

FSU MEN'S TENNIS

1986 MEDIA GUIDE

Men's Tennis Information

Head Coach	Richard McKee
Record at FSU	52-12
Years at FSU	Enters Third
1985 Metro Finish	Second
Metro Champions	1981, 1983, 1984
Highest National Finish	Tied 16th (1971)
1985 Record	22-4
Home Facility	Don Loucks Varsity Courts
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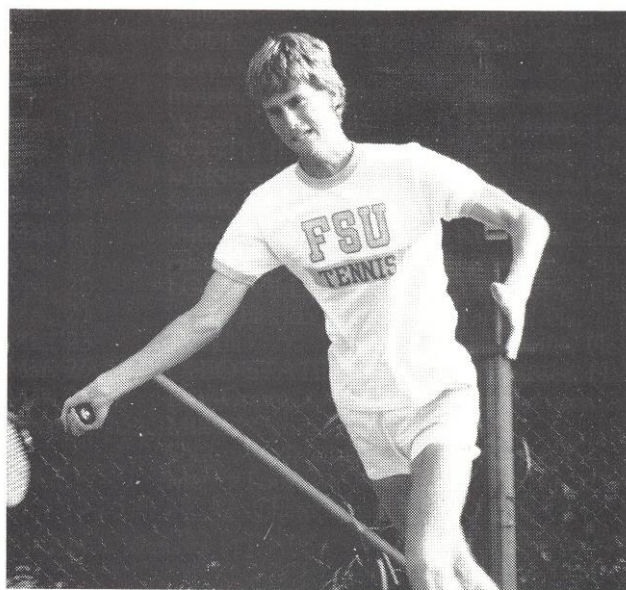
Location	Tallahassee, Florida
Enrollment	21,500
Founded	1857
Nickname	Seminoles
Colors	Garnet and Gold
Conference	Metro
President	Dr. Bernard F. Sliger
Athletic Director	C.W. "Hootie" Ingram

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FSU Tennis Schedule

1985-86

Fall 1985

Date	Opponent	Site
Oct. 17-20	Rolex Tournament	Lafayette, La.
Nov. 1-3	Florida Intercollegiate	Gainesville, Fla.
Nov. 16	Tulane	Tallahassee, Fla.
Nov. 21-24	Region III Indoor	Athens, Ga.

Spring 1986

Date	Opponent	Site
Feb. 1	AUBURN-MONTGOMERY	Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 11	WEST FLORIDA	Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 14	NORTH FLORIDA	Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 20	ARIZONA STATE	Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 22	SOUTH FLORIDA	Tallahassee, Fla.
Feb. 23	FLORIDA	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 1	Auburn	Auburn, Ala.
Mar. 3	LOUISIANA TECH.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 5-9	Corpus Christi Invitational	Corpus Christi, Tex.
Mar. 10	WEST VIRGINIA	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 11	SOUTH ILLINOIS	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 15	MISSISSIPPI STATE	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 16	Southwest Louisiana	Lafayette, La.
Mar. 17	Tulane	New Orleans, La.
Mar. 18	Alabama	University, Ala.
Mar. 20	LOUISVILLE	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 21	South Florida	Tampa, Fla.
Mar. 23	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.
Mar. 25	OHIO STATE	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mar. 27-30	Blue-Gray	Montgomery, Ala.
April 11-13	Miami, Georgia, Southwest Louisiana	Miami, Fla.
April 17-19	Metro Tournament	Columbia, S.C.
May 15-26	NCAA Championships	Athens, Ga.

All Home Matches in CAPS

1986 Outlook

What to do for an encore? That's the problem facing Richard McKee and his 1986 Seminole tennis team. Last year, McKee's squad came off a record-setting 30 win season in 1984 and promptly topped it - finishing 1985 ranked in the top 20 for the first time in FSU history. In addition, for the first time in 14 years, two Seminoles competed in the NCAA Tennis Championship.

But only one player remains off that 30-win squad of two years ago and only three athletes from 1985's top 20 team return. That leaves McKee with one senior and a group of young and inexperienced transfers and sophomore "veterans" to follow up on last year's performance.

"It will be interesting to see what effect last season will have on this year's team," McKee said. "I'd like to see us pick up where we left off last year. Of course, it will be a big challenge with all the new people."

"We'd like to get into the top 20 again," McKee said. "In order to do that you have to play, and beat, the other teams in the top 20. This year it will be a huge challenge with only one senior in our line-up, but if we work hard and have confidence in ourselves, I think we can do it."

One person who has been around, and who will be expected to lead the 1986 squad, is senior Jeff Horine. Horine, who played number four singles behind three seniors last season, is ready to move into the number one spot in 1986. The 5-11, 165-pound righthander compiled a 22-7 record last season for a three-year mark of 71-27.

"We are untested at the top, but Jeff has three years of experience in collegiate tennis and I think he's ready to move up," McKee said. "He will be challenged for his spot, though. I look for a lot of competition between the players for positions."

Some of that competition may come from Florida State's other top returning player, sophomore Alex Rucker. Rucker played in the fifth singles position last year and surprised many with a 23-6 record against tough opponents.

Rucker's high school doubles partner, Fred Weinman, also played for Florida State last season but was sidelined most of the spring with injuries. McKee hopes he can come back strong and contribute in singles and doubles this year.

In addition to the three returning players, McKee will need good showings from some of the five newcomers.

Freshmen Scott Espenship and Robert Cooney were both ranked in the top five in Florida at one time or another during their high school careers. While they play contrasting games, Espenship with a strong baseline style and Cooney better at the net, both can be expected to contribute immediately in singles and doubles.

Transfers Henner Lenhardt and Scott Karnibad give McKee two players with collegiate tennis experience who will contend for a spot near the top of the singles lineup. Lenhardt transferred to Florida State from Alabama, where he saw action in doubles play last season. Karnibad comes in from Armstrong State College in Savannah, Ga. where he was undefeated in singles and doubles in 1985.

"With these four new players and our three returnees, we will have a solid group to start with," McKee said. "Then if walk-ons can come in and push everyone in challenge matches, our depth will be improved and so will our team."

Currently, McKee expects walk-ons Jeff Bingo and Cary Sochin to do a lot of the pushing, possibly all the way to the top six. The two are not without collegiate experience themselves. Bingo was a teammate of Lenhardt's at Alabama while Sochin played at the University of Chicago.

Doubles is another area where McKee finds his team sadly lacking in experience. None of last year's pairs return and McKee, who once made it to an NCAA doubles final himself, will have to establish three new duos.

"Many of our people are excellent doubles players," McKee said. "It's just a matter of getting the right combinations and practicing. We'll probably spend much of the fall on doubles and hopefully will have three solid teams by spring."

The Florida State schedule for 1986 looks tough. FSU will travel to Corpus Christi, Texas for the first time to compete in one of the top national collegiate tournaments in the country. Twenty-four of the nation's top teams are invited each year and McKee is excited about the chance to play some of the nations best.

"This is just a great tournament, probably the best in the nation," McKee said. "Each year they get the best teams in the country. I hope we can win two matches out there and get invited back."

The Tribe will also travel to the Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala. this season. Last year, FSU won the consolation portion of the 16-team tourney. Matches against several of the U.S.'s top 25 schools head the list of dual match opponents. Florida State will take on Arizona State, Florida, Miami and 1985 national champion Georgia, among others, in 1986.

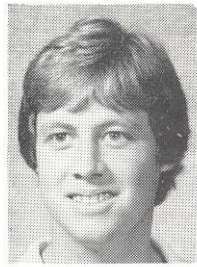
Although playing so many top 20 teams is risky in terms of won-loss record, McKee believes it is necessary in order for the team to meet his goals for this season.



"We'd like to get into the top 20 again," McKee said. "In order to do that you have to play, and beat, the other teams in the top 20. This year it will be a huge challenge with only one senior in our line-up, but if we work hard and have confidence in ourselves, I think we can do it."

Those are pretty optimistic words coming from a coach who lost four of his top six players and all three of his doubles teams. But over the past two seasons, McKee has proven just how much hard work, confidence and talent can accomplish. If the 1986 squad uses these three variables and the examples of the past two years, there's no telling how far it can go.

1986 FSU PLAYERS

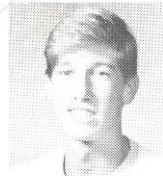


Jeff Horine
Senior
West Palm Beach, Florida

Career Statistics		
Year	Record	Pct.
1983	26-12	.684
1984	23-8	.742
1985	22-7	.759
Total	71-27	.724

Is ready to take over the number one spot in 1986 after playing behind three seniors in 1985 ... lone senior on the FSU team ... will be counted on to provide leadership for squad's younger members ... spent the summer playing the USTA Amateur Circuit ... Metro Conference runner-up at number four singles last season ... scored important wins for FSU in matches against Miami, Kentucky and Auburn ... won Metro crowns in singles and doubles in 1983 and 1984 ... will begin his senior season without an established doubles partner for the first time in three years ... was one-half of FSU's most consistent tandem over the past three seasons, compiling a 67-18 record at the number one and two spots ... he and partner Scott Blessing achieved an ITCA ranking of 17th in 1984 and lost only three times last year en route to a 22-3 mark ... injured while playing number two singles for the Tribe during the 1984 season, but came back to win Metro title at number five and post a 23-8 mark ... came to Florida State as one of the top three high school players in Florida ... his grade point average of over 3.0 for the 1984-85 academic year put him on the Metro Conference Commissioner's List of outstanding students ... majoring in management and minoring in computer science at FSU ...

Weinman ... they may be paired again this season ... as a high school senior, he was named Palm Beach County Tennis Player of the Year ... took the runner-up trophy in singles at the state high school championship in 1984 while playing for Atlantic High School ... that same year, he and Weinman won the state championship in doubles ... a member of the Miami Herald and Palm Beach Post all-state tennis teams as a senior ... an international business major



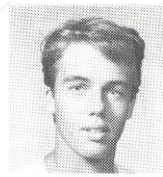
Henner Lenhardt
Junior
Orlando, Fla.

Transfer from Alabama where he played number six singles as a freshman ... played number two doubles for the Tide his sophomore season ... could step right into the singles line-up at FSU ... originally considered Florida State as number one player at Fletcher High School in Jacksonville ... ranked seventh in Florida and in the top 80 in the country as a high school senior ... a good athlete with a strong net game and an aggressive style ... will play doubles for FSU immediately ... a political science major ...



Scott Karnibad
Sophomore
Savannah, Ga.

Gets the label of "winner" from FSU coach Richard McKee ... will provide help at the top of both singles and doubles line-ups ... transfer from Armstrong State College in Savannah ... was undefeated at number three singles and at number one doubles for ASC ... ranked 47th in the country while in high school ... number one player for Memorial Day High School and named to the all-state tennis squad ... has an unorthodox style of play but gets the ball back consistently ... needs work on second serve and volleys ... majoring in business ...



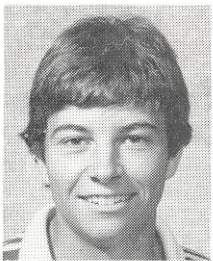
Robert Cooney
Freshman
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Excellent prospect who was ranked fifth in Florida and 51st in the U.S. (juniors) at one time ... took a year-and-a-half break from competitive tennis during high school and is now getting back to top form ... a veteran of junior national tournaments across the country ... plays a strong, aggressive net game ... a good doubles player ... "fiery competitor who plays with intensity and concentration" says McKee ... graduate of Bolles Academy in Jacksonville ... will major in communication at Florida State ...



Scott Espenship
Freshman
North Miami Beach, Fla.

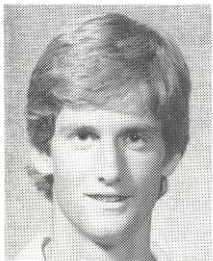
Florida State's first signee of the 1986 season ... ranked fifth in the state and 42nd nationally among boys 18-and-under ... played the United States National Junior Circuit over the summer ... performed well at tournaments in Louisville and St. Louis and at the U.S. Junior National Championships in Kalamazoo ... was the only sophomore to make the Miami Herald's all-Dade County first team squad ... he and his father have been ranked number one in the state in father-son competition ... plays a strong baseline game but needs to develop better net skills ... chose FSU over Kentucky ...



Fred Weinman
Sophomore
Delray Beach, Florida

Career Statistics		
Year	Record	Pct.
1985	0-2	.000

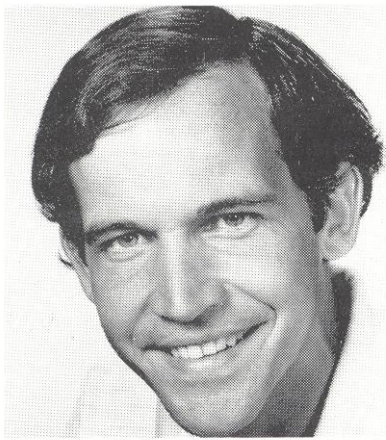
Injured most of the 1985 season and saw action in only two singles and three doubles matches ... attended summer school and will spend the fall getting back into playing form ... as one of only three returning players, he will be counted on in both singles and doubles ... may be teamed with high school doubles partner Alex Rucker ... won the Florida state high school doubles title in 1984 with Rucker ... an all-county performer out of Atlantic High School ... ranked in the top 15 in Florida among boys 18-and-under at one time ... lone lefthander on the squad this season ... majoring in finance ...



Alex Rucker
Sophomore
Delray Beach, Florida

Career Statistics		
Year	Record	Pct.
1985	23-6	.793

FSU's top freshman player last year ... was number five singles man and his 23-6 mark tied for second best on the team ... won his first ten matches as a Seminole ... Metro Conference runner-up at number five ... spent the summer of 1985 playing tennis in Brazil for the second consecutive year ... could move up as high as number two in the FSU line-up this season ... played number three doubles with Ken Crosina last season and they put together a 20-5 record ... the two won the Metro title at number three doubles ... during high school, Rucker played doubles with FSU teammate Fred



HEAD COACH

Richard McKee

Richard McKee enters his third season as Seminole tennis coach in 1986 having lifted the Florida State program to new heights in his first two campaigns. Under McKee, FSU tennis has enjoyed a return to the national arena as evidenced by top 20 rankings and NCAA tournament bids.

After guiding his team to a 30-8 record, a Metro Conference Championship and a fifth-place finish at the National Invitational Tennis Tournament in 1984, McKee's 1985 squad topped those achievements. Florida State put together a 22-4 record, including four wins over Top 20 teams, and in so doing achieved its first-ever Top 20 ranking, finishing the season ranked 16th. For the first time since 1971, FSU was represented at the NCAA tournament when both a singles and a doubles entry received bids to the championship.

McKee's success at Florida State is hardly a surprise. He has achieved excellence at all levels of collegiate tennis, including during his playing days.

McKee came to Florida State from Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. where he coached for six years. While at Presbyterian, McKee-coached squads achieved NAIA rankings of seventh (1979), 12th (1981) and 15th (1982), and two of his players were awarded NAIA All-American status.

Prior to his time at Presbyterian, McKee started his collegiate coaching career in 1977 at Winthrop College in Rock Hill, S.C. He also worked as the head professional at Rock Hill Country Club during his time at Winthrop.

Before beginning his coaching career, McKee played on the Florida Satellite Professional Circuit and in qualifying tournaments for World Championship of Tennis (WCT) events for two years. McKee was also a teaching professional at Sea Pines Racquet Club on Hilton Head Island, S.C. while on the circuit.

McKee graduated from the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in history. He was also a successful player for the Tar Heel netters as he compiled a singles record of 85-12 at the number three and four positions. During his four-year collegiate career, he won two Atlantic Coast Conference singles titles and was named to the NCAA All-American tennis team three times. McKee's 37 straight singles wins set the mark for the longest winning streak in ACC history until 1980.

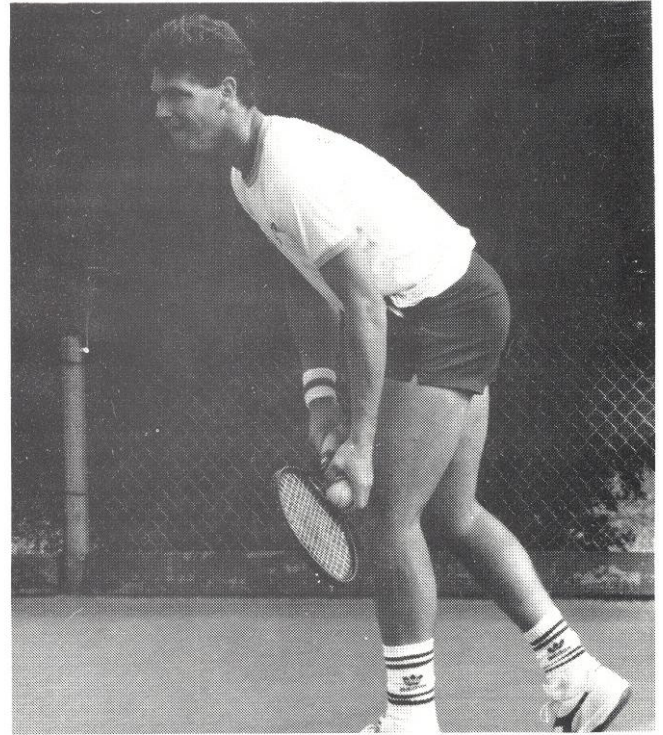
McKee also made a large contribution to UNC tennis fortunes in doubles by playing number one doubles for most of his tenure there. As a junior in 1973, McKee and his partner reached the NCAA doubles final before losing to Stanford's top-ranked duo.

In addition to his coaching duties, McKee holds membership on several tennis committees, including the NCAA Region III selection advisory committee and the National Invitational Tennis Tournament selection committee. Each summer he runs the Richard McKee Tennis School which annually attracts some of the top young tennis talents in Florida.

The Seminole mentor is married to the former Mary Kate Jeter of Jacksonville, Florida and has two daughters, Kendall, 5, and Scottie, 3.

McKee at FSU

Year	W- L	Pct.
1984	30- 8	.794
1985	22- 4	.846
Total	52-12	.813



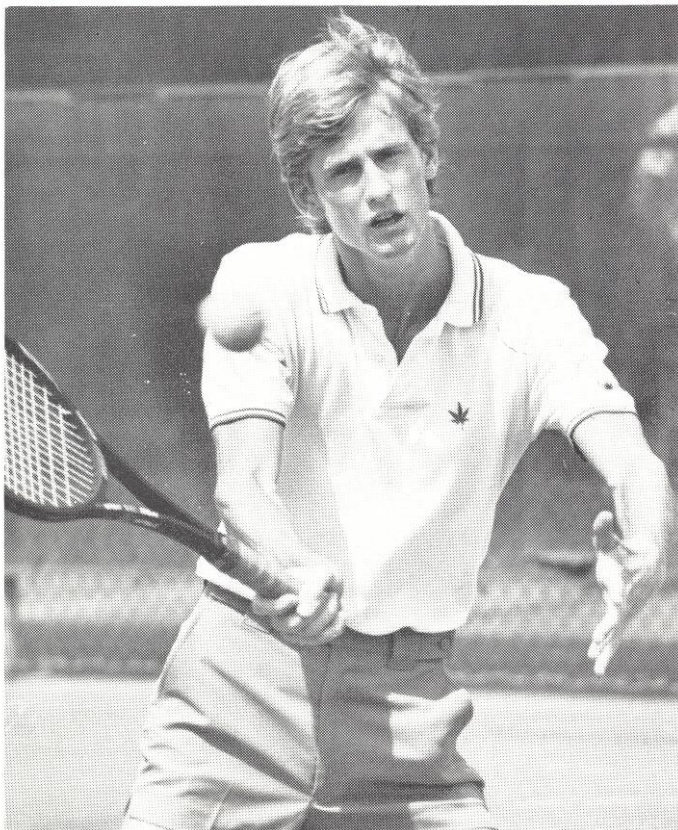
1985 FSU Tennis Results

Won 22, Lost 4

Opponent	W/L	Score
Auburn-Montgomery	W	8-1
North Florida	L	4-5
Yale	W	8-1
South Florida	W	9-0
Auburn	W	7-2
Florida	L	4-5
Emory	W	8-1
Furman	W	8-1
Southern Mississippi	W	9-0
West Virginia	W	9-0
Miami	W	5-4
Alabama	W	6-3
Flagler	W	6-3
Georgia Southern	W	6-3
Alabama-Birmingham	W	8-1
Jacksonville	W	8-1
Miami	L	4-5
South Carolina	L	3-5
Kentucky	W	5-3
Auburn	W	7-2
Southwestern Louisiana	W	5-1
Southwestern Louisiana	W	5-4
Auburn	W	6-3
McNeese State	W	5-4
Florida	W	6-3
Rollins	W	5-0
Metro Conference Tournament		2nd

1986 Florida State Roster

Name	Cl.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Hometown
Jeff Bingo	So.	5-6	150	Boca Raton, Fla.
Robert Cooney	Fr.	5-10	155	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Scott Espenship	Fr.	6-1	160	North Miami Beach, Fla.
Van Haas	So.	6-0	150	Gainseville, Fla.
Jeff Horine	Sr.	5-11	165	West Palm Beach, Fla.
Scott Karnibad	So.	6-2	162	Savannah, Ga.
Henner Lenhardt Jr.	Jr.	6-1	165	Orlando, Fla.
Alex Rucker	So.	6-1	135	Delray Beach, Fla.
Fred Weinman	So.	5-8	130	Delray Beach, Fla.



1985 Statistics

Singles

Name (Pos.)	Won/Lost	Pct.
Scott Blessing (3/2)	26-6	.793
Ken Crosina (6)	13-10	.545
Van Haas (6)	0-1	.000
Randy Hock (6)	0-7	.000
Jeff Horine (4)	22-7	.759
Joey Rive (1)	23-4	.852
Geoff Roper (2/3)	17-10	.630
Alex Rucker (5)	23-6	.793
Fred Weinman (6)	0-2	.000
Total	121-53	.695

Doubles

Names (Pos.)	Won/Loss	Pct.
Blessing-Horine (2)	23-3	.880
Crosina-Rucker (3)	20-5	.800
Haas-Hock (3)	0-1	.000
Hock-Horine (3)	0-1	.000
Hock-Rive (2)	1-0	1.000
Hock-Roper (2)	1-0	1.000
Hock-Weinman (3)	2-1	.667
Rive-Roper (1)	21-4	.840
Total	67-15	.817

Metro Conference Championship Results 1976 - 85

Year	Team Champ.	Outstanding Athlete
1985	South Carolina	Joey Rive, Florida State
1984	Florida State	Marco Abilhoa, Florida State
1983	Florida State	Jon Ramthun, Virginia Tech
1982	Virginia Tech	Marco Abilhoa, Florida State
1981	Florida State	Marco Abilhoa, Florida State
1980	Memphis State	Jeff Player, Virginia Tech
1979	Memphis State	Bob Kronauge, Cincinnati
1978	Memphis State	Jim Ladyman, Memphis State
1977	Memphis State	Roger Webb, Memphis State
1976	Memphis State	None



Cincinnati **Florida State**
Memphis State **Southern Miss.**
Louisville **Virginia Tech**
South Carolina

Year-by-Year Record

Year	Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
1948	Don Loucks	9	4	0	.692
1949	Don Loucks	11	2	0	.846
1950	Don Loucks	9	7	0	.562
1951	Ralph Matherly	7	8	0	.467
1952	Don Loucks	9	5	0	.643
1953	Don Loucks	15	2	0	.882
1954	Keith Pitchford	13	5	0	.722
1955	Keith Pitchford	10	6	0	.625
1956	Keith Pitchford	8	7	0	.533
1957	Keith Pitchford	5	11	0	.313
1958	Keith Pitchford	9	7	0	.562
1959	John Powless	14	6	0	.700
1960	John Powless	16	5	0	.762
1961	Bubba McGowan	16	5	0	.762
1962	Eddie Cubbon	11	8	0	.579
1963	Eddie Cubbon	18	5	0	.783
1964	Paul Scarpa	12	11	0	.522
1965	Lex Wood	15	9	0	.625
1966	Lex Wood	16	9	0	.640
1967	Lex Wood	16	7	0	.696
1968	Lex Wood	19	3	0	.864
1969	Lex Wood	23	5	1	.793
1970	Pete Barizon	17	7	0	.708
1971	Pete Barizon	18	3	0	.857
1972	Scott Bristol	18	4	0	.818
1973	Randy Jobson	11	4	0	.733
1974	Randy Jobson	13	8	0	.619
1975	Randy Jobson	14	6	0	.700
1976	Ken Vinson	3	16	0	.158
1977	Ken Vinson	7	17	0	.292
1978	Juan Ortiz	20	8	0	.714
1979	Juan Ortiz	16	6	0	.727
1980	Randy Jobson	12	7	0	.632
1981	Randy Jobson	12	14	0	.461
1982	Randy Jobson	23	10	0	.697
1983	Randy Jobson	19	13	0	.593
1984	Richard McKee	30	8	0	.794
1985	Richard McKee	22	4	0	.846
Totals		536	272	1	.664

This is Florida State



Florida State University, a coeducational institution with an enrollment of 21,500 students, is located in Tallahassee, the capital of Florida.

The beautiful 345-acre campus is wrapped in greenery that combines the blossoms of camellias, azaleas and dogwoods with palm trees and moss-hung oaks. The campus looks enough like Ivy League schools, particularly around its older, Gothic buildings, that several times each winter New York

advertising agencies fake summer scenes supposedly shot at Princeton or Harvard. On the west side of campus, the scene is dominated by the contemporary, high-rise science complex.

There are more than 1,300 faculty including four members of the National Academy of Sciences. Florida State is one of only five universities in the nation to have its own supercomputer.

Academic programs in the sciences (notably physics, chemistry, biology and meteorology) and the performing arts (music, theater, visual arts and dance) have high national rankings. Other strong departments among the 15 schools and colleges include criminology, hospitality administration, accounting, statistics and interior design. FSU's pre-med program has a much higher than average medical school placement rate for its graduates.

Today, FSU offers students the opportunity to choose from more than 100 career options in arts and sciences, business, communication, criminology, education, home economics, law, library and information studies, music, nursing, social sciences, social work, theater, visual arts and engineering, which operates in cooperation with Florida A&M University. The most popular majors at FSU are business, biology, computer science and communication.

Florida State has honors programs for its top students. Overseas study program in fields ranging from law to hotel and restaurant administration are offered in Florence, Italy; Oxford and London, England; Switzerland, Costa Rica, Yugoslavia and the Panama Canal Zone.

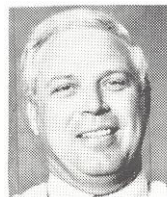
Social life for many centers around 24 fraternities and 20 sororities. Wind surfing, swimming and sunning are among the activities to be enjoyed at FSU's convenient lakeside "Reservation" or along the sandy beaches of nearby coasts.

A unique extracurricular activity is the Flying High Circus, the nation's only all-collegiate circus. Students from every academic major can become stars on the flying trapeze, on the highwire or in clown acts.

Fine entertainment is provided year-round by the FSU Schools of Music and Theater and the Department of Dance.

Student Campus Entertainment presents concerts, movies, lectures and other activities throughout the year and the Artist Series brings professional entertainers to campus.

Student government at FSU is one of the most powerful in the country. Elected students spend an annual budget of about \$1.7 million. Student government funds intramurals, activities at the Student Union and more than 200 interest organizations.



C.W. "HOOTIE" INGRAM *Athletic Director*

Cecil Ingram, known to most of his friends and associates as simply "Hootie," has headed the Florida State athletic department since 1981 after serving as associate commissioner of the Southeastern Conference for eight years.

Since his arrival in Tallahassee, Ingram has initiated a \$10 million dollar building program for athletic facilities, including the Moore Athletic Center - home of Florida State athletics.

A native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Ingram played for the Crimson Tide from 1951 to 1954 and led the nation in interceptions as a sophomore. He also lettered in baseball as an infielder. Following a stint in the army, Ingram turned to coaching. After several years of high school coaching, Ingram moved into collegiate athletics; making assistant coaching stops at Wake Forest, Virginia Tech, Georgia and Arkansas.



BOB GOIN *Associate Athletic Director*

A member of the Florida State athletic staff since 1981, Bob Goin begins his fifth full year as Associate Athletic Director.

All men's non-revenue coaches report to Goin and he also assists in the day-to-day operations of the department. A large portion of football, basketball and baseball game-day operations fall under his leadership.

A 1959 graduate of Bethany College, Goin received his master's degree from West Virginia in 1961. From 1960-76, Goin served Bethany in several administrative and coaching capacities before moving on to West Virginia as an assistant athletic director. He was named athletic director at California (Pa.) State College in 1980, where he formed that institution's first scholarship fund for athletics and the college's first booster club.



BARBARA PALMER *Associate Athletic Director*

Barbara Palmer has been with the Florida State athletic program since 1977. As Associate Athletic Director, Palmer is in charge of the women's athletic program and also holds the title of women's athletic director.

Since her arrival, the Florida State Lady Seminole program has been recognized as one of the strongest in the country with five national championship teams in the last five years (indoor track, 1985; outdoor track, 1984; softball, 1981-82; and golf 1981). In 1982, all eight varsity sports went to national tournaments - one of only two schools to make the claim nationwide.

A 1970 graduate of Florida State, Palmer has been recognized as the driving force behind FSU's climb toward national excellence in women's athletics. Palmer headed a lobbying effort that pushed Title IX legislation through state government and she is directly responsible for state funding of women's athletics each year.