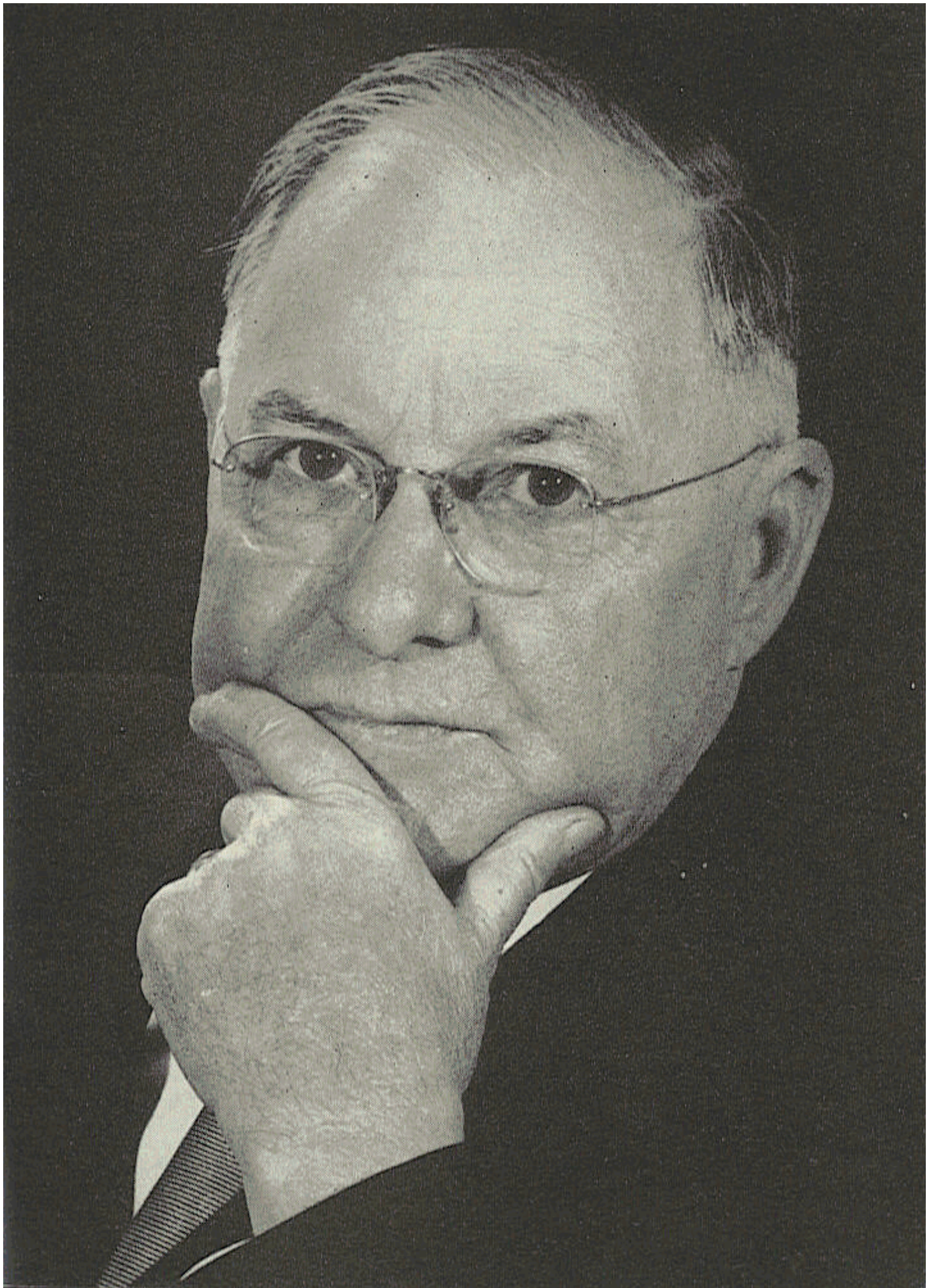
In 1937 he was chosen consultant to President Roosevelt's Advisory Committee on Education. He is a past president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He has also served as a member of the Board of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce for 14 years.

Before coming to Tallahassee, Dr. Campbell was associated with George Peabody College for 14 years.

Following his graduation from Ouachita College in Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1911, he served as superintendent of the Columbus (Ark.) State High School, then as state secretary for the Baptist Young Peoples Union and Religious Education Association. In 1916 Dr. Campbell became vice president and four years later president of Central College.

**President Campbell is recognized as one of America's leading curriculum authorities and his book "Curriculum Development," under joint authorship with Dr. H. L. Caswell, has been the most widely used work on curriculum.**

At FSU there is much evidence of his leadership. In addition to the tremendous enrollment increases, capital investments at the university have jumped from \$5,500,000 in 1946 to approximately \$24,200,000 exclusive of land. Perhaps the most significant step, however, has been development from four major academic divisions in 1947 to 16 today. In addition, Florida State's 19,000-seat stadium is named for Dr. Campbell.



## *The Vice President . . . .*

# **DR. ALBERT B. MARTIN**

A World War II Navy veteran born in Africa begins his sixth year as vice president of Florida State University.

Appointed in August 1951 was Dr. Albert B. Martin, prominent Southern educator.

**Born in Africa of American parents serving as Methodist missionaries, Dr. Martin spent the greater part of his life in Texas where he was identified with educational and civic affairs.**

He received his education there also, his Bachelor of Arts being granted at Southwest Texas State College at San Marcos. Dr. Martin's masters degree in education and his doctoral degree in college administration were completed at the University of Texas.

The new FSU vice president came here from the University of Mississippi where he was director of the extension services. A professor of education at Mississippi, Dr. Martin also served as director of the summer session.

**In addition to his administrative training and experience there, he served as director of curriculum and equalization for the Texas State Department of Education, and was previously deputy state superintendent of schools in the Lone Star state. His experience with schools includes service as teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in Texas public schools.**

For a period of three years during World War II, Dr. Martin served in the U. S. Navy, earning the rank of lieutenant commander. He was commanding officer of a destroyer escort and saw duty in both the Atlantic with the North Atlantic Patrol and in the Pacific with the 3rd Fleet under Admiral Halsey.

Florida State's new vice president is an active member of the National Education Association and of the School Administrator's Association of the NEA. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Masonic Lodge and Phi Delta Kappa honorary fraternity.

**Dr. Martin has prepared a number of research papers and bulletins from his specialized study of administration, organization and guidance.**

When the growth of Florida State University continued to multiply the duties and details of administration to the point where it was necessary to create the post of university vice president, Dr. Martin's specialized training and experience made him qualified to be the first person given this assignment at FSU.





# *The Athletic Director . . . .*

## **DR. HOWARD G. DANFORD**

Dr. Howard G. Danford heads Florida State University's extensive athletic and physical education program. He has served as director of athletics and physical education for men since 1947.

Since coming to FSU, Danford has seen football rise from a pick-up sport in 1947 to major college status, as well as guiding all other phases of the Florida State athletic program, which includes nine varsity sports, a complete physical education and recreation curriculum, the nationally famous Florida State University circus, "Flying High," and the equally famous "Gymkana."

**Another big step in the over all physical education program was taken this year with the completion of FSU's new 4000-seat gymnasium. It contains all facilities for the men's physical education program.**

One of America's volleyball pioneers, Dr. Danford made an extensive tour of Western Europe in 1955 and 1956, serving as an instructor for the U. S. Army's volleyball clinics. Danford made the trips at the request of the Commander in Chief of United States Army, Europe.

Dr. Danford is an author of note, his most recent work being the book "Recreation in the American Community," published in 1953. He has also authored numerous magazine articles and has held prominent positions in several national organizations. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the United States Volleyball Association, chairman of the Policies Committee of the Federation of National Professional Organizations for Recreation and chairman of Region VI of the United States Volleyball Association.

A graduate of Ohio University, Danford received his master's and doctorate degrees from New York University in 1943. Prior to his arrival at Florida State, he served for seven years as director of health, physical education, recreation, and safety in the Madison, Wisconsin, public school system.

**Under Dr. Danford's guidance and direction, Florida State's excellent program of intercollegiate athletics has grown in size and stature, and is now becoming recognized as one of the finest in the nation.**

Danford's enthusiastic interest in the whole program of intercollegiate athletics at Florida State has resulted in phenomenal achievement made by all Seminole athletic squads in the nine short years FSU has been engaging in intercollegiate sport. This includes national championships in gymnastics and volleyball.

# INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

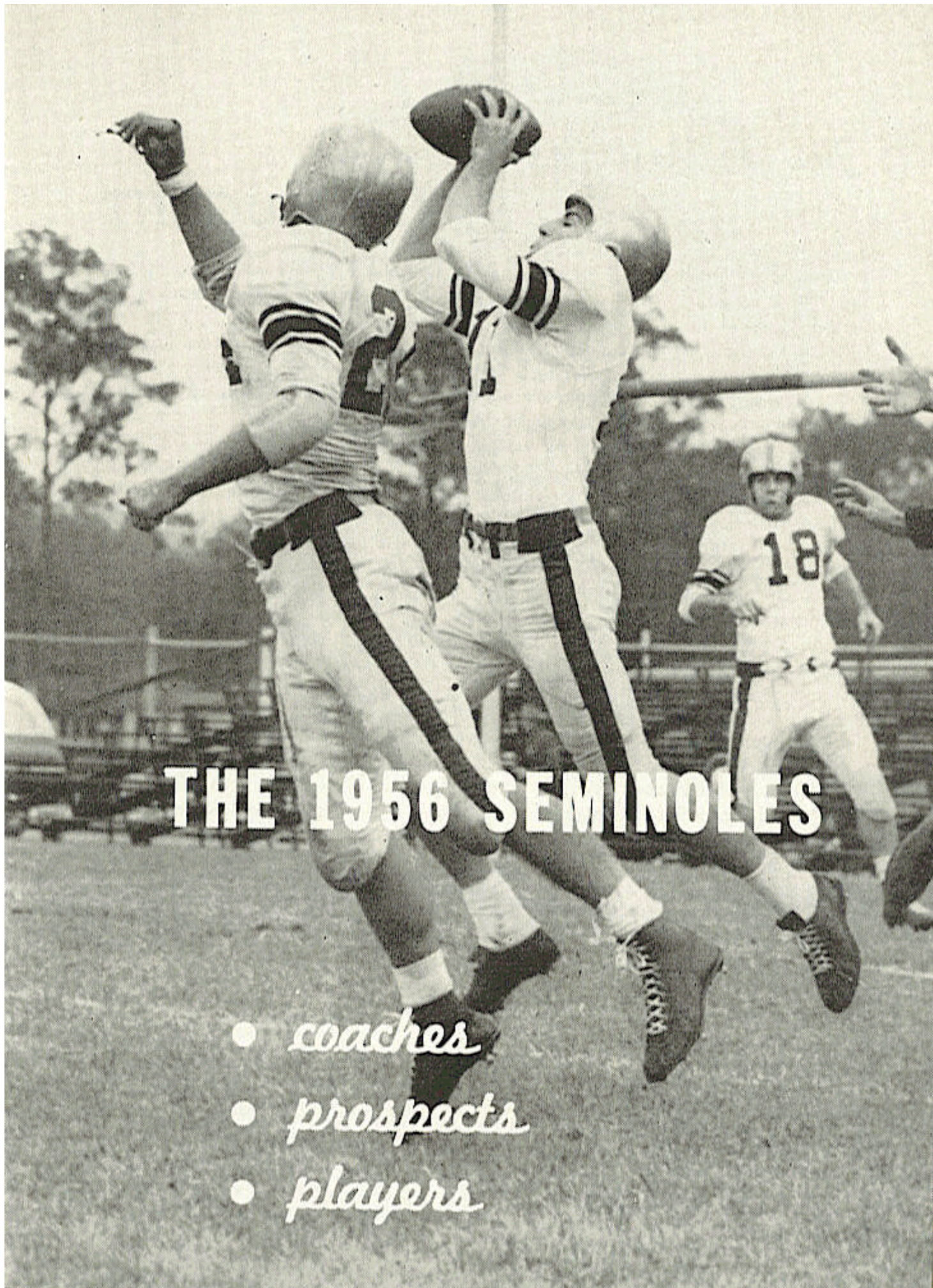
A varied group of nine sports makes up the varsity athletic program at Florida State University. The finest equipment, facilities and coaching talent are provided in football, basketball, baseball, golf, gymnastics, swimming, tennis, track and field and volleyball.

## Physical Education Staff

Dr. Howard G. Danford.....	Director of Athletics
	Director of Physical Education for Men
Thomas N. Nugent.....	Football Coach
Vaughn H. Mancha.....	Assistant Football Coach
Robert L. Harbison.....	Assistant Football Coach
Frank L. Toomey.....	Assistant Football Coach
Hugh Taylor.....	Assistant Football Coach
Hugh Adams.....	Assistant Football Coach
Paul Odom.....	Assistant Football Coach
Jesse K. Kennedy.....	Basketball Coach
Dr. Hartley D. Price.....	Gymnastics Coach
N. Bauman Stults.....	Swimming Coach
William T. Odeneal.....	Volleyball Coach
Daniel W. Litwhiler.....	Baseball Coach
L. Mike Long.....	Track and Field Coach
Dr. Don A. Veller.....	Golf Coach
Keith Pitchford.....	Tennis Coach
Glenn A. Haskin.....	Circus Director
James V. DeCosmo.....	Assistant Circus Director
H. Edward Williamson.....	Director of Intramurals (On Leave)
Marshall Walters.....	Acting Director of Intramurals
Dr. Haviland G. Hathaway.....	Team Physician
Donald Fauls.....	Head Trainer
Dr. Kenneth D. Miller.....	Professor of Physical Education
Dr. H. Donald Loucks.....	Associate Professor of Physical Education
Dr. William J. Tait.....	Director of Recreation Curriculum
Edward H. Cubbon.....	Athletic Business Manager
Ronald Melton.....	Asst. Athletic Business Manager
Bobby Lee Bannerman.....	Asst. Athletic Business Manager
Tillman Dixon.....	Equipment Manager
James Martin.....	Sports Photographer
Elgin White.....	Director of Sports Publicity

### Athletic Committee

Chairman Charles Davis, Grace Fox, Clarence Edney, Robert Miller, Coyle Moore, Sam Neel, R. R. Oglesby, R. K. Shaw, Mode Stone, Howard G. Danford, William Cullom, Martha Grizzard.



# THE 1956 SEMINOLES

- *coaches*
- *prospects*
- *players*



# *The Football Coach . . . .*

## **TOM NUGENT**

With a record of 37-31-2 in the college coaching ranks, Tom Nugent begins his fourth season as gridmaster of the Florida State University Seminoles.

The 43-year-old Nugent is becoming nationally known as one of the brightest young coaches in the business and for several years has had the reputation of being one of the best innovators in the game.

**It was Nugent who invented the typewriter huddle, the famed I formation and the double quarterback.**

The Lawrence, Massachusetts, native came to Florida State in 1953 after having served four highly successful years at Virginia Military Institute, his first college coaching position. After putting the Keydets on the football map, the popular mentor turned his attentions to FSU and has led the Seminoles to 18 victories and 13 losses. Out of this record has come a major rating for Florida State in football, awarded last year.

A 1936 graduate of Ithaca College in New York, Nugent coached the freshman team there while he continued with graduate work. He returned to his home town of Lawrence the next season to begin his head football coaching career when he directed the Essex Training School teams in football, basketball and baseball. Four years at Essex produced two undefeated football teams and a 35-3 record.

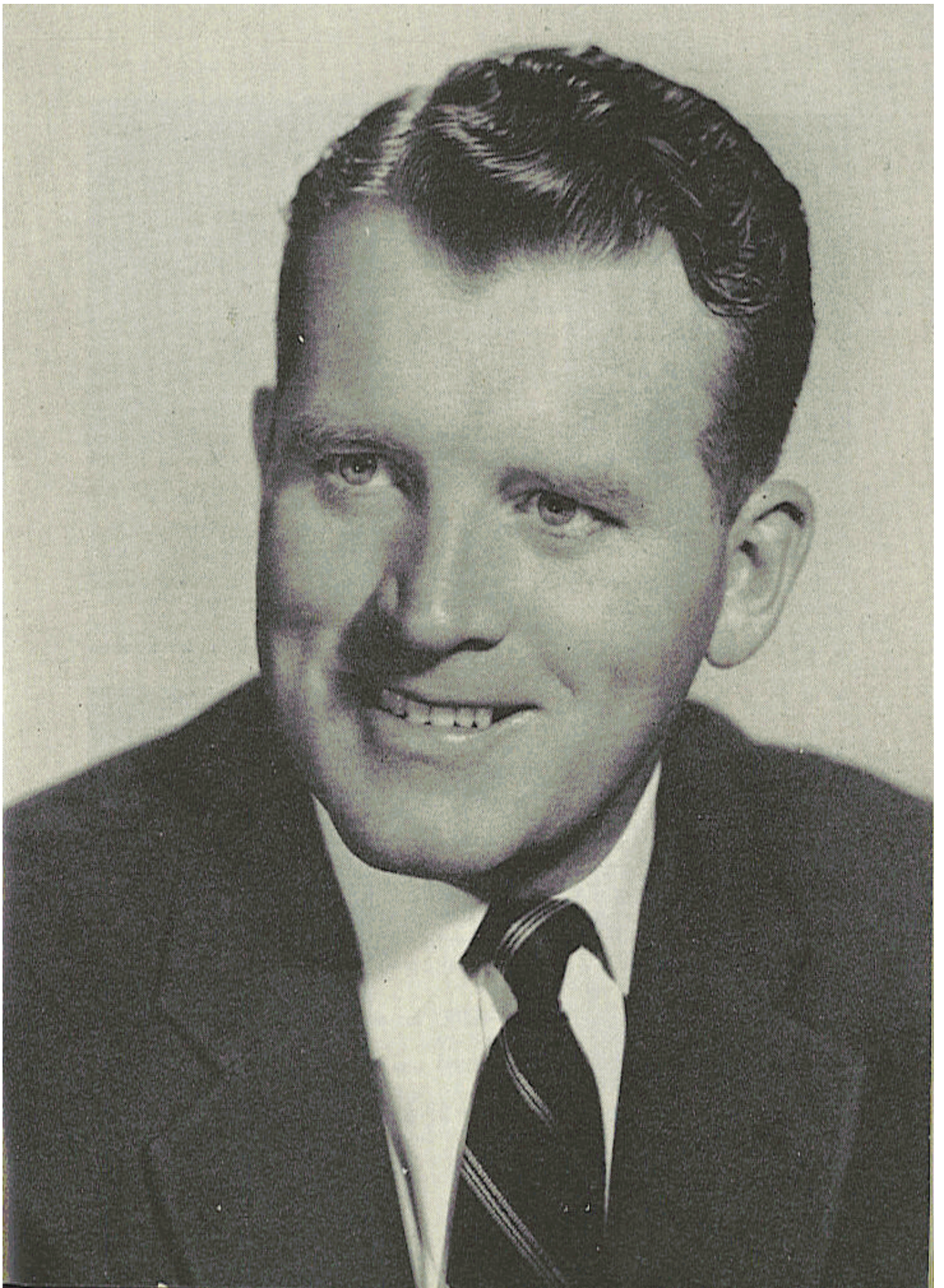
**Nugent entered the Air Force in 1941 and was named head football coach of the Rosecrans (Mo.) Air Base Flyers. Other duties there included writing and directing shows for the entertainment of troops. Nugent was and still is quite a song and dance man and his flair for showmanship is strongly evident by the flashy teams he presents on the gridiron.**

After his discharge in 1946, Nugent was appointed head coach at Williamsburg (Va.) High. He won nine in a row there. Tom then moved to Hopewell (Va.) High in 1947 and in two years won 15 of 19 games.

Nugent then took over at Virginia Military Institute and in three years the Keydets were Southern Conference champions, sharing the title in 1951 with Maryland. After four years at VMI and with a 19-18-2 record, Tom took over the leadership of Florida State's football fortunes in 1953.

**A respectable 5-5 mark greeted Nugent's first efforts at FSU and then Tom's touch burst all over the place in 1954 as his Seminoles paraded through a tough schedule for a resounding 8-3 season.**

With a major rating following the 1954 campaign, the Seminoles stepped into the big time for the first time last year and came out with a good 5-5 standard.





## Frank Toomey

Assistant Coach

A native of Niagara Falls, N. Y., Frank Toomey, 33, begins his third season with Tom Nugent's Florida State Seminoles.

Toomey is a graduate of Nugent's alma mater, Ithaca College, and he earned letters in football, basketball and baseball before graduating in 1942.

After serving four years with the Marine Corps, where he won a Purple Heart as well as a presidential citation, Toomey returned to Ithaca where he earned his masters degree in 1946. While at Ithaca Toomey coached the varsity backfield

and was the freshman baseball and basketball mentor.

He took over as head football and baseball coach at Waverly (N. Y.) High School in 1948.

He remained at Waverly until 1954 and his teams compiled a remarkable record of 39 wins against only eight defeats in seven years.



## Hugh Taylor

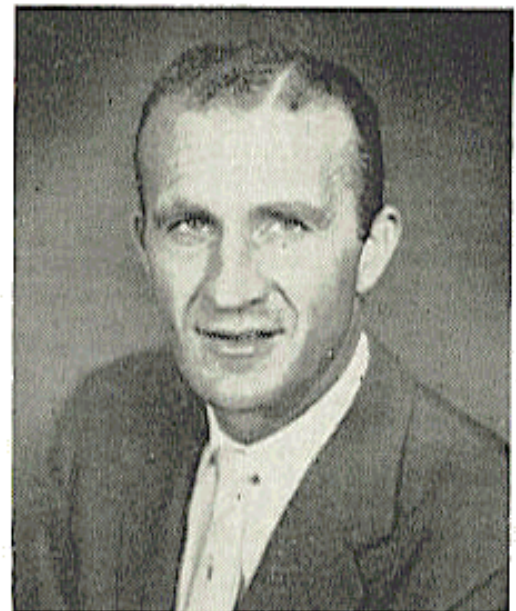
Assistant Coach

Hugh "Bones" Taylor, 33, begins his first year as assistant coach at Florida State University.

Seminole Coach Tom Nugent first became interested in obtaining Taylor's services at the annual FSU Football Clinic in 1955. Taylor's winning personality and convincing manner were pertinent factors in his being chosen as a new assistant on the Florida State coaching staff.

Taylor attended Oklahoma City University and for several seasons was rated the top end in professional football. He played with the Washington Redskins.

He left the Redskins at the end of the 1954 campaign and played the 1955 season with Ottawa in the Canadian League.





## Vaughn Mancha

### Assistant Coach

Vaughn Mancha, 34, one of the University of Alabama's greatest centers, will be starting his fifth season as line coach for Florida State University.

A living symbol of Alabama's football prowess, Mancha lettered in 1944-45-46-47 and capped his brilliant career in 1947 by making the first team Southeastern and All-America squads.

He was 'Bama's standout performer in the undefeated 1945 football season that was topped with a 34-14 victory over Southern California in the 1946 Rose

Bowl classic.

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1948, Mancha played a year of professional football with the old Boston Yanks. He returned to Alabama in 1949, earning a masters degree that year.

Mancha then entered the coaching field and put in a highly successful three year hitch at Livingston (Ala.) State Teachers College where his teams posted a 21-7 record. He joined the ranks at FSU in 1952.



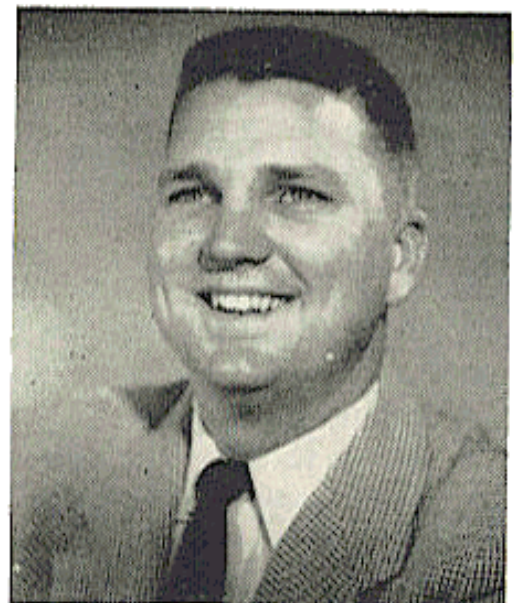
## Hugh Adams

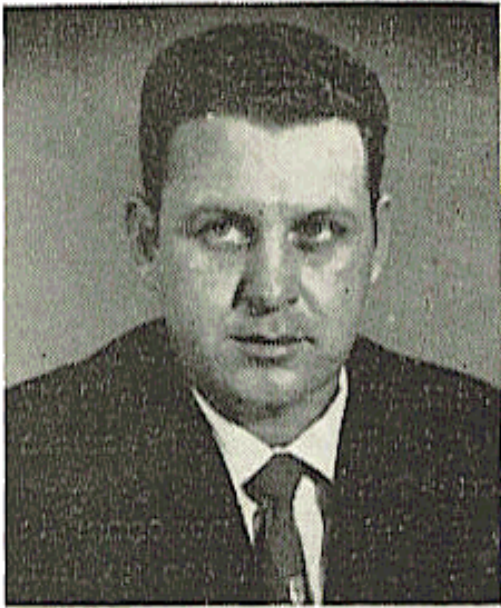
### Assistant Coach

A Little All-America tackle on Florida State's 1949 team, Hugh Adams, 28, joins the Seminole coaching staff as a full assistant this year.

Adams, a graduate assistant in 1955, becomes the first FSU graduate to hold an assistant coaching position with the Seminoles.

The Punta Gorda native was an assistant coach at Leon High School, Tallahassee, in 1950. He entered the Navy and returned to Florida State last year where he earned his masters degree.





## **Bob Harbison**

### **Assistant Coach**

In terms of longevity, Bob Harbison, 29, is the real veteran of the Seminole coaching staff. Harbison begins his ninth season as line coach at Florida State University.

Back in his playing days, he was an outstanding guard for the late Bo McMillin at Indiana University in 1945-46-47.

A native of Evansville, Indiana, Harbison was chosen to play with the North squad in the annual Blue-Gray game in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1947.

Harbie came to Florida State in 1948 to work under Dr. Don Veller, present Seminole golf coach, who was at that time head football mentor. Harbison has worked primarily with guards and tackles, and is credited with developing Bill Dawkins, Little All-America guard in 1951 and Hugh Adams, now an assistant coach who was a Little All-America tackle in 1949.



## **Paul Odom**

### **Assistant Coach**

Paul Odom, 29, has been appointed a full assistant backfield coach beginning this year.

A native of Mount Dora, Odom was a graduate assistant last year and handled the freshman squad.

He was a tackle for Rollins College in 1947-48. After Rollins dropped football, Odom switched to Stetson and captained the Hatters during the 1950 campaign.

After graduating from Stetson in 1951, he was appointed head football coach at Mount Dora High School, a post he held for two years.

He went into private business a year before coming to Florida State to earn his masters degree last year.

He is a brother of Seminole halfback Billy Odom.



## **Don Fauls** **Head Trainer**

A native of Ithaca, N. Y., Don Fauls, 36, came onto the Florida State scene in 1954 as head trainer and has done an excellent job in easing Seminole aches and pains.

Don graduated from Ithaca College in 1948 with a degree in physio-therapy and started his professional work at a hospital in Bath, N. Y., that same year.

After serving at Bath for two years, Fauls went to Greensboro, North Carolina, as trainer for the Greensboro Patriots of the Carolina Baseball League.

He worked during the off-season at the Gilmore Clinic in Greensboro in physio-therapy and, after two years with the Patriots, joined the St. Louis Cardinal chain as team trainer for Omaha.

After remaining at Omaha for three seasons he accepted his present post at Florida State. He has developed and expanded a full-scale training program.



## **Tillman Dixon** **Equipment Manager**

Fifty-two-year-old Tillman Dixon, called Mr. Dix by Florida State athletes and coaches, begins his fourth year handing out and keeping tabs on football equipment.

Formerly on the staff of Florida Industrial School, Dixon came to Florida State in 1953 and directed the establishment of a complete equipment system which he now maintains. He is a native of Esto, Florida.

Dixon is charged with the responsibility of keeping track of well over 5,000

pieces of football gear at FSU.

Florida State footballers have access to 167 screened lockers, all of which Dixon designed.

# OUTLOOK FOR 1956

The development of a couple of hard-hitting fullbacks and four strong tackles faces Tom Nugent when he opens football practice in September. There are other key spots to fill, but the emphasis will be on developing the personnel for these positions.

Nugent, usually optimistic, says the terrific FSU schedule may be too much for the young Seminoles as far as reserve strength is concerned. Another good first team, however, is in the making.

The breakdown by positions:

**Ends: Ronnie Schomburger and Ham Bisbee head a fleet of fast pass catchers but Bisbee may have to move over in favor of newcomer Bob Nellums. Bob Fountain looks like the best prospect from the 1955 freshman group.**

**Tackles:** Florida State appears to be in trouble here with the loss of Bill Proctor, Don Powell and Bob Barber. Not a single letterman returns here, but sophomores Jerry Graham, Bob Thomas and John McClelland could move in to start. Squadmen Bill Musselman and Willie Gardner are expected to help out.

**Guards:** Veteran Al Pacifico and ex-serviceman Bill Brown lead the struggle for the guard slots. The Seminoles have depth to spare here with lettermen Leo Baggett and Bud Leonard, squadman Bob Elliott and sophomores Joe McGee, Sid Ingram and Mark Trafton expected to figure in the picture.

**Centers:** A two-way battle between old hands Troy Barnes and George Boyer is promised here. Barnes has a slight edge at present. Further competition is due from Millard Davis, Melvin Pope and Stuart Keith.

**Quarterbacks: Vic Prinzi and Len Swantic, both returning letter winners, have their work cut out to hold off the challenge of newcomer Bobby Renn, a good runner, kicker and outstanding defensive man. There seems to be a wealth of talent at this position with Jerry Henderson and Ted Rodrigue possible contenders.**

**Halfbacks:** Six lettermen return at this position with two newcomers expected to see a lot of action. The veterans are Lee Corso, Buck Metts, Pat Versprille, Stan Dobosz, Billy Weaver and Billy Odom. Junior college graduate Larry Weber and sophomore Billy Pat Atkins make it four deep here.

**Fullbacks:** Joe Holt, regular fullback for two years, must hold off the threat from Eddie Johnson and Frank Scheible to retain his position. Johnson, at 205 pounds, may be the big line buster Coach Tom Nugent has been looking for and Scheible pressed Holt during Spring drills.

# SEMINOLE DEPTH CHART

LE — Schomburger	Kimber	Arnold
LT — Musselman	Thomas	Craig
LG — Brown	Leonard	McGee
C — Barnes	Boyer	Davis
RG — Pacifico	Baggett	Elliott
RT — Graham	McClelland	Gardner
RE — Nellums	Bisbee	Fountain
QB — Renn	Prinzi	Swantic
LHB — Corso	Versprille	Weaver
RHB — Metts	Dobosz	Odom
FB — Holt	Johnson	Scheible

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

10 Prinzi	28 Weber	61 McGee	77 Woodruff
11 Rodrigue	29 Battaglia	62 Brown	78 Craig
12 Swantic	40 L. Cummings	64 Leonard	79 Graham
14 Henderson	41 Holt	65 Trafton	80 Schomburger
15 Renn	42 Scheible	66 Pacifico	81 Bisbee
20 Corso	43 Abood	67 Elliott	83 Fountain
21 Odom	44 Johnson	68 Ingram	84 Kimber
22 Metts	50 Davis	70 Thomas	85 Nellums
23 H. Cummings	51 Pope	71 McClelland	86 Arnold
24 Atkins	52 Barnes	73 Musselman	88 Wetherington
25 Versprille	53 Keith	74 Gardner	89 Philp
26 Weaver	54 Boyer	75 Booth	
27 Dobosz	60 Baggett	76 Keys	

## TONGUE TWISTERS

Abood — a-BOOD	Rodrigue — ROD-rick
Battaglia — Ba-TAG-lla	Scheible — SHI-ble
Dobosz — DOUGH-boz	Schomburger — SHOM-burger
Pacifico — Pa-CIF-i-CO	Versprille — Ver-SPRILL-e
Philp — FILP	



# Tom Nugent's I Formation

By HAROLD PARR  
The Associated Press

Tom Nugent, football coach at Florida State University, invented the unorthodox, but potent I formation. But Rube McCray, as head coach and athletic director at William & Mary College, was the reason behind it.

Nugent dreamed up the idea of having his backs lined up behind the center to smash McCray's boast that no team could run off tackle against William & Mary.

That was eight years ago when Nugent was coaching his first of four years at Virginia Military Institute. But it had its true beginning three years earlier when Nugent coached in high school at Williamsburg, Va., and doubled as the city recreation director.

**McCray was then at William & Mary and also served as the unpaid supervisor of recreation and chairman of the city recreation board, which made him Nugent's boss.**

"My high school team did real well," says Nugent. "McCray, for some reason I never understood, took a dislike to my little high school team. He took it out on me as recreation director. He needled me on everything. It got to be too much and I resigned as coach and recreation director. The townspeople talked me into staying, but the next year I grabbed at the chance to move on to Hopewell (Va.) High."

**After two years he became coach at VMI.**

"My first game at VMI was with William & Mary," says Nugent. "Ol' Rube was always saying 'no team can run off tackle on us—maybe they can run our ends or throw, but they can't run off tackle.' I remembered all those needles he had sunk in me at Williamsburg and I vowed VMI was going to run off tackle against his team."

"I spent hours on diagrams. Then it came to me; line the backs up one behind the other, pull a guard and you had six men roaring at his tackles.

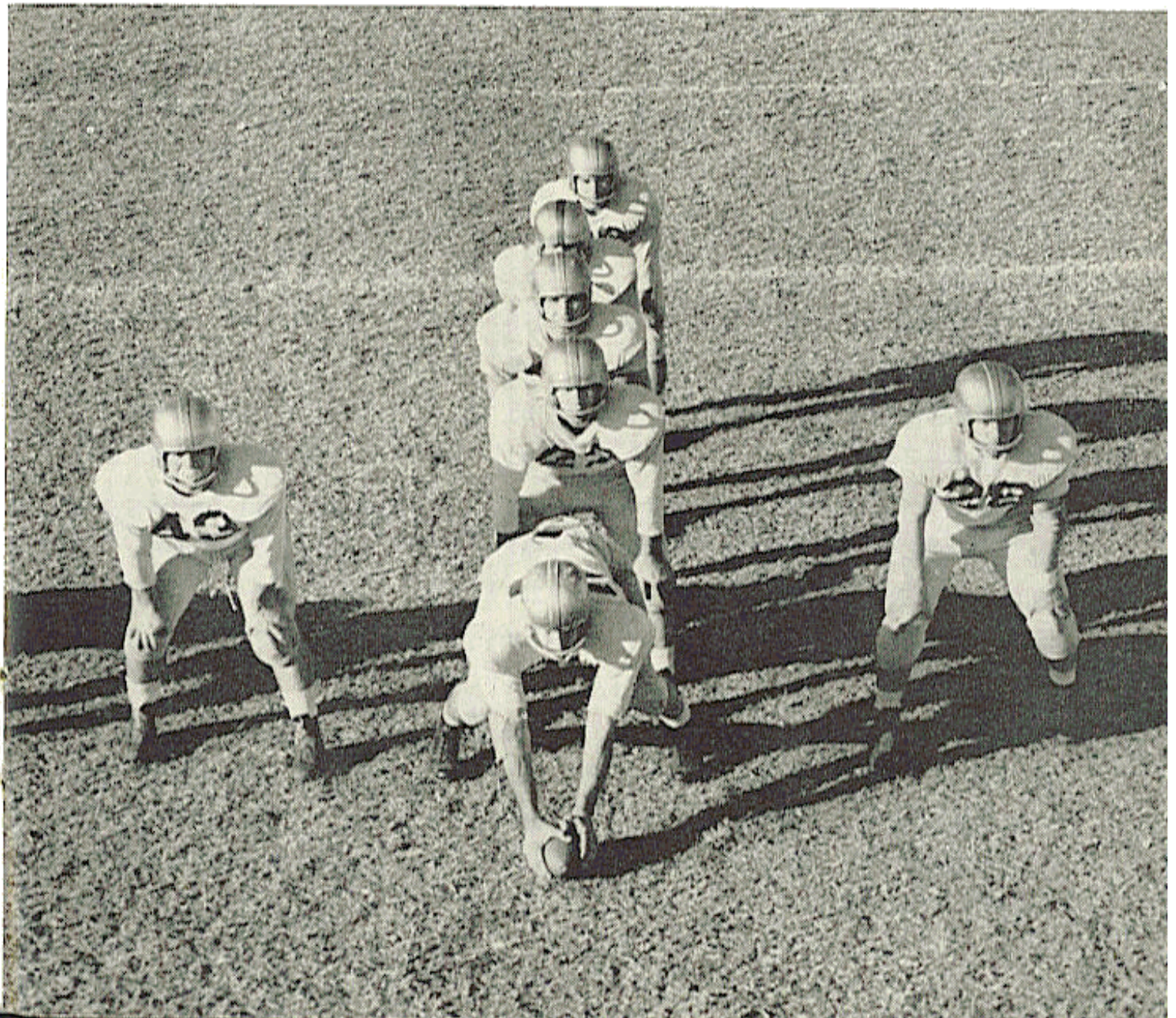
"We ran Rube's tackles for more than 500 yards and we beat William & Mary 26-19. It was the first time William & Mary had lost a game on Virginia soil in 11 years. I really had paid Ol' Rube off.

"I figured the I had served its purpose and instructed my boys to return to our split-T. We played George Washington next. We stuck to the split-T and lost 15-14.

**"The boys suggested we might try the I again. I agreed. We won the rest of our Southern Conference games and beat Georgia Tech in Atlanta 14-13. The I is standard equipment with me now."**

Nugent devised the I originally as a play for an off tackle smash. The quarterback took the snap from center and handed off to one of the three backs lined behind him. The quarterback, two other backs and a running guard concentrated as blockers for a smash off tackle.

Since then Nugent has perfected the I so it can be used to sweep the ends, go through the middle or pass. But, says Nugent: "There's nothing like it for busting off tackle."





# 1956 FLORIDA STATE

Name	No.	Pos.	Height	Weight	Age	Class	Hometown
Emil Abood	43	FB	5-10	182	20	Jr.	Jacksonville
Hobo Ackerman		FB	5-10	192	21	Jr.	Hopewell, Va.
*Jim Arnold	86	E	5-8	170	25	Jr.	Bainbridge, Ga.
Billy Pat Atkins	24	HB	5-10	177	19	Soph.	Chipley
*Leo Baggett	60	G	5-8	209	20	Jr.	Panama City
*Troy Barnes	52	C	6-2	198	24	Jr.	Chickasaw, Ala.
Carmen Battaglia	29	HB	5-8	178	21	Jr.	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
*Ham Bisbee	81	E	6-0	172	20	Jr.	Sanford
William Booth	75	T	6-1	205	20	Soph.	Melbourne
*George Boyer	54	C	6-0	223	21	Jr.	Jacksonville
*Bill Brown	62	G	5-11	212	21	Soph.	Orlando
Frank Clayton		HB	5-11	178	21	Jr.	Oak Ridge, Tenn.
*Lee Corso	20	HB	5-10	166	21	Sr.	Miami
John Craig	78	T	6-0	217	19	Jr.	Orlando
Hal Cummings	23	HB	5-9	179	20	Jr.	Clermont
Larry Cummings	40	FB	5-11	180	20	Jr.	Kilgore, Tex.
Millard Davis	50	C	6-1	195	20	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.
*Stan Dobosz	27	HB	5-8	185	21	Jr.	E. Chicago, Ind.
Bob Elliott	67	G	6-1	195	21	Jr.	St. Petersburg
Bob Fountain	83	E	5-11	187	19	Soph.	Crestview
Willie Gardner	74	T	6-0	200	20	Jr.	Tampa
Jerry Graham	79	T	6-0	202	18	Soph.	Chicago, Ill.
Jerry Henderson	14	QB	5-11	175	20	Jr.	Pensacola
*Joe Holt	41	FB	5-10	183	21	Sr.	Graham, N. C.
Sid Ingram	68	G	5-10	207	19	Soph.	Birmingham, Ala.
*Eddie Johnson	44	FB	5-10	205	21	Jr.	Charleston, W. Va.
Stuart Keith	53	C	5-11	188	19	Soph.	Panama City

\* Denotes letterman.

# FOOTBALL ROSTER



Name	No.	Pos.	Height	Weight	Age	Class	Hometown
Bobby Keys	76	T	5-9	192	20	Jr.	Ringgold, Ga.
Bill Kimber	84	E	6-1	185	20	Soph.	Winter Park
*Bud Leonard	64	G	5-11	192	22	Sr.	Ocala
John McClelland	71	T	6-0	210	20	Soph.	Conesus, N. Y.
Joe McGee	61	G	5-8	191	20	Soph.	Raleigh, N. C.
*Buck Metts	22	HB	5-9	180	20	Sr.	Sanford
Bill Musselman	73	T	5-11	215	20	Jr.	Lynchburg, Va.
Bob Nellums	85	E	6-1	201	24	Jr.	Pensacola
*Billy Odom	21	HB	5-8	164	21	Sr.	Mt. Dora
*Al Pacifico	66	G	5-7	205	24	Sr.	Altoona, Pa.
Gerald Philp	89	E	5-11	188	23	Jr.	Royal Oak, Mich.
Melvin Pope	51	C	6-1	216	23	Soph.	Tallahassee
*Vic Prinzi	10	QB	6-0	178	20	Jr.	Waverly, N. Y.
Bobby Renn	15	QB	5-11	170	22	Soph.	Henderson, N. C.
Ted Rodrigue	11	QB	5-11	180	26	Jr.	Lynn, Mass.
Frank Scheible	42	FB	5-7	187	24	Jr.	Milwaukee, Wis.
*Ronnie Schomburger	80	E	6-2	192	22	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
*Len Swantic	12	QB	5-10	176	25	Sr.	Columbus, Ga.
Bob Thomas	70	T	5-11	198	18	Soph.	Mansfield, Ohio
Mark Trafton	65	G	5-11	205	19	Soph.	Jacksonville
*Pat Versprille	25	HB	6-2	190	21	Jr.	Norfolk, Va.
*Billy Weaver	26	HB	5-10	175	20	Jr.	Miami
Larry Weber	28	HB	5-9	173	20	Jr.	Corpus Christi, Tex.
Henry Wetherington	88	E	6-0	196	22	Soph.	Valdosta, Ga.
Mack Wood		HB	5-11	175	20	Jr.	Greenville, Ala.
Bobby Woodruff	77	T	6-1	212	20	Jr.	New London, Tex.

# SEMINOLE PROFILES

## ENDS

**Lettermen Lost (1):** Tom Feamster.

**Lettermen Returning (3):** Jim Arnold, Ham Bisbee, Ronnie Schomburger.

**86 JIM ARNOLD** Jr. 5-8 170 25 **Bainbridge, Ga.**

Ex-serviceman . . . Honorable mention All-Florida 1950 . . . Tough competitor . . . Good tackler . . . Strong defensively . . . Needs work offensively.

**81 HAM BISBEE** Jr. 6-0 172 20 **Sanford, Fla.**

Good speed . . . Better than average defensively . . . Good blocker . . . Has game experience . . . Top contender for starting job . . . Averaged 23.6 yards on five passes received in 1955.

**83 BOB FOUNTAIN** Soph. 5-11 187 19 **Crestview, Fla.**

Surprise during Spring . . . Contender for number one left end position . . . Good blocker . . . Aggressive defensively . . . Needs experience.

**84 BILL KIMBER** Soph. 6-1 185 20 **Winter Park, Fla.**

Good speed . . . Better than average receiver . . . Strong defensively . . . Needs work offensively . . . Good punter.

**85 BOB NELLUMS** Jr. 6-1 201 24 **Pensacola, Fla.**

Perkinson Junior College graduate . . . Has size, aggressiveness . . . Top contender for right end job . . . Injured during Spring drills . . . Should be ready in Fall.

**89 GERALD PHILP** Jr. 5-11 188 23 **Royal Oak, Mich.**

Junior college graduate . . . Better than average receiver . . . Needs work blocking . . . Not too strong defensively at this point . . . May develop.

**80 RONNIE SCHOMBURGER Jr. 6-2 192 22 Pittsburgh, Pa.**  
Top performer at left end . . . Best all around end in Spring . . . Good speed . . . Fine receiver . . . Strong defensively . . . Caught nine passes for 170 yards last year.

**88 HENRY WETHERINGTON Soph. 6-0 196 22 Valdosta, Ga.**  
Didn't participate during Spring . . . Recovering from knee operation . . . May develop fast in Fall.

## TACKLES

**Lettermen Lost (4):** Bob Barber, Don Powell, Bill Proctor, Ray Staab.

**Lettermen Returning:** None.

**75 WILLIAM BOOTH Soph. 6-1 205 20 Melbourne, Fla.**  
Good speed and pursuit . . . Weak offensively at present . . . Needs experience . . . Should develop.

**78 JOHN CRAIG Jr. 6-0 217 19 Orlando, Fla.**  
Hard, conscientious worker . . . Showed much improvement during Spring . . . Could see considerable action at tackle.

**74 WILLIE GARDNER Jr. 6-0 200 20 Tampa, Fla.**  
Better offensively than defensively . . . Lacks speed . . . Needs experience . . . Showed improvement during Spring.

**79 JERRY GRAHAM Soph. 6-0 202 18 Chicago, Ill.**  
Potential star . . . Top contender for starting right tackle . . . Exceptional blocker . . . Good defensively . . . Needs game experience.

**76 BOBBY KEYS Jr. 5-9 192 20 Ringgold, Ga.**  
Junior college graduate . . . Shows flashes of defensive form . . . Needs work offensively . . . Average speed.

**71 JOHN McCLELLAND Soph. 6-0 210 20 Conesus, N. Y.**  
Strong . . . Inexperienced lineman . . . Should develop defensively . . . Showed improvement during Spring . . . Rated as good blocker.

**73 BILL MUSSELMAN Jr. 5-11 215 20 Lynchburg, Va.**  
Quick . . . Capable offensive performer . . . Needs defensive work . . . In contention for starting left tackle.

**70 BOB THOMAS**      **Soph. 5-11 198 18**      **Mansfield, Ohio**  
Best defensive lineman at this point . . . Below average offensively . . .  
Should develop into outstanding player within a year . . . May yet break  
into starting lineup.

**77 BOBBY WOODRUFF Jr. 6-1 212 20**      **New London, Tex.**  
Junior college graduate . . . Fair defensively . . . Needs work offensive-  
ly . . . No relation to Florida head football coach.

## GUARDS

**Lettermen Lost (2):** Vince Gibson, Jerry Jacobs.

**Lettermen Returning (4):** Leo Baggett, Bill Brown, Bud Leonard, Al Pacifico.

**60 LEO BAGGETT Jr. 5-8 209 20**      **Panama City, Fla.**  
Solid contender for starting right guard . . . Good speed . . . Strong man  
. . . Fine blocker . . . Sharp tackler . . . Needs experience . . . Captain  
in 1954 Florida high school all star game.

**62 BILL BROWN**      **Soph. 5-11 212 21**      **Orlando, Fla.**  
Returnee . . . Surprise performer this Spring . . . Number one left guard  
at present . . . Best point after touchdown kicker . . . Has good speed,  
size . . . Lacks experience . . . Voted best looking boy in class at Edge-  
water High School.

**67 BOB ELLIOTT Jr. 6-1 195 21**      **St. Petersburg, Fla.**  
Another surprise this Spring . . . Fastest lineman on squad . . . Should  
see much service . . . May be shifted to tackle . . . Was president of  
Student Council at St. Paul High School.

**68 SID INGRAM**      **Soph. 5-10 207 19**      **Birmingham, Ala.**  
Strong . . . Good defensive performer . . . Lacks offensive finesse . . .  
Needs work and game experience.

**64 BUD LEONARD**      **Sr. 5-11 192 22**      **Ocala, Fla.**  
Converted fullback . . . Leading contender for starting berth at left guard  
. . . Good linebacker . . . Better than average speed . . . Has game ex-  
perience.

**61 JOE MCGEE**      **Soph. 5-8 191 20**      **Raleigh, N. C.**  
Quick . . . Good tackler . . . Weak offensively . . . Needs experience.

**66 AL PACIFICO**      **Sr. 5-7 205 24**      **Altoona, Pa.**  
Veteran performer . . . Should be starting right guard . . . Solid fundamentally . . . Good tackler . . . Better than average blocker . . . Fourth year as regular.

**65 MARK TRAFTON**      **Soph. 5-11 205 19**      **Jacksonville, Fla.**  
Good speed . . . Fair offensively . . . Better than average defensive player . . . Has size and aggressiveness . . . Has played at center and fullback in the past.

## CENTERS

**Lettermen Lost (1):** Bob Crenshaw.

**Lettermen Returning (2):** Troy Barnes, George Boyer.

**52 TROY BARNES**      **Jr. 6-2 198 24**      **Chickasaw, Ala.**  
Leading race at center . . . Has good speed, size . . . Outstanding pursuit . . . Best linebacker on squad during Spring drills.

**54 GEORGE BOYER**      **Jr. 6-0 223 21**      **Jacksonville, Fla.**  
Service returnee . . . Number one performer as freshman and sophomore . . . Leading contender for starting center position . . . Fundamentally sound . . . Good speed . . . Honorable mention All-Army in 1955.

**50 MILLARD DAVIS**      **Jr. 6-1 195 20**      **Atlanta, Ga.**  
Junior college graduate . . . Offensive ability . . . Lacks defensive experience.

**53 STUART KEITH**      **Soph. 5-11 188 19**      **Panama City, Fla.**  
Hard worker . . . Lacks experience . . . Developed fast during Spring . . . Needs more work defensively.

**51 MELVIN POPE**      **Soph. 6-1 216 23**      **Tallahassee, Fla.**  
Has shown defensive ability during Spring . . . Must develop offensively . . . Lacks speed, but has improved with gradual loss of weight . . . Could be dark horse.



## QUARTERBACKS

**Lettermen Lost:** None.

**Lettermen Returning (2):** Vic Prinzi, Len Swantic.

**14 JERRY HENDERSON Jr. 5-11 175 20 Pensacola, Fla.**

Good thrower . . . Fine left-footed kicker . . . Fair speed . . . Good defensively . . . Converted from halfback.

**10 VIC PRINZI Jr. 6-0 178 20 Waverly, N. Y.**

Took over number one job last Fall . . . Strong arm . . . Good passer . . . Fair speed . . . Developed fast as defensive player latter part of 1955 . . . Completed 29 of 58 passes last year.

**15 BOBBY RENN Soph. 5-11 170 22 Henderson, N. C.**

Has top flight defensive ability . . . Experienced . . . Good speed . . . Must develop as a passer . . . Intercepted 14 passes in 1952 for Davidson, from where he transferred.

**11 TED RODRIGUE Jr. 5-11 180 26 Lynn, Mass.**

Good kicker and passer . . . Defensive weakness . . . Experienced service background . . . May surprise . . . All-Japan in 1953.

**12 LEN SWANTIC Sr. 5-10 176 25 Columbus, Ga.**

Most experienced player at this position . . . Good passer . . . Lacks speed . . . This could be his year . . . Smart runner . . . Ranked 41st in nation last year with 37 pass completions.

## HALFBACKS

**Lettermen Lost (1):** Gene Cox.

**Lettermen Returning (6):** Lee Corso, Stan Dobosz, Buck Metts, Billy Odom, Pat Versprille, Billy Weaver.

**24 BILLY PAT ATKINS Soph. 5-10 177 19 Chipley, Fla.**

Tough defensive man . . . Average runner . . . Fair pass receiver . . . Good competitor . . . Needs more experience.

**29 CARMEN BATTAGLIA Jr. 5-8 178 21 Niagara Falls, N. Y.**

Good, driving type runner . . . Fair defensively . . . Point after touchdown kicker.

**FRANK CLAYTON Jr. 5-11 178 21 Oak Ridge, Tenn.**  
Junior college transfer . . . Needs much work defensively . . . Fair speed . . . Good pass receiver.

**20 LEE CORSO Sr. 5-10 166 21 Miami, Fla.**  
Flashy . . . Outstanding runner . . . Top flight pass receiver . . . Exceptionally strong defensively against the forward pass . . . Top ground gainer in 1955 with 431 yards . . . Caught 13 passes . . . Averaged 14.3 yards on seven punt returns . . . All-Southern at Jackson High School.

**23 HAL CUMMINGS Jr. 5-9 179 20 Clermont, Fla.**  
Good speed . . . Fair pass receiver . . . Better than average runner . . . Needs work defensively . . . Could surprise this year.

**27 STAN DOBOSZ Jr. 5-8 185 21 East Chicago, Ind.**  
Leading ground gainer in 1952 . . . Played regularly in 1953 . . . Returns from service in time for Fall practice . . . Excellent speed and power . . . Made Georgia Tech's All-Opponent team in 1952.

**22 BUCK METTS Sr. 5-9 180 20 Sanford, Fla.**  
Looks like starter at right halfback . . . Consistent punter . . . Ranked 21st in nation in 1955 with 38.4 average on 25 boots . . . Excellent pass receiver . . . Good speed and all around ability . . . Averaged almost five yards per carry last year.

**21 BILLY ODOM Sr. 5-8 164 21 Mt. Dora, Fla.**  
Offensive standout . . . Break-away runner . . . Averaged 27.5 yards on 13 kickoff returns to rank sixth in nation in 1955 . . . Good pass receiver . . . Average blocker . . . With more improvement defensively, may break into starting lineup.

**25 PAT VERSPRILLE Jr. 6-2 190 21 Norfolk, Va.**  
Surprise of Spring drills . . . Developed as top flight defensive performer as well as outstanding power runner . . . Excellent speed . . . Could be number one punter . . . Averaged 41.9 yards in 1955 on 15 boots.

**26 BILLY WEAVER Jr. 5-10 175 20 Miami, Fla.**  
Hard driving type of runner . . . Excellent speed . . . Solid tackler . . . May break into starting lineup with further development . . . President of class at Coral Gables High School.

**28 LARRY WEBER Jr. 5-9 173 20 Corpus Christi, Tex.**  
Junior college graduate . . . Injured throughout Spring drills . . . Good junior college record.

**MACK WOOD Jr. 5-11 175 20 Greenville, Ala.**  
Good speed . . . Good change of pace and a better than average runner . . . Needs work defensively . . . Junior college man.

## FULLBACKS

**Lettermen Lost (1):** John Griner.

**Lettermen Returning (2):** Joe Holt, Eddie Johnson.

**43 EMIL ABOOD Jr. 5-10 182 20 Jacksonville, Fla.**  
Good tackler . . . Hard worker . . . Lacks speed . . . Stronger defensively than offensively.

**HOBO ACKERMAN Jr. 5-10 192 21 Hopewell, Va.**  
Changed to fullback from guard . . . May develop with work . . . Quick start . . . Good defensive ability . . . May be one of three best linebackers . . . Good kickoff and point after touchdown kicker.

**40 LARRY CUMMINGS Jr. 5-11 180 20 Kilgore, Texas**  
Junior college graduate . . . Durable . . . Good tackler . . . Lacks speed . . . Could develop fast with experience in FSU system.

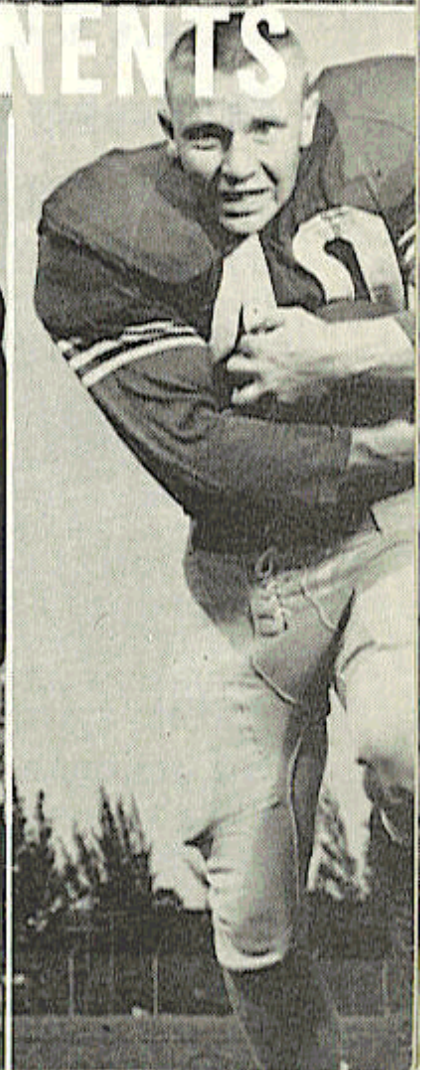
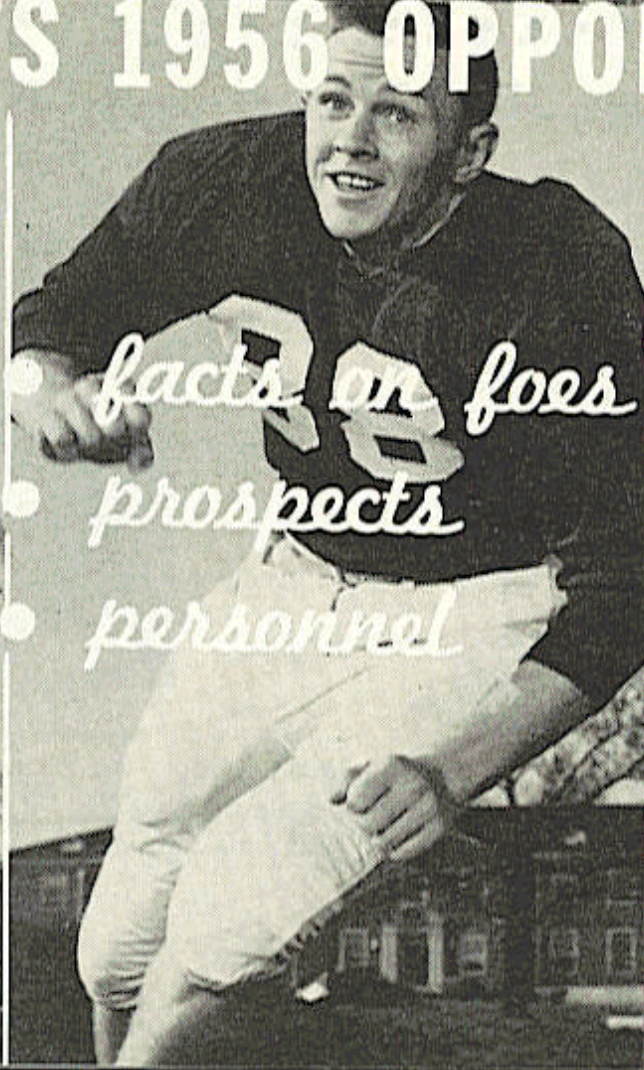
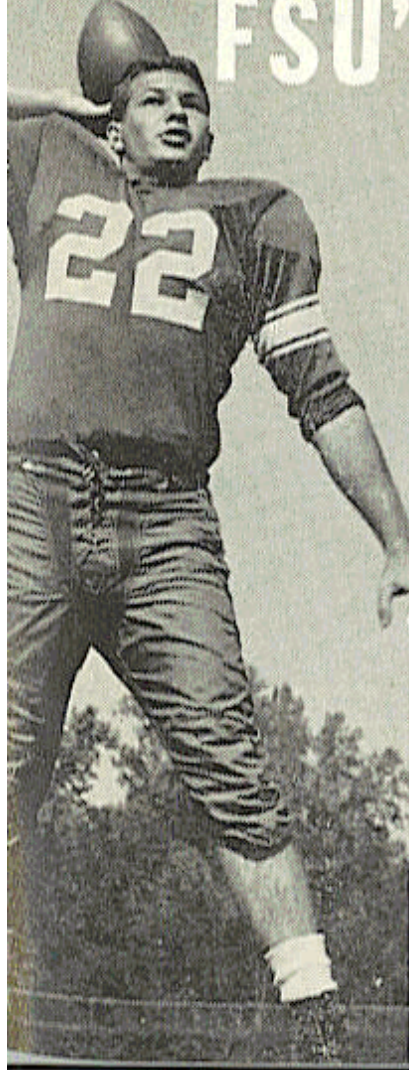
**41 JOE HOLT Sr. 5-10 183 21 Graham, N. C.**  
Number one fullback for past two years . . . Has job on his hands retaining top spot . . . Good blocker and pass receiver . . . Fair ball carrier . . . Has experience for job.

**44 EDDIE JOHNSON Jr. 5-10 205 21 Charleston, W. Va.**  
Excellent speed . . . May be number one fullback or guard . . . Good defensively . . . Better than average blocker . . . Experienced performer . . . Returns from service just in time for Fall practice . . . Played regularly as a sophomore.

**42 FRANK SCHEIBLE Jr. 5-7 187 24 Milwaukee, Wis.**  
Junior college graduate . . . Durable . . . Stocky . . . Excellent blocker . . . Good pass receiver . . . Lacks speed . . . May be in contention for number one fullback job.



# FSU'S 1956 OPPONENTS



## September 22: OHIO UNIVERSITY . . 8:00 p.m. (EST)



WIDDOES

### At Tallahassee

**COACHING STAFF:** Carroll C. Widdoes, Cliff Heffelfinger, Jim Snyder, Kermit Blosser.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Carroll C. Widdoes.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Rowland C. Congdon.

**NICKNAME:** Bobcats.

**COLORS:** Green and White.

**LOCATION:** Athens, Ohio.

**ENROLLMENT:** 6,500.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 5, Lost 4.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 20.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** T-Formation.

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, At Florida State; Sept. 29, Toledo; Oct. 6, At Xavier; Oct. 13, At Kent State; Oct. 20, Miami (Ohio); Oct. 27, Louisville; Nov. 3, At Western Michigan; Nov. 10, At Bowling Green; Nov. 17, Marshall.

.....

## September 29: GEORGIA . . . . . 2:30 p.m. (EST)

### At Athens, Georgia

**COACHING STAFF:** Wallace Butts, Sterling Dupree, Bill Hartman, Johnny Rauch, Perron Shoemaker, Quinton Lumpkin, Jim Whatley, Harry Wright.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Wallace Butts.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Dan Magill.

**NICKNAME:** Bulldogs.

**COLORS:** Red and Black.

**LOCATION:** Athens, Georgia.

**ENROLLMENT:** 5,500.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 4, Lost 6.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 21.

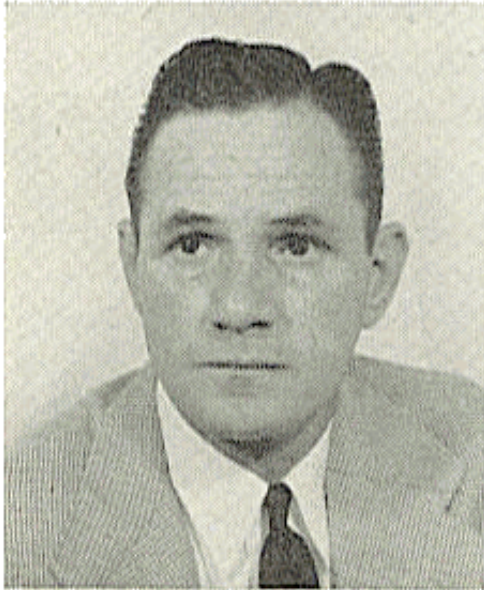
**PLAYING SYSTEM:** T and Split-T.



BUTTS

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, At Vanderbilt; Sept. 29, Florida State; Oct. 6, Mississippi State; Oct. 13, At North Carolina; Oct. 20, At Miami (Fla.); Oct. 27, Kentucky; Nov. 3, At Alabama; Nov. 10, At Florida; Nov. 17, Auburn; Dec. 1, Georgia Tech.

**October 6: VIRGINIA TECH . . . . . 8:00 p.m. (EST)**



**MOSELEY**

**At Tallahassee**

**COACHING STAFF:** Frank O. Moseley, Alf Satterfield, George Chapman, Macauley McEver, H. R. Redding, G. F. Laird, Chuck Noe, Ralph Genite.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Frank O. Moseley.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Jack Carper.

**NICKNAME:** Gobblers.

**COLORS:** Maroon and Orange.

**LOCATION:** Blacksburg, Virginia.

**ENROLLMENT:** 3,980.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 18.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** Split-T.

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, At Tulane; Sept. 29, North Carolina State; Oct. 6, At Florida State; Oct. 13, William & Mary; Oct. 20, At Richmond; Oct. 27, At Virginia; Nov. 3, At Clemson; Nov. 10, Wake Forest; Nov. 22, At VMI.



**October 13: N. CAROLINA STATE . . 8:00 p.m. (EST)**

**At Raleigh, North Carolina**

**COACHING STAFF:** Earle Edwards, Pat Peppler, Al Michaels, Carey Brewbaker, Bill Smaltz.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Roy B. Clogston.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Bill Hensley.

**NICKNAME:** Wolfpack.

**COLORS:** Red and White.

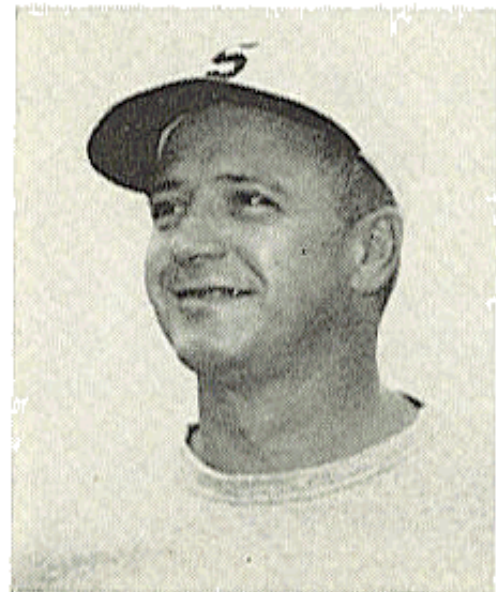
**LOCATION:** Raleigh, North Carolina.

**ENROLLMENT:** 4,800.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 19.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** Multiple Offense.



**EDWARDS**

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, At North Carolina; Sept. 29, At Virginia Tech; Oct. 6, Clemson; Oct. 13, Florida State; Oct. 20, At Dayton; Oct. 27, At Duke; Nov. 3, At Wake Forest; Nov. 10, South Carolina; Nov. 17, At Penn State; Nov. 22, Maryland.

## October 20: WAKE FOREST . . . . . 2:30 p.m. (EST)



**AMEN**

### At Tallahassee (Homecoming Game)

**COACHING STAFF:** Paul J. Amen, Billy Hildebrand, Elmer Barbour, Kenneth Wable.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** William H. Gibson.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Marvin Francis.

**NICKNAME:** Demon Deacons.

**COLORS:** Old Gold and Black.

**LOCATION:** Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

**ENROLLMENT:** 2,500.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 13.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** Army-T.

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, At William & Mary; Sept. 29, Maryland; Oct. 6, At Virginia; Oct. 13, Clemson; Oct. 20, At Florida State; Oct. 27, At North Carolina; Nov. 3, North Carolina State; Nov. 10, At Virginia Tech; Nov. 17, Duke; Nov. 24, At South Carolina.



## October 27: VILLANOVA . . . . . 8:30 p.m. (EST)

### At Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**COACHING STAFF:** Frank Reagan, Joe Rogers, Eddie Michaels, Bill Mackrides, Dave DiFilippo.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Ambrose Dudley.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Jim Gallo.

**NICKNAME:** Wildcats, Main Liners.

**COLORS:** Blue and White.

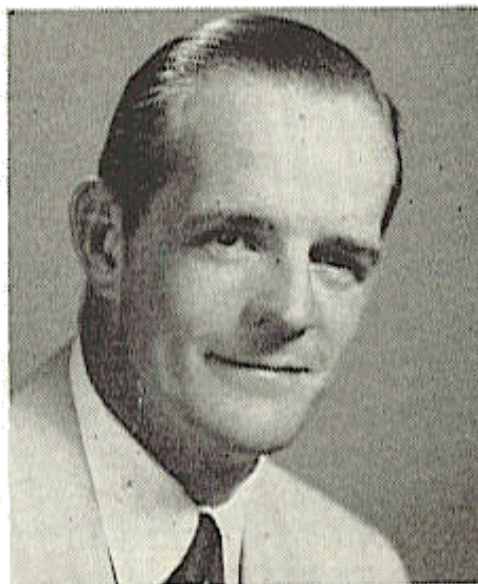
**LOCATION:** Villanova, Pennsylvania.

**ENROLLMENT:** 3,200.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 1, Lost 9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 26.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** T Formation.



**REAGAN**

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, At Texas A&M; Sept. 28, At Detroit; Oct. 13, At Dayton; Oct. 20, At Boston; Oct. 27, Florida State; Nov. 3, At Boston College; Nov. 10, The Citadel; Nov. 17, At Houston; Nov. 24, Iowa State.

**November 2: MIAMI (Fla.) . . . . . 8:15 p.m. (EST)**



**GUSTAFSON**

**At Miami, Florida**

**COACHING STAFF:** Andy Gustafson, Gene Ellenson, Perry Moss, Walter Kichefski, George Trogdon, Don Cobb, Bob Breitenstein, Frank Paskewich, Harvey James.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Jack Harding.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTORS:** George Gallet, Wilbert Bach.

**NICKNAME:** Hurricanes.

**COLORS:** Orange, Green and White.

**LOCATION:** Coral Gables, Florida.

**ENROLLMENT:** 12,106.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 6, Lost 3.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 20.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** Miami Drive Series.

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 28, South Carolina; Oct. 5, Boston College; Oct. 12, Maryland; Oct. 19, Georgia; Oct. 27, At TCU; Nov. 2, Florida State; Nov. 16, Clemson; Nov. 23, West Virginia; Dec. 1, At Florida; Dec. 7, Pittsburgh.



**November 10: FURMAN . . . . . 2:00 p.m. (EST)**

**At Tallahassee**

**COACHING STAFF:** Homer Hobbs, Johnny Griffith, Billy Henderson.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Dr. Julian H. Scarborough.

**NICKNAME:** Purple Hurricane.

**COLORS:** Purple and White.

**LOCATION:** Greenville, South Carolina.

**ENROLLMENT:** 1,100.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 1, Lost 9.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 23.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** T Formation.



**HOBBS**

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 29, George Washington; Oct. 6, At Auburn; Oct. 13, Wofford; Oct. 20, Newberry; Oct. 27, The Citadel; Nov. 3, South Carolina; Nov. 10, At Florida State; Nov. 17, At West Virginia; Nov. 24, At Davidson; Dec. 1, At Clemson.



## November 17: MISSISSIPPI SOU. . . . 2:00 p.m. (EST)



VANN

### At Tallahassee

**COACHING STAFF:** Thad (Pie) Vann, Clyde Stuart, Roland Dale, C. J. Taylor.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Reed Green.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Robert (Ace) Cleveland.

**NICKNAME:** Southerners.

**COLORS:** Black and Gold.

**LOCATION:** Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

**ENROLLMENT:** 3,200.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 9, Lost 1.

**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 16.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** Split-T.

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 22, Louisiana Tech; Sept. 29, At North Texas State; Oct. 6, At Dayton; Oct. 13, Southeastern Louisiana; Oct. 20, Memphis State; Oct. 27, Chattanooga; Nov. 3, Abilene Christian; Nov. 10, At Trinity (Texas); Nov. 17, At Florida State; Nov. 24, At Alabama.

.....

## November 24: AUBURN . . . . . 2:30 p.m. (CST)

### At Auburn, Alabama

**COACHING STAFF:** Ralph Jordan, Shol Senn, Hal Herring, Buck Bradberry, Joel Eaves, Joe Connally, Dick McGowen, Gene Lorendo.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:** Jeff Beard.

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR:** Bill Beckwith.

**NICKNAMES:** Tigers and Plainsmen.

**COLORS:** Orange and Blue.

**LOCATION:** Auburn, Alabama.

**ENROLLMENT:** 8,000.

**1955 RECORD:** Won 8, Lost 1, Tied 1.

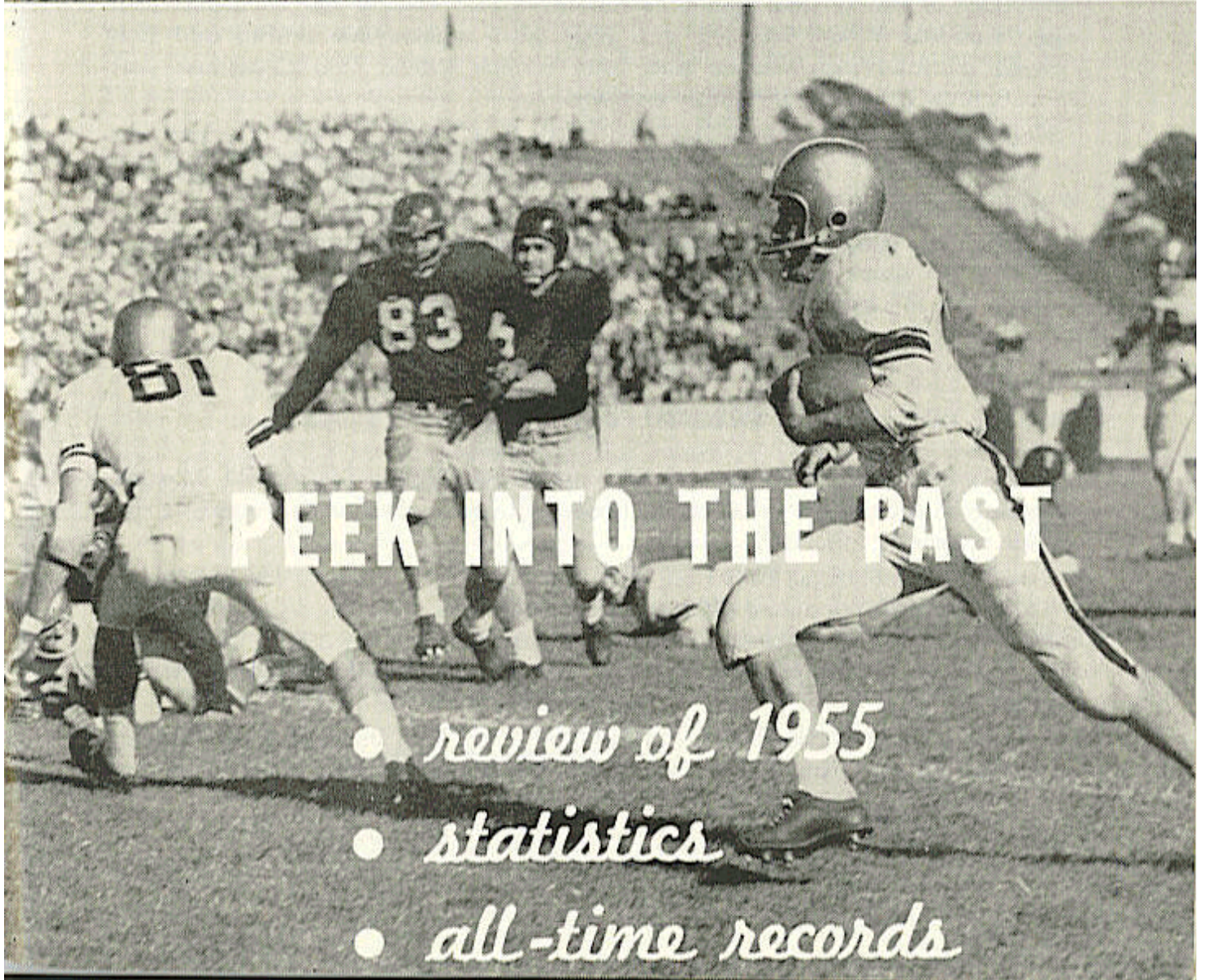
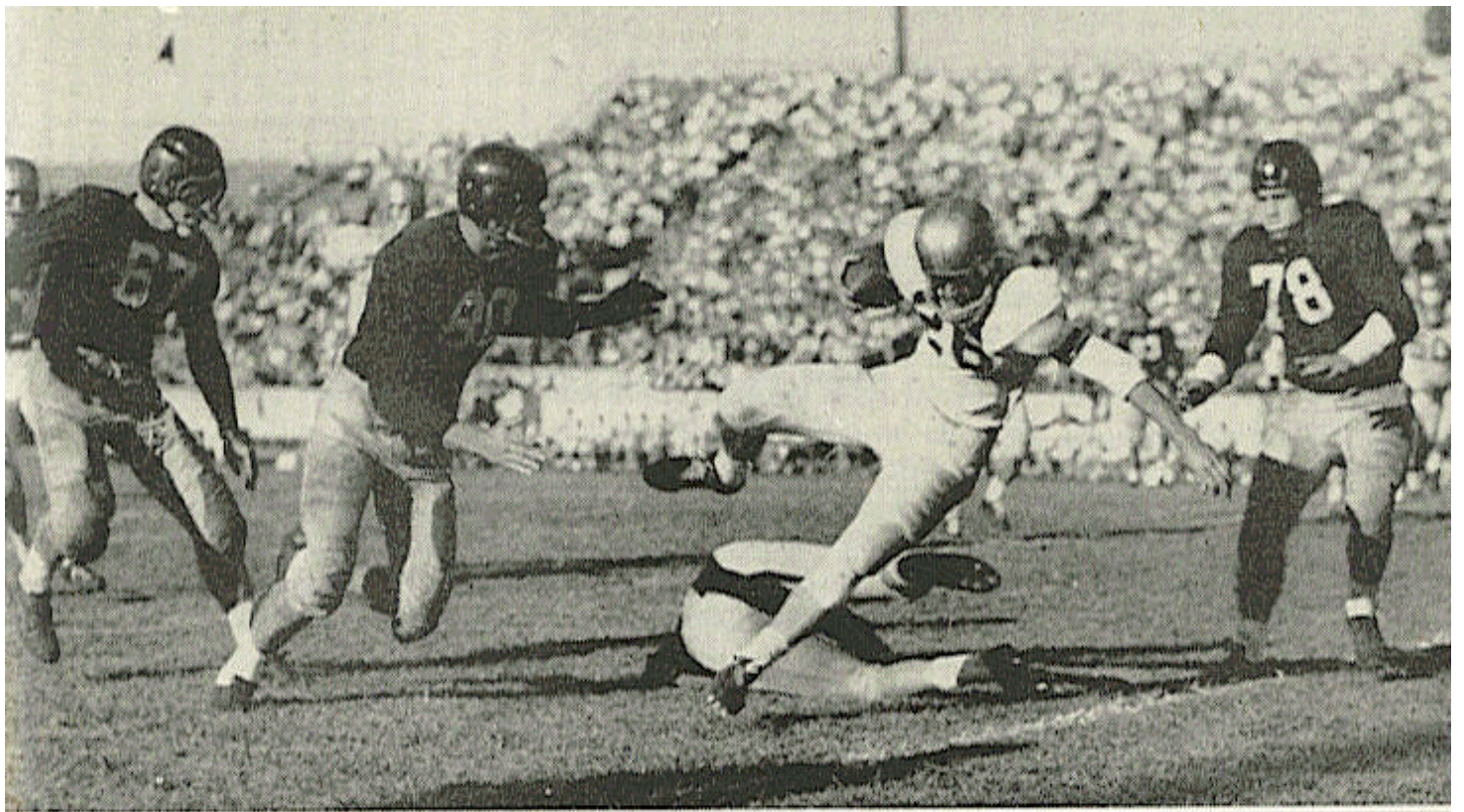
**RETURNING LETTERMEN:** 14.

**PLAYING SYSTEM:** T-Formation and Split-T.



JORDAN

**1956 SCHEDULE:** Sept. 29, Tennessee; Oct. 6, Furman; Oct. 13, At Kentucky; Oct. 20, At Georgia Tech; Oct. 27, Houston; Nov. 3, At Florida; Nov. 10, Mississippi State; Nov. 17, At Georgia; Nov. 24, Florida State; Dec. 1, At Alabama.



# PEEK INTO THE PAST

- *review of 1955*
- *statistics*
- *all-time records*

# THE FIRST "MAJOR" YEAR

## FSU 7, N. C. State 0

Highlight of the game was a fourth quarter 39-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Len Swantic to end Tom Feamster. On the preceding play, Swantic had thrown a second-down screen pass to halfback Lee Corso for 9 yards and only inches short of a first down on the N. C. State 39 yard line. The Wolfpack apparently anticipated a line play for the yardage and lined up in a tight defensive formation. Instead, Swantic took the ball from the "I" formation, faded back and lobbed a long pass to Feamster. The big 6-7, 250-pound flankman took the ball on the NCS 25, eluded a defensive halfback, and raced unmolested to the goal. Tackle Bill Proctor converted and that was all the scoring for the night.

The visitors made five threats, getting to FSU's 6, 11, 19, 21 and 33 yard lines only to see a stout Seminole defensive line rise to the occasion each time. Leaders of that forward wall play were tackles Bob Barber and Don Powell, guards Vince Gibson and Jerry Jacobs, center Bob Crenshaw and ends Ronnie Schomburger and Feamster.

Halfback Lee Corso intercepted two stray N. C. State aerials, the last one on the Seminole 5 yard line in the closing minutes of play that ended the Wolfpack's final threat.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "We liked the results, of course, but if the game could be played over, we would throw the ball more from the "I" formation."

---

## Miami 34, FSU 0

With guard Vince Gibson leading the way Florida State held Miami's powerful Hurricanes to 13-0 at halftime, but fell before sheer numbers by a 34-0 margin.

Two Miami fullbacks, Paul Hefti and Don Bosseler, accounted for 143 yards, but All-America candidate Whitey Rouviere was held to 9 yards in 10 carries by FSU's alert outside defense. Hefti scored twice as the Hurricanes tallied a pair in the opening period, two more in the third quarter and a fifth in the final canto.

"Boy, that guy Gibson made us look bad . . . he was breaking through all night," Miami's Andy Gustafson remarked after the game. The 185-pound

guard blocked an extra point kick after Miami's first touchdown and recovered a fumble to stymie another Hurricane scoring threat.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "Miami had the depth and we didn't. They were better than we were, that's all there is to it. I wish we had thrown the ball a little more, but we lost our quarterback (Len Swantic) with an injury early in the game."

---

## Virginia Tech 24, FSU 20

Behind 21-0 in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, Florida State exploded for its best offensive show of the season to score three touchdowns which almost proved disastrous for Virginia Tech.

Three extra points by Dickie Beard and a 23-yard field goal by Frank Webster proved to be the margin of victory, though FSU quarterback Vic Prinzi turned the sputtering Seminoles into a hard smashing outfit that had the Gobblers on the ropes at game's end.

Florida State added one touchdown only to see Virginia Tech go ahead 24-7 on Webster's field goal. Billy Odom took the ensuing VPI kickoff on the FSU 11, found a big hole in the Gobbler defense, and raced untouched for 89 yards and a touchdown. Bill Proctor's conversion made it 24-14.

Fired up and playing for the breaks the Seminoles stopped Tech and scored again after getting the ball on a punt.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "This was a close one. This time we didn't run the ball enough in the first half. Two pass interceptions turned the tide. Two more minutes, though, and I think we would have pulled it out."

---

## Georgia 47, FSU 14

Florida State played Georgia on even terms for the first half but the Bulldogs put on a burst of power in the second stanza to roll to a 47-14 victory.

The Seminoles, trailing by just 6 points at halftime, added another touchdown in the third period while Georgia was countering with five six-pointers.

Fullback Bobby Garrard, combined with the highly effective passing of quarterback Dick Young, ground down the Seminoles. Garrard was practically a one man show as he ripped the Indians for 128 yards, one a 67-yard scoring dash early in the third period.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "The first half was our best of the season. It was an interesting and close game until the middle of that third quarter. Then the roof fell in."

## Georgia Tech 34, FSU 0

Just as against Miami and Georgia, Florida State's out-manned but not out-fought Seminoles gave up only two touchdowns in the first half, but the wear and tear paved the way for a 34-0 Tech victory.

Unable to score in four tries from the FSU six yard line early in the first period, Tech's Wade Mitchell took a punt on the FSU 39 and sped all the way for the first TD.

Three more assaults were blocked by the dogged Seminole line before Toppo Vann led a 49-yard drive in 11 plays, scoring from the one himself.

Florida State fielded a team that just did not have the depth to handle company like Georgia Tech. The Seminoles played with great spirit and three times held Tech for downs. Lee Corso and Billy Weaver led FSU's rushing attack and Len Swantic completed 3 of 11 passes for 64 yards. Ronnie Schomburger was reported as one of the best ends seen at Grant Field.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "Our best defensive game thus far . . . an outstanding first half. Not so good, the second half, although Tech was extended. They had too much for us, but we learned a lot."

---

## FSU 16, Villanova 13

After absorbing four straight losses, Florida State got back on the winning side of the ledger, coming from behind twice to down a good Villanova team 16-13.

Trailing 13-9 in the fourth quarter, FSU drove to the Villanova 2-yard line only to be halted by a stout Wildcat defense. Villanova Quarterback Bill Magee, trying to move the ball into safer territory, was racked by FSU guard Vince Gibson and the ball fell to the ground, rolling around near the one. FSU guard Leo Baggett grabbed the pigskin and lunged into the end zone for the winning touchdown.

A pair of conversions by tackle Bill Proctor and a safety by end Ham. Bisbee actually turned out to be the margin of victory for the Tribe.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "This was a good team effort. Villanova was up for the game and was a hot ball club. We did a good job and barely won it."

## FSU 19, Furman 6

Aroused by an 82-yard Furman pass play which led to a second period touchdown, Florida State roared back for scores in each of the final three quarters to down the Purple Hurricane 19-6.

After stopping FSU in the first quarter on the Furman 4-yard line, the Hurricanes' Jim Boyle connected with Dick Pfeifer for the 82-yard gain. Three plays later Furman had a 6-0 lead.

However, the Seminoles moved 63 yards to tie the score, Joe Holt ramming over from the one.

End Ronnie Schomburger recovered a fumble in the third canto that led to another TD and FSU added the clincher with a 59-yard thrust in the final period.

The 40-degree weather slowed the Floridians in the first half.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "This was a tough first half, but we hit harder in the second half than ever before. It should have been a higher score, but this was Furman's best effort of the season."

---

## FSU 39, Citadel 0

Citadel's scrappy but out-manned Bulldogs were the victims of Florida State's best offensive game of the season as the Seminoles rolled to 489 yards in winning 39-0.

FSU drove for 359 yards on the ground and completed 9 of 16 passes for 130. The total offense effort tied the all-time mark set in 1949 when FSU whipped Whiting Field 74-0.

Buck Metts thundered for three touchdowns during the Homecoming battle before a record 15,756 persons. The Sanford, Fla., halfback slammed through the Citadel forward wall for a yard and six points in the first quarter. Then he took off through left tackle on an 11-yard scoring burst in the second period, and capped off his spree by gathering in a screen pass from Len Swantic and galloping 11 yards to send FSU out in front 19-0 at intermission.

Billy Odom got into the act the first time FSU had the ball in the third quarter. The Mount Dora, Fla., speedster swept right end and simply outran the Bulldogs 46 yards on the longest scoring run of the game.

Swantic and Ted Rodrigue closed out the rout with one and two-yard jaunts, respectively.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "We were sharp in this one. It was our best defensively and we had good, crisp blocking. Everyone played well."

## Mississippi Southern 21, FSU 6

Florida State capitalized on just one of six scoring opportunities as Mississippi Southern battled to a 21-6 victory in the mud at Hattiesburg, Miss.

FSU's fleet backs could gain only 50 yards, perhaps due to a great extent by the mud. Credit, however, cannot be taken from the stout Southern defensive line.

The Southerners punched to a 14-0 halftime lead on a pair of four yard plunges and picked up 7 more points in the fourth quarter on a 29-yard pass from Bill Herring to Dave Juneau. The ball was deflected on the goal line by FSU defending halfback John Griner, but Juneau was there in the end zone to grab the pigskin for the six points.

Billy Odom scored Florida State's only touchdown in the final period on a two yard scamper.

The Seminoles set a new all-time record in this one as they attempted 29 passes, erasing the old mark of 27 set in 1952 against Mississippi Southern and tied in 1954 against Villanova.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "They're tough at home. Wish it had been a dry field, although they might have beaten us anyway. We missed four good scoring opportunities."

---

## FSU 26, Tampa 7

Lee Corso passed for one touchdown and ran for another as Florida State closed out the season with a 26-7 victory over the University of Tampa.

The Seminoles struck for a touchdown in each of the four periods. Corso figured in the third and fourth quarter scores as FSU came back from a 13-0 halftime advantage to out-do the Spartans two for one in the last two cantos.

Buck Melts got the first six-pointer in the opening quarter on a five yard slant off tackle and Len Swantic countered in the second period on a neat 11-yard roll out around right end.

Tampa crossed mid-field only once under its own power and continued on the 69-yard march to score.

**COACH NUGENT'S COMMENT:** "We were hot. (Vic) Prinzi hit his stride. Tackling was a highlight and the team effort was inspiring."

# 1955 FSU Football Statistics

## The Team Effort

	FSU	Opponents
First Downs .....	121	153
By Rushing .....	72	103
By Passing .....	41	44
By Penalty .....	8	6
Rushing Attempts .....	424	500
Yards Gained Rushing .....	1781	2212
Yards Lost Rushing .....	264	252
Net Yards Gained Rushing .....	1517	1960
Average Yards Rushing .....	3.6	3.9
Passes Attempted .....	147	146
Passes Completed .....	75	73
Yards Gained Passing .....	990	1089
Passes Intercepted By .....	10	12
Punts .....	53	*50
Punting Average .....	37.3	32.8
Fumbles .....	26	29
Fumbles Lost .....	14	18
Penalties .....	57	60
Yards Penalized .....	585	590
Touchdowns .....	22	27
By Rushing .....	17	19
By Passing .....	3	6
By Interception Return .....	0	1
By Punt Return .....	0	1
By Kickoff Return .....	1	0
By Fumble Recovery .....	1	0
PAT Attempted .....	22	27
PAT Made .....	13	21
Field Goal .....	0	1
Safety .....	1	0
Total Points .....	147	186
Total Offense .....	2507	3049



# The Individual Effort

## RUSHING

	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.
Corso .....	111	463	32	431	3.9
Odom .....	60	308	14	294	4.9
Metts .....	51	269	18	251	4.9
Prinzi .....	41	206	55	151	3.7
Weaver .....	29	152	10	142	4.9
Cox .....	25	91	2	89	3.5
Versprille .....	12	62	4	58	4.8
Holt .....	24	59	4	55	2.3
Griner .....	10	35	6	29	2.9
Swantic .....	43	93	74	19	.4
Battaglia .....	1	10	0	10	10.0
Abood .....	1	3	0	3	3.0
Schomburger .....	1	1	0	1	1.0
Leonard .....	2	1	3	-2	-1.0
Rodrigue .....	8	23	27	-4	-.5
Norman .....	5	5	15	-10	-2.0

## PASSING

	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Gain	TD
Swantic .....	73	37	5	576	2b
Prinzi .....	58	29	6	338	0
Rodrigue .....	8	5	1	52	0
Corso .....	2	2	0	16	1
Norman .....	5	2	0	8	0
Metts .....	1	0	0	0	0

## PASS RECEIVING

	No.	Gain	TD	Avg.
Feamster .....	18	258	1	14.3d
Corso .....	13	123	0	9.5
Metts .....	10	93	1	9.3
Schomburger .....	9	170	0	18.9
Holt .....	7	82	0	11.7
Bisbee .....	5	118	1	23.6
Odom .....	3	30	0	10.0
Taylor .....	2	42	0	21.0
Leonard .....	2	32	0	16.0
Overton .....	1	12	0	12.0
Abood .....	1	12	0	12.0
Weaver .....	1	8	0	8.0
Versprille .....	1	6	0	6.0
Griner .....	1	3	0	3.0
Olson .....	1	1	0	1.0

## INTERCEPTION RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Corso .....	3	57	19.0
Holt .....	3	21	7.0
Swantic .....	1	23	23.0
Weaver .....	1	21	21.0
Prinzi .....	1	18	18.0
Musselman .....	1	3	3.0

## SCORING

	TD	PAT	Pts.
Swantic .....	4	0	24
Metts .....	4	0	24
Corso .....	3	1	19
Odom .....	3	0	18
Prinzi .....	2	0	12
Proctor .....	0	9	9
Feamster .....	1	0	6
Baggett .....	1	0	6
Holt .....	1	0	6
Weaver .....	1	0	6
Rodrigue .....	1	0	6
Bisbee .....	1	0	6
Ackerman .....	0	2	2
Battaglia .....	0	1	1
Team .....	0	0	2a

## PUNTS

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Versprille .....	15	628	41.9
Metts .....	25	960	38.4c
Swantic .....	2	64	32.0
Henderson .....	4	126	31.5
Rodrigue .....	6	178	29.7

## PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Corso .....	7	100	14.3
Metts .....	5	38	7.6
Weaver .....	2	17	8.5
Swantic .....	2	16	8.0
Odom .....	1	14	14.0
Pacifico .....	1	2	2.0
Powell .....	1	1	1.0

## KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yards	Avg.
Odom .....	13	358	27.5e
Corso .....	7	130	18.6
Metts .....	4	94	23.5
Swantic .....	2	40	20.0
Weaver .....	2	31	15.5
Prinzi .....	2	27	13.5
Holt .....	2	23	11.5
Feamster .....	1	21	21.0
Leonard .....	1	16	16.0
Cox .....	1	5	5.0

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

FSU .....	13	41	34	59	— 147
Foes .....	33	48	60	45	— 186
(5-5-0)					

a — Denotes Safety.  
b — 41st in Nation.  
c — 21st in Nation.  
d — 27th in Nation.  
e — 6th in Nation.

# THE "MINOR" YEARS

1954	(8-3-0)	FSU	Foe
Georgia .....		0	14
Abilene Christian .....		0	13
Louisville .....		47	6
Villanova .....		52	13
North Carolina State .....		13	7
Auburn .....		0	33
VMI .....		33	19
Furman .....		33	14
Stetson .....		47	6
Mississippi Southern .....		19	18
Tampa .....		13	0
Texas Western .....		20	47
(Sun Bowl Game)			

1953	(5-5-0)	FSU	Foe
Miami .....		0	27
Louisville .....		59	0
Abilene Christian .....		7	20
Louisiana Tech .....		21	32
VMI .....		12	7
Mississippi Southern .....		0	21
Furman .....		7	14
Stetson .....		13	6
North Carolina State .....		23	13
Tampa .....		41	6

1952	(1-8-1)	FSU	Foe
Louisiana Tech .....		13	32
Louisville .....		14	41
VMI .....		7	28
North Carolina State .....		7	13
Stetson .....		6	6
Mississippi Southern .....		21	50
Furman .....		0	9
Georgia Tech .....		0	30
Wofford .....		27	13
Tampa .....		6	39

1951	(6-2-0)	FSU	Foe
Troy State .....		40	0
Miami .....		13	35
Delta State .....		34	0
Sul Ross State .....		35	13

Stetson .....	13	10
Jacksonville Navy .....	39	0
Wofford .....	14	0
Tampa .....	6	14

1950	(8-0-0)	FSU	Foe
Troy State .....		26	7
Randolph-Macon .....		40	7
Howard .....		20	6
Newberry .....		24	0
Sewanee .....		14	8
Stetson .....		27	7
Mississippi College .....		33	0
Tampa .....		35	19

1949	(8-1-0)	FSU	Foe
Whiting Field .....		74	0
Mississippi College .....		33	12
Erskine .....		26	7
Sewanee .....		6	0
Stetson .....		33	14
Livingston State .....		6	13
Millsaps .....		40	0
Tampa .....		34	7
Troy State .....		20	0
Wofford .....		19	6
(Cigar Bowl Game)			

1948	(7-1-0)	FSU	Foe
Cumberland .....		30	0
Erskine .....		6	14
Millsaps .....		7	6
Stetson .....		18	7
Mississippi College .....		26	6
Livingston State .....		12	6
Troy State .....		20	13
Tampa .....		33	12

1947	(0-5-0)	FSU	Foe
Stetson .....		6	14
Cumberland .....		0	6
Tennessee Tech .....		6	27
Troy State .....		6	36
Jacksonville State .....		0	7

# THE ALL-TIME RECORDS

Most successful season: 8-0-0 in 1950.

Most points scored in one season: 272 in 1949 (8-1-0).

Most points in one game: FSU 74, Whiting Field 0 in 1949.

Greatest margin of victory: FSU 74, Whiting Field 0 in 1949.

Greatest margin of defeat: FSU 0, Miami (Fla.) 34 and FSU 0, Georgia Tech 34 in 1955.

Bowl game victories: FSU 19, Wofford 6 in 1950 Cigar Bowl.

Bowl game losses: FSU 20, Texas Western 47 in 1955 Sun Bowl.

Number of games held opponents scoreless: 15.

Number of games FSU held scoreless: 10.

Most yards rushing, one game: 378 vs. Whiting Field in 1949.

Most yards rushing, one season: 2194 in 1949.

Most passes attempted, one game: 29 vs. Mississippi Southern in 1955.

Most passes completed, one game: 18 vs. Villanova in 1954.

Most yards passing, one game: 355 vs. Villanova in 1954.

Most passes attempted, one season: 252 in 1954.

Most passes completed, one season: 107 in 1954.

Most yards passing, one season: 1745 in 1954.

Most passes had intercepted, one season: 21 in 1954.

Fewest passes had intercepted, one season: 7 in 1947.

Most opponents passes intercepted, one season: 24 in 1949.

Most total offense, one game: 489 vs. Whiting Field in 1949 (378 rushing, 111 passing) and vs. Citadel in 1955 (359 rushing, 130 passing).

Most total offense, one season: 3434 in 1954 (1689 rushing, 1745 passing).

Most punts, one game: 10 vs. Stetson in 1949 and Georgia Tech in 1955.

Most punts, one season: 57 in 1952.

Most opponents punts blocked, one season: 4 in 1951.

## Individual Performances

Most points in playing career: 96 by Red Parrish (1947-48-49) and Mike Sellers (1950-51).

Most points in one season: 60 by Red Parrish in 1949.

Longest touchdown run from scrimmage: 78 yards by Buck Metts in 1954 vs. Stetson.

Longest touchdown pass: 80 yards Nelson Italiano to Eddie Gray in 1950 vs. Newberry.

Longest touchdown run, any situation: 99 yards by Ted Hewitt in 1948 vs. Stetson (interception return).

Longest run from scrimmage without scoring: 76 yards by Roy Thompson in 1951 vs. Stetson.

Longest interception return: 99 yards by Ted Hewitt in 1948 vs. Stetson.

Longest punt return: 80 yards by Billy Odom in 1954 vs. Stetson.

Longest kickoff return: 89 yards by Billy Odom in 1955 vs. Virginia Tech.

Most times carried, one game: 27 by Buddy Strauss in 1949 vs. Sewanee.

Most times carried, one season: 160 by Buddy Strauss in 1949.

Most yards rushing, one season: 747 by Buddy Strauss in 1949.

Most yards rushing, career: 1170 by Buddy Strauss in 1948-49.

Most passes attempted, one game: 22 by Vic Prinzi in 1955 vs. Mississippi Southern.

Most passes completed, one game: 13 by Len Swantic in 1954 vs. Villanova.

Most yards passing, one game: 226 by Len Swantic in 1954 vs. Villanova.

Most passes attempted, one season: 91 by Harry Massey in 1953.

Most passes completed, one season: 50 by Harry Massey in 1954.

Most yards passing, one season: 750 by Harry Massey in 1954.

Most touchdown passes, one season: 10 by Harry Massey in 1954.

Most passes attempted, career: 181 by Harry Massey in 1953-54.

Most passes completed, career: 85 by Harry Massey in 1953-54.

Most passes caught, one game: 6 by Bob Whitmer in 1951 vs. Tampa.

Most yards receiving passes, one game: 123 by Harry Bringger in 1950 vs. Mississippi College.

Most passes caught, one season: 28 by Tom Feamster in 1954.

Most yards receiving passes, one season: 441 by Tom Feamster in 1954.

Most touchdown passes caught, one season: 6 by Tom Feamster in 1954.

Most passes caught, career: 46 by Tom Feamster in 1954-55.

Most yards receiving passes, career: 700 by Tom Feamster in 1954-55.

Most passes intercepted, one game: 3 by Tommy Brown in 1950 vs. Stetson and 1952 vs. Georgia Tech.

Most passes intercepted, one season: 8 by Curt Campbell in 1951.

Longest punt: 84 yards by Tommy Brown in 1950 vs. Tampa.

Best punting average, one season: 41.9 by Pat Versprille in 1955.

Best punting average, career: 36.9 by Tommy Brown in 1950-51-52.

Most punts returned, one season: 19 by Tommy Brown in 1951.

Best punt return average, one season: 15.7 by Tommy Brown in 1951.

Best kickoff return average, one season: 31.8 by Lee Corso in 1954.

Most total offense, one game: 225 yards by Nelson Italiano in 1950 vs. Newberry.

Most total offense, one season: 973 by Buddy Strauss in 1949.

Most total offense, career: 2129 yards by Nelson Italiano in 1950-51-52.

Most extra points, one season: 20 by Ernie Huggett in 1950.

Most extra points, career: 39 by Ernie Huggett in 1950-51.

*Manley Whitcomb and . . .*

## **THE MARCHING CHIEFS**

Manley Whitcomb will direct Florida State's Marching Chiefs, hailed by Atlanta newspapers as the best university marching group in the south, in at least seven halftime performances this year.

Shows are planned for all home games—Ohio University, Virginia Tech, Wake Forest, Furman and Mississippi Southern—and it's likely the band will perform at Philadelphia October 27 and Miami November 2.

FSU has in Whitcomb one of the nation's foremost masters of band music. He came to Florida State in 1953 following a record 17 years at Ohio State where he led the famous Buckeye band to national recognition.

Since coming to FSU Whitcomb has developed the 128-piece Marching Chiefs into one of the most outstanding musical organizations of its kind in the nation.

At Ohio State he directed the university band in its famous westward jaunt to the Rose Bowl in 1950. Whitcomb has appeared as lecturer, guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator in 12 states. He saw service as a combat infantryman in World War II and was twice awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in combat in France.

The Marching Chiefs, which includes 180 personnel, is truly an all-southern band due to its appearances throughout the south and its predominantly all-southern personnel. The Marching Chiefs have appeared in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas with a possibility of adding Pennsylvania to the list this year.

Whitcomb, also a music professor, received Bachelor of Music and Masters degrees from Northwestern University. He's a native of Mellon, Wisconsin.

Band Day at Florida State, planned October 6 this year, is one of the highlights of the Marching Chiefs spectacular shows because it brings together some of the finest high school bands in Florida, Georgia and Alabama.

Band Day was first inaugurated at FSU in 1951 and it has grown from some 13 bands to over 30. This will be the sixth annual edition of the event and promises to top all the rest.



**MANLEY WHITCOMB**