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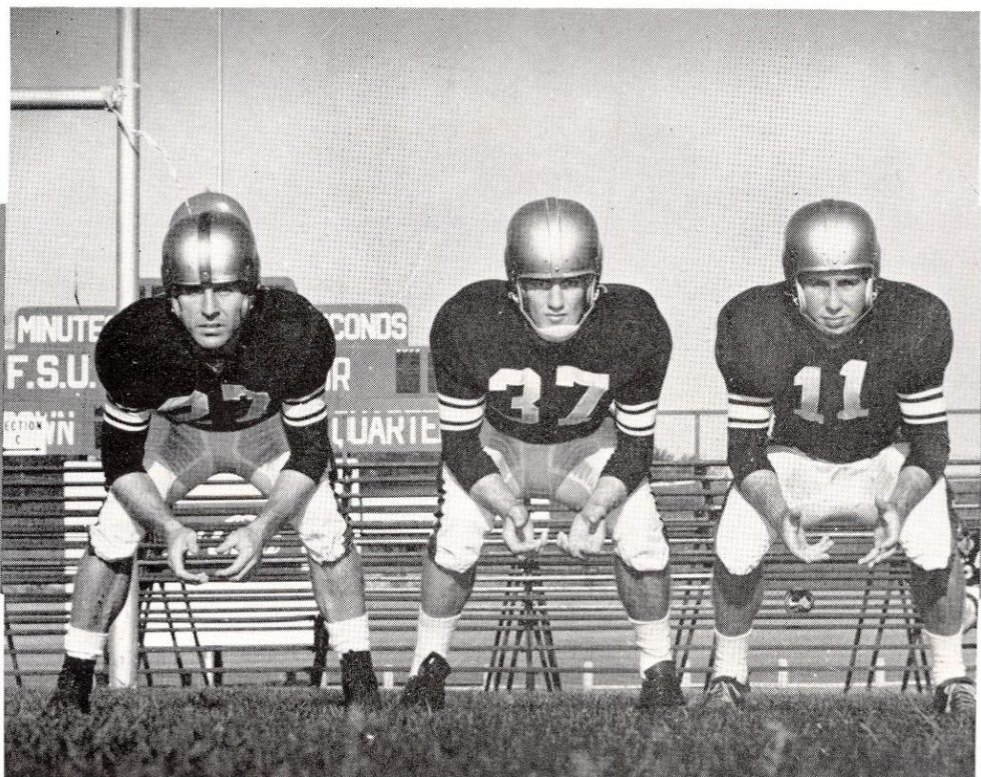
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HEAD COACH TOM NUGENT

ORGANIZATION

Head Coach Tom Nugent
 Assistant Coaches Vaughn Mancha, Vince Ragunas,
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 Mike Long
 Co-Captains Billy Graham, Al Makowiecki
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1954 SCHEDULE

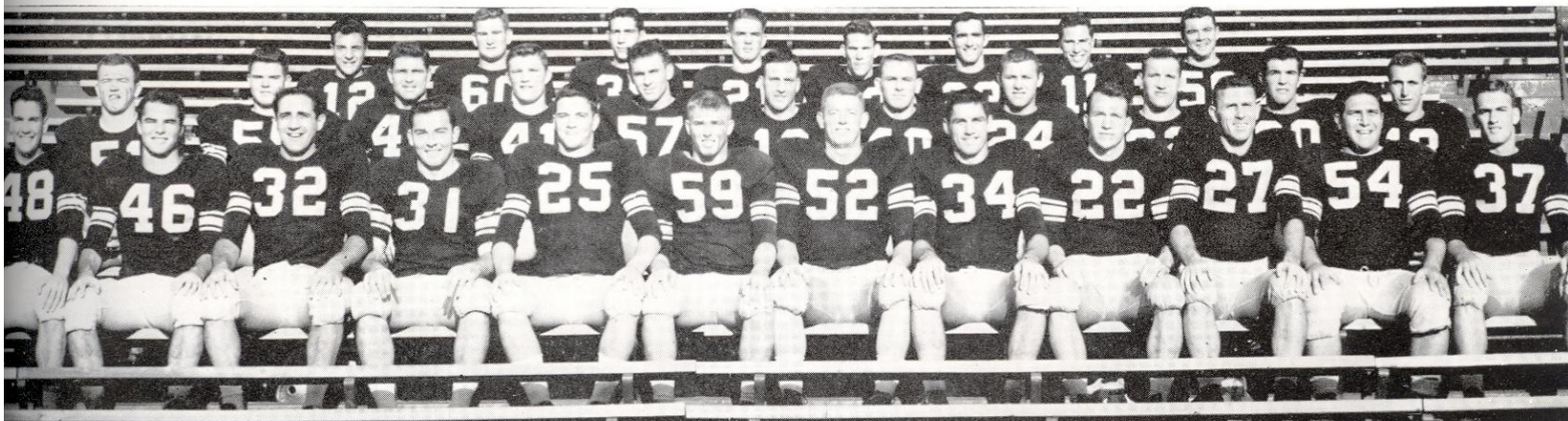
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FSU-Villanova	FSU 52	Villanova 13
FSU-North Carolina State	FSU 13	North Carolina State 7
FSU-Auburn	FSU 0	Auburn 33
FSU-VMI	FSU 33	VMI 19
FSU-Furman	FSU 33	Furman 14
FSU-Stetson	FSU 47	Stetson 6
FSU-Mississippi Southern	FSU 19	Mississippi Southern 18
FSU-Tampa	FSU 13	Tampa 0

SUN BOWL

FSU-Texas Western	FSU 20	Texas Western 47
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FOOTBALL



Florida State University's 1954 varsity football team. Front row, left to right: Len Swantic, Buddy Reynolds, Ted Rodrique, Jimmy Lee Taylor, Joe Holt, Bob Crenshaw, Bill Cullom, Ronnie Schomburger, Carl Grenn, Billy Graham, Al Pacifico, and Harry Massey. Second row, left to right: Don Powell, John Craig, Bud Leonard, Patrick Versprille, Ronnie King, Robert Grenn, Vince Gibson, Jarry Jacobs, Al Makowiecki, Hobo Ackerman, Buck Metts. Back row, left to right: Bill Paskalakis, Bill Musselman, Vic Prinzi, John Griner, Jimmy Trado, Hamilton Bisbee, Lee Corso and Leo Baggett.

Everything considered, it was a good year for Florida State University in football. After a slow start the Tribe picked up their pace and finished with eight regular season victories against three losses. While rushing through the year to the Sun Bowl climax, FSU passers threw for nineteen touchdowns, a high for the nation's college teams. And while the running game was usually secondary, it too had its more spectacular moments.

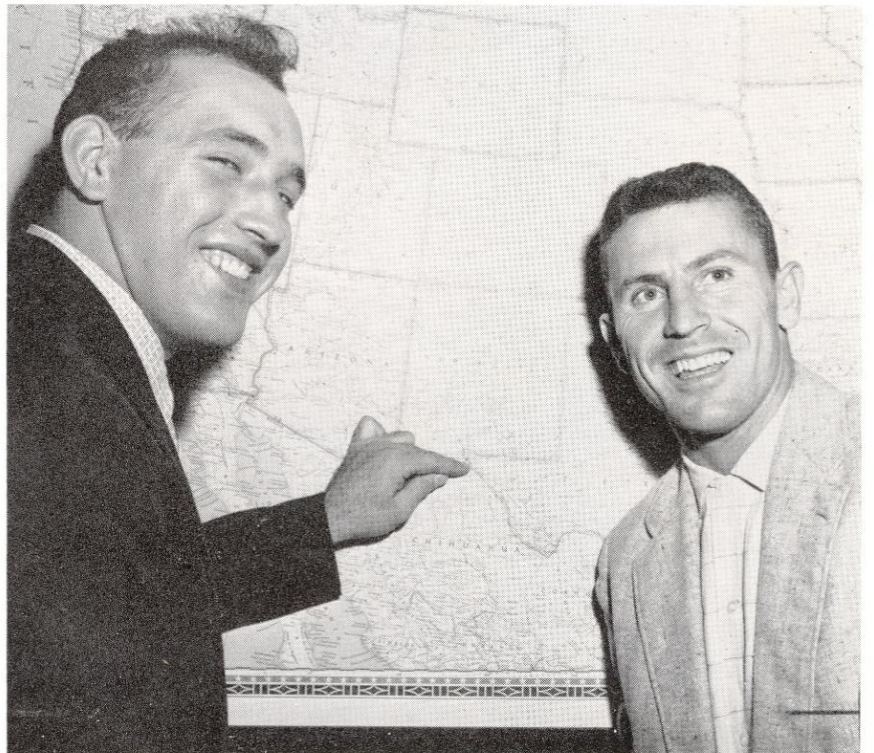
It was the best year Coach Tom Nugent has had since arriving here in 1953. In his initial season the Seminoles won five and lost five.

Besides the peak of enthusiasm over the Sun Bowl game in El Paso, the 1954 season has its other high points. The Homecoming triumph over Furman was the first time an FSU eleven had ever beaten the Purple Hurricanes. And another big one was the 19-18 thriller over mighty Mississippi Southern, conqueror of Alabama for two straight years.

But the season had more than its firsts—it also had its last, and a welcome one at that. For with the scheduling of enough name teams after 1954, FSU steps out of small

college circles and into the realm of the "Big-Time."

So it is goodbye to an old era and hello to a new. If the beckoning football age is as generous as the old, the Seminoles from Florida State will survive—and prosper!



Seminole Co-captains of the year, Al Makowiecki and Billy Graham, were elected by their teammates just prior to the team's trip to the Sun Bowl.

GEORGIA

The University of Georgia Bulldogs on September 18th, proved an early season Waterloo for Florida State's aspiring Seminoles in 1954's opening game. They turned loose a slim, heady quarterback named Jimmy Harper who ran and passed them to a 14-0 victory over the Tribe as everybody and his brother jammed their way into Doak S. Campbell stadium.

When the gloom had cleared, attendance statistics showed that 19,401 sports crazed fans, a new school high, had tired of a long season of baseball.

Harper was involved in both the Bulldog scores, passing for one and running the ball for the other.

Blocking was sharp for such an early season affair, and the tackling was crisp. The game was won up front, evidenced by the way the big and tough Bulldog line smothered FSU offensive efforts repeatedly, and especially inside the 40. Likewise the Tribesmen were sharp on defense, but especially outstanding for the Seminoles was the linebacking Sophomore Lee Corso's phenomenal affinity for Bulldog aerials. He swiped three.

In view of the fact that the Georgia defenses were rated statistically among the finest in the Southeastern Conference at the end of the season, the Seminoles had nothing to be ashamed of. They were coming.

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Abilene Christian, a small college from a large state—Texas—proved once again that where they come from they do things a little bigger and a little better. They ran up two first half scores and then hung on to frustrate the FSU band for the second straight week. They turned the trick, 13-0.

It was lightning in exactly the same place for State followers. Just one year back they had seen the rugged Texans spot the Tribe seven points and then come back to win handily, 20-7.

The Seminoles penetrated inside the visitors' 10 yard-line twice, but were thrown back moments later when Seminole blocking assignments didn't come off.

The only consoling point, and that rather perverse, is that the Christian club has been dropped from the Seminole schedule in 1955. The reason is simple: you beat a small school and who cares, but if you lose . . .

Injuries definitely hurt the Seminoles. Little All-American end Jimmy Lee Taylor, sophomore Buck Metts and senior fullback Ronnie King sat out most of the game, which placed a heavy burden on Coach Nugent's younger men, mostly freshmen.

The Tribe was still coming . . . enter Louisville.

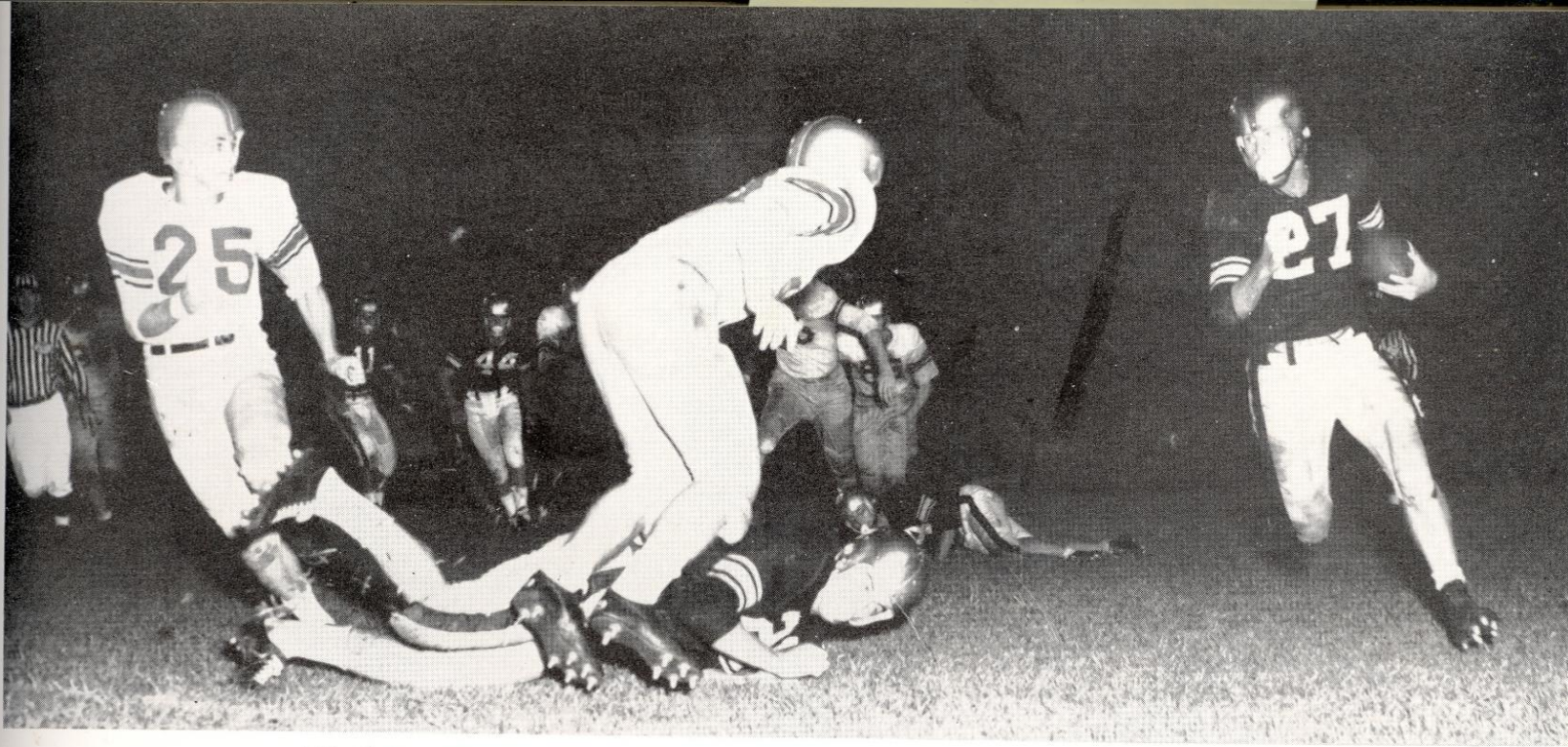


RIGHT: Quarterback Ted Rodrigue storms his way to the Georgia 19 yard line in the 1954 opener.

BELOW: Massey fades back to pass . . . he's looking for a receiver . . .

He throws . . . the ball is in the air . . .





Billy Graham takes a pitch-out and heads around end as John Griner takes out a Georgia defender.

LOUISVILLE

The University of Louisville's Cardinals became the first team of the 1954 season to feel the sound and fury of the FSU offense. As the Seminoles met the Louisville eleven on the Cardinals' home field and handed the Red Birds a 47-6 shellacking.

Between the two teams, 55 passes were thrown; the Cards pegging 31, the Tribe 24. Each team completed nine. But there's where the similarity stops and the rather obvious difference begins.

The Seminoles swept to 21 first downs. The Louisville club got 10, mostly by passing. FSU ran for 266 yards, passed for 212. The Cards got just 24 yards rushing. They threw for 128 yards, most of the yardage coming on the gifted passing arm of quarterback John Unitas.

The Tribe's sophomore quarterback Len Swantic ran for 60 yards in seven tries to pace the ground game.

Seven players shared in the scoring for the Nugent men, with no single back getting more than one.

People in Tallahassee were smiling again.

And right end Ronnie Schomburger scoops it in and races goal-ward. Nugent breathes a sigh of relief.





With end Jimmy Trado running interference, Seminole QB Len Swantic sweeps through the Villanova line for a 23 yard gain.

VILLANOVA

Florida State University looked and acted the part of world beaters here Saturday, October 9, and you couldn't prove otherwise by a stunned Villanova eleven that was feeling mighty low after bowing, 52-13, to the Seminoles.

The week before, the Wildcats had lost to the University of Mississippi, 52-0.

Eight thousand fans were on hand to see it—but had a lot harder time believing it. "It," of course, being the final statistics.

The Seminoles completed 18 of 27 passes with Len Swan-

tic hitting 13 out of 17 for 226 yards and three touchdowns. Junior end Tom Feamster, all six feet, seven inches of him, caught five of the aeri-als and rambled 60 yards after the catches. Three of his recep-tions were for touchdowns.

The game was tight all the way in the first half and at the break the Tribe was holding an uncomfortable 13-6 lead. But come the second half and things really began to happen.

That's when the Seminoles added 12 points in the third quarter and an amazing 27 in the final period to cinch the game.



End Tom Feamster dwarfs a Wildcat defender as he tucks in a Swantic pass in the Villanova end-zone.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE

Senior quarterback Harry Massey completed just two passes for only 12 total yards against North Carolina State, but both were for vital touchdowns as the Seminoles traveled north to meet the Wolfpack on their home field in Raleigh on October 16, and made the trip well worth-while by bringing home a tight 13-7 victory.

Massey spent the entire first half on the bench while Tom Nugent stuck with Len Swantic. Swantic had had a fantastic night the week before against Villanova when he completed 13 of 17 passes.

But it was all Massey in the second half as the stocky 180 pounder passed for eight yards to Jimmy Lee Taylor in the third quarter for one score and threw four yards to Billy Graham for the final touchdown. Two other Massey aerials fell incomplete.

The Wolfpack outgained the Tribesmen on the ground, getting 183 yards to 105 for the victors. Billy Graham was FSU's top runner, eating up 46 yards in eight carries.

The Seminoles' passing game was good for 62 yards, 22 more than the Wolfpack could manage.

The play that set up the winning touchdown came late in the game and was disputed. With N. C. punting from inside its ten, freshman end Ronnie Schomburger rushed in to partially deflect the kick. A Wolfpack halfback scooped up the loose ball and ran to the 13, but officials ruled that the receiving team must have a chance to field the ball after it passes the line of scrimmage, thus giving the Seminoles possession of the ball.

Two plays later Massey came through.

VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

Freshman Vic Prinzi, a rags to riches quarterback who had been a fifth stringer at the beginning of the season, came off the bench Saturday, October 30, to pass for three touchdowns and run for another to spark FSU to a 33-19 victory over Virginia Military Institute in Lynchburg, Virginia.

The three touchdown pass plays covered distances of 53, 55 and 45 yards. The two for 50 yards plus went to end Ronnie Schomburger. The other was junior fullback John Griner.

The history of the FSU scores show that all came within five consecutive Seminole running plays, from the end of the third quarter to the beginning of the fourth. In the series, Prinzi threw for four times. Three were for the payoff.

The first Tribe score came in the first quarter when Len Swantic threw another Herculean pass—this one for 45 yards. The other six-pointer came when Prinzi swung around end for the score from five yards out.

FSU's junior center Bob Crenshaw, a two-year letterman, played a brilliant game at linebacker. Coach Tom Nugent called it his best game in a Seminole uniform.



QB Harry Massey throws off a Wolfpack tackler with grim determination in the closing minutes of the FSU-N.C. State game. The Seminoles won, 13-7.



QB Pat Versprille picked up seven yards before being brought down on the Auburn 31. Right tackle Don Powell, guard Charlie Jacobs and tackle Ray Staab offer able assistance.

Florida State became the victim of a pair of circumstances named Fob James and Jim Pyburn in Auburn, Alabama, as the Auburn Tigers handed Tom Nugent his worst defeat as head coach. FSU fell 33-0.

Pyburn, the Tigers' finest end in years, and an All-American hopeful, caught two passes for 93 yards and one touchdown, and barreled in on defense to block a Tribe punt. James scored twice.

A touchdown by the losers would have soothed the sting of defeat tremendously, but it was not to be as the Tigers

smothered one FSU drive on the one and turned back a couple more inside the 20 yard line.

Freshman left half Buddy Reynolds almost turned the trick for the Seminoles in the third quarter. He broke through left tackle, and dashed for 54 yards to the Auburn eight. But three plays later, the Tigers were in possession, a yard shy of the double stripes.

FSU's chief threat, as per usual, was the pass. Tribe tossers completed 12 of 23 for 157 yards. Harry Massey had the losers' most successful day, hitting on 6 to 9 for 83 yards.



Left half Lee Corso carried for 18 yards to the Tiger 44 on this play. Guard Al Pacifico (left) and tackle Al Makowiecki (bottom) threw key blocks.

HOMECOMING 1954



Furman's ball carrier hasn't a chance as he's smothered by a host of Seminole defenders.

FURMAN

Revenge was sweet for FSU Saturday, November 13, in the big one . . . Homecoming. So the Tribe took a big mouthful, chewing up Furman University to a 33-14 victory, thus avenging two previous losses to the Purple Hurricanes.

It was the play of a couple of late-season dynamo-backs that sparked the FSU victory—quarterback Harry Massey and left half Lee Corso.

Massey completed 15 of 22 passes for 196 yards. Corso carried 14 times for 75 yards, caught seven passes, and scored three touchdowns.

The Seminole offense run up 20 first downs, while ac-

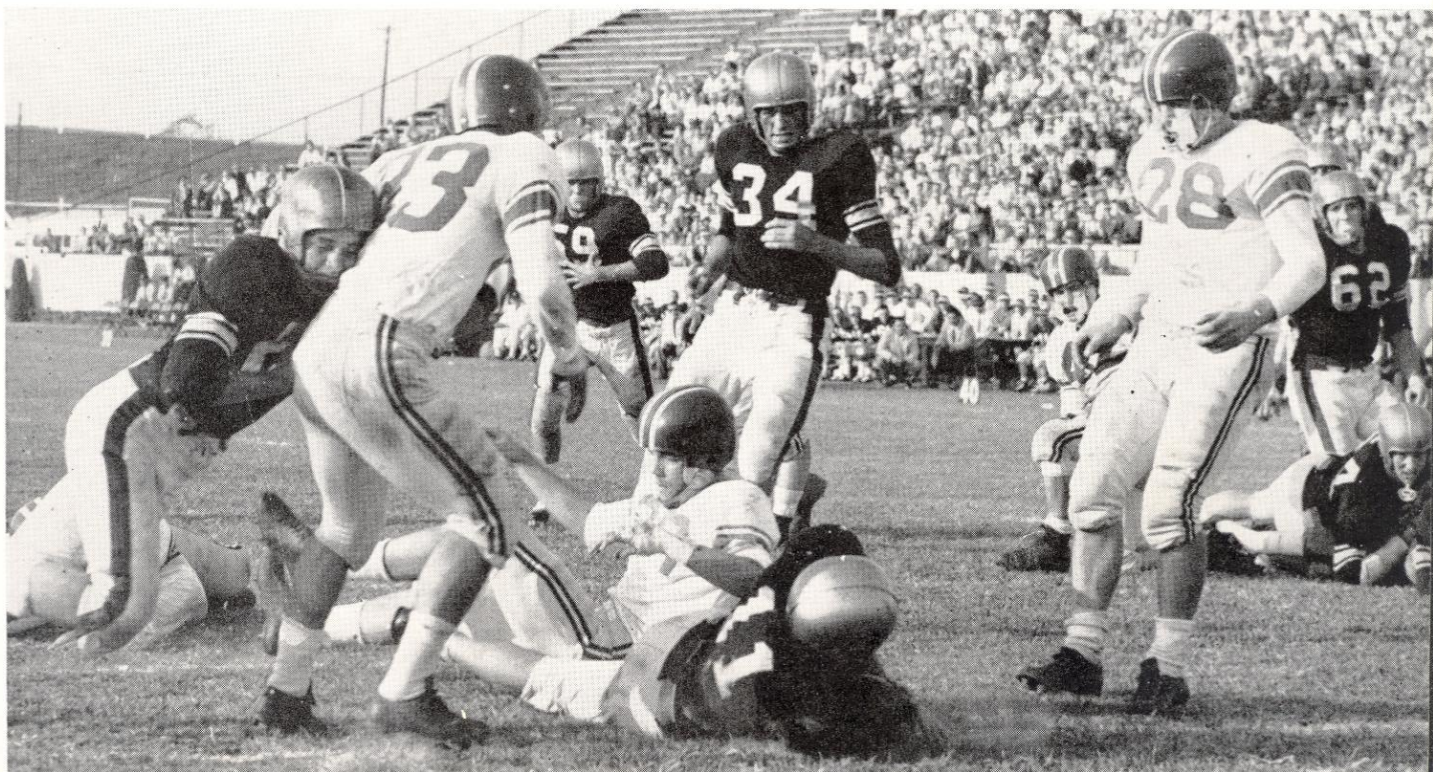
cumulating 173 yards, and 226 yards passing against the Hurricanes, who, oddly enough, went into the game as slight favorites.

The outcome was not in doubt after the beginning moments of the second quarter. By that time the Tribe had taken a 20-0 lead.

They boosted it to 26-0 before Furman finally scored in the third period.

Tackle Al Makowiecki was mean up front, and his play was a big step towards the second team Little All-American honors he received at the season's end.

TOUCHDOWN! Corso and company rack up one of the many which defeated Furman in FSU's Homecoming game.





Graham went all the way on this one. Mississippi Southern was kicked for a 19-18 upset by the fiery Tribesmen.

MISSISSIPPI SOUTHERN

Tom Nugent's fighting Seminoles killed a giant-killer on Saturday, November 27, in Campbell Stadium as a dormant running game finally blossomed into a 19-18 hair-raising victory over mighty Mississippi Southern. The Hattiesburg Colonels took the field as the favored team after their second-year-in-a-row murder of Alabama, but a mighty sharp Seminole eleven had their hatchets sharpened, and the Colonels left that same field minus their scalps. It was FSU's biggest coup in the history of the University.

Thus the Tribe, caught up in some late-season madness counted its fourth straight win and its seventh victory in the last eight games.

FSU backfieldmen, never better, saddened the book-makers by rushing for 200 yards even. The Seminole passing game was good for just 66 yards, but those 66 yards were never more valuable.

The passes, one to Lee Corso and the other to big Tom Feamster, covered nearly the same distance. The one to Corso was a 20 yarder and came in the first quarter. Feamster snagged his in the third period from 20-plus-two-yards out. Harry Massey pegged them both.

In the final analysis, the thin edge of victory can be credited to Billy Graham, who while playing his greatest game in a Seminole uniform, swung the foot that gave his teammates that much desired extra, and winning, point.



He just isn't close enough, and Corso scoops in a 20 yard pass from QB Massey to set up the first Seminole touchdown.

STETSON

Florida State University's backfield corps charged for 326 yards, a season's high, against a game, but outclassed, Stetson Hatter team Saturday, November 20, at DeLand, pacing the Tribe to its sixth victory in its last seven games. The final outcome: FSU 47, Stetson 6.

The victory brought FSU's won and lost mark to 6 and 3.

The Seminoles ran up a 21-0 halftime lead and Tom Nugent cleared the bench early in an attempt to keep the score within reason.

But, it was to little avail, as everything the Tribe touched turned to goal. FSU scores came on a number of things: A 19 yard pass from Harry Massey to Tom Feamster, a 6 yard slice off tackle by Lee Corso, an 80 yard punt return by Odom, a 25 yard keep play by Prinzi, a 5 yard smash by halfback Buddy Reynolds, a 19 yard interception by guard Jerry Jacobs, and finally, a 78 yard run by halfback Buck Metts on the last play of the game.

Punting statistics, a good key to the final score, revealed that FSU kicked three times, Stetson nine times.

Stetson averted a shut-out in the final minutes when halfback Gene Stephenson crashed over from the two yard stripe.

TAMPA

Tampa's Spartans, playing at home and bent on adding a dismal note to a successful Seminole year, held the visitors to a standstill in the second half, but fortunately the Tribe had chalked up two first session scores, good for a 13-0 victory.

Again it was the yeoman passing of quarterback Harry Massey, the late-season whirlwind, which sparked the Tribe to the tight triumph. Massey threw for both scores.

The first touchdown came in the first three minutes of play after Bob Crenshaw fell on a Spartan bobble. Halfback Lee Corso took a short pitch downfield from the Tampa 28, reversed his field, and sped over for the score, his sixth of the campaign. It gave him the regular season team scoring championship. He totaled 39 points.

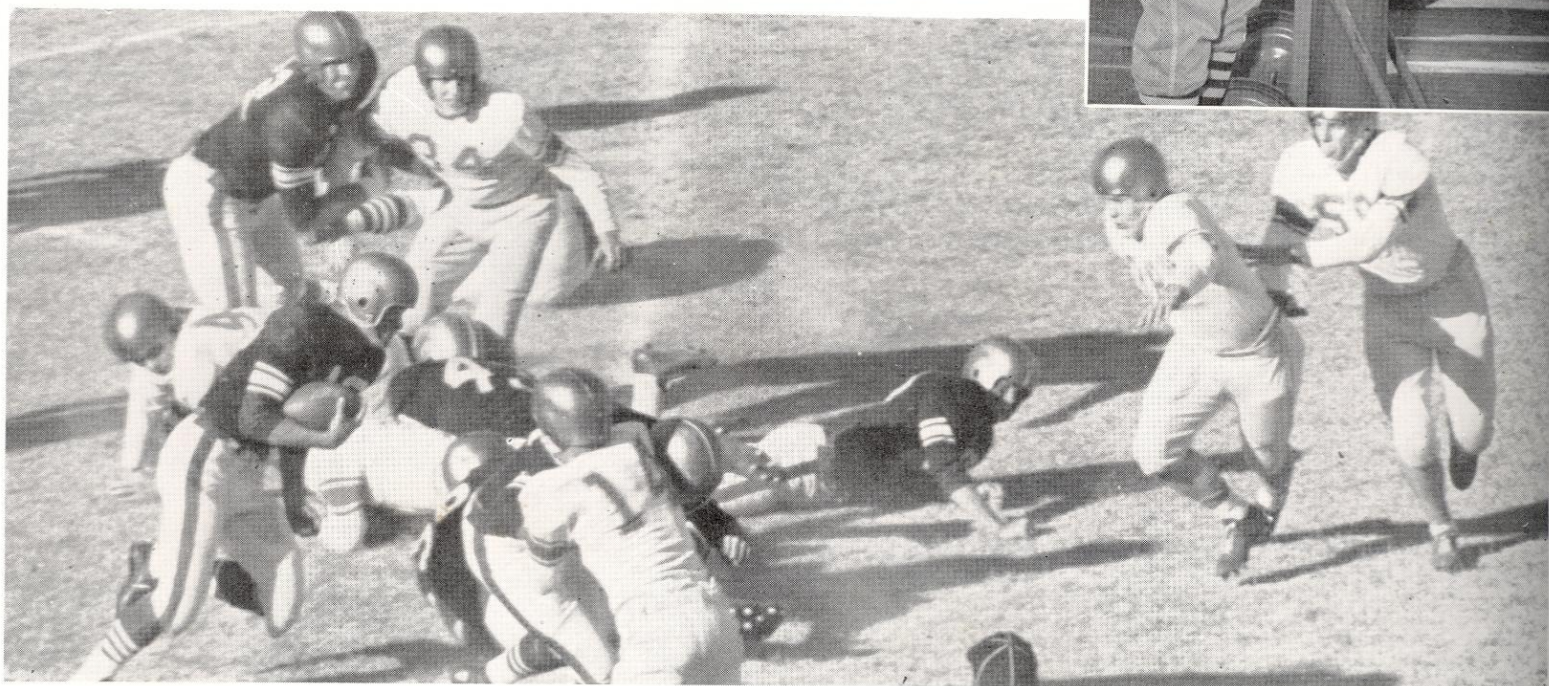
Halfback Buck Metts, who came on strong at the end of the season after recovering from a bad leg, scored the final six-shooter after going 47 yards on a screen pass from Massey.

Attesting to the rugged defense of the Spartans are the statistics, which show State on the short end of the rushing yardage—193-177. FSU got 14 first downs, Tampa 16.



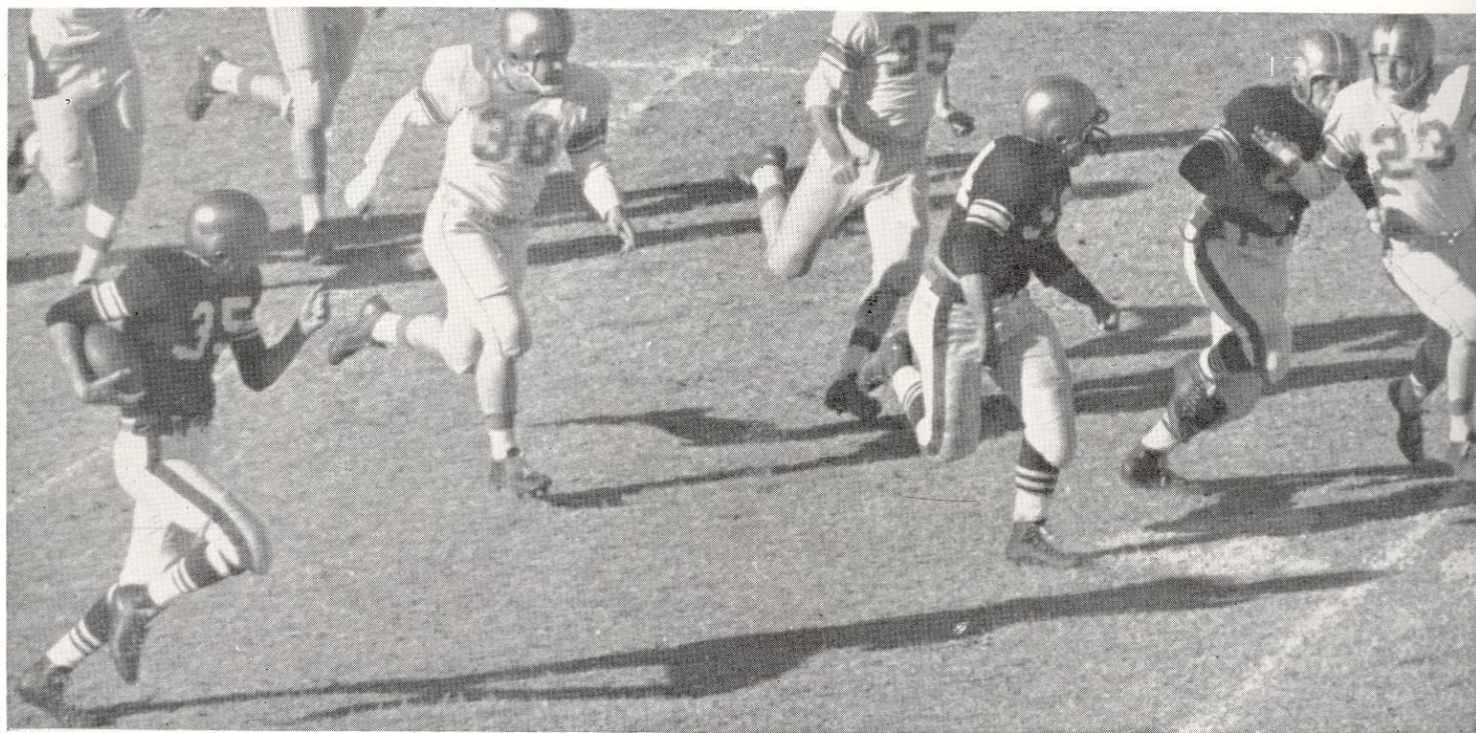
Jacobs, Feamster, Crenshaw and Staab help put a finishing touch to a Spartan score attempt.

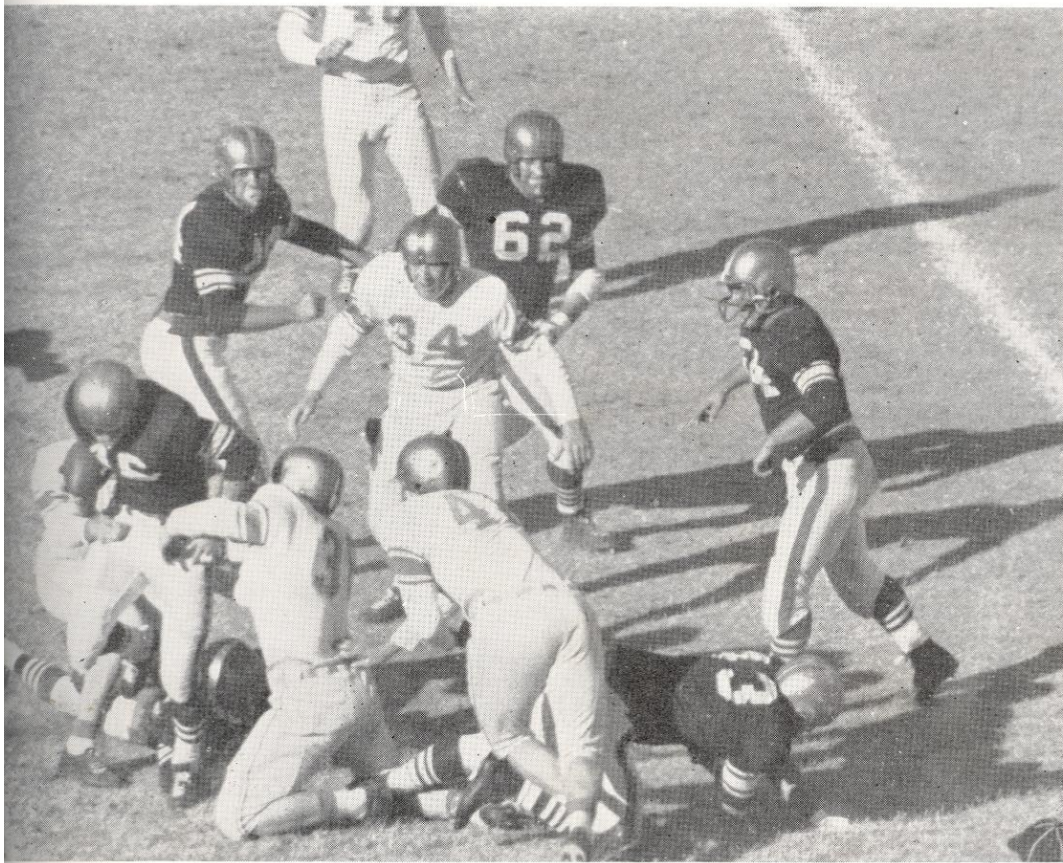
Coach Nugent gives John Griner a lesson on how to use the oxygen — the Floridians weren't used to the altitude around El Paso.



Metts bucks his way through the Texas Western line in back of some well placed blocking.

QB Prinzi barrels around end for a 37 yard gain.





Left Half Buddy Reynolds powers his way to the Texas' 35 in the second quarter.

TEXAS WESTERN 47, FSU 20

It was a long trip to El Paso's Sun Bowl, but it was a longer trip home.

Not even Auburn, winner over Baylor in the Gator Bowl, could muster over 33 points against the offensive-minded Seminoles, and although the Tribe could hold only Tampa scoreless in the season's

Reynolds again, with Graham, Pacifico, Massey, and a host of Seminoles helping him pick up 21 yards of Miner territory.

play, they checked three teams with one touchdown, four with two and two with three.

Things started well for us. FSU scored first on Harry Massey's straight ahead plunge from two yards out. Lee Corso had set up the score on FSU's first play with a beautiful 45-yard run that carried to the four. Billy Graham added the point.

The Texans tied it up quickly and eight and a half minutes later came the beginning of the end: the second quarter. In that miserable and maddening 15 minutes, the Miners crossed the double stripes four times and by the time the Tribe snapped back with two more touchdowns it was much too late. And the Miners were doing a little scoring themselves, adding two more markers, one in each of the final quarters.

Late in the third period, tempers flared and the players were on the verge of a free-for-all several times. In a unique move, however, the coaches of both teams made a dramatic entrance to restore calmness.

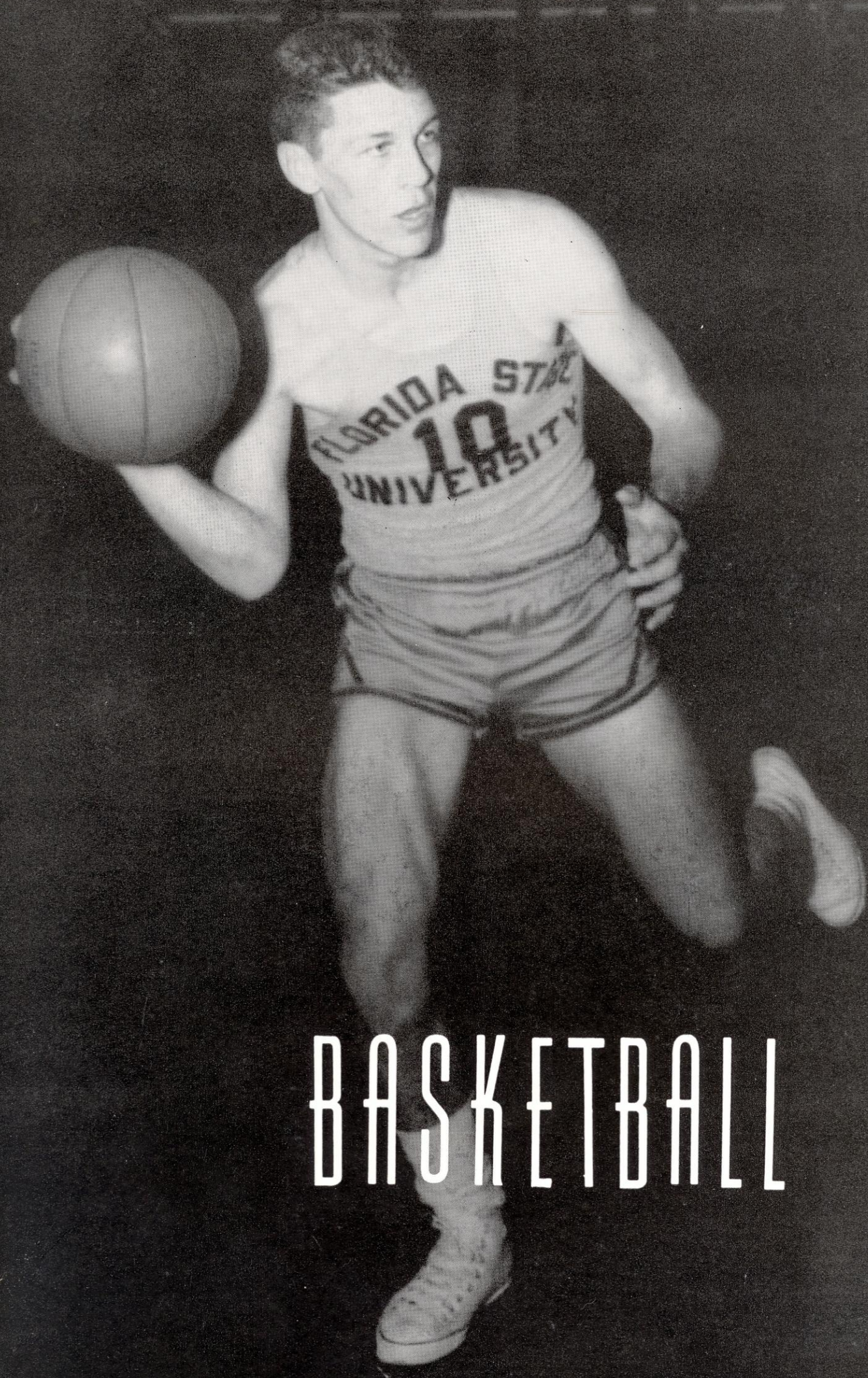
A crowd of some 16,000 looked on.



SEMINOLE FRESHMEN



FSU'S 1954 Freshman team; first row, left to right: Bob Morris, Ira Hill, Wendell Saterfield, Norman Olson, Jim Young, Darry Robbins, Harold Cummings, Frank Westerdick. Second row: Carmen Bataglia, Dave Swanz, Bill Karch, Trainer "Hoot" Walker, Coach Steve Kalenich, Coach Owen Hale, Coach Jim Messinese, Mike Rou, Roy Beaty, Jerry Henderson, Steve Dean. Third row: Bill Brown, Jim Jumpa, John Woods, Ed Kercher, Al Yeargin, Bill Todd, Ron Weatherington, Scotty Ward, Pete Overton, John Craig. Fourth row: Gene Cox, Bufford Justice, Jack Houser, French Nappier, Amil Abood, Charlie Kicklighter, Wesley Holden, Bob Lowrey, Bill Swilley, Bob Mathews, Mike Norman, and Sam Walden.



BASKETBALL

Coach Bud Kennedy's hardwood corps virtually rewrote the record book this past season.

The cagers ran up a 24-4 record, one of the best in the south, and went to the NAIA tournament in Kansas City.

Only 24 records had been logged for the university's basketball team, but this year's red-hot team chalked up 17 more.

Heading the list of records was a team point total of 2,295, for an average of 88.3 points per game during the 26 game season.

A well-balanced lineup of consistent scorers was the secret of Florida State's success this season. Four of the five starters, Jim Oler, Ham

Wernke, Rick Benson, and Dick Artmeier, averaged double figures, and the fifth man, center Gary Wold, wasn't far behind.

Guard Jim Oler established an all-time school record by bagging 549 points for a 21.1 average. Oler also dropped in 221 free throws.

Ham Wernke, two-time Helms Foundation NAIA All-American, closed out a four-year career with 1,409 points and a 19.7 average. Wernke also set up an individual record by starting in 73 consecutive games.

Rick Benson was FSU's number three scorer and a top rebounder. Benson dunked 432 points this season for a 16.6 average. His 420 rebounds ranks among the nation's best.



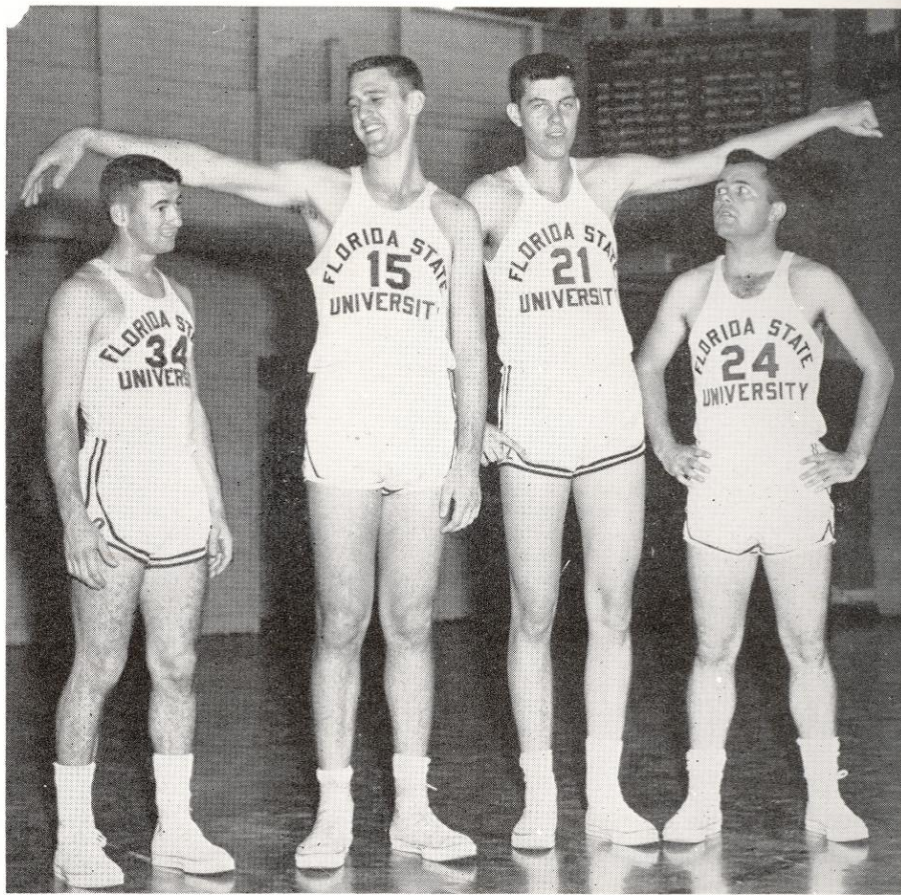
Florida State's 1955 hoopmen; kneeling, left to right: Tom Garcia, Jim Oler, Bob Waits, Ham Wernke, Wayne Patton, Manager Jim Harrell. Standing: Coach Bud Kennedy, Dick Artmeier, Bob Ward, Don Alford, Rick Benson, Bob Williams, Gary Wold, Ed Wursbach, Fred Twomey, Darrell Mahoney, Tom Burst and Coach Mike Long.

Forward Dick Artmeier scored 339 points for a 13.0 average, and Gary Wold was fifth high scorer with 208 points and an 8.3 average for the season.

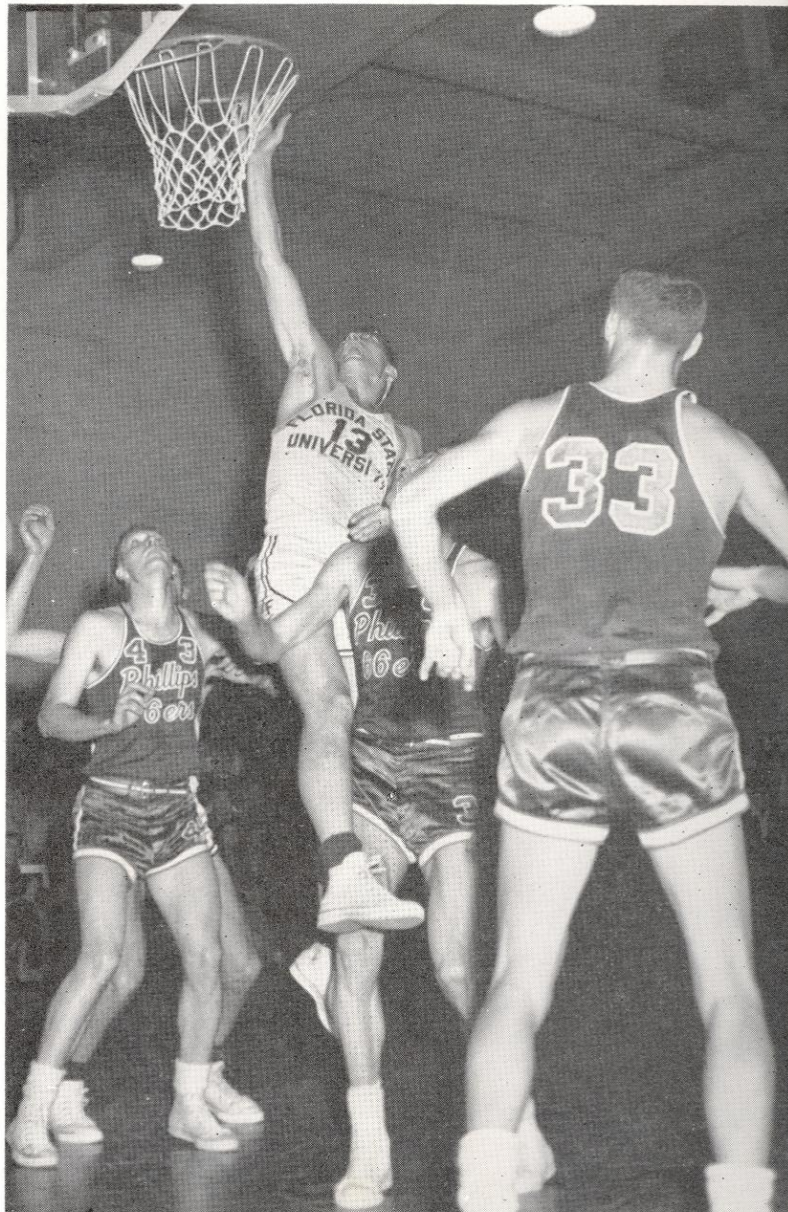
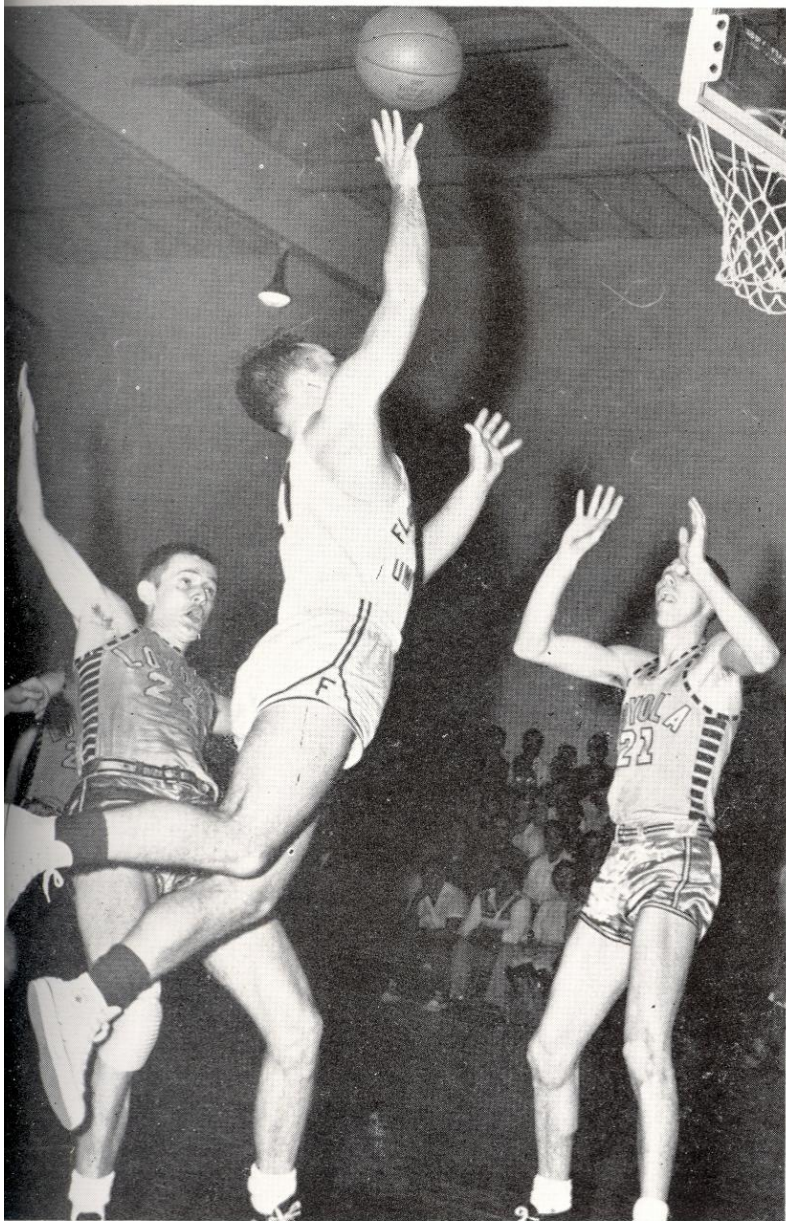
FSU's 24-game team average of 88.3 points ranks them 10th in the nation. The Seminoles climbed the 100-point mark three times, and topped 90 points in 11 games.

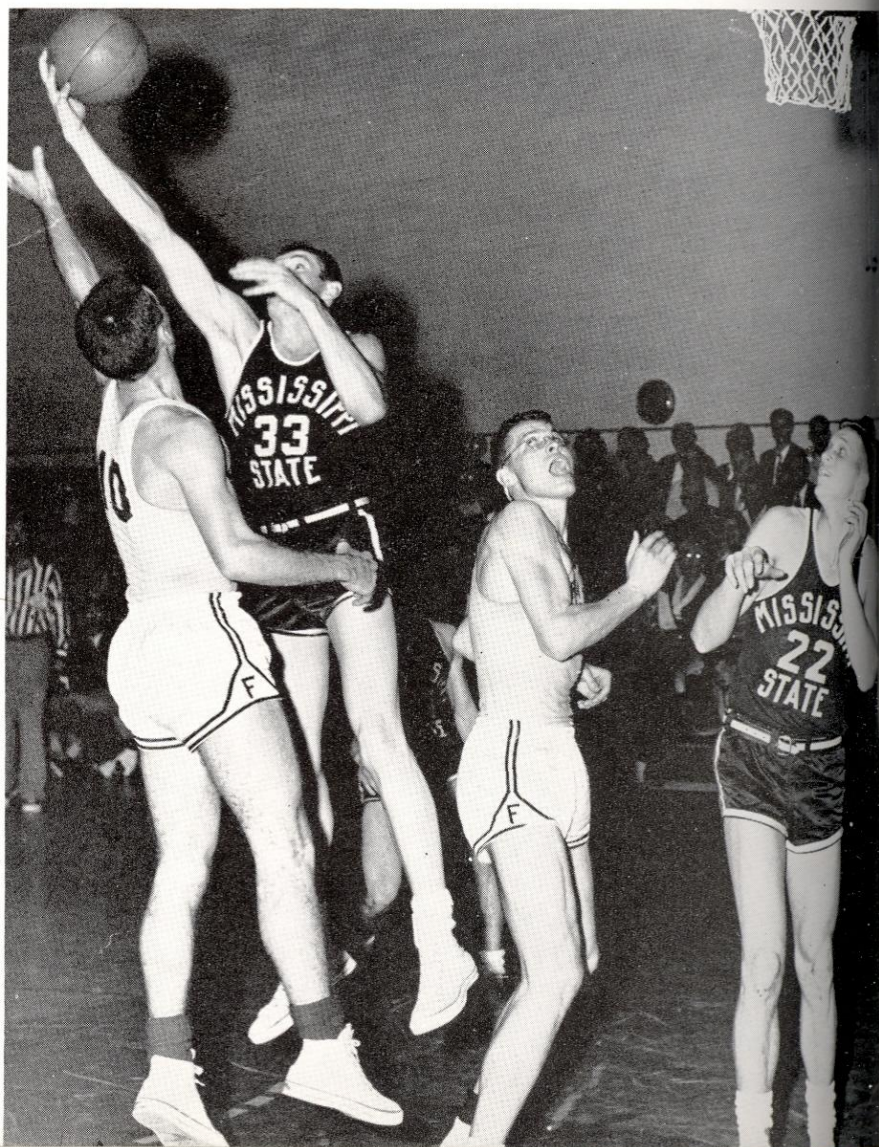
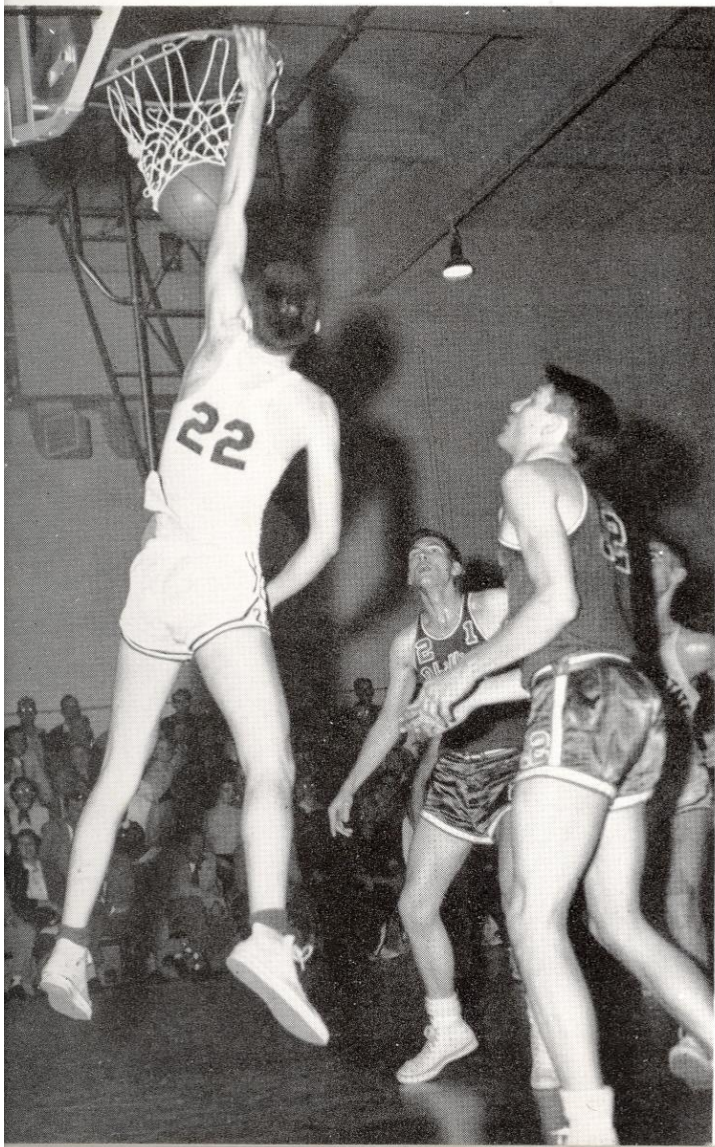
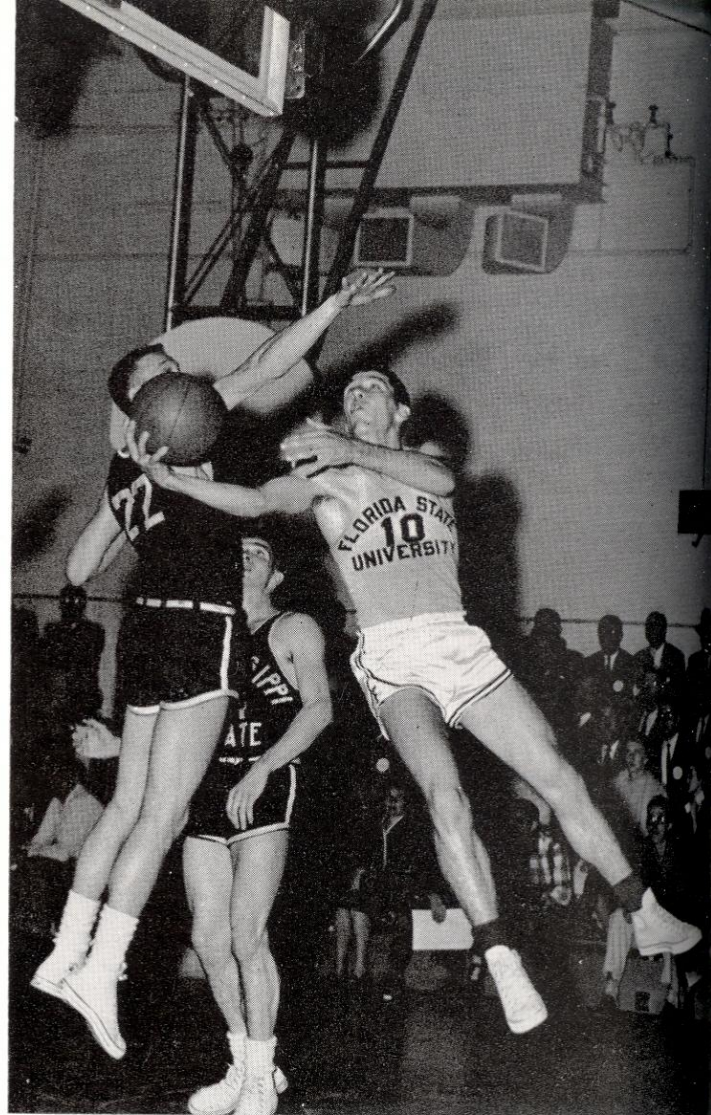
1955 SEASON

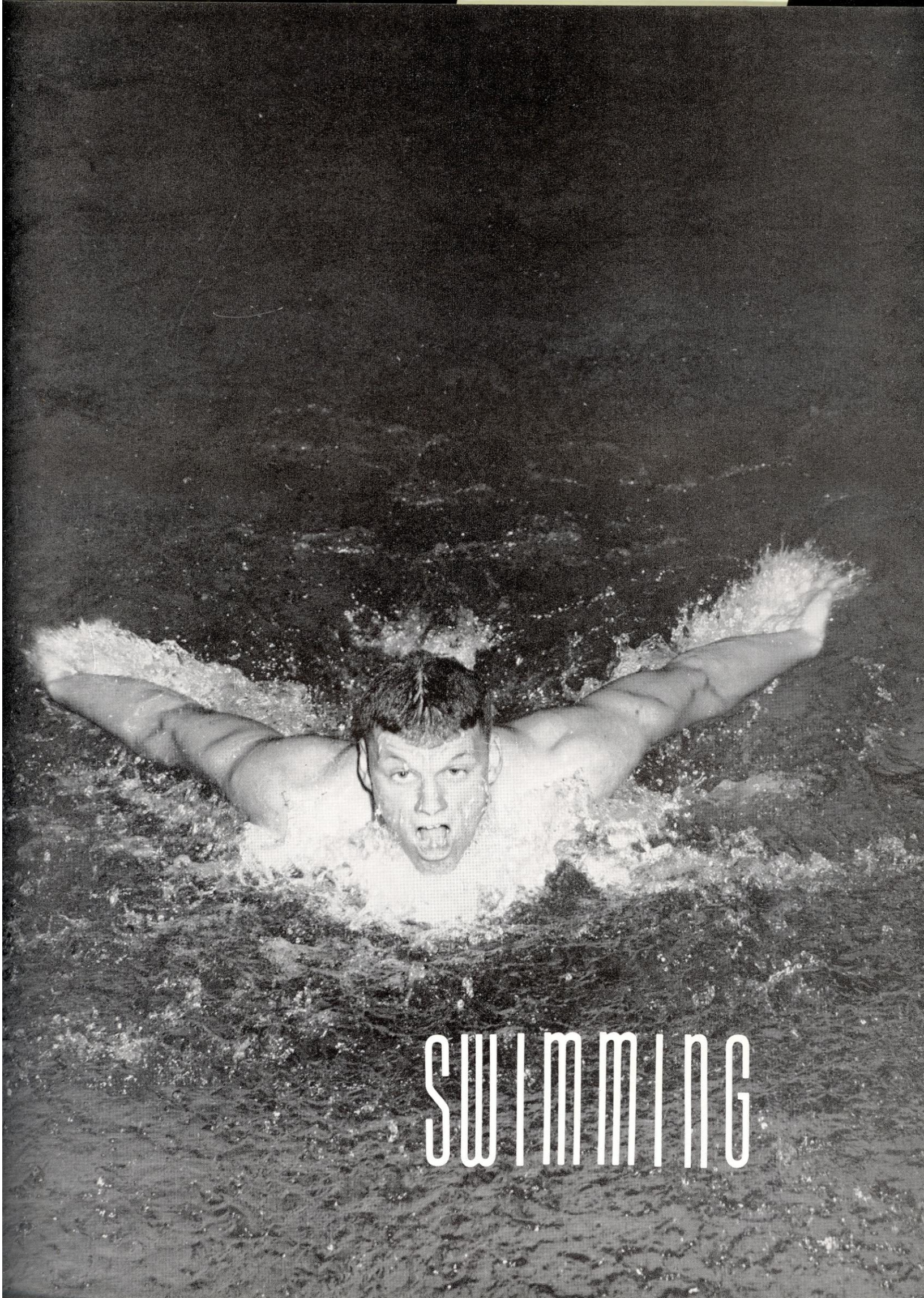
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FSU's "upper and lower," Tom Garcia, Rick Benson, Bob Williams, and Jim Oler.







SWIMMING



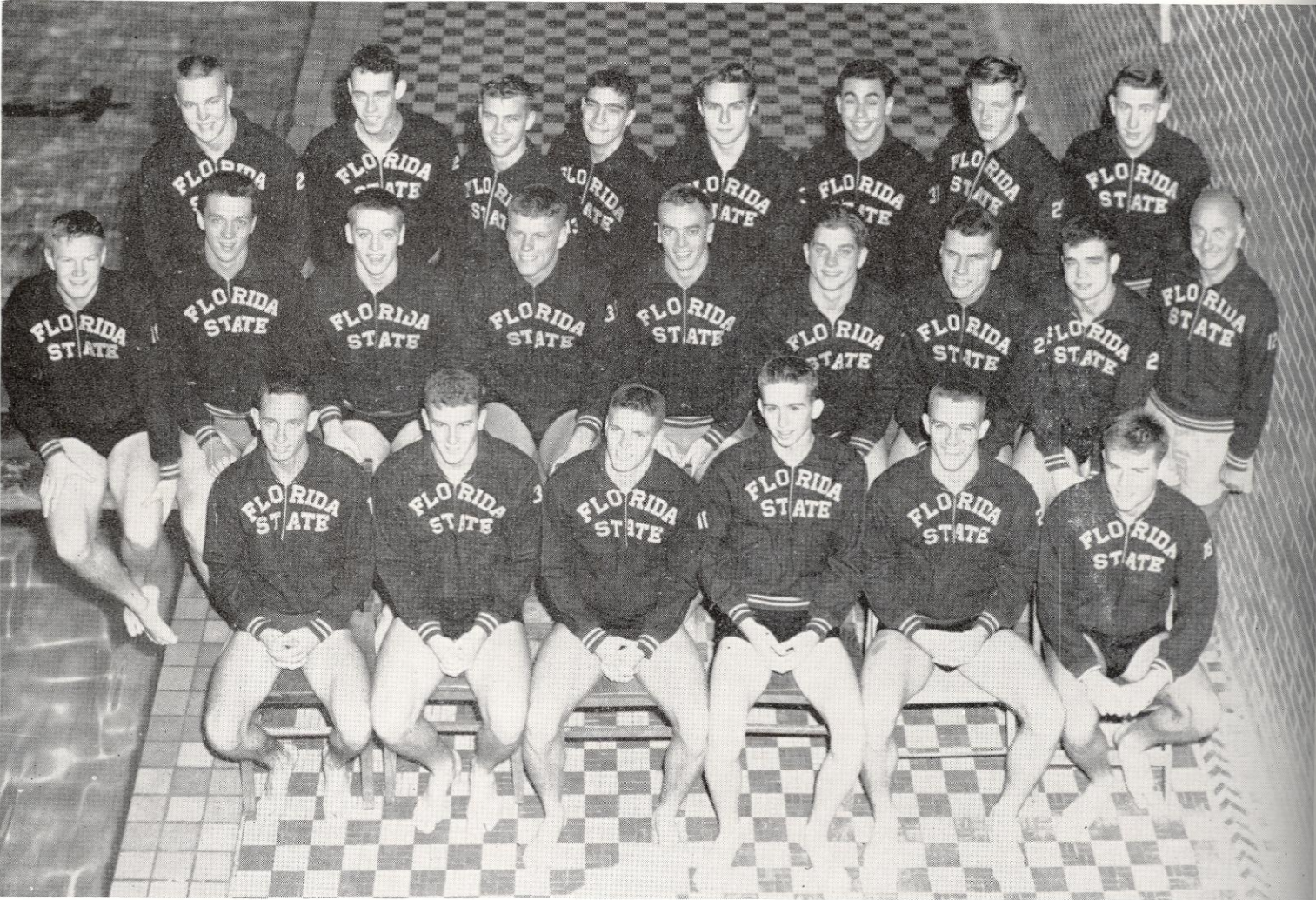
COACH "BIM" STULTS

1955 SEASON

Florida State AAU Champions
 Southern Intercollegiate Runnerup

FSU 62	.....	Georgia 22
FSU 45	.....	Texas A & M 39
FSU 52	.....	SMU 32
FSU 68	.....	Georgia Tech 16
FSU 58	.....	Emory 24
FSU 50	.....	Georgia 34

Undelected in the past two seasons with
 21 dual meet wins.

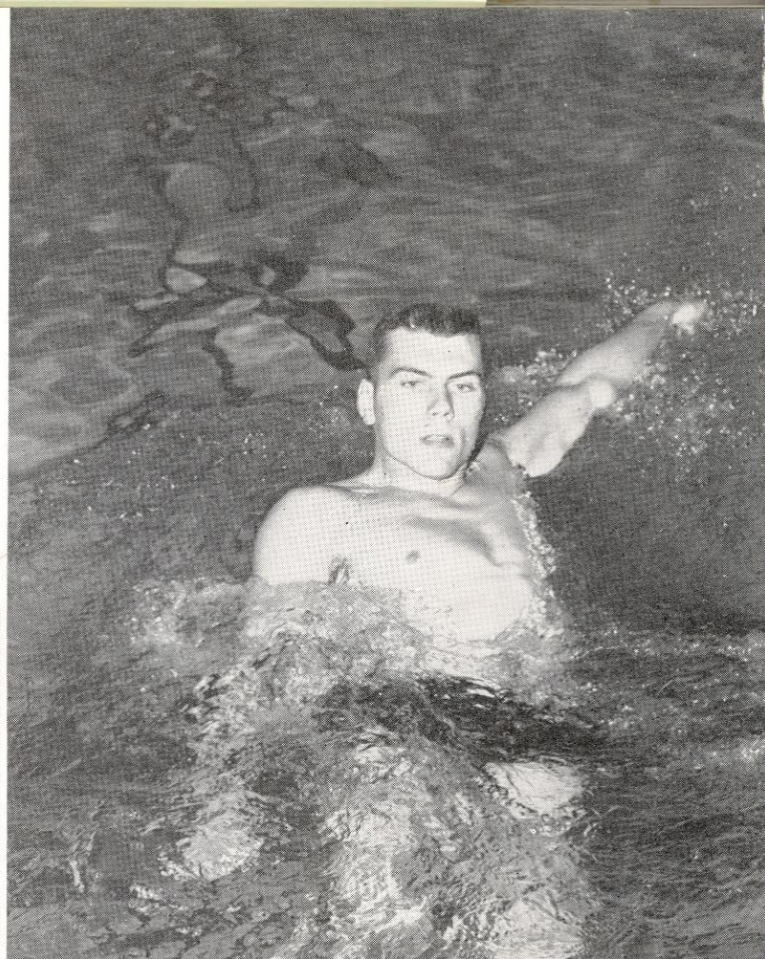


FSU's 1955 Mermen: First row, left to right: B. B. Rhodes, Carswell Ponder, Earl Reid, John Grant, Don Lewis, Gene Ferguson. Second row: Dick Rhoton, Ken Abbott, Mike Tschirret, Ernie Siock, Jim Julian, Bob Stuke, Norman Shipley, Keith Milligan, Coach Stults. Third row: Don Ramsey, John Risher, Ron Twitty, Arnold Abramson, Graham Teschke, Joel Lurie, Mel Hunter, and Manager Earle Peterson.

The Seminole swimmers completed their third unbeaten season under Coach "Bim" Stults.

The mermen outplashed such foes as Southwest Conference powers Texas A & M and Southern Methodist, plus Southeastern entry Georgia Tech.

The Seminoles also copped three firsts at the Georgia AAU to take that meet, and easily outswam the Universities of Florida and Miami to win the Florida AAU.

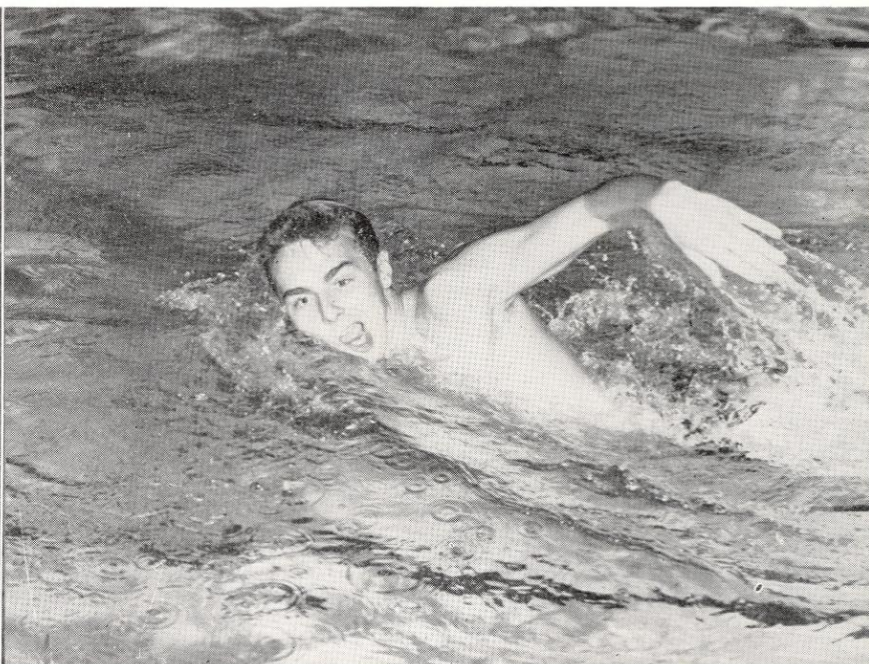


ABOVE: Norm Shipley in an easy backstroke.

LEFT: Carswell Ponder executes a beautiful swan dive.



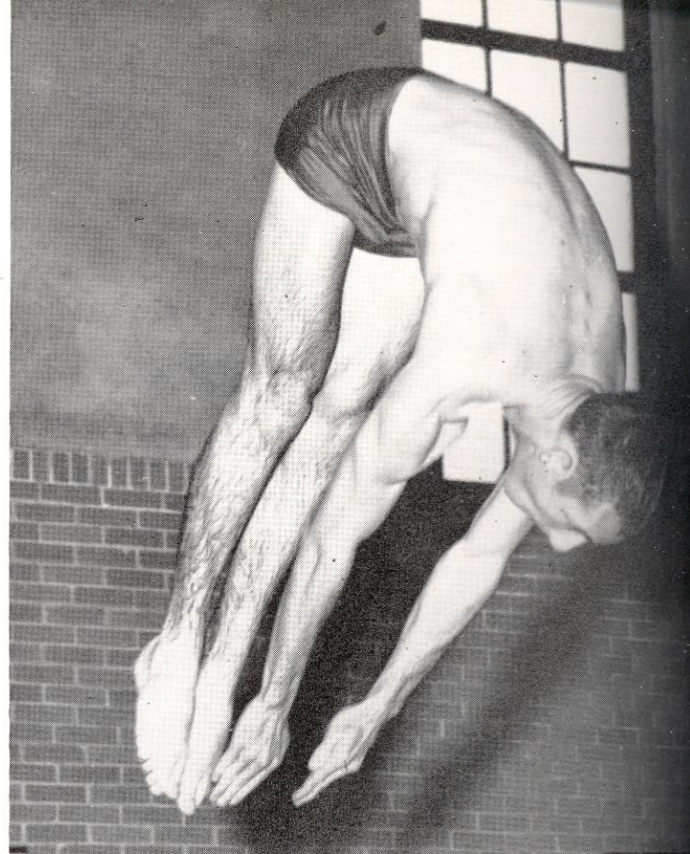
Dick Rhoton splashes his way to the finish line.



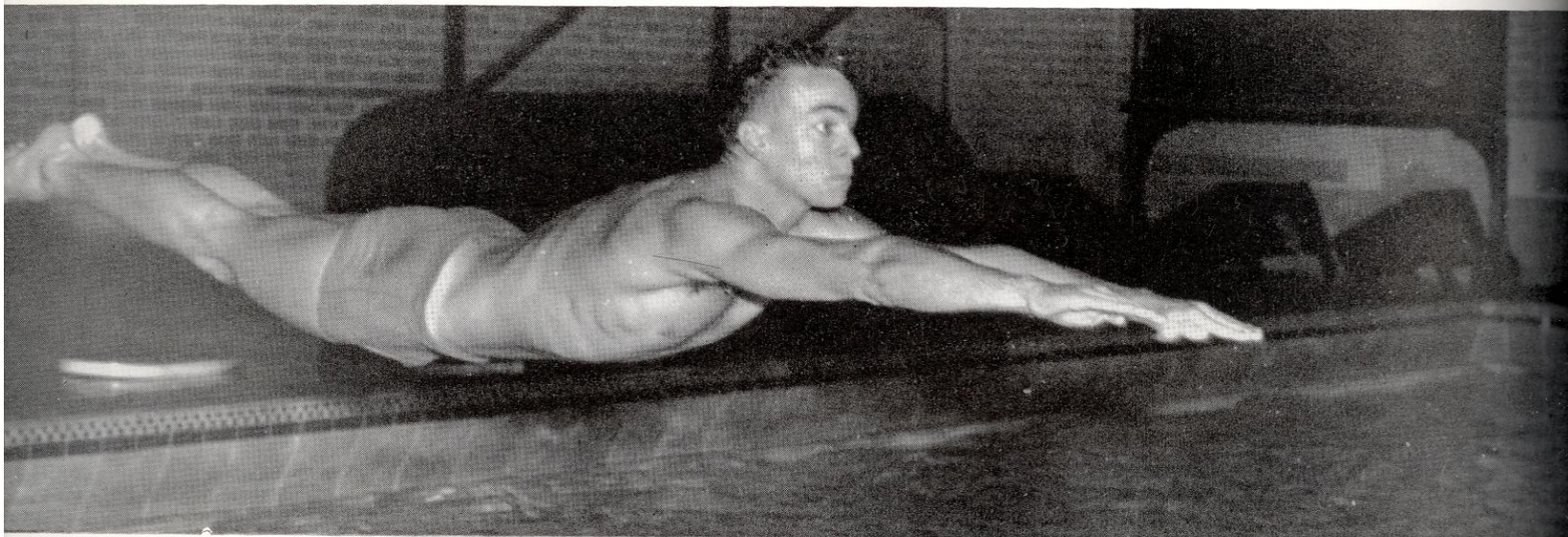
Graham Teschke in the freestyle.

Number one man on this year's team was Ernie Stock, who won the national junior breast-stroke title with a sparkling 2:47.8 in the Florida AAU meet in Gainesville. Ernie scored 13 points in pacing FSU to an easy victory over Florida and Miami in the meet, and played a major role in FSU's 21-meet undefeated dual string that dates back to early in the 1953 season.

Stock also represented Florida State in the NCAA meet at Miami University (Ohio).



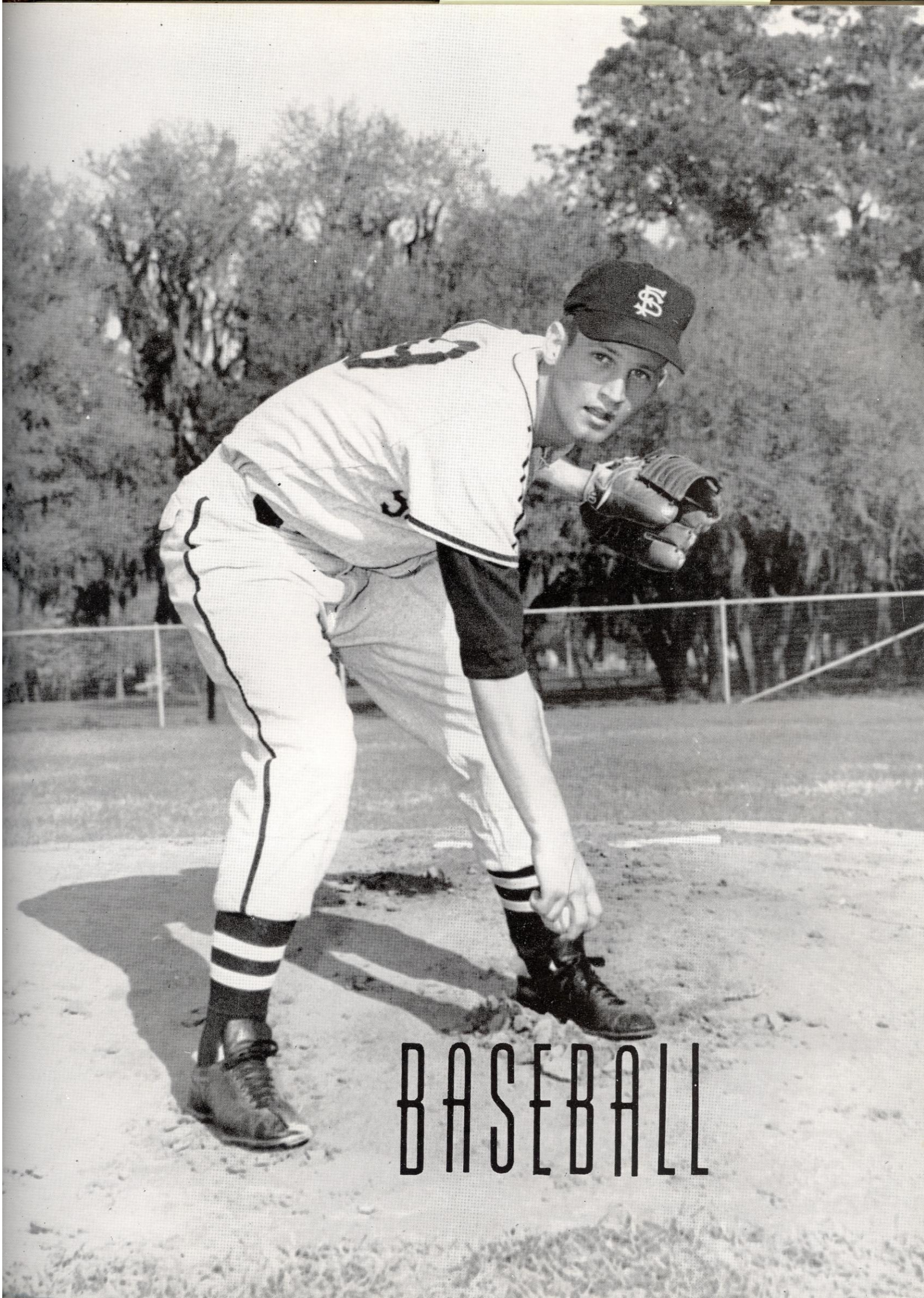
A Perfect "touch your toes" Jackknife.



Jim Julian dives far and wide in a perfect take-off.

Jim Julian and Mike Tschirret in the relay.





BASEBALL



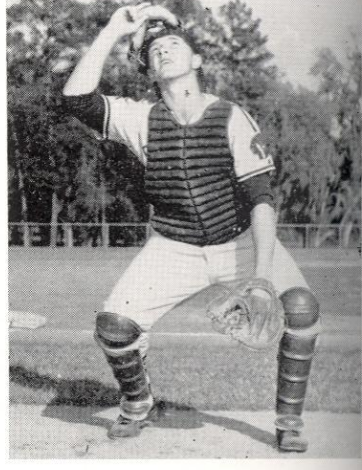
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COACH LITWHILER

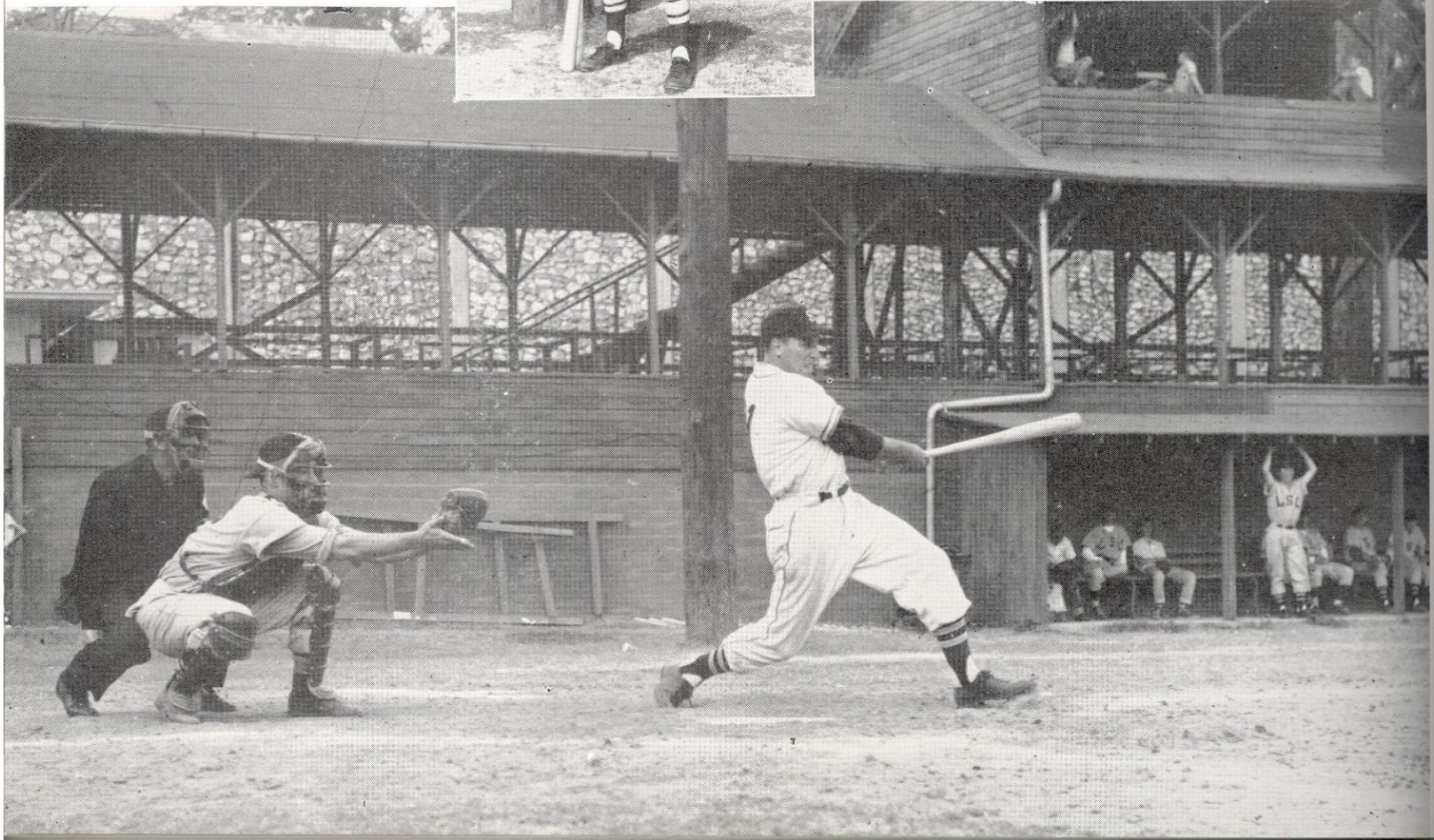
COACH MELTON



Florida State welcomes Coach Danny Litwhiler, for 11 seasons one of the National League's best outfielders, as its new baseball coach this season.

Coach Litwhiler arranged the best diamond schedule in Seminole history, a 24-game agenda headed by such name schools as LSU, Wisconsin, Furman, Georgia, Rollins, Amherst, and Miami.

The 1954 season saw FSU roll up a total





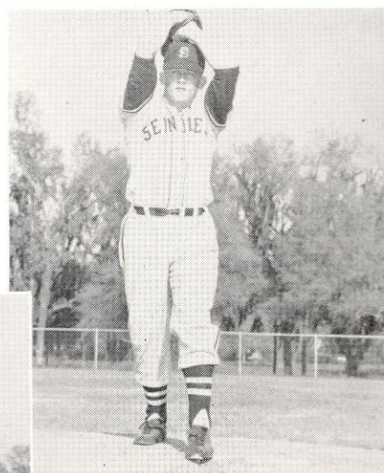
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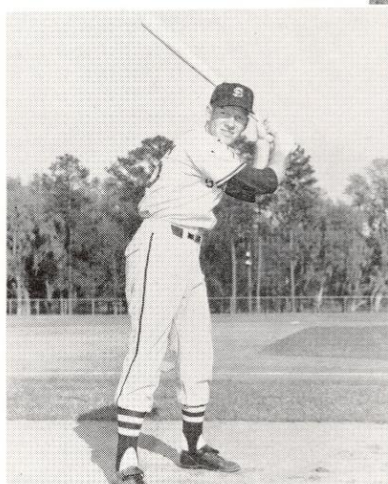
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of 14 wins and 9 losses, almost equalling the 1952 and best record in FSU history of 17 wins and 4 losses. Shortstop Cooter Mills had the most hits for the '54 season with 32, and also copped honors for the most assists of the season with 75. First baseman Fred Twomey made 202 putouts to add his name to the season's records. And the final analysis gave FSU a total of 164 runs to their opponents total of 97. All in all a most successful season.

1955 SCHEDULE

- March 11-12 at Florida Southern
- March 18-19 Furman
- March 21-22 Georgia
- March 23-24 Amherst
- March 28 Mississippi College
- April 4-5 Stetson
- April 8-9 Wisconsin
- April 12-13 at Rollins
- April 15-16 at Miami
- April 29-30 at Georgia Teachers
- May 2-3 at Georgia
- May 6-7 at Stetson





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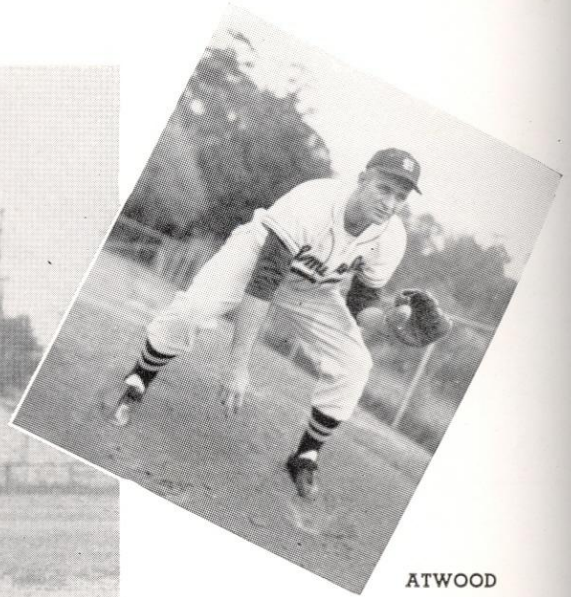


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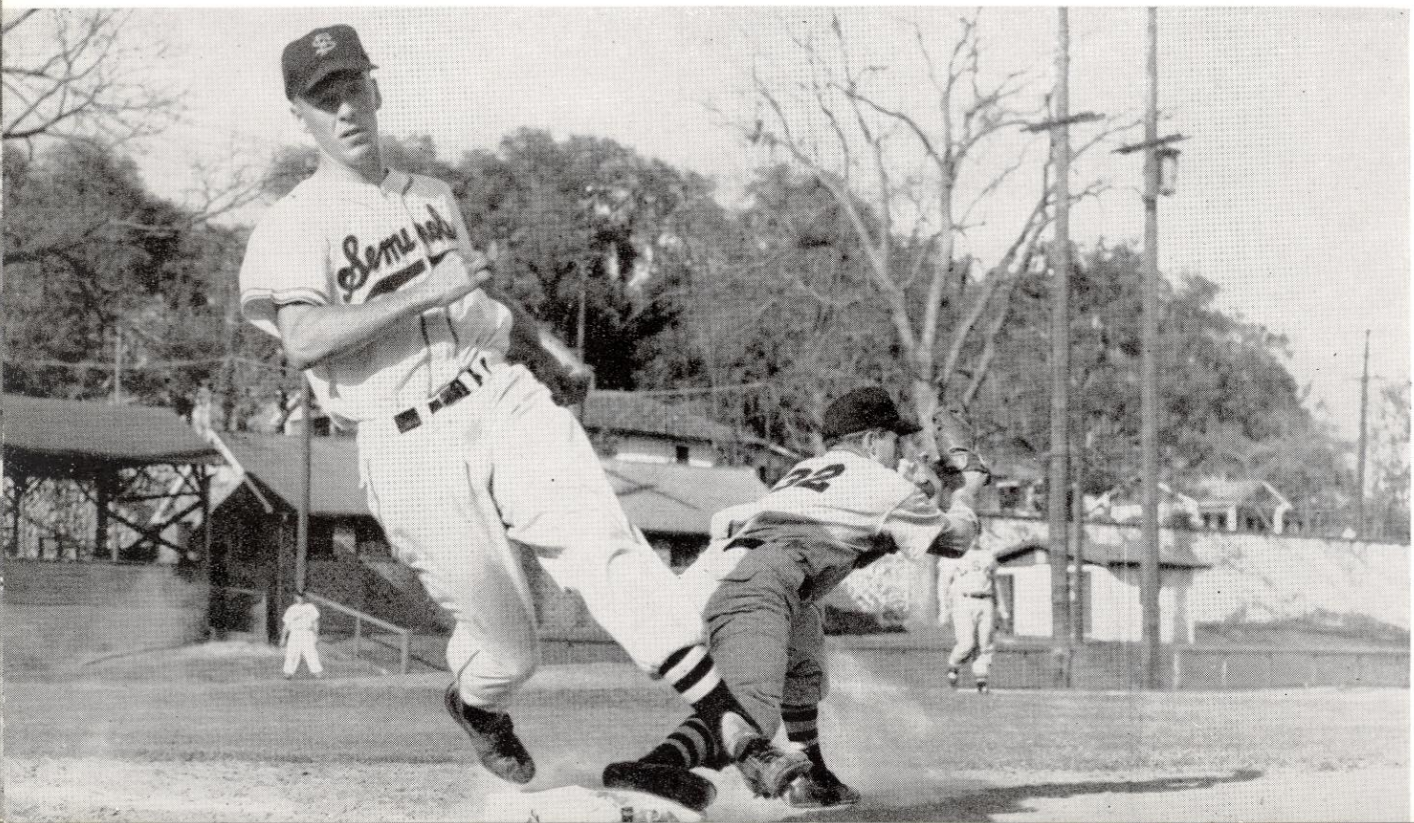
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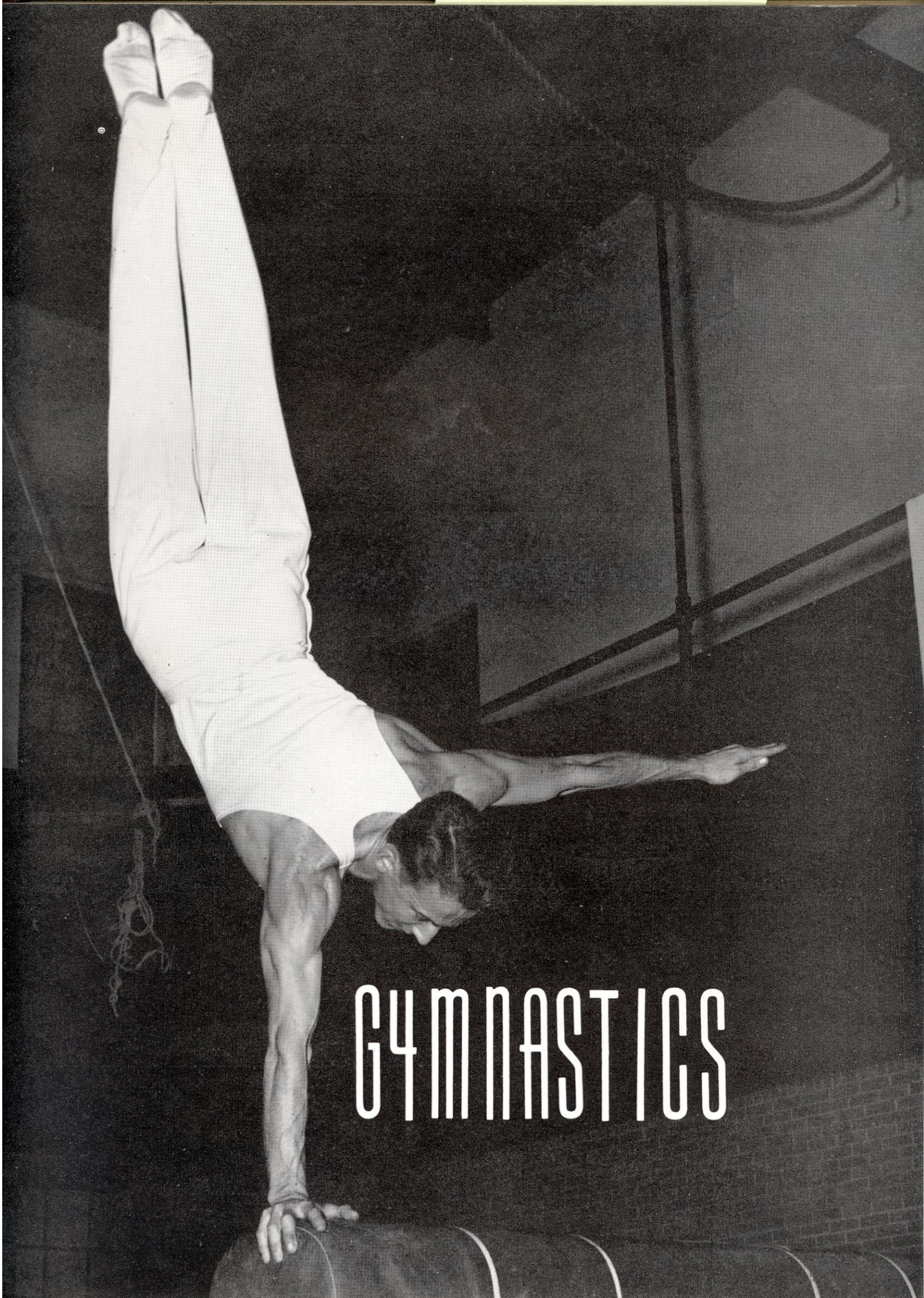
"YER OUT!"



ATWOOD

BELOW, HAM WERNKE





GYMNASTICS



Co-Captains Don Holder and Dick Ireland.

ALL-TIME RECORD
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

BILL ROETZHEIM—US Team against Czechoslovakia, 1947; US Olympic Team, 1948; National AAU All-Around Champion, 1949, 50; US Team against Japan, 1950; Represented US in Pan-American Olympic Games, 1951; NCAA All-Around, 1951; All-American All-Around, 1951; US Olympic Team, 1952; National AAU Side Horse, 1953; Bill Roetzheim was FSU's most outstanding gymnast from 1950-53, and this is only a thumbnail sketch of his many National and International titles.

JACK MILES—NAAU flying rings, 1951; US Pan-American Olympic Team, 1955.

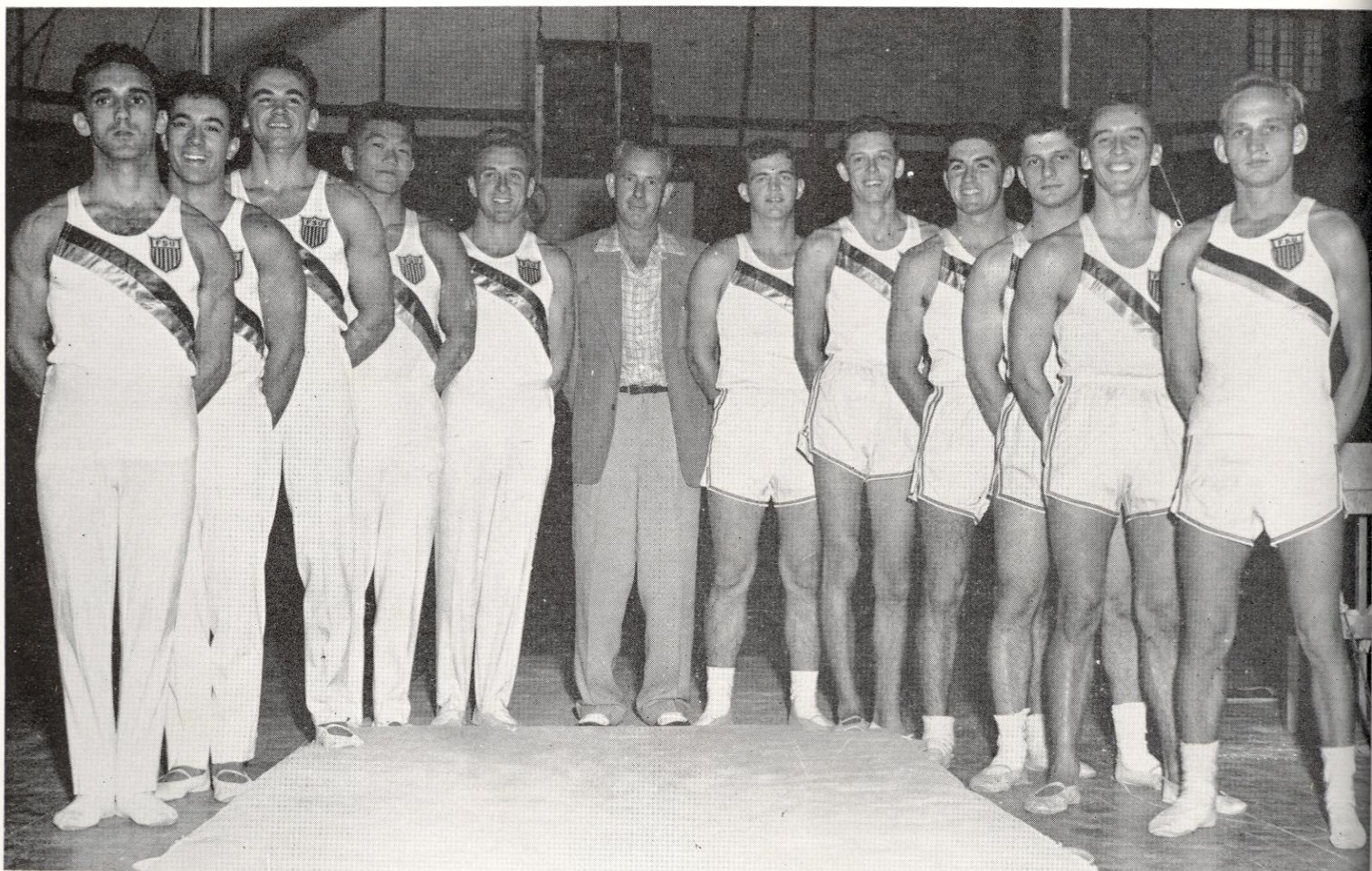
DICK GUTTING—NCAA trampoline, 1952; NAAU, 1953.

JACK SHARP—NCAA flying rings, 1952.

GENE RABBITT—NAAU side horse, 1952.

DON HOLDER—NAAU club swinging, 1953; US Pan-American Olympic Team, 1955.

RAFAEL LECOUNA—Captain, Cuba Olympic Team, 1955.



The FSU Gymnastics Team, left to right: Rafael Lecouna, Tom MacDonald, Bob Murray, Jim Tanaka, Don Holder, Coach Hartley Price, Dick Ireland, Jim Hanks, Jim Fadigan, Alvin Ruda, Benney Wallace and J. P. Griffin.

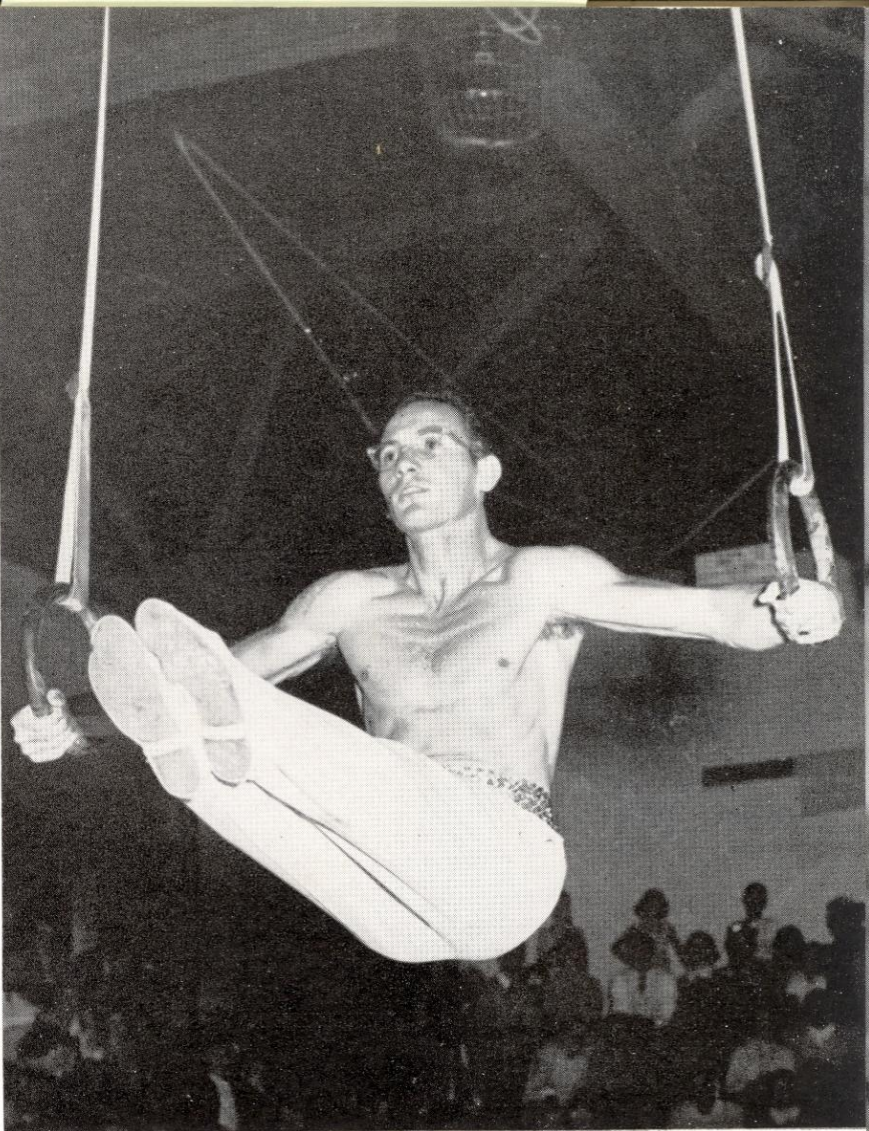
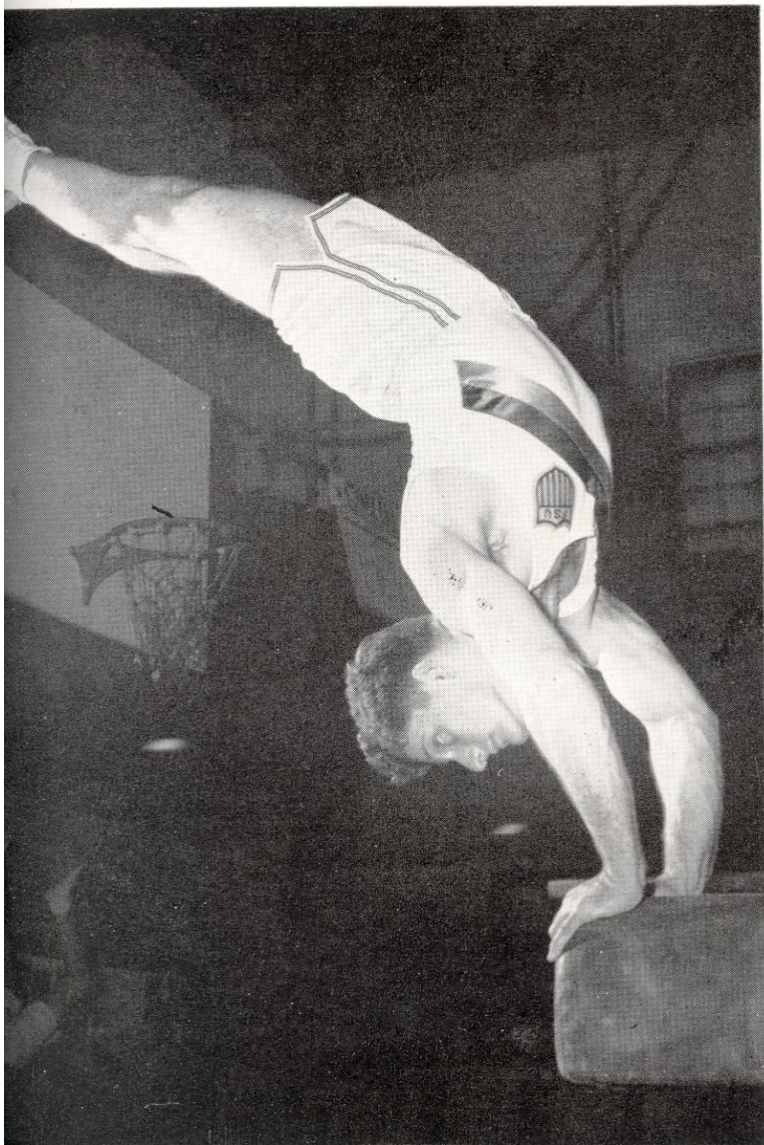
Florida State gymnasts, holders of two NCAA and two AAU championships, turned in a fine performance this past season to extend their record to 24 team titles and championships won.

In the first meet of the year the Seminoles dropped the first of only two losses for the season. That was at the Annual National Gymnastic Clinic in Sarasota, December 28-31. In a three-way team meet, FSU placed second to Illinois while edging out Minnesota.

During the season the gymnasts retained three different gymnastics crowns for the fifth consecutive year, a remarkable feat in anyone's language. The championships included the Fifth Annual Alabama Invitational meet at Anniston, Alabama, the fifth Florida AAU meet held here in Tallahassee, and the Southern Intercollegiate meet in Atlanta, Georgia. Outstanding in these meets were Jack Miles, newcomer Jamile Ashmore, Rafael Lecouna, Jim Tanaka and Joe Taylor.

The only other meet lost by the gymnasts was the dual meet with the Swedish National Olympic Team in February. The Swedes, on a tour of the United States, won this meet that was based on individual championships. Unofficial score was 52-39. Main reason for the loss was the absence of outstanding gymnasts Holder, Miles, and Ashmore, who were in Chicago trying out for the Pan American Olympic Team.

Alvin Ruda



Joe Taylor

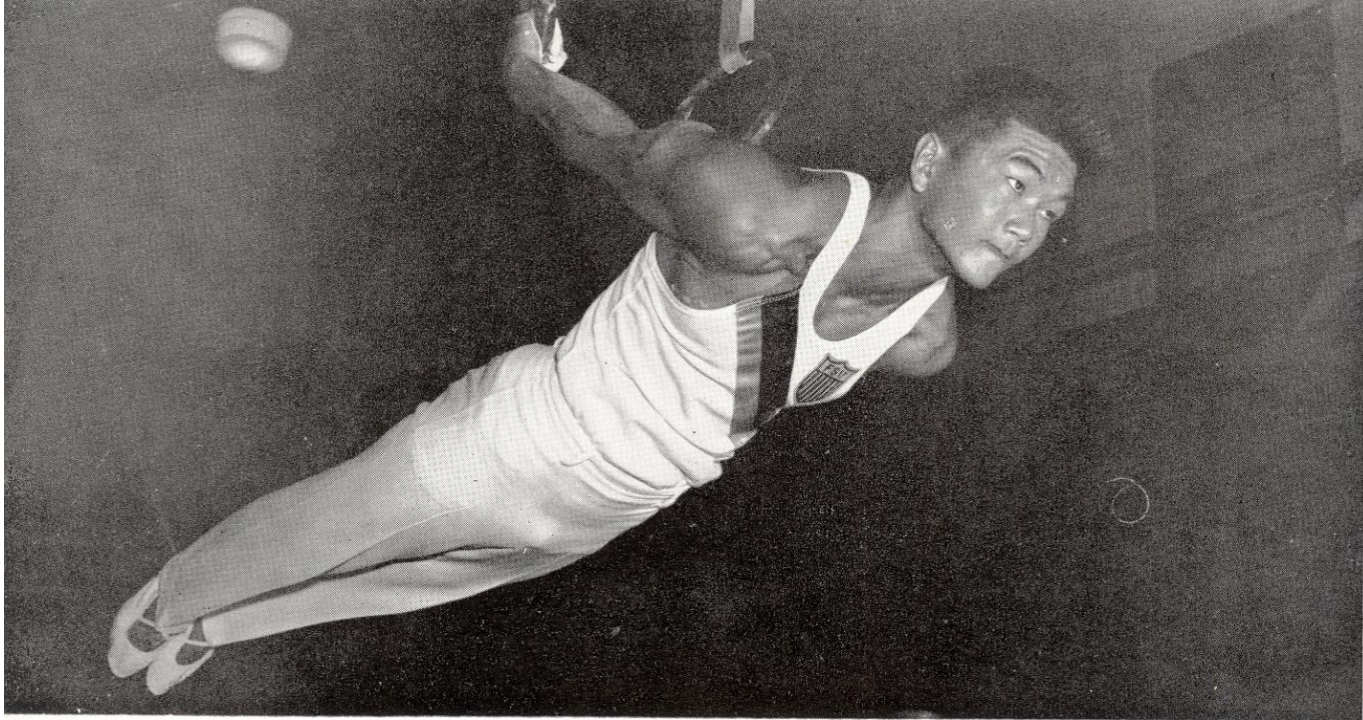
In a team meet that did not count on the record the previous year, the Seminole gymnasts swept to a 50½-45½ upset of the Swedish team.

Three members of the gym team brought added glory to the school by being selected through stiff competition to represent their countries at the Pan American Games in Mexico in March. The three were Don Holder, Jack Miles and Rafael Lecouna. Lecouna, however, entered the competition for his native Cuba.

All three of the men that attended the Mexico City games have great gym records. Rafael has represented his country in the Olympics twice; London in 1948, and Helsinki in 1952. He has also been in competition for Cuba in the Central American games held in Guatemala in 1950, and the Pan American Games held in Argentina in 1951.

Don Holder is also an Olympic man, and holds a National AAU title as well. He was the second college freshman to achieve the honor of being selected to compete in the Olympic Games in 1952.

Jack Miles is a veteran all-around man and one of the mainstays of the Seminole team. In 1951 he won the NCAA flying rings title, and has added many SIGL and AAU titles to his collection since.



Jim Tanaka

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Varsity Gymnastics Team—Championship Record

The true champion should seek excellence physically, mentally, socially and morally.

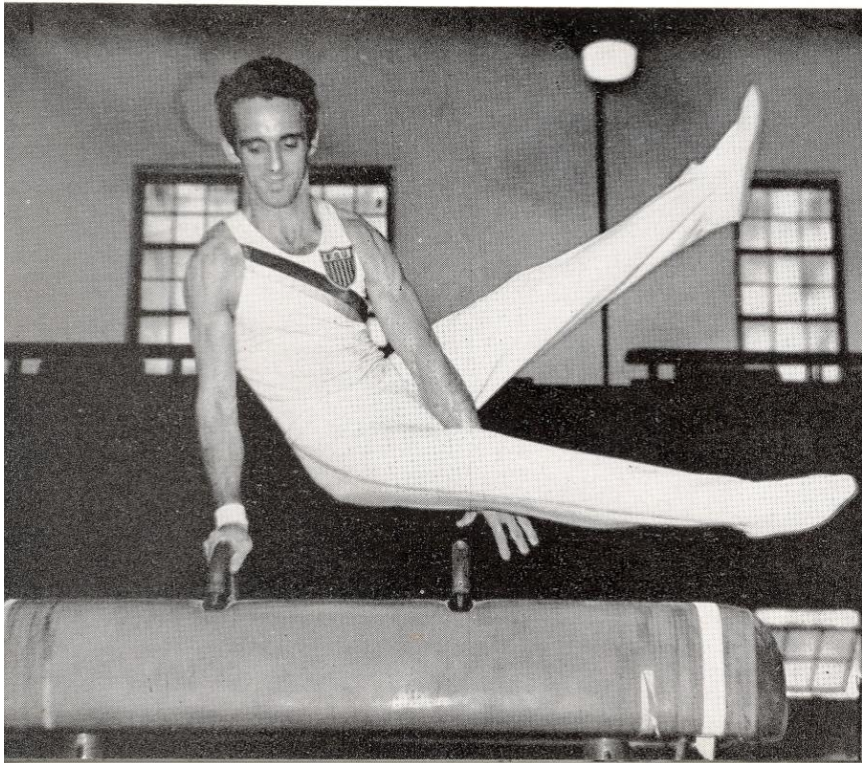
21 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 1950 Florida A.A.U.
Southeastern A.A.U. (Atlanta)
Mid-West Open Intercollegiate (Chicago)
- 1951 Florida A.A.U.
Southeastern A.A.U. (Atlanta)
Southern Intercollegiate (Chapel Hill)
N.C.A.A. (NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS) (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
Bill Roetzheim, Bill Vrettos, C. Regna, J. Regna
NATIONAL A.A.U. CHAMPIONS (Detroit, Mich.)
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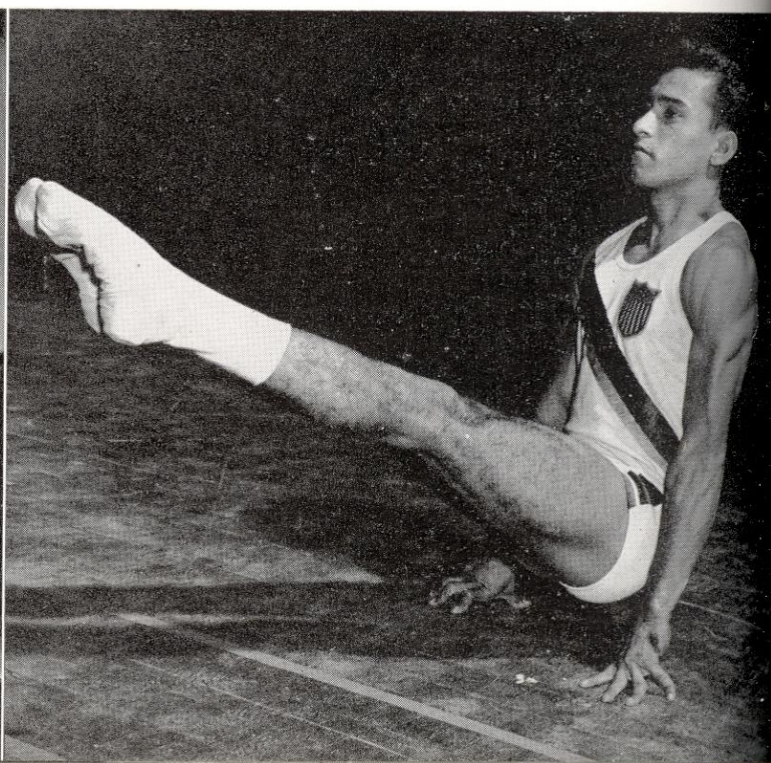
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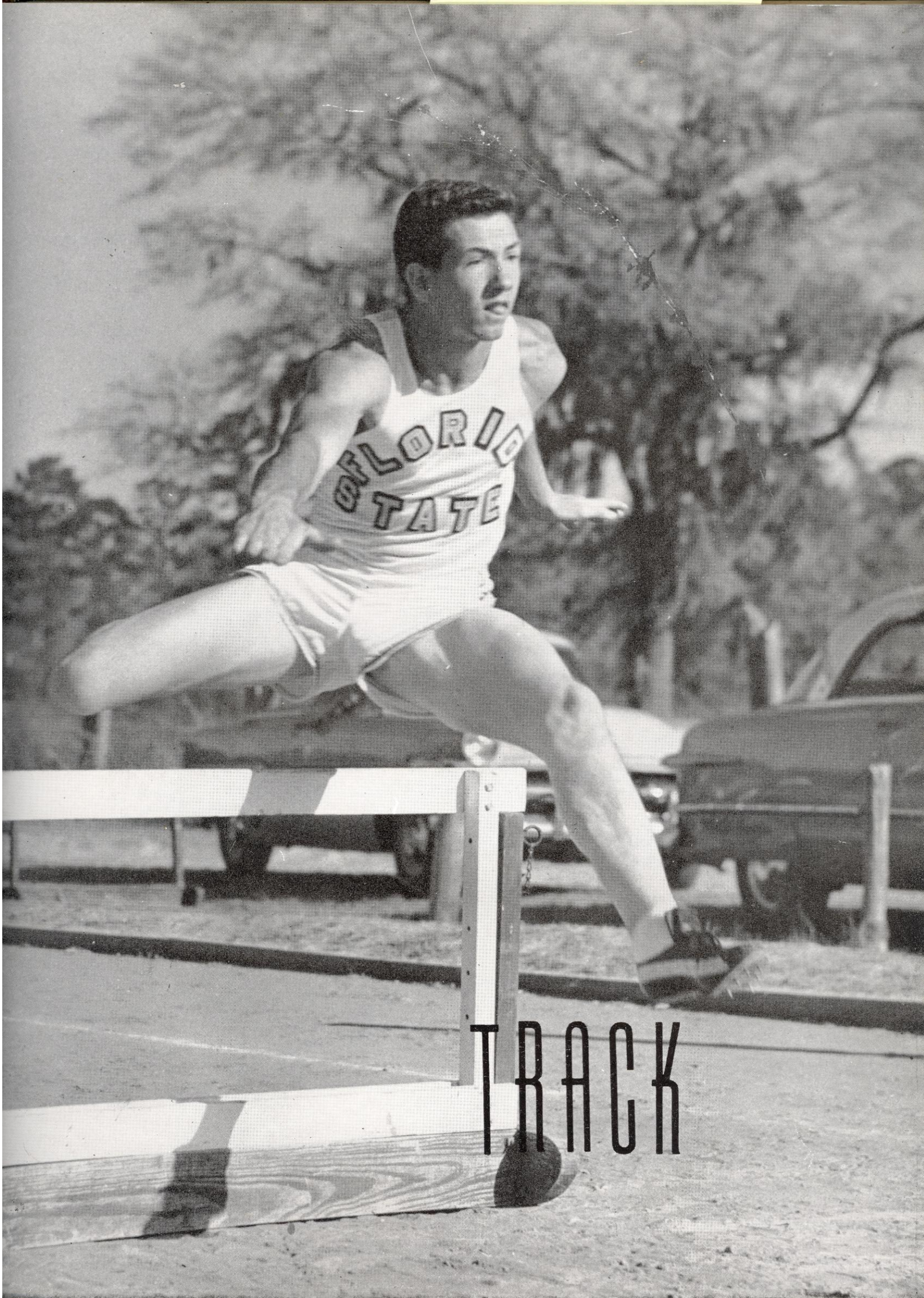
- 1952 Florida, A.A.U.
Southern Intercollegiate (Tallahassee)
Georgia A.A.U. (Atlanta)
N.C.C.A. (NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONS) (Boulder, Colo.)
C. Regna, J. Regna, Jack Miles, Jack Sharp, Don Holder, Pat Signorelli, Dick Gutting, Dick Ireland, Lawrence Weston, Alvin Ruda
National A.A.U.—Runner-up (State College, Pa.)
- 1953 Florida A.A.U.
Southern Intercollegiate (Hattiesburg, Miss.)
Georgia A.A.U.
Alabama Invitational
National A.A.U. Champions (Chicago)
C. Regna, J. Regna, Bill Roetzheim, Don Holder, Pat Signorelli, Jack Miles, Dick Gutting, Dick Ireland, Larry Weston, Al Ruda, Benny Wallace, Jim Tanaka
- 1954 Florida A.A.U.
Southern Intercollegiate (Durham, N.C.)
Georgia A.A.U.
Alabama Open

Rafael Lecouna

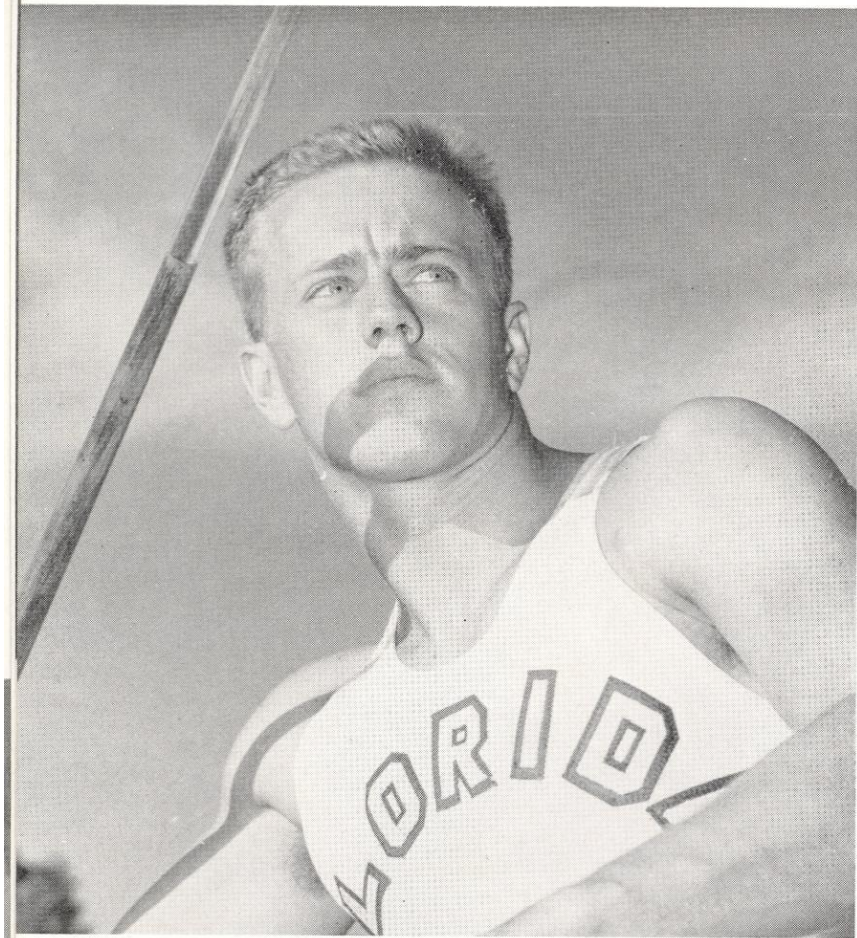


Jamile Ashmore





TRACK



RON WEAVER, CAPTAIN

1955 SCHEDULE

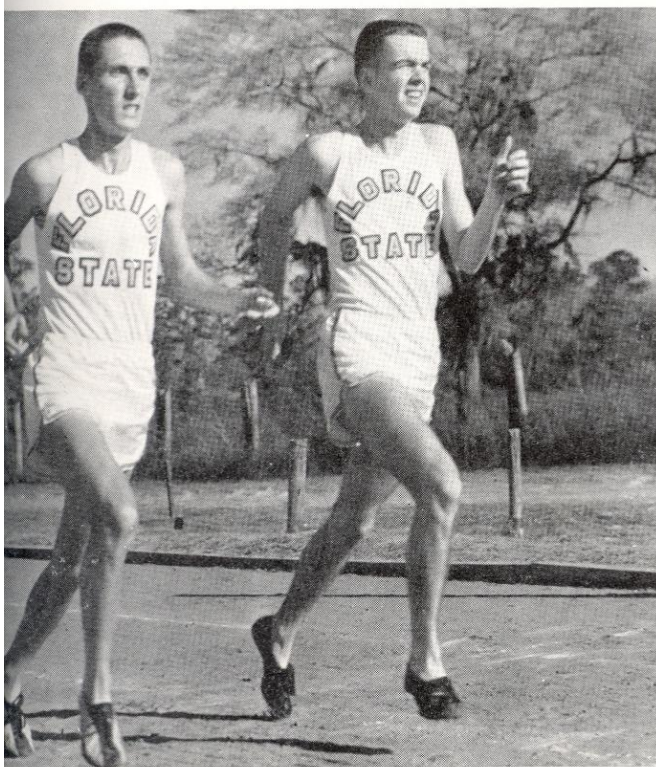
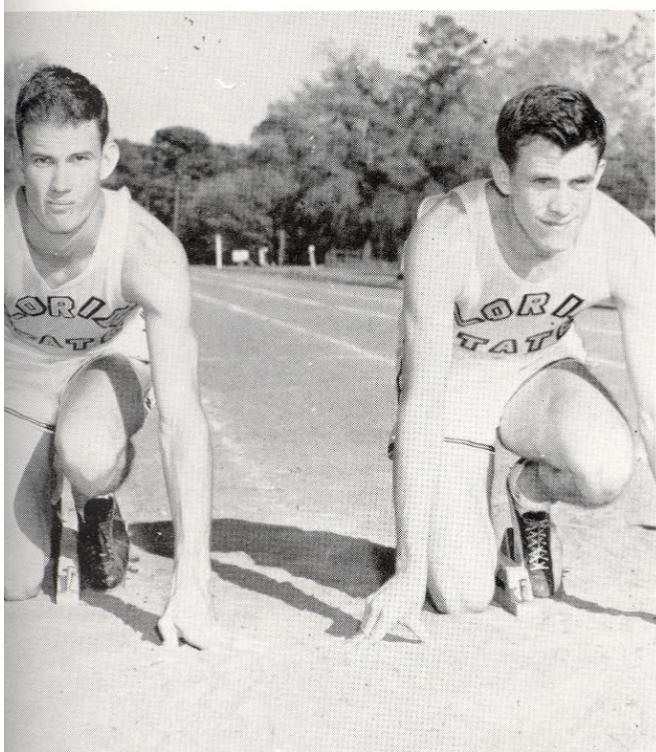
February 26	Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Games at Chapel Hill, N. C.
March 26	Florida Relays at Gainesville
April 2	Merced
April 16	Florida AAU at Gainesville
April 23	Georgia-Georgia Tech at Atlanta
April 30	Loyola
May 7	at Miami
May 14	at Mississippi Southern



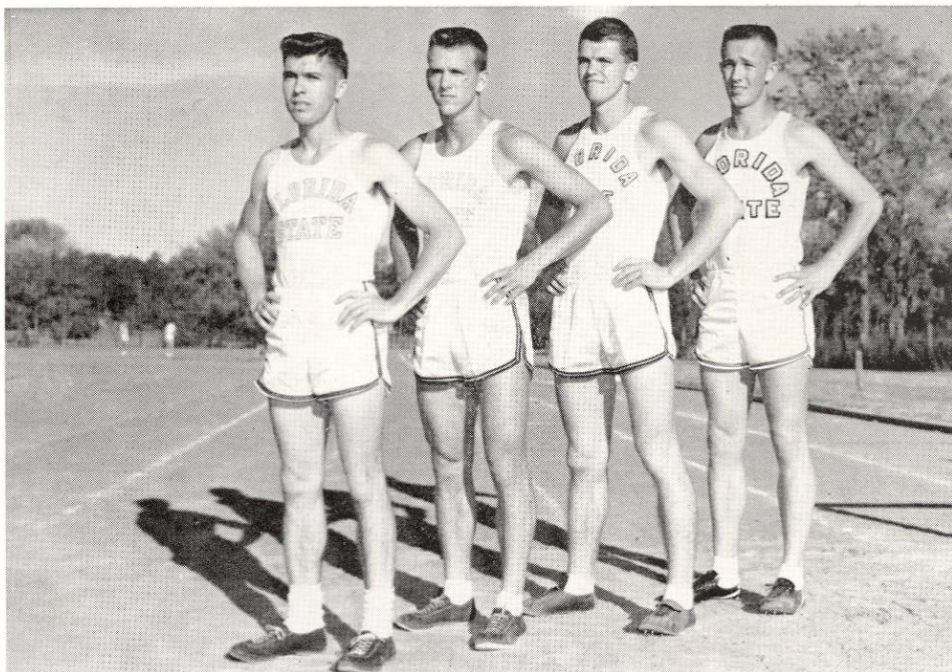
Kneeling: Charles Watson, Tenny Brown, Warren Strickland, Carlos Fraundorfer, Lloyd Lassen, Ron Weaver, Joe Davis, Larry Hountha, Mike Smith. Standing: Manager Gene Leamond, Ken Hearn, Bill Ostehoudt, Gay Smith, Jim Harrell, Paul Ramey, Carl Glenn, Bruce Jacob, Ken Segner, Tom Hogle, Robert Grenn, Gary Letchworth, Sonny Titus, Jim Browning, Vern Duce, Bill Haynes, Jack Terwilliger, Mike Hillegas, Jim Maher, Don Dittman, Dan Thomas.

Coach Mike Long inherited nine seasoned lettermen from last year's track squad headed by lean Carlos Fraundorfer, who's been setting a series

DAVIS AND TERWILLIGER



HOUNTHA AND SEGNER

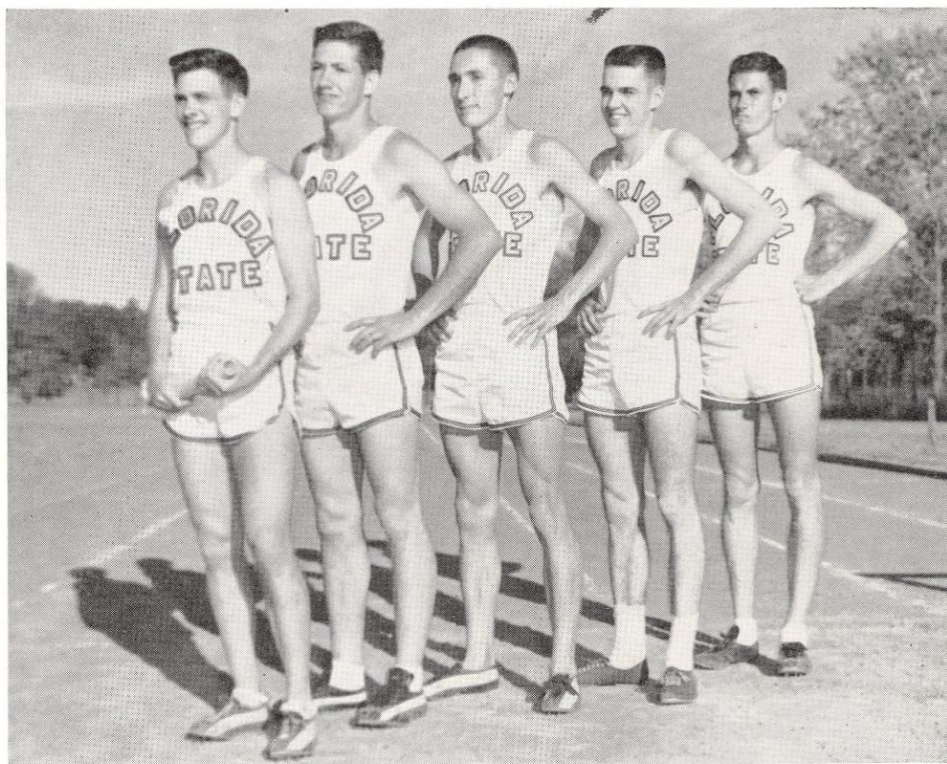


THOMAS, 1 MILE; HARRELL, 880; MAHER, 1 MILE; DUCE, 1-2 MILES

of Seminole track and field records for the past three years. At one time or another in his career, Carlos has held FSU school records for the shot put, discus, and broad jump. In addition he's thrown the javelin, high-jumped, run the 100-yard dash, and sparked three different relay teams. Hardly a wonder he's considered FSU's best all-around performer in history.

Other returnees included Joe Davis, Charles Watson, Larry Hountha, Tenny Brown, Jerry Jacobs, Lloyd Lassen, Mike Smith, and the 1955 team captain, Ron Weaver. Of the newcomers, freshman Vernon Duce, two-time winner of the state Class A mile event, and Ken Segner, a middle-distance runner, were the season's brightest prospects.

In the 1954 season Carlos Fraundorfer set a new school record for the broad jump with a mark of 23' 3 1/2"; Jimmy Casteel was high point man for the season with 84 3/4 points, and the team record was 1 win and 6 losses, the point total FSU 298, opponents, 429 1/2.



1 MILE RELAY TEAM: TERWILLIGER, WATSON, HOUNTHA, SEGNER AND DAVIS



BROWN, HIGH JUMP



STRICKLAND, POLE VAULT



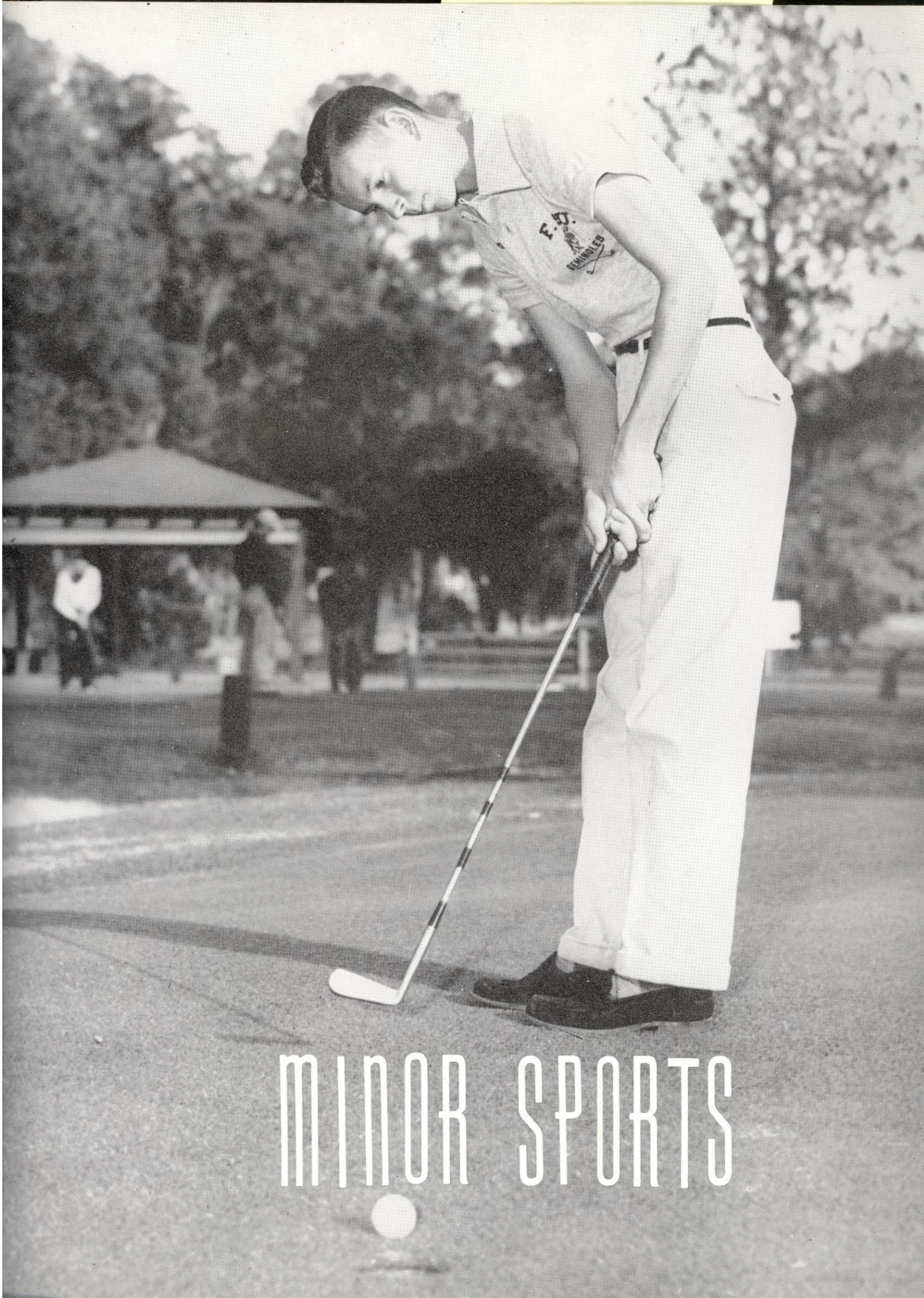
SMITH, SHOT PUT

FRAUNDORFER, DISCUS



TITUS, DISCUS





MINOR SPORTS

1955 GOLF SCHEDULE

Feb. 24-27	George Washington Tournament
March 5	Rollins
March 17	Davidson
March 19	Auburn
March 21	Georgia Tech
March 22	Georgia
March 31-April 2	Florida Intercollegiate
April 11	Kentucky
April 15	Stetson
April 16	Rollins
April 23	Stetson
April 30	Auburn
May 3	Georgia
May 5-7	Southern Intercollegiate

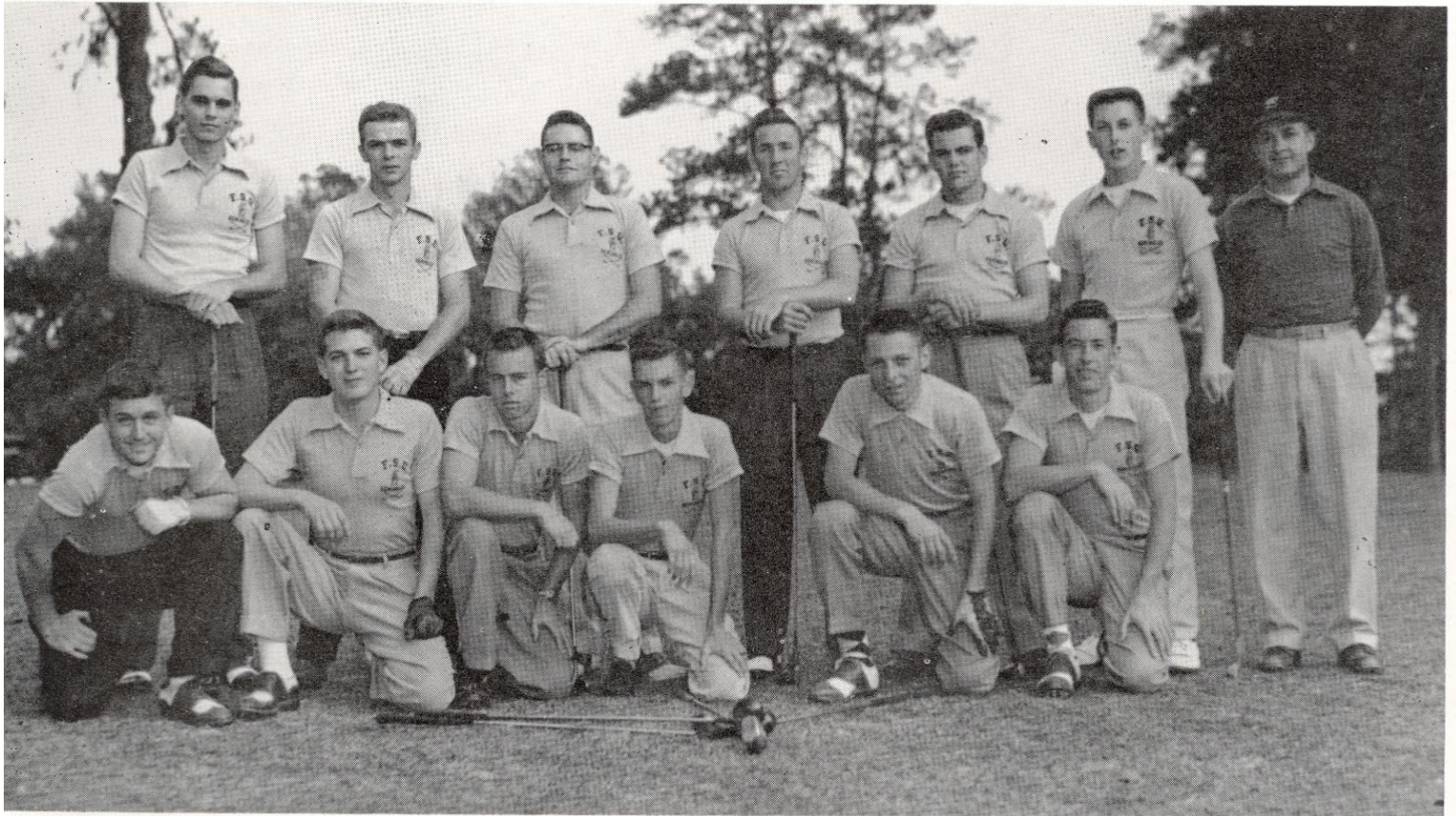


Former high school champions of four states inspect Coach Don Veller's form. Left to right: John Berry, Florida; Veller; Jack Veghte, New York; Billy Shelton, Alabama, and Bobby Dunn, Georgia.

Keeping in step with the all-round building process at Florida State, the Seminole golf team took on what proved to be the longest and roughest golf slate in the school's history.

Unfortunately for its opponents, Don Veller's links crew proved more than equal to the task.

Lettermen John Berry, Jack Veghte and Bob Shuman were joined by one of the finest corps of freshman golfers in the South. Three former state high school champions—Bobby Dunn, Billy Shelton and Norrie Wright—and Dick Hauff, medalist in the PGA's National Caddy Tournament, were among the first year men.



FSU LINK MEN—Left to right, front row: Bobby Dunn, Billy Shelton, John Berry, Dick Hauff, Stan Ziobrowski, and Bob Shuman. Back row: David Morris, Sherman Goss, Vernon Edgar, Dink Wise, Norrie Wright, Jack Veghte, and Coach Veller.

1955 TENNIS SCHEDULE

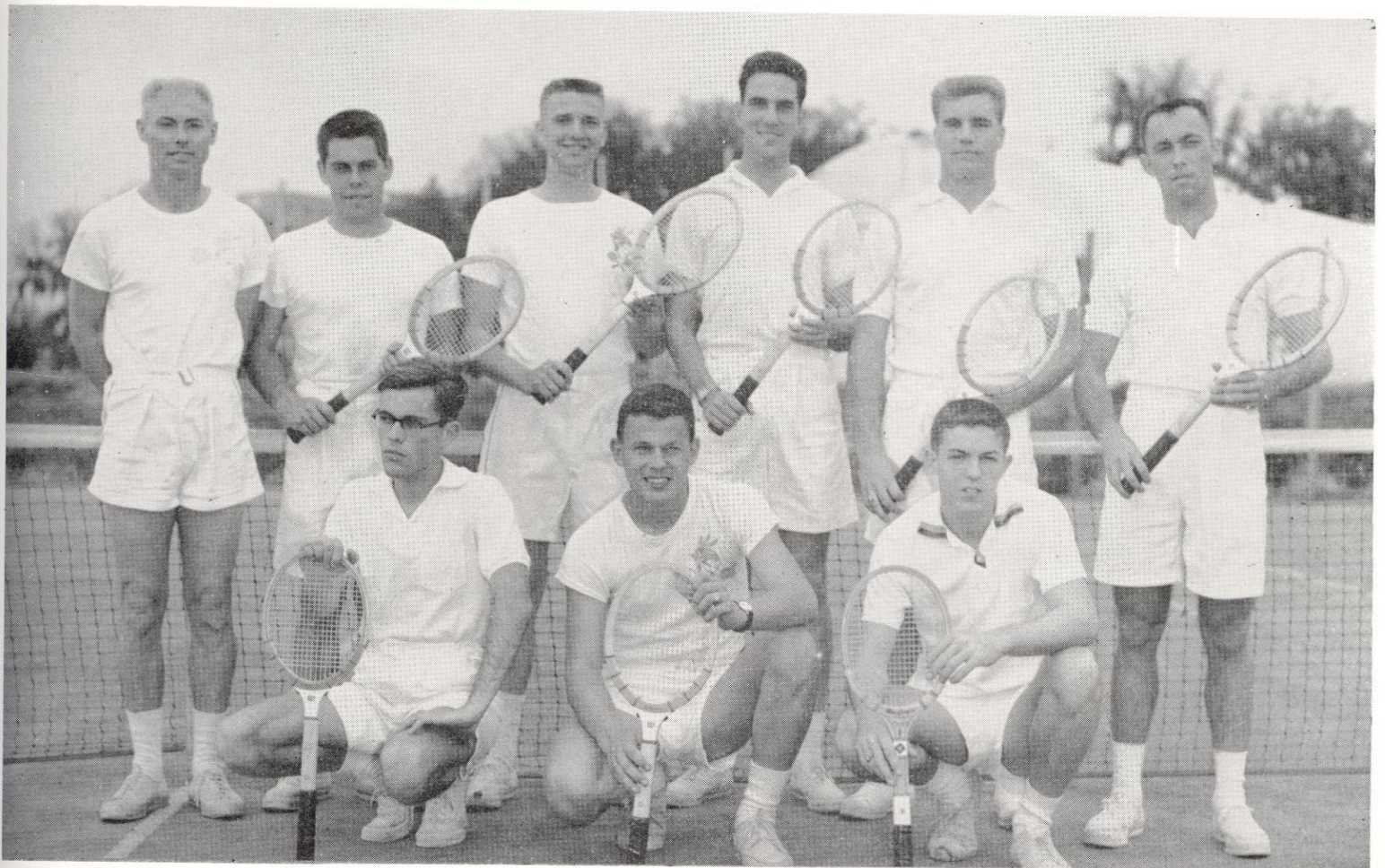
March 14	.....	Presbyterian College
March 17	.....	University of Georgia
March 18	.....	Auburn
March 21	.....	Ohio State University
March 25	.....	Pensacola Naval Air Station
March 26	.....	Georgia Tech
March 31	.....	Florida Southern College
April 1	.....	Rollins College
April 2	.....	Stetson University
April 7	.....	Indiana University
April 8	.....	University of Mississippi
April 16	.....	Emory University
April 18	.....	Auburn
April 19	.....	Georgia Tech
April 20	.....	Emory University
May 7	.....	Pensacola Naval Air Station

Big Ten and Southeastern Conference foes, plus nationally feared Rollins and Presbyterian, dominated the Seminole tennis slate this spring.

Lettermen Shelby Creagh, Tom Cundy, Joe Harris, Tom Morgan, Hal Schaus and Don Wyly, backed up by a fine group of newcomers, formed one of FSU's most powerful net squads.

Wyly, Harris and Cundy completed four year careers on State's varsity.

Despite the perils of a rough schedule, second year man Keith Pitchford had another fine season.

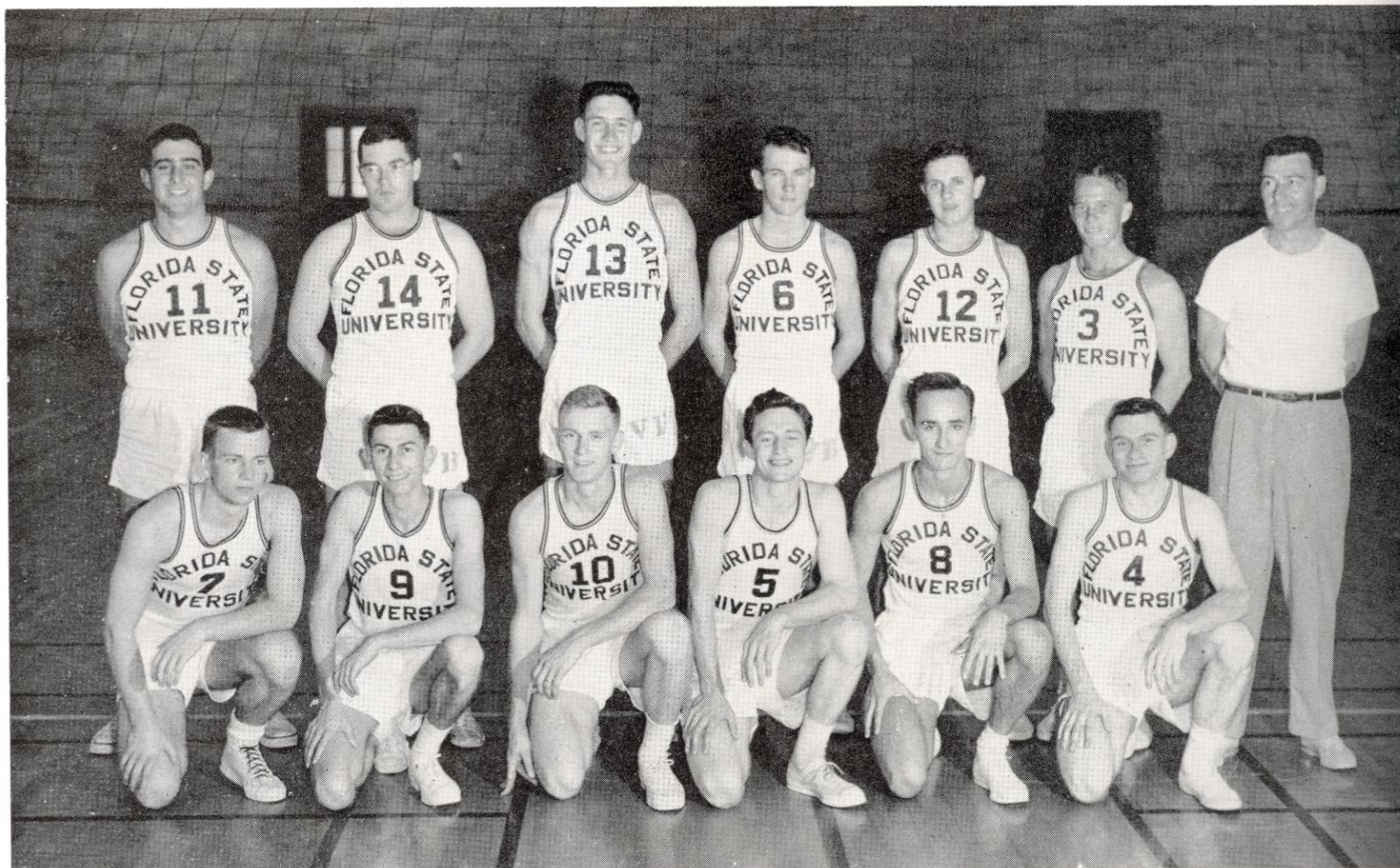


FSU TENNIS SQUAD—Front row, left to right: Don Wyly, Dick Walker, Jim Wade. Back row: Coach Keith Pitchford, Shelby Creagh, Tom Cundy, Joe Harris, Tom Morgan and Hal Schaus.

VOLLEY BALL

1954 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 11	St. Petersburg Invitational
Jan. 29	Pensacola Invitational
Feb. 10	Tifton, Georgia—there
Feb. 10	Albany, Georgia YMCA—there
Feb. 18	Jacksonville Navy—there
March 5	Mid South Tournament—Memphis
March 8	Americus, Georgia YMCA—there
March 10	Albany, Georgia YMCA—here
March 12	Atlanta YMCA—here
March 19	State AAU—St. Petersburg
May 6	National Intercollegiate—Univ. of Oklahoma
May 8	National Open—Univ. of Oklahoma



FSU VOLLEYBALL TEAM—Left to right, first row: Jack Mergens, Eugene Lewis, Phil Slaton, Ray Johnson, Bernie McCann and John Fitch. Back row: Mickey Kinsburner, Matthew Sullivan, Lyle Lazear, John Pickett, Joe Moore, Claude Jewell and Coach Bill Odeneal.

One of the few major universities in the football-dominated South to offer intercollegiate volleyball, FSU annually is rated as one of the top teams in the nation. Because of the scheduling problem in this area, Coach Bill Odeneal's boys faced a slate loaded with tough AAU teams. The big hurdles of the season were the Mid South and the National Intercollegiate tournaments.

Playing one of the fastest games ever devised, Odeneal's charges emphasized speed offensively and defensively. Hard spiking and hard serving featured Seminole games.

With the assistance of set-up artist Ray Johnson, All-American prospects Bernie McCann, Phil Slaton and Eugene Lewis were standouts on the talented Indian combine.